President U Thein Sein views demonstration on capacity of agricultural equipment at 500-acre farmer educative farm in Pobbathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein viewed the demonstration on capacity of agricultural equipment at 500-acre Nyaungbingyisu farmer educative farm in irrigated area of Ngalaik Dam in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Union ministers, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads, officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, responsible persons of Kubota Co of Japan, the chairman of Siam Kubota Company (SKC) of Thailand and officials, responsible persons of sale agent of Kubota in Myanmar Good Brothers Co and farmers of Nyaungbingyisu Village.

On arrival at the 500-acre farm at 6.30 am, President U Thein Sein viewed products of Kubota Co namely Kubota combined harvester, 95-Hp Kubota tractor, 47-Hp Kubota tractor, 24-Hp Kubota tractor, related equipment, Kubota power-tiller and Kubota paddy transplanting machine.

Director-General U Soe Hlaing of Agricultural Mechanization Department and officials of the company conducted the President round the displays of machinery.

After that, the President viewed soil preparations with the use of 47-Hp Kubota tractor, ox-driven farming implement, 85-Hp Kubota tractor and small land preparatory manufactured by Agricultural Mechanization Department.

Next, the President cordially greeted farmers from Nyaungbingyisu Village and asked about farming works.

The President looked into cleaning of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds, use of farming machinery, and sample packets of Palethwe paddy strains.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than reported on work process.

At the laboratory of paddy seeds, the President viewed test of sprouts, quality of paddy seeds, cleaning of paddy quality strain, and paddy seeds dryer. Officials reported on use of machinery and their work power.

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Push media sector to a new high

The new government, since the assumption of the State duties, has embarked on a series of reforms, and it has now speeded up its reforms process with the adoption of reform strategy. In an age of rapid technological advance, the government has to be flexible and imaginative in its approach.

The Ministry of Information, on its part, has been making reforms in the media sector in accordance with the constitution since the advent of the new government and the reforms have now reached a certain level. Under the reforms, private media now has the right to publish freely fair and wide, government departments have established media teams to issue and hold press conferences in matters of departments concerned and such State media as newspapers and broadcasting stations are going through reforms in both form and content.

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Uniforms, stationery provided to students

MAWLAMYINE, 26 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms and stationery for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of Myoma Police Station in Mawlamyine on 24 June. Commander of Mawlamyine Township Police Police Captain Myint Shwe explained the purpose of providing assistance to the students at primary, middle and high school levels and presented 118,000 and school stationery worth over K 200,000 to students. —MNA

New Hope comes for Bago

Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win received Director Mr Li Ping Wen of New Hope Singapore Pte Ltd of the Republic of Singapore and party at the region government office yesterday. The meeting focused on prospects for investments in Bago Region. —MNA

Laotian delegation wraps up visit

YANGON, 26 June—The visiting Laotian goodwill delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prime Minister-liason official, Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, departmental heads and personnel, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nikhath Sayarh and personnel of the embassy saw off the delegation at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA

Australian Ambassador meets UMFCCI officials

YANGON, 26 June—Australian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ms. Bronte Nadine Moules and Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Ruth Stewart called on Vice-Presidents of the UMFCCI at the office here on 26 June morning. The meeting focused on opening of human resource development courses between the two countries, technical aids, scholarships, as well as sending Australian experts to the country to assist in respective sectors.—MNA

Union Cooperatives Minister holds meeting with staff

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Union Cooperatives Minister U Hla Mul held a meeting with staff at the hall of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries. The meeting, officials concerned reported to the Minister on sales of mobile phones through installment by the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs to staff, directives of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, agricultural tasks of the staff of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, and sanitation works inside and outside the office. —MNA

Myanmar, EU to cooperate in reducing climate change impact

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received In-charge of European Union Office in Myanmar Mr Andreas List and party at the ministry yesterday morning and discussed continuous forest management, promotion of Myanmar timber sales in West European market and cooperation in reducing climate change impact. Present at the call were Acting Director-General of Forest Department U Aye Myint Maung and Director-General of Dry Zone Greening Department U Htay Aung. —MNA

Cash donated: In memory of late husband U Wan Khin, Daw Son (Kyonmang) and family of Oyeikthu 1st Lane in Bahan Township donated K 200,000 to meal and medical funds of Hunzington Home for the Aged recently. Vice-Chairman of the Home Management Board U Thein Aung accepts cash donation.—NLM
Iraq bomb attacks kill 15, wound scores

BAGHDAD, 28 June—Bombings in and around Baghdad killed 15 people and wounded more than 50 on Thursday, the latest in a wave of sectarian attacks in Iraq, hospital sources and police said.

In the deadliest, at least eight people were killed and 30 wounded when a bomb in a parked taxi exploded at the entrance of a Baghdad marketplace in the mainly Shi‘ite Muslim district of Washash, police said.

“There were bodies scattered everywhere. Glass and vegetables covered the whole place,” said police officer Ahmed Nouri, who was on patrol nearby when the bomb detonated.

“Feel like my clothes are completely covered in blood and the smell of it is in my nose,” he said.

Most of the victims were vendors setting up their produce in the early hours before shoppers arrived, he said. “In some places you cannot tell the blood from the (pulverised) vegetables,” he said.

Violence in Iraq has fallen since a peak in 2006-07 following the US invasion but insurgents remain capable of lethal attacks. More than 150 people have been killed in June across the country in a rise in attacks targeting mainly Shi‘ite shrines and pilgrims.

Iraq’s Shi‘ite and Kurdish factions have been locked in political disputes since the last US troops withdrew in December, aggravating existing tensions. A separatist carbomb attack in Taji, a town 20km (12 miles) north of the capital, killed four and wounded 20 early on Thursday, police said. The bomb in the mainly Sunni town was targeting a government building, which was severely damaged.

Another bomb on a roadside targeting a police patrol killed one and wounded five in Abu Dheer, a Shi‘ite area in southern Baghdad, police said.

While most recent attacks have centred around the capital, bombers also struck Fallujah, 50km (32miles) west of Baghdad on Thursday.

A suicide bomber killed two police officers and wounded four others after an attack targeting a government compound, police said.

Residents inspect the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad, on 28 June, 2012—REUTERS

World Media Summit issues IP protection convention

BEIJING, 28 June — The secretariat of the World Media Summit (WMS) announced on Thursday a convention on the protection of intellectual property related to media results. Following is the full text of the convention.

World Media Summit Convention on the Protection of Intellectual Property Related to Media Results (June 2012)

On 27 September, 2011, the World Media Summit (WMS) Presidium Meeting was held in Beijing, where members of the Presidium unanimously agreed that with the development of new media and digital technology, problems concerning intellectual property protection related to media results would become increasingly serious.

To guarantee correct use and communication of media results, maintain the legitimate interests of media result originators thereof, promote the thriving development of the media industry in the world, and achieve the objective of “Cooperation, Action, Win-Win and Development” of the WMS, member institutions of the Presidium, including Xinhua News Agency, The Associated Press (AP), BBC, The New York Times Company, ITAR-TASS, Kyodo News, News Corporation, Thomson Reuters, Al Jazeera, and Turner Broadcasting System, developed and agreed on the Convention on the Protection of Intellectual Property Related to Media Results under the mechanism of the Summit.

We have recognized that the media results are the results of intellectual creation from the originators, the related rights of authorship, alteration and reproduction (The above rights originate from “Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works” but excluding the property rights related to the performance such as alteration right, public performance right and recitation right and so on).

In addition, the translation right, broadcasting right, recording right and continuation right shall not be included herein.) shall be protected; the media results shall observe the rule of fair competition during operation, and fully respect the intellectual property rights of other persons.

We are committed to strengthening their self-disciplinary behaviors on the protection of intellectual property rights of media results by means of improving internal rules and regulations, respecting and protecting the legitimate interests of the media result originators.

We are committed to indicating sources when quoting the media results of others, respecting the integrity right of the media results, and not making any misrepresentation or alteration on these quoted media results.

Xinhua

China-central Asia, Europe motor transport routes opened

YINING, 28 June—China has opened motor transport routes to central Asia and European countries as six fully loaded trucks headed for France on Wednesday from Helgus port, the biggest land port in west China. The opening of the routes will reduce the time it takes to transport cargo between China and Europe, giving businessmen home and abroad a safe, efficient, lower-cost and convenient logistics channel, said Abdulasaad Sadek, mayor of Xining city of Qinghai autonomous region, which borders Kazakhstan.

The motor transport routes were initiated by the Yili WIL-CAN Cargo Group from China and France’s Comex Holdings International Ltd. A total of 50 trucks containing products from China are expected to be sent to central Asian, Russia and European countries every day by road from the end of this year, according to Cao Ganyun, executive director of the Yili WIL-CAN Cargo Group. By 2014, 5000 trucks of products will be transported every day, he said. China’s trade with central Asia and Europe has boomed in recent years.

There is a huge demand for motorlogistics in the region as shipping time has become longer. Yining is 90km from the Helgus port and is one of China’s gateway cities to central Asia.

Xinhua

Ukrainian, Russian PMs attend meeting to boost cooperation

Kiev, 26 June — The Ukrainian and Russian prime ministers on Wednesday attended a meeting of the Ukraine-Russia Inter-governmental Commission in a bid to strengthen bilateral cooperation.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov and his visiting Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev discussed collaboration between the two countries at the meeting, which focused on trade, investment and inter-governmental cooperation.

Despite some issues, which require not only political but also political work, the meeting and time and exact calculations, the two sides are set to move forward,” said Azarov.

The two countries have maintained close political dialogues, Azarov said, expressing belief that the work of the intergovernmental commission will yield results, including the signing of a host of bilateral deals. Construction of the Kosice-Bratislava-Wien railway, an increase of flights between Moscow and Kiev, and the creation of a bilateral commission to deal with investment disputes are the priorities now for the two governments, Azarov said.

Azarov said bilateral trade between the two neighbours amounted to 55 billion US dollars and has risen 8 percent in the first quarter of 2012 year-on-year. Medvedev, who arrived in Kiev on Wednesday morning for a one-day working visit, hailed the strategic partnership with Ukraine and urged Kiev to implement new projects.

“We have every opportunity to make a new step in the development of our socio-economic cooperation,” Medvedev said.

Xinhua

US, Laos hold fourth Comprehensive Bilateral Dialogue

WASHINGTON, 28 June — The United States and Laos held their fourth Comprehensive Bilateral Dialogue on Wednesday to discuss a wide range of bilateral and regional issues in a bid to expand the bilateral ties in the United State State Department said. The dialogue was co-chaired by US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Kurt Campbell and Lao Vice Foreign Minister Boukeun Sangsomak.

“The dialogue provided an opportunity to engage in a comprehensive discussion of bilateral and regional issues that reflected our expanding relationship,” the State Department said in a statement issued after the meeting.

The two sides discussed matters including the forthcoming entry of Laos into the World Trade Organization, ongoing bilateral efforts to help resolve the problem of unexploded ordnance in Laos, and cooperation on a range of activities including health, educational exchanges, counterterrorism, law enforcement, trafficking-in-persons, and environmental protection.

The delegations also discussed ongoing efforts to resolve the cases of American personnel still missing in Laos from the Vietnam War period, the statement said.

Xinhua

Weapons on display are seen during the Second International Forum Engineering Technologies in Zadkovka near Moscow, Russia, on 27 June, 2012. The Exhibition Programme of the five-day forum will include a static exposition with an area of over 10,000 square meters presenting 59 samples of military and special-purpose equipment. Also, a large-scale display of civil and military equipment will be held here. Xinhua

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Planned Google tablet to rival Amazon: Asustek exec

June—Archaeologists in Jersey for more than 60 years, officials said.—The Roman, Celtic coin board worth $15 million

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Surgeons implant synthetic larynx

Moscow, 28 June—Surgeons in Russia say they’ve successfully transplanted a completely synthetic piece of the larynx, a step toward creating an entire synthetic human voice box. Two patients received a transplanted synthetic part, about 2 inches long, consisting of a section of the

Hottest man-made temperature achieved

A US particle physics lab has set a record for achieving the highest man-made temperature, Guinness World Records says. The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York collides gold ions at nearly the speed of light with impact energy levels neutrons and protons inside the gold nuclei “melt,” researchers said, releasing fundamental quarks and gluons that form the energy level neutrons and protons inside the gold nuclei “melt,” researchers said, releasing fundamental quarks and gluons that form...
Barclays to pay $450M in Libor case

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Printing industry acts on high cancer rate

Tokyo, 28 June—Japan’s printing industry is stepping up protections for workers after an unusually high incidence of bile-duct cancer was discovered at a printing firm.

It has come to light that 12 people who worked at a printing company in Osaka, western Japan, developed bile-duct cancer and 7 of them died.

The affected employees were involved in work to clean ink from the printers.

The University of Occupational and Environmenal Health, which looked into the matter, says the death rate from the cancer at the company was more than 600 times the average among Japanese men.

The university’s researchers say chemicals in the cleansing agent may be to blame.

To deal with the problem, the Japan Federation of Printing Industries with 9,300 firms across the country will launch an “experts' council in July to discuss ways to protect workers.

The industry is considering distributing pamphlets on safety measures when handling cleansing agents.

It will also hold seminars to instruct printing firm executives on the proper use of masks and the need to install exhaust fans in the workplace.

Federation official Yoshiharu Yui says the exact cause behind the bile duct cancers has yet to be determined. But he said the industry will work to dispel concern among workers, their families and residents near printing firms.

An easyJet Airbus A320 "Willy Brandt" is pictured during its naming ceremony at Schoenefeld south of Berlin, on 23 April, 2012. See the story.

Airbus mulls US assembly plant

Tokyo, 28 June—Europe’s Airbus is seriously studying the possibility of opening an assembly line in the United States, marking a direct challenge to Boeing in its home market as competition heats up in the global jet market, people familiar with the matter said.

The plan calls for the possible production of A320 narrowbody jets, Airbus' best-selling model, most probably in Mobile, Alabama, where EADS had planned to assemble US tanker aircraft in a Pentagon largest single passenger-jet market.

One of the sources did not rule out an imminent announcement. But an Airbus spokesman said the company had not yet completed its studies.

"No decision has been taken," Airbus spokesman Stefan Schafferth said, declining further comment.

Airbus Chief Executive Fabrice Bretger was quoted in a Spanish newspaper on Tuesday saying the plantemaker was actively looking at a possible new Airbus is setting up an American operation that would spread its reach to North America, Airbus and its Franco-German parent company EADS (EAD PA) have said for some months that they were studying reshaping the plan to establish a foothold in commercial aircraft production in the world’s market estimated at $100 billion a year.

Airbus is currently the world’s largest producer of passenger jets ahead of Boeing. It assembles in Toulouse, France, the German portcity of Hamburg and, since 2009, in Tianjin outside Beijing, China.

But the new proposal would spread its reach to passenger jets, a much larger market in which Airbus and Boeing compete fiercely for the lion’s share of a global jet market estimated at $100 billion a year.

Alabama and the US South have made strides in recent years in gaining aerospace and other manufacturing work.

Aerospace and defense industry employment in Alabama rose 13 percent from 2002 to 2008, according to a study by the Alabama Aerospace Industry Association. High-tech space jobs are centered around Huntsville, with Boeing and Lockheed Martin (LMT N) as major employers.
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Committee members of the Development Affairs Hall of Salin Township for the 2012-2013 academic year was held on June 16.

Myanma Market in Salin Township for 2012-2013 offspring of vendors of education students as a ceremony to provide school uniforms to the winners of contests to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at its office on Kyundaw Street on 20 June morning.

Next, the prize presentation followed. The chairman, the vice-chairman of the association presented prizes to the winners in the contests.

Winners awarded in contest to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

YANGON, 28 June—Organized by Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association, the article, poem, essay, painting and cartoon contests to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at its office on Kyundaw Street on 24 June.

Chairman of the Association U San Thein (retired ambassador) made a speech.

Next, writer Ponnya Khin and CEC member of the association U Maung Maung Lwin gave lectures on dangers of narcotic drugs.

Next, the prize presentation followed. The chairman, the vice-chairman and the region minister presented saplings at the designated places. Three, departmental personnel and social organizations grew saplings.

Model plot of Palethwe paddy harvested in Ngazun

YANGON, 28 June—The model plot for 2011-2012 in the irrigated area of Kyautkalan river water pumping station in Ngazun Township of Mandalay Region June 2012. Head of District Agriculture Department U Kyin Maung, members of the district agricultural coordination committee and local farmers attended the ceremony.

Next, Psychiatrist Dr. Nwe Ni of Thingangyun Sanyapyi Hospital, Township Additional Judge U Kyaw Thaung Aung, Head of Township Health Department U Kyaw Soe and IP Myint Thein of Yangon East District Anti-Drug Special Squad gave lectures on abuse of narcotic drugs and household pills with the use of charts.

Extended buildings of Peinkham BEPS opened in Monghsat Township

MONGHSAT, 28 June—With the aim of ensuring rural development and poverty alleviation and development of human resources, a ceremony to open the extended building of Peinkham Basic Education Primary School was held in conjunction with the handing over of new building to the education department in Peinkham Village of Monghsat Township in Shan State on 5 June morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Naing Aye, Township Education Officer U Ba Thit and townelder U Law Yi formally opened the school building.

Next, the township administrator and the township education officer made speeches.

On behalf of the Shan State government, the township administrator handed over documents related to the new building to the township education officer. Deputy Commissioner U Thaung Tin Htwe of the District General Administration and officials presented school stationery.

The headmistress and members of the school board of trustees accepted the donations.

The 60 feet long and 30 feet wide new building was constructed at a cost of K 10 million contributed by the State government and K 1 million by local people.

Special high yield paddy plantation thriving in Nyaungshwe

Tilaw Village are located near Shwenyaung-Nyaungshwe Road in Nyaungshwe Township. Most of the population is Inntha national engaged in cultivation of paddy. Thriving high yield paddy plantations of farmer U Win Shwe were seen in Tilaw Village. The paddy was cultivated as of 9 February and it will be harvested at the end of June. Nwelyan paddy is expected to produce over 100 baskets per acre.

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YANGON, 28 June—The government is placing special emphasis on agricultural sector and disbursing agricultural loans to the farmers. Thus, the farmers are easy in cultivation of monsoon paddy and harvesting of it. Parathat Village and Patan Township in Muse District General Administration Department U Kyaw Kyaw, Assistant Director U Than Nywe of District Agriculture Department, Assistant Director U Hsan Lwin of District Settlement and Land Records Department, Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Soe, Head of Township Agriculture Department U Myat Min Htwe, Head of Township SLRD U Soe Min Tun, members of the Township Paddy Cultivation Supervisory Committee and local farmers.

YANGON, 28 June—A ceremony to harvest two acres of summer paddy was held in Ward 4 of Namkhm Township in Muse District of Shan State (North) recently. The paddy plantation produced 275.25 baskets of wet paddy per acre and 248 baskets of dry paddy per acre.

It was attended by Deputy Commissioner of Muse District General Administration Department U Moe Hein, Assistant Chairman of the Township Police Force Police Captain Thet Tun talked about disadvantages of narcotic drugs.

MUSE, 28 June—A talk on disadvantages of narcotic drugs and household pills was held at the hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Thinganyun Township on 20 June morning.

At first, Headmistress Daw Khin Htay Wind delivered an address. Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Thet Tun talked about disadvantages of narcotic drugs.

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Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw receives Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UNSG

NAV PYIT TAW, 28 June—Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UNSG Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy and party called on Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyine at Amyotha Hluttaw Meeting Hall, Hluttag Complex, here this morning. Chairpersons of Amyotha Hluttaw committees were present at the call which focused on protection of children, human rights, ceasefire and provisions of existing laws on children.

UN agencies, INGOS promise to help suffers get back on their feet in Rakhine State

NAV PYIT TAW, 28 June—Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Labour U Aung Kyi, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Tin, deputy ministers Maj-Gen Zaw Win, U Phone Swe, UKyaw Kyaw Win and party together with representatives of UN agencies and 15 INGOS made field trips to relief camps today to make sure constant implementation of relief and rehabilitation works in Rakhine State. They went to relief camps in Alethankyaw and Mawyawady villages, and Maungtaw Township where they clarified ongoing relief and rehabilitation plans for them, and implementation of such works with aid of the UN and INGOS apart from assistance of the Union government, state government, and people all over the country and presented gifts to the people at the relief camps. Having asked urgent requirements and difficulties of the people at the relief camps, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay said the sufferers of Rakhine State would be able to get back on their feet if only relief and rehabilitation works were carried out comprehensively from beginning to end. It was required to fulfill a large number of requirements such as shelter, foods, drinking water, and toilets, clothing and accommodation, health care and protection, education and access to education for children in a happy environment apart from long-term plans to lead them out of nightmares. Measures would be taken to enable them restore previous livelihood. The field trips were intended to listen to the voices of the people so that their wishes could be fulfilled with the humanitarian assistance of UN agencies, INGOS and donor countries. UNOCHA Resident Representative and group leader Ms Barara Mazi said that their delegation comprised representatives from UN agencies, INGOS, and donor countries which had rendered humanitarian assistance to the region for ages. It was the best to act upon the real wishes of the people. It could be promised to give humanitarian assistance cooperatively. Urgent measures would be taken to help them in coordination with the Union government and state government. UN agencies attended to the very needs as they were without discrimination against religion and race. She then called on them to make clear their requirements. It would be more advisable to request help through state government departments in case there were requirements the assistance programmes needed time. She promised to fulfill the requirements, stressing the view that every body is equal. She then enquired the requirements of the people at relief camps. The group then went to Parahita Alodawpyae relief camp in urban Maungtaw where they fulfilled the needs of the people and presented them with gifts and relief aids. They then went back to Sittway.

Smile

There was a small and noisy party held in my room. The atmosphere was festive, and guests were enjoying each other's company. I heard some people talking about the event, and others were simply chatting in groups. As I looked around, I noticed a little girl sitting by herself in the corner of the room. She had a forlorn expression on her face, and it seemed like she didn't have anyone to talk to. Suddenly, a group of people approached her and started conversation with her, making her smile. It was heartwarming to see her face light up with joy.

Union ministers speak words of encouragement to locals at Parahita Alodawpyae relief camp in Maungtaw Township. — MNA

Union Sports Minister receives Japanese guests

NAV PYIT TAW, 28 June—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tin Han received President Prof Takashi Shirauli and party of the National Graduate, Institute for Policy Studies of Japan Sports and Cultural Cooperation Team, at his office, here, this morning. They discussed necessary assistance for XXVII SEA Games. They also discussed ways of helping Japan for Myanmar to secure achievements in football, track & field and Judo sports. Also present at the call were former Japanese selected footballer Mr Kitazawa and former World Judo champion Mr Yamashita.

Shan State clinches title in billiards and snooker contest

NAV PYIT TAW, 28 June—The second leg of the Billiards and Snooker Contest of the Inter-Region/State Champion Challenge Cup 2012 reached the final matches at the billiards and snooker hall of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee this morning. In the singles billiard event, Naw Lin Nu (Yangon Region) secured the first prize whereas Phone Myint Kyaw (Shan State) stood first in the snooker event. The group then went to Parahita Alodawpyae relief camp, Aungmyay Bawdhi and Kyawng relief camps in urban Maungtaw where they fulfilled the needs of the people and presented them with gifts and relief aids. They then went back to Sittway.

Khin Aye Kyu

The weather was so hot with no breeze to alleviate the heat, so I just stayed in my room with the air-con on browsing some books. I came upon a little autograph book I had kept when I was in my high school days at the good old M.E.H.S. (Methodist High School). As I turned the pages I came upon some lines one of my friends had written. It was—“God’s Gift” and it is as follows—:

God gave us each a different face
And each a different name
We’re tall and short and fat and thin
We’re not all the same.
Our skins are brown and white, yellow and red
We come from every where
But God gave every single one
A friendly smile to wear.

There are the simple words my friend had written many, many years ago but it brought a smile to my face with memories of yesterday. It is important for us to smile often, for when you smile it relaxes the face muscles, it also brings pleasure. Smile with your heart, smile not only with your lips but also with your eyes. A warm smile makes you a friendly person whom people enjoy meeting. A smile is spontaneous—those who see us smile will be sure to smile back in return. No one wants to see a glum, sullen, and grumpy face but everyone welcomes a smile. There is a song by a famous and late American singer. The song’s name is “Smile”. The words are—:

Sonnentag's face is shining
But God gave every single one
A friendly smile to wear.

Smile even though its breaking
You’ll know that life is still worth while
If you just smile
A smile lifts up your spirits when you are in your blues, when your feelings are down in your boots and when you are depressed. Modern medical treatment clearly recognizes that emotions can bring miraculous results in one’s mind and body. Smiling and laughter release substances that allow the arteries to dilate and remain more elastic. Smiling and laughter are the best medicine. It relaxes tension and reduces stress in the human nervous system. Smiling is a symptom of joy and happiness. Your face becomes tense and rigid when you are angry but a smile is like a balm which relaxes the face muscles. A smile can keep age-lines away from your face. It is a kind of face-lift which costs nothing but keeps you looking young. As we grow older, our lives become bared under the pressure of the world day. Smiling and laughter are not likely to come to us when we are going round and round the tormenting circle of our own busy world. So just let yourself have some time to sit, stare and smile.
President U Thein Sein views demonstration...

After that, the President cordially greeted the chairman and officials of Siam Kubota Company (SKC) of Thailand.

After viewing fruit plants, vegetables and flowery plants grown in Greenhouse, the President left there.

Cash, foodstuff continuously provided for local people in Rakhine State

YANGON, 28 June—The local people in Rakhine State have lost their houses and property on account of present situation in the State. A ceremony to provide cash and foodstuff for those people to ease the sufferings of their pain was held at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayagony Township, Yangon this morning.

At the ceremony, Myanmar Traditional Practitioners Association donated K 5 million and medicine worth K 14.237 million, Dalichi free school K 784,720, U Kyaw Lin + Daw Than Than Swe and family K 0.2 million, two bales of clothes and 50 pairs of slipper, U Thu Min Haik and Civil Engineer students K 0.3 million, U Myint Shwe + Daw Aye Ngwe family K 30000, U Han Tun + Daw Ni Ni Mar family K 30000 and one bale of clothes, Major Win Thein (Retd) + Daw Thein Thein Win family one bag of clothes, U Pe Myint + Daw Soe Tin family K 50000 and one bale of clothes, U Aung Lwin + Daw Thet Thet Oo family K 30000 and three bales of clothes, Police Col Ye Thuvin Ba Htoo family K 20000 and one bale of clothes, U Maung Maung Than + Daw Thet Thet Khaing family K 50000, Dr Thet Tun Co + Ma Thet Thet Aung family three bales of clothes, two bags of blanket, a set of plates, U Saw Naing + Daw Nu Nu Yi family K 50000, Daw Ha Hla Thein family three bales of clothes, Chin State Fire Services Department K 0.1 million to Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Hlaing and officials.

They spoke words of thanks after accepting donations.

The donation amounted to K 178,980,296 up to now.

President U Thein Sein inspects Palethwe hybrid paddy saplings at 500 acres educative farm in Nyaungbingyisyu.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein views packets of paddy seeds and sample paddy seeds.

Rural libraries opened in Kani Township

NAV PN TAW, 28 June—A ceremony to open Thuta Yaungchi Library was held in Thuta Village of Kani Township in Sagaing Region on 24 June.

The building was opened by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Thin Hlaing, Region Hluttaw representative U Zeya and well-wisher U Tin Ngwe.

Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Chief Minister of the Region and the Deputy Minister for Education delivered addresses at the cash donation and staff quarter handing over ceremony.

Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Thura U Aye Myint presented 200 bags of cement and sports equipment to the school.

Relocated students supplied with cash assistance in Kachin State

NAV PN TAW, 28 June—Kachin State government held a ceremony to supply the relocated students with cash assistance at the town hall of Myitkyina in Kachin State yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai and wife Kan Hsi Sai Lon family donated waterproof jackets worth K 0.5 million, medicines sent by Ayeawaddy Region, amounted to K 1 million, Northern Command, K 1 million and books and stationery worth K 2.05 for six camps in Tatkon, Kachin State High Court, books and stationery worth K 0.5 million, the security and border affairs ministry, traditional medicines worth K 0.5 million, the agriculture and livestock ministry, waterproof jackets worth K 0.58 million, the forestry and mines ministry, exercise books and slippers worth K 0.46 million, the economics and planning ministry, towers worth K 0.18 million, the development affairs ministry, slippers amounted to K 0.5 million, the transport ministry, pencils worth K 0.22 million, the electric ity and industry ministry, pencils and books worth 0.1 million, the social affairs ministry, pens worth K 0.5 million, Advocate-General of Kachin State and staff, umbrellas amounted to K 0.3 million, staff of the Auditor-General’s Office, exercise books worth K 50,000, Commander of Kachin State Police Force and family, umbrellas worth K 0.24 million, the Union Education High School (Branch) in Natgyi Village.

Next, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Chief Minister of the Region and the Deputy Minister for Education delivered addresses at the cash donation and student quarter handing over ceremony.

They then visited the library and staff quarter of Basic Education High School (Branch) in Natgyi Village.

Four-wheel tractor, small tractor, power-tiller and paddy combine harvester manufactured by Kubota Co of Japan are quality products in conformity with geographical and weather conditions of Myanmar and they can be used in farming works. —MNA

Well-wishers donate cash assistance and foodstuff for the local people in Rakhine State to Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Hlaing of Fire Services Department and officials.

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Meeting on rehabilitation tasks for displaced persons held in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June — A meeting on rehabilitation tasks for the victims who displaced due to the recent riots in Rakhine State was held at the office of Rakhine State government yesterday evening.

Among those present at the meeting were Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Deputy Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win, state ministers, departmental heads and officials from UN agencies, Euro agencies and NGOs.

At first, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay extended greetings at the meeting, and heard reports presented by the officials from UN agencies, NGOs on their responsibilities and the sectors that they are going to engage in. Lt-Gen Thein Htay and Union Minister U Aung Kyi gave explanations for now-doing tasks for fulfillment to needs of the persons being carried out by the State and national races and implementations to be done in the near future. — MNA

Fourth GMS Economic Corridors Forum held in Mandalay

The forum focused on five sections namely, infrastructural development in transportation sector of GMS, smoothing logistics, trading and transport on GMS economic corridors, urban development, migration and human resources development in GMS, prioritized investment in energy, agriculture, and related sectors, news GMS strategic framework, regional investment framework and development of economic corridors.

The Union Minister and the ADB Vice-Governor held talks on work plans for GMS economic corridors to be implemented in Myanmar. — MNA

Dy Foreign Minister attends International Conference against World Drug Problem

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June — The fourth GMS Economic Corridors Forum was held at Sedona Hotel, Mandalay in Mandalay Region this morning, attended by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, and ministers from regional countries of Greater Mekong Subregion Cambodia and Thailand, assistant minister from China, personnel of Laos and Vietnam, Vice-Governor of the Asia Development Bank Mr Stephen Groff and personnel of departments concerned.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein and Vice-Governor Mr Stepehn Groff of the Asian Development Bank delivered inaugural addresses.

The forum was under the theme “Towards Implementing the New GMS Strategic Framework (2012-2022): Expanding, Widening, and Deepening Economic Corridors in the GMS”.

The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here from the Republic of Peru this morning after attending the International Conference on Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Specialized National Agencies against the World Drug Problem held in Lima, on 25, 26 July.

Mr Ollanta Humala Tasso, President of Peru delivered the statement at the opening ceremony of the conference. The meeting was attended by over 160 representatives from 65 countries and 10 international organizations. The final document is adopted by the conference.

The deputy foreign affairs minister delivered an address at the first day of conference which described the activities of Myanmar to combat narcotic drugs. In the evening of 25 June, the deputy minister attended the reception hosted by the President of Peru in honour of the delegations of the international conference. — MNA

Announcement of informing NLD to use name of state as prescribed in constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

The Section (2), Chapter (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar states that “The state shall be known as The Republic of the Union of Myanmar.”

With regard to political parties, Section 405 (b) of the constitution states that a political party shall abide by and respect this Constitution and existing laws. The National League for Democracy (NLD), in registering as a political party, has pledged to “abide by and respect the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar” as prescribed by Article 6 (c) of Political Parties Registration Laws.

NLD Central Executive Chairperson Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (Pyithu Hluttaw representative), called Myanmar “Burma” in her speech to the World Economic Forum in Thailand on 1 June, 2012.

As it is prescribed in the constitution that “The state shall be known as The Republic of the Union of Myanmar”, no one has the right to call Burma “Burma” in her speeches to the World Economic Forum in Thailand on 1 June, 2012.

Again, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi called Myanmar “Burma” in her speeches during her Europe tour.

So, it is announced that the commission, under the Article 10 (f) of the Union Election Commission Law, has informed the NLD to write/address the name of the state as prescribed in the constitution with letter No. 4/nangya-mapata (1) kamaya dated 1-6-2012.

Union Election Commission
Agricultural loans disbursed to local farmers

KANYEYAUNG, 28 June—The disbursement of agricultural loans to members of Shwe Wah Win Agricultural Production Association for 2012-2013 was held with capital investments of Shwe Kan Thar Co Ltd in Mingayutaya Village of Kangyidaunt Township in Pathein Township on 19 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Myint Sein made a speech. Member of Shwe Kan Thar Co U Shwe Aye explained disbursement of loans.

Next, the company disburses K 15,000 each to 128 farmers from Shwe Wah Win Agricultural Production Association.

NyaungU Township plants saplings in rainy season

NYAUNGU, 28 June—The rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012, jointly organized by Forest Department and Dry Zone Greening Department U Mya Win and staff, took place in Taungzin Village-tract in NyaungU Township on 23 June.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner U Tun Tun Win of District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Thura Tun Lin, district and township level departmental officials, Assistant Director of Dry Zone Greening Department U Mya Win and staff, Staff Officer U Zaw Win of Township Forest Department and staff, local people totaling over 3500 saplings.

In commemoration of Myanmar Women’s Day which falls on 3rd July, the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Organization Dr Yi Yi May and members of Shwe Wah Win Production Association.

Collective tree growing ceremony held in Mawlamyinegyun Township

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 28 June—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held from the junction of Mawlamyinegyun-Wakema road to No 1 Razudaw Bridge in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 16 June.

Assistant Director U Khin Maung Lwin of Myanmara District Forest Department, Township Administrator U Htay Maung, Head of Township Forest Department U Kyaw Nyunt and departmental personnel, members of social organizations, ward and village administrators, local people and families of local battalion planted 2200 teak saplings and 4800 eucalyptus saplings.

This year, Mawlamyinegyun Township plans to grow 16,000 teak, 54,400 eucalyptus and 4600 Casuarina saplings, totaling 75,000 in the rainy season.

Cash, books donated to library in Htantabin Township

HTANTABIN, 28 June—A ceremony to donate cash and books to Lawka Kyemon Library was held in the library in Lamu Village of Paruk Village-tract in Htantabin Township of Yangon Region on 21 June afternoon.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Mya Win made a speech. Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Kyaw Aye spoke words of thanks.

After that, the township administrator presented K 1 million donated by Region Government to the library through the chairman of the library committee. The head of Township Information and Public Relations Department handed over magazines and journals donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation to the librarian.

The library was formally opened by Township Administrator U Mya Win, Head of Township IPRD Daw Khin Kyaw Aye and library committee chairman U Han Myint.

School uniforms provided to students in Kawkreik

KAWKAREIK, 28 June—With the aim of ensuring poverty alleviation in Kawkreik Township of Bago Region, a ceremony to provide school uniforms to students from 36 offspring of basic education school of 30 vendors from Myaungmya Township on 15 June morning.

Executive Officer U Kyaw Kyaw Oo of Township Development Affairs Committee presented 35 school uniforms to students for 2012-2013 academic year.

Cash donated: Under the patronage of both side parents, U Myint Lwin-Daw Aye Myint Kyi (Mandalay Timber Shop) of Maubin recently donated K 5.4 million for construction of Home for the Aged in Maubin of Ayeyawady Region recently. Officials of the construction committee accept the donations.
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Cross-border attack imperils Pakistani-Afghan peace efforts ISLAMABAD, 28 June — A cross-border attack on Sunday by Afghan militants that killed 11 Pakistani soldiers has escalated the tension between Pakistan and Afghanistan and could imperil the much-needed peace and reconciliation efforts by the neighbouring countries.

Pakistan's civilian and military officials said the militants used Afghan territory for the deadly Sunday attack on its check post in Dir District in the country's northwest region. The Sunday cross-border attack happened at a time when the two countries are exerting efforts to find a political solution to the Afghan crisis ahead of the withdrawal of foreign forces.

Pakistan's foreign ministry on joint peace and reconciliation efforts were deadlocked during the September's assassination of Prof. Burhanuddin Rabbani.

Photo taken on 25 June, 2012 shows a landslide site on the Suigui Highway in Saichuan County, east China’s Jiangxi Province. Torrential rainfall since 21 June has affected some 1 million people and led to disasters in 43 counties in Jiangxi Province, according to official figures. — Xinhua

New Colorado fire evacuates 32,000, US Air Force Academy DENVER, 28 June — The most destructive wildfire in local media of Colorado, High Park has taken the back seat to the Waldo Canyon fire, passengers on the platform. The killed in the 11 Pakistani Sunday by Afghan militants usinng Afghan military officials said that the efforts by the neighbouring imperil the much-needed Afghanistan and could soldiers has escalated the that killed 11 Pakistani Sunday by Afghan militants crossed into Afghanistan Taleban Pakistan (TTP) have key leaders of Tehrik-e-Afghan-Afghan peace efforts and pensioners toward beyond doctors, professors grant will be expanded Ministry of Justice. The a maximum of five years if justice ministry said on Chinese traveliers’ visit to counties in Jiangxi Province, according to official figures. — Xinhua

Chinese 3rd generation fighter: J-10 jet fighter.— Xinhua

Ten killed, over 30 others injured as blast hits railway station in SW Pakistan ISLAMABAD, 28 June — At least 10 people were killed and over 30 others injured as a blast hit a railway station in Pakistan’s southwest city of Sibi on Wednesday night, reported local Urdu TV channel Express. According to the media, the explosion took place at about 11:00 p.m. local time when a bomb fixed under a chair on Platform 2 at the Sibi railway station went off, killing and wounding many passengers. The killed included two children and one policeman, said the reports.

The blast happened about five minutes after a Rawalpindi—Quetta train carrying an estimated 230 passengers stopped at the Sibi railway station, ready to take more passengers for Quetta, capital city of Balochistan Province in southwest Pakistan. The blast took place near a tea shop on the platform when many people were around shopping, said the reports.

Police have quickly cordoned off the area after the blast. Bomb disposal squad is searching the station for other possible bombs. All the injured have been shifted to hospitals in Sibi, a city lying some 120 kilometres southeast of Quetta. Emergency has been declared in all the hospitals in the city. Conditions about the injured are not mentioned immediately.

No group has claimed responsibility for the blast.— Xinhua

US orders airlines to restore restroom oxygen NEW YORK, 28 June — Federal aviation officials will order airlines to put oxygen systems back in jet restrooms, reversing a decision last year to remove them because of fears that terrorists could use them to start a fire during flying. The Federal Aviation Administration said on Monday that restoring the oxygen systems over the next three years will “eliminate a hazard that could jeopardize flight safety.” The new equipment is supposed to be harder to tamper with, although federal officials haven’t yet approved any designs. The FAA tested coast-to-coast flights and it has torched 257 homes and 87,285 acres, and cost 33 million dollars in losses thus far. As of Wednesday, it was 65 percent contained. — Xinhua

Russia acknowledges Bulava missile in service MOSCOW, 28 June — The Russian Navy has already put in service the Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile, the Navy Chief Commander said on Monday. “Bulava missile has been put in service recently, now the paperwork is in progress,” Vice Admiral Victor Chirkov told reporters. The navy would put on duty strategic nuclear submarine called Project 955 class, Yuri Dolgoruky before the end of this year.

Russia is one of the most advanced three-stage solid-fuel missile. Bulava could carry up to 10 hypersonic individually guided maneuverable warheads. Russian forces had tested the Bulava missile 18 times prior to the decision to put it on duty. Seven out of these test failed. — Xinhua

Little drivers get ready for First Formula E race in support of children’s charities in Vancouver, Canada, on 24 June , 2012. Boys and girls, ages 3-5, wore Ferrari Racing Suits and drove Replica Formula 1 Electric Cars in mini Grand Prix events. Since the first race in October 2001, Friends of Ferraris Race has achieved an incredible goal of raising and donating to over 48 Charities in excess of $6 million. — Xinhua

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Friday, 29 June, 2012

A security guard stands near a damaged van outside the burnt entrance of Microsoft’s headquarters following an attack at Marwari suburb, north of Athens on 27 June, 2012. (Reuters)
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Man arrested with 26 pot plants in home

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NYC man sues over prison dining

An ex-inmate is suing New York City for $50,000, accusing officers at Rikers Island of forcing him to eat too fast, causing him to need laparoscopic surgery.

In a sworn statement accompanying the lawsuit filed in US District Court in Brooklyn this week, Michael Isolda said he needed more than the 5 minutes allotted by prison guards to consume each meal, the New York Daily News reported. Isolda said officers required extra time to chew and swallow because he had undergone a gastric bypass surgery to reduce the size of his stomach in 2008, the statement said. When Isolda was sentenced to 30 days in jail for possession of marijuana in 2011, his surgeon submitted a letter to the sentencing judge justifying the inmate’s nutritional requirements. Isolda alleges the note was ignored by officials at the prison, and the rushed dining made him vomit after each meal, the Daily News reported.

The situation came to a head on 27 March, 2011, when Isolda awoke unable to breathe and in pain. His stomach had become separated from his intestines due to the repeated vomiting, requiring emergency surgery to save his life, the newspaper reported.

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Arsenal clinch Giroud signing

\textbf{Gunnar answer announce transfer of France striker Olivier Giroud from Montpellier}

LONDON, 28 June — Arsenal have announced the signing of France international striker Olivier Giroud from Montpellier. The 25-year-old completed a medical before signing a three-year contract with the London club. Giroud joined Montpellier in 2007 from Clermont and won France’s Ligue 1 last season, becomes Arsenal’s second summer signing following the arrival of Germany international striker Lukas Podolski from FC Cologne. “We are delighted to have secured the signing of Olivier Giroud,” Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told the club’s official website. “He has a very good physical presence and is exceptional in the air, with a great work ethic.” We are excited about Giroud joining us and we’ll add an additional dimension to our attacking options next season. “He has proved that he is capable of performing at the top level with club and country, and we saw what a big influence he was in Montpellier’s championship-winning side last season.” We all look forward to Olivier joining us and seeing him play in an Arsenal shirt.”

Gunners new arrival will officially commence on July 1 and he will link up with his new team-mates for pre-season training. “I am delighted to be here at Arsenal and to be part of one of the great teams in English football,” he said. “It is a huge satisfaction to join this great club and I’m sure a dream since I was young to play in the Premier League.” I was attracted by the philosophy of football and Arsene Wenger’s ‘touch’ at this club. I have always admired Arsenal with its great history and reputation and I now hope to achieve great things here. “I’m very proud to be a Gunner and I will give my best for all the Arsenal fans.” — Internet

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Wozniacki upset by Paszek in Wimbledon 1st round

\textbf{Wimbledon, 28 June — Caroline Wozniacki believes her recent slump in form is the rankings have more to do with bad luck than bad tennis. The former top-rank holder lost two match points in the second set before falling to Tamira Paszek of Austria a 7-5, 7-6 (4), 6-4 in the first round of Wimbledon on Wednesday. Wozniacki has yet to win a title this year, was eliminated in the third round of the French Open and lost her first match at the grass-court warm-up tournament at Eastbourne. Having ended both 2010 and 2011 as the top-ranked woman — albeit without winning a major — she has fallen to No. 7. So could it be that her “touch” at this club. I have always admired Arsenal with its great history and reputation and I now hope to achieve great things here. “I’m very proud to be a Gunner and I will give my best for all the Arsenal fans.”} — Internet

More than one badge of honour for Leyva

\textbf{Saxton, (California), 28 June — Circuitous journey to the United States from Cuba as a baby has helped world number one gymnast Danell Leyva set himself lofty goals as he aims for Olympic glory at next month’s London Games. The 20-year-old Cuban native is one of 15 gymnasts competing this week in OLYMPIC trials for spots on the US team and he would deeply love to win gold medals for his adopted country and also for the entire Latin community.} — Internet

\[ \text{Danell Leyva performs on the parallel bars during the US national gymnastics championships in Boston.} \]

McIlroy looking for home turf boost

\textbf{Royal Portrush, 28 June — Rory McIlroy is determined to dispel the cloud of uncertainty hanging over his game by embracing his favouritism heading into this week’s Irish Open at Royal Portrush. McIlroy is among eight major winning titles including local Portrush resident Graeme McDowell, winner of the 2010 US Open, and Darren Clarke, who has 25 days left as reigning Open Champion. Also in the field and contesting his first ever of Irish American events. McIlroy holds the Royal Portrush course record of 61 under par 61, set in his only competitive appearance on the course during qualifying for the 2005 North of Ireland Amateur. “Everything was on song that day apart from missing a six foot putt for birdie at the 18th”, he said. However a question on the minds of a sell-out 27,000 crowd over the first two days is whether McIlroy’s game is on song for a sixth Irish Open appearance. He’s missed the cut in two of the biggest events this year, the Players Championship and last fortnight’s US Open in San Francisco. “The last couple of years I didn’t quite enjoy the tag of home favourite heading into an Irish Open,” he said. “It just didn’t feel very comfortable with.” — Internet

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13. International Day against Drugs Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
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17. TV Drama Series

Basic fire fighting course opened in Mogau

MOGAUNG, 28 June—The opening ceremony of the basic auxiliary fire fighting course No 1/2012 for separate auxiliary fire brigade of Myoma Market in Mogau of Kachin State was held at the hall of Township Development Affairs Committee in Mogau on 25 June morning.

At the ceremony, Commanding Officer Police Captain Aye Maung of Township Auxiliary Fire Battalion, Executive Officer U Win Naing of Township Development Affairs Committee and Head of Fire Services Department U Soe Min made speeches.

Altogether 46 trainees are attending the two week course. —Kyimonline

Soaring over the Thames: Cable Car takes flight

Transport for London’s gondola lift cable cars are seen across the River Thames, London, on 28 June, 2012. The cable car will make the half-mile (one kilometer) crossing between Greenwich and the Royal Docks, allowing visitors to take in the views of Olympic Park, the Canary Wharf financial centre and the Thames Barrier.

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David Beckham fails to make Olympic squad

LONDON, 28 June — Former England captain David Beckham revealed on Thursday he had not been picked for Great Britain’s Olympic football squad. Beckham, regarded as a potential skipper of the side, confirmed in a statement he had not made the final 18-man squad as one of coach Stuart Pearce’s three over-age players.

Pearce had travelled to his home town for the United States to assess Beckham’s form last week before making his decision.

“Everyone knows how much playing for my country has always meant to me,” Beckham said in a statement. “So I would have been honored to have been part of this unique Team GB squad. “Naturally I am very disappointed, but there will be no bigger supporter of the team than me. And like everyone, I will be hoping they can win the gold.”

Bangladesh landslides toll rises to 108

DHAKA, 28 June — The death toll from a series of deadly flash floods and landslides in southeast Bangladesh rose above 100 on Thursday as rescuers called off their search operation.

The region’s chief administrator, Sirajul Haq Khan, said 108 bodies had been pulled from the mud and debris of destroyed homes in the districts of Chittagong, Cox’s Bazar and Bandarban.

The landslides were triggered by three days of intense monsoon rains that sent powerful rivers of mud plunging down hill slopes, enveloping shanty towns below and displacing more than 60,000 people.

“We have called off the rescue operations as there’s nobody else reported missing,” Khan told AFP, adding that flood waters swollen by the rains had finally receded. Authorities said flights in and out of Chittagong’s Shah Amanat International Airport had been resumed, but added that the restoration of severed train links with the rest of the country could take weeks.

Rain-triggered landslides are common in Chittagong and the government has sought to tighten rules restricting development in danger areas. —Internet

Bangladeshi soldiers clear debris while searching for bodies after a landslide in Chittagong. The death toll from a series of deadly flash floods and landslides in southeast Bangladesh has risen to 108 as rescuers called off their search operation. —Internet

Weather forecast for 29th June, 2012

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UNSG

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UNSG Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy and party paid a call on Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann at Zabuthiri Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning.

Present at the call were Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairpersons of Pyithu Hluttaw committees, and personnel of the Hluttaw Office.

They frankly discussed the important role of parliament in democratic reforms, attitude of the UN and its agencies toward the Hluttaw and essential areas of cooperation.—MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy called on Union Foreign Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 8 am today.

They discussed matters related to cooperation in the prevention of the recruitment of under-age from the armed forces between the United Nations and the Myanmar Government.

Similarly, the Union Minister received Adviser to the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi at 9.30 am today. During the meeting, the adviser handed over a letter of invitation from the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the President of the Republic of Myanmar to attend the 16th Non-Aligned Movement Summit to be held in Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran. They also discussed matters on further promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Likewise, the Union Minister received Japanese delegation led by Professor Takashi Shirashi at his office at 12.30 pm today.

The Japanese delegation is consisted of 22 eminent members from multi sectors of Japan. They discussed matters on further enhancement of bilateral cooperation in Myanmar economic development, human resources development, education, sports, information and culture affairs.—MNA

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Chairman of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Conference Speaker of House of Representatives of Indonesia arrives

YANGON, 28 June—Chairman of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Conference Speaker of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Marzuki Alie, SE MM and party arrived here at 9.20 am today. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee U Nyunt Tin, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Finance and Legal Affairs Commission U Myint Thein, Indonesian Ambassador Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono and embassy officials.—MNA

Billboard to mark Myanmar Women’s Day put up in Pathein

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—A ceremony to put up the billboard to mark the Myanmar Women’s Day was held at Golden Statue Roundabout in Ward 13 of Pathein yesterday morning.

Chairperson of Ayeyawady Region Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Thet Thet Swe and Secretary Daw Nwe Nwe Oo and Chairperson of Pathein District WAO Daw Nan Myint Thida formally unveiled the billboard. Later, she presented cash award to WAO member Ozi troupe.—MNA

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