In Nay Pyi Taw, 10 June—Chairman of Restoration Council of Shan State/Shan State Army (RCSS/SSA) Lt-Gen Ywet Sit called for dispelling mutual suspicion and building mutual trust as he met President U Thein Sein at 500-acre mechanized farm here this morning.

The President spoke of long and difficult period of efforts for national brethren to be finally sitting together at the negotiation table. He said that both parties were born within the Union which also belongs to Shan nationals like it belongs to him and his side.

He said that all the citizens want to see the end of over-six-decade-long armed conflict between national brethren, stressing that the sole solution is to come to the existence within the Union and so on as the common ground.

He wishes to introduce a new political path that ensures political tolerance and dialogue setting aside the differences. It is “cooperation but not competition” that can bring benefits to the nation, stressed the President who said citizens will be able to have the equitable chances through cooperation under the same acceptable law.

Myanmar has lagged much behind her neighbors in various aspects, for which the lack of stability is to blame despite all the sound foundations, lamented the President.

He wishes to silence the decades-long sounds of gunshots between the national brethren in his time and hand down the peace and tranquility to inheritors. He said nationwide prevalence of peace is within the reach now, calling for mutual coordination based on understanding to end all the remaining fighting between the lower echelons of two sides.

He called for reaching a historic milestone in peace process, grasping the hard-won chance to build internal peace.

He affirmed his government commitment to assist as much as possible in deployment of troops, rehabilitation, creation of jobs, food supplies and education and health care to RCSS/SSA. He wishes the RCSS/SSA to understand that the government is just making efforts to create a better and peaceful future for the next generation. Upon prevalence of peace in all regions, all the peace negotiation groups and Union Peace Making Work Committee will meet in Nay Pyi Taw or somewhere appropriate to sign total ceasefire deal, announced the President.

(See page 8)

**Union Peace-making Work Committee, RCSS meet**

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Union Peace-making Work Committee led by Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister at the President Office U Aung Min held a meeting with a delegation led by Restoration Council of Shan State/Shan State Army (RCSS/SSA) Chairman Lt-Gen Ywet Sit, at the minister’s office at 3 pm today. It was attended by Vice-Chairmen of Union Peace-making Work Committee U Aung Min, U Thein Zaw, relevant Union ministers, deputy ministers, the Deputy Attorney-General of the Union, and officials concerned from the Commander-in-Chief Office (Army).

The delegation was accompanied by consultants of RCSS/SSA and central committee members.

The meeting focused on designation for location of each force of both sides, formation of peacekeeping monitoring groups, matters on running businesses such as agriculture and livestock breeding in line with the law so as to carry out rehabilitation tasks, opening of liaison offices, resettlement of LDPs, issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards, clarification about current peace-making process.

After the meeting, Union Minister U Aung Min and the RCSS Chairman exchanged the gifts, and answered the queries raised by local and foreign media.—MNA

**New generations with peace and prosperity**

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Lt-Gen Ywet Sit, Chairman of Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS/SSA) and party at the 500-acre Mechanized Farmland here today.

The interviews with Lt-Gen Ywet Sit and party over the meeting are as follows—

We have gained in understanding on what we did not understand and the different views we had. I am delighted as we had been able to openly discuss the five to six-decade long war at home and solve the issue.

To gain eternal peace, we need to carry out three tasks. The first one, we need to heal the wounds of victims and their phobia as well. To build a federal Union, we all must cooperate each other. Majority of the people are Buddhists. Buddhism encourages the democracy and we all need to practice democratic system.

We are very delighted to see the president. On behalf of the people in the country, we have asked for justice and democracy. That is for all the people. The people, on their part, are obliged to understand the politics and to work together to gain justice and democracy.

We, all the people living together in the Union of Myanmar. That’s why, we all must help each other. We all need to be united.

(See page 9)
CNG buses ready to join bus lines in Yangon

Yangon, 10 June—As over 120 vehicles have received the permission to take out natural gas, these vehicles will run in respective bus lines, according to the press conference held by All Private Bus-line Control Committee (Central) on 5 June.

A total of 128 of 129 vehicles have received the permission to take out CNG. These have received the permission according to the press release of APBCC (Central) U Hla Aung.

The newly-permitted buses will be joined the existing bus lines—three to No 57 bus line, one to No 43 bus line, one to No 40 line of the downtown (APBCC), two to No 249 bus line, 20 to No 258 bus line of Yangon West District Committee, two to No 124 bus line of Yangon North District Committee, one to Shwe Yangon bus line, one to Thitha Dipa Bus Line, 15 to No 142 bus line, 10 to No 74 bus line, five to Pyimandaung bus line, two to No 67 bus line, three to Hmawwuntha bus line, five to Dipa bus line, three to No 68 bus line, five to Shwe Myanmar bus line, six to Okkan-Sule bus line, and two to Thitha Yaza bus line, 10 to Kadawayddy bus line and eight to No 129 bus line.

City buses will take places of overage vehicles and Dyna buses gradually for safety of passenger on their routes. Kyemon-Htet Khaing

Seizure of stimulant tablets at entrance to Nawngkhiio

Nawngkhiio, 10 June—The authorities seized about 5000 stimulant tablets secretly carried by private car at the entrance to Nawngkhiio of Shan State (North).

At 4.30 pm on 5 June, a mobile team of Nawngkhiio of Lashio Anti-Drug Squad searched the vehicle driven by Win Aung (a) Hwam Ah Chum from Lashio to Mandalay at mile post 78/5 at the entrance to Nawngkhiio and seized 20 packets of WY brand stimulant tablets each containing 200 tablets from the engine room and four packets from the oil tank cover, weighing 432 grams. The seized tablets were worth K 10 million. According to the confession, the driver purposed to carry the tablets to Yangon.

Traffic accident kills motorcyclist in Ottwin

Ottwin, 10 June—A Hyundai vehicle driven by Zaw Min, 38 carrying bags of grain from north to south along Yangon-Mandalay Highway hit a motorcycle by a man from Rampu Village of Pyu Township at the mile posts 160 and 160/1 at the entrance to Ottwin of Toungoo District at 3.30 pm on 7 June. After hitting the motorbike, the Hyundai plunged into the eastern side of the highway.

In the accident, the motorcyclist died on the spot with the injury at his head and the motorcycle was damaged.

Kyi

DRAIN DREDGED FOR FLOOD PREVENTION

Hinthada, 10 June—Farmlands in eastern part of Laymyethna Township and western parts of Hinthada Township of Ayeyawady Region are flooded annually. Therefore, the people and departmental personnel dredged the three-mile drain from Kyonpatoe Creek to Daka Creek with the use of five heavy machinery from 18 to 27 May.

A total of 1891 acres of farmlands were inundated in Khamauksu, Lahagy, Wayonchaung village-tracts in Laymyethna Township and Leikkkhon and Okpon village-tracts in Hinthada Township.

Kyemon-700

Field trip for health care services in rural area

Kani, 10 June—A medical team from Kani Township Health Department made a field trip to Taunggaung on 9 June, workers of Yangon City Development Committee repairing underground concrete pipes laying along Theinbyu Street for ensuring proper flow of water.—Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

 outstanding trainees awarded in Buddhist culture course

Yangon, 10 June—The awarding ceremony for 30th Buddhist culture course was held at Mya Thein Tan Pariyati Monastery in Pazundaung Township on 9 June. Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Mya Thein Tan Sayadaw Bhuddanta Kesara administered the Five Precepts.

Members of the Sangha, Township Administrator U Kyaw Zeya and officials presented prizes to the outstanding trainees. A total of 54 trainees attended the course, and 39 trainees among them passed the exam. Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

Monastic education schools for 2013-2014 academic year

Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders Kyanin Monastery Sayadaw gave words of advice.

The Abbot of Parahita Myoswo Monastery explained purpose of opening the monastic education schools.

On the occasion, ward administrators, well-wishers and staff of the Ministry of Education donated stationery to students.

Kyemon-Win Bo (Myaung)

Illega! cattle seized in Pyapon

Pyapon, 10 June—According to the information that illegal cattle were conveyed to Kandangygi Village of Pyapon Township in Ayeyawady Region, policemen led by IP Tin Maung Win of Kyonkadun Police Station of Pyapon Township together with local authorities searched the boat at Kundainggyi Port at 2.30 am on 3 June.

They seized one cow and 12 oxen, totalling 13 on board the boat carried by San Win, 61 of Padaukyaungwaing Village of Mudon Township in Mon State and Kyaw Kyaw, 34 of the same region.

Action is taken against the two illegal cattle traffickers at Kyonkadun Police Station under the law.

Kyemon-Pahtein Hla Kyi

Alatchaung Village to get access to electrification

Twantay, 10 June—Alatchaung Ywamagyi Village in Twantay Township of Yangon South District is making concerted efforts for electrification of the village on a self-reliant basis.

A member of the village power supply committee said that they are striving for electrification of the village as quickly as possible.

As the village has small number of housings, they are devoid of capability to cover the cost of electrification works. In consequence, the power supply task delays but the local people will have the electricity soon. At present, a transformer has been installed in the village and some lamp-posts have been erected there. The people are waiting for electrification.

Kyemon-Shwe Taing Lwin

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Nawngkhiio, 10 June—The authorities seized about 5000 stimulant tablets secretly carried by private car at the entrance to Nawngkhiio of Shan State (North).

At 4.30 pm on 5 June, a mobile team of Nawngkhiio of Lashio Anti-Drug Squad searched the vehicle driven by Win Aung (a) Hwam Ah Chum from Lashio to Mandalay at mile post 78/5 at the entrance to Nawngkhiio and seized 20 packets of WY brand stimulant tablets each containing 200 tablets from the engine room and four packets from the oil tank cover, weighing 432 grams. The seized tablets were worth K 10 million. According to the confession, the driver purposed to carry the tablets to Yangon.

Traffic accident kills motorcyclist in Ottwin

Ottwin, 10 June—A Hyundai vehicle driven by Zaw Min, 38 carrying bags of grain from north to south along Yangon-Mandalay Highway hit a motorcycle by a man from Rampu Village of Pyu Township at the mile posts 160 and 160/1 at the entrance to Ottwin of Toungoo District at 3.30 pm on 7 June. After hitting the motorbike, the Hyundai plunged into the eastern side of the highway.

In the accident, the motorcyclist died on the spot with the injury at his head and the motorcycle was damaged.

Kyemon-129

Drain dredged for flood prevention

Hinthada, 10 June—Farmlands in eastern part of Laymyethna Township and western parts of Hinthada Township of Ayeyawady Region are flooded annually. Therefore, the people and departmental personnel dredged the three-mile drain from Kyonpatoe Creek to Daka Creek with the use of five heavy machinery from 18 to 27 May.

A total of 1891 acres of farmlands were inundated in Khamauksu, Lahagy, Wayonchaung village-tracts in Laymyethna Township and Leikkkhon and Okpon village-tracts in Hinthada Township.

Kyemon-700

Field trip for health care services in rural area

Kani, 10 June—A medical team from Kani Township Health Department made a field trip to Taunggaung on 9 June, workers of Yangon City Development Committee repairing underground concrete pipes laying along Theinbyu Street for ensuring proper flow of water.—Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)
Iran to load heavy water reactor with “virtual fuel”

The 10 June—Heads of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), Fereidoon Abbasi, said on Sunday that his country will look to load Arak heavy water reactor with “virtual fuel” by the end of current Iranian calendar year, on 20 March, 2014, local media reported.

Abbasi made the remarks in a ceremony, attended by Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in the site to install the “main upper container” of the IR-40 reactor.

The installation is considered a significant step forward in developing the project, Abbasi was quoted as saying by the state-run IRIB TV on Sunday. “We hope to push forward in developing project and to start full use of it next year,” he added.

Over 500,000 Fijians register to vote in 2014 general election

Suva, 10 June—More than 5,000 Fijians registered to vote during the first week of phase three of electronic voter registration (EVR) in the country, local media reported on Monday.

Government figures showed 5,648 registered in the first week, adding to the 505,036 Fijians who registered during the previous phases. This brings to 510,684 the total number of Fijians that have registered to vote in the 2014 general election. The country has less than 1 million people.

Phase three of the EVR started last week, as Fijians travelled to registration centres across the country.

According to government figures, 745 cards were replaced and 380 people made corrections to their personal registration details. Ministry of Justice acting permanent secretary Mohammed Saneem said the first two phases of registration covered the vast majority of eligible Fijians.

“Our goal during this phase is to talk to those Fijians who were missed out, paying particular attention to those areas of the country that had low registration figures after the first two phases,” Saneem told local newspaper the Fiji Times, reminding Fijians interested in registering during phase three to ensure they had a form of valid identification before going to register.

Thousands of Germans evacuates as dam on Elbe river breaks

Magdeburg/Gross Rosenburg, 10 June—Thousands of people left their homes in eastern Germany on Sunday as a dam burst on the swollen River Elbe and swathes of farmland were flooded in an attempt to spare towns, with meteorologists forecasting more rain.

In Magdeburg, one of the oldest cities in eastern Germany and a regional capital, some 23,000 people were asked to evacuate as water levels in the Elbe rose to a record 7.48 metres, around 5 metres above normal and surpassing the level reached in devastating floods in 2002.

“We helped yesterday to carry sandbags to secure the town. The mood is very depressed and frightened because many people have to leave their homes,” said resident Liane Nagen.

There have been at least a dozen deaths as a result of floods that have hit Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Poland and in coming days.—Reuters

No Nile, no Egypt’, Cairo warns over Ethiopia dam

Cairo, 10 June—Egypt’s foreign minister, vowing not to give up “a single drop of water from the Nile”, said on Sunday he would go to Addis Ababa to discuss a giant dam that Ethiopia has begun building in defiance of Cairo’s objections.

Speaking to Egypt’s state news agency MENA two days after the Ethiopian government flatly rejected a request from Cairo to halt the project, Mohamed Kamel Amr said Egyptians view any obstacle to the river’s flow as a threat to national survival.

“No Nile - no Egypt,” he said, highlighting the pressure on the Egyptian government, whose popularity is waning in the face of economic troubles, to prevent the hydro power plant cutting already stretched water supplies for its 84 million people.

Last week, Ethiopia summoned the Egyptian ambassador after politicians in Cairo were shown on television suggesting military action or supporting Ethiopian rebels—a mark of the threat felt in Cairo from the plan to dam the Blue Nile, the tributary that supplies the bulk of water downstream in Egypt.

“Egypt won’t give up on a single drop of water from the Nile or any part of what comes into Egypt in terms of water quality and quantity,” Amr told MENA, noting that Egypt has little rain and is effectively desert without its great river. Speaking at a news conference, he detailed to claim the action Egypt might take next but noted Egyptian assurances that Africa’s biggest hydro station would not cut water supplies. “We have a plan for action, which will start soon,” Amr said. “We’ll talk to Ethiopia and we’ll see what comes of it.”

Ethiopia has said it will not harm Egypt, not even by a liter of water. We are looking at... this being implemented”—Reuters

Over 500,000 Fijians register to vote in 2014 general election

Suva, 10 June—More than 5,000 Fijians registered to vote during the first week of phase three of electronic voter registration (EVR) in the country, local media reported on Monday.

Government figures showed 5,648 registered in the first week, adding to the 505,036 Fijians who registered during the previous phases. This brings to 510,684 the total number of Fijians that have registered to vote in the 2014 general election. The country has less than 1 million people.

Phase three of the EVR started last week, as Fijians travelled to registration centres across the country.

According to government figures, 745 cards were replaced and 380 people made corrections to their personal registration details. Ministry of Justice acting permanent secretary Mohammed Saneem said the first two phases of registration covered the vast majority of eligible Fijians.

“Our goal during this phase is to talk to those Fijians who were missed out, paying particular attention to those areas of the country that had low registration figures after the first two phases,” Saneem told local newspaper the Fiji Times, reminding Fijians interested in registering during phase three to ensure they had a form of valid identification before going to register.—Reuters

Narendra Modi to lead election campaign of India’s opposition BJP

New Delhi, 10 June—India’s main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party announced on Sunday that Narendra Modi will chair its campaign committee for the 2014 general election.

BJP President Rajnath Singh said the party had reached the decision through general consensus and Modi will lead the party to victory.

“Every political party considers general election as an important and serious event. Keeping in mind the campaign for the next general elections, I announce the name of Narendra Modi as the chairman of the campaign committee,” Singh said after a BJP meeting in the southwestern state of Goa.

With Modi set to lead the BJP at the next election, he could emerge as a prime ministerial candidate, observers said.

Modi is widely viewed as the BJP’s most popular leader, having served three consecutive terms as chief minister of the western state of Gujarat.

Political opponents, however, view Modi as a divisive figure, citing his tough stance during the 2002 Godhra communal riots in Gujarat, in which more than 1,000 people, mostly Muslims, were killed.

Modi was recently appointed as a member of the party’s parliamentary board, with media speculation in recent days anticipating his appointment as chairman of the party’s campaign committee.
Tuesday, 11 June, 2013

**New Light of Myanmar**

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

**Iran ups cyber attacks on Israeli computers: Netanyahu**

TEL AVIV, 10 June—Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused Iran and its Palestinian and Lebanese allies on Sunday of carrying out “non-stop” cyber attacks on major computer systems in his country.

He gave no details on the number of attacks but said “vital national systems” had been targeted.

**Mobile gaming still eludes a troubled industry**

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 June—To get a sense of how investors view the promise of mobile gaming, one need look no further than Japan’s GungHo Online Entertainment. With just one game under its belt, its stock has risen tenfold since its launch, and analysts see its market cap almost equal those of decades-old Nintendo.

From veterans like Electronic Arts to rising stars such as “Clash of Clans” maker Supercell, the $66 billion video game industry is scrambling to devise games and experimenting with ways to appeal to a generation of players that spends more time on mobile devices than on computers or consoles.

Most are having scant success in an industry peppered with one-hit wonders like OMGPOP and where even established players like Zynga are faltering, industry sources say.

“It’s sort of like all the chess pieces have been thrown in the air, and the industry has not yet landed on what the chess board looks like,” said Owen Mahoney, CFO of Japanese online gaming giant Nexon Co Ltd, which has in the past year bought two companies in an effort to accelerate its mobile foray.

In recent years, the model has been to offer games for free, then encourage players to spend real money on in-game purchases — a system perfected by Zynga in its online games. But its rapid decline in just the past year illustrates the challenge of hooking new players, and loosening gamers’ purse strings.

The company that shot to fame on the back of Facebook games like “Farmville” bought OMGPOP, developers of the mobile sensation “Draw Something” — for $180 million. After months of losing users that once peaked to 14.5 million players over a year ago, Zynga is last week shut its New York-based studio, effectively laying off the OMGPOP team.

A recent report claimed that Nokia Lumia EOS is already being tested by AT&T, claiming that the phone is codenamed Elvis and will be released sometime in July. Apart from the 41-megapixel camera sensor, this smartphone is rumoured to have OLED display, which has a screen resolution of 768X1280 pixels and 32GB of internal storage. Much like the other smartphones in the Lumia series, Nokia Lumia EOS too is expected to come with a polycarbonate body and will not support microSD card. This smartphone is also allegedly to come with Flip to silence feature.

Prior to that, it was also reported that the phone features a new “Nokia Pro Camera” app that has a refreshed interface, while the regular camera app is also available. The camera interface also offers manual focus.—PTI

**Google close to buying Israeli mapping start-up Waze**

JERUSALEM, 10 June—Google is close to buying Waze for $1.3 billion, an Israeli newspaper reported on Sunday, potentially trumping rival offers for the Israeli mapping start-up.

The report on the website of financial newspaper Globes did not cite sources or provide further details.

Last month sources told Reuters the Internet search giant was in talks to acquire Waze, while a second Israeli newspaper reported Facebook was willing to pay up to $1 billion for the firm.

Facebook is delving deeper into mobile technology as it tries to expand its user base. Waze is a crowdsourced, mobile-oriented navigation device for drivers that relies on information provided by its 47 million members to populate its maps.

Mapping services are among the five most-used applications on smartphones and are crucial to engaging and retaining mobile users. The key ad-vantage of owning, rather than licensing, a mapping service is that it allows the product to be personalized for users.

Officials at Waze were not reachable for immediate comment.—Reuters

**Asteroid the size of a small truck buzzes Earth**

The first radar images of asteroid 1998 QE2 were obtained when the asteroid was about 3.75 million miles (6 million kilometres) from Earth, as pictured in this image courtesy of NASA.—Reuters

CAPE CANAVERAL, 10 June—An asteroid the size of a small truck zoomed past Earth four times closer than the moon on Saturday, the latest in a parade of visiting celestial objects that has raised awareness of potentially hazardous impacts on the planet.

NASA said Asteroid 2013 LR6 was discovered about a day before its closest approach to Earth, which occurred at 12:42 am EDT (0442 GMT on Saturday) about 65,000 miles over the Southern Ocean, south of Tasmania, Australia.

The 30-foot-wide (10-metre-wide) asteroid posed no threat.

A week ago, the comparatively huge 1.7-mile-wide (2.7-km-wide) asteroid QE2, complete with its own moon in tow, passed 3.6 million miles (5.8 million km) from Earth.

While on 15 February, a small asteroid exploded in the atmosphere over Cheby-abinsk, Russia, leaving more than 1,500 people injured by flying glass and debris. That same day, an unrelated asteroid passed just 17,200 miles from Earth, closer than the networks of communication satellites that ring the planet.

“There is theoretically a collision possible between asteroids and planet Earth,” astronomer Gianluca Masi, with the Virtual Telescope project, said during a Google+ webcast that showed live images of the approaching asteroid.

NASA says it has found about 95 percent of the large asteroids, those with diameters 0.65 miles or larger, with orbits that take them relatively close to Earth.

**Nokia EOS PureView phone gets hands-on treatment**

MUMBAI, 10 June—After making an appearance in pictures leaked on the Internet, the Nokia EOS PureView branded Windows phone has apparently got some hands-on treatment.

Vizileaks, which earlier leaked purported pictures of the EOS phone on Twitter, has now posted a blog entry offering more information on the phone complete with new pictures including pictures of the phone’s user interface.

It mentions that the phone is big. Black and on the bulky side due to the 41-megapixel camera sensor, however, the user couldn’t judge if the material used in the construction of the phone was Polycarbonate or metal, though it felt metallic. It looks similar to the recently announced Lumia 925 from the front but sports the big protruding camera lens at the back. The Volume rocker, Power/Screen lock key and the Camera shutter key are located at the right side of the phone, while the left side remaining bare, while the micro-SIM slot and the noise cancellation microphone sit at the top. The micro-USB port, lanyard slot and a drilled speaker grill at the bottom.

The back of the phone features two metallic contacts for wireless charging covers and of course the giant camera lens without any specific marking for the resolution. The post confirms that the specifications floating on the Internet are likely to be accurate but the user couldn’t verify them.

Vizileaks has also posted a video of the EOS phone’s camera shutter in action.

A recent report claimed that Nokia Lumia EOS is already being tested by AT&T, claiming that the phone is codenamed Elvis and will be released sometime in July. Apart from the 41-megapixel camera sensor, this smartphone is rumoured to have OLED display, which has a screen resolution of 768X1280 pixels and 32GB of internal storage. Much like the other smartphones in the Lumia series, Nokia Lumia EOS too is expected to come with a polycarbonate body and will not support microSD card. This smartphone is also allegedly to come with Flip to silence feature.

Prior to that, it was also reported that the phone features a new “Nokia Pro Camera” app that has a refreshed interface, while the regular camera app is also available. The camera interface also offers manual focus.—PTI

**The corporate logo of Zynga Inc, the social network game development company, is shown at its headquarters in San Francisco, California on 30 April, 2012.—Reuters**

**Nokia EOS**

**Google**

**Waze**

**Asteroid**

**The first radar images of asteroid 1998 QE2 were obtained when the asteroid was about 3.75 million miles (6 million kilometres) from Earth, as pictured in this image courtesy of NASA.—Reuters**

**A Google sign is seen at a Best Buy electronics store in this photo illustration in Encinitas, California on 11 April, 2013.—Reuters**

**This small truck buzzes Earth**

**Japanese online gaming giant Nexon Co Ltd, which has in the past year bought two companies in an effort to accelerate its mobile foray.**

**The company that shot to fame on the back of Facebook games like “Farmville” bought OMGPOP, developers of the mobile sensation “Draw Something” — for $180 million.**

**After months of losing users that once peaked to 14.5 million players over a year ago, Zynga is last week shut its New York-based studio, effectively laying off the OMGPOP team.**

**Nokia EOS PureView phone gets hands-on treatment**

**MUMBAI, 10 June—After making an appearance in pictures leaked on the Internet, the Nokia EOS PureView branded Windows phone has apparently got some hands-on treatment.**

**Vizileaks, which earlier leaked purported pictures of the EOS phone on Twitter, has now posted a blog entry offering more information on the phone complete with new pictures including pictures of the phone’s user interface.**

**It mentions that the phone is big. Black and on the bulky side due to the 41-megapixel camera sensor, however, the user couldn’t judge if the material used in the construction of the phone was Polycarbonate or metal, though it felt metallic. It looks similar to the recently announced Lumia 925 from the front but sports the big protruding camera lens at the back. The Volume rocker, Power/Screen lock key and the Camera shutter key are located at the right side of the phone, while the left side remaining bare, while the micro-SIM slot and the noise cancellation microphone sit at the top. The micro-USB port, lanyard slot and a drilled speaker grill at the bottom.**

**The back of the phone features two metallic contacts for wireless charging covers and of course the giant camera lens without any specific marking for the resolution. The post confirms that the specifications floating on the Internet are likely to be accurate but the user couldn’t verify them.**

**Vizileaks has also posted a video of the EOS phone’s camera shutter in action.**

**A recent report claimed that Nokia Lumia EOS is already being tested by AT&T, claiming that the phone is codenamed Elvis and will be released sometime in July. Apart from the 41-megapixel camera sensor, this smartphone is rumoured to have OLED display, which has a screen resolution of 768X1280 pixels and 32GB of internal storage. Much like the other smartphones in the Lumia series, Nokia Lumia EOS too is expected to come with a polycarbonate body and will not support microSD card. This smartphone is also allegedly to come with Flip to silence feature.**

**Prior to that, it was also reported that the phone features a new “Nokia Pro Camera” app that has a refreshed interface, while the regular camera app is also available. The camera interface also offers manual focus.—PTI**

**Google close to buying Israeli mapping start-up Waze**

**JERUSALEM, 10 June—Google is close to buying Waze for $1.3 billion, an Israeli newspaper reported on Sunday, potentially trumping rival offers for the Israeli mapping start-up.**

**The report on the website of financial newspaper Globes did not cite sources or provide further details.**

**Last month sources told Reuters the Internet search giant was in talks to acquire Waze, while a second Israeli newspaper reported Facebook was willing to pay up to $1 billion for the firm.**

**Facebook is delving deeper into mobile technology as it tries to expand its user base. Waze is a crowdsourced, mobile-oriented navigation device for drivers that relies on information provided by its 47 million members to populate its maps.**

**Mapping services are among the five most-used applications on smartphones and are crucial to engaging and retaining mobile users. The key advantage of owning, rather than licensing, a mapping service is that it allows the product to be personalized for users.**

**Officials at Waze were not reachable for immediate comment.—Reuters**
**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**Nuclear plant shutdown to increase California’s reliance on natural gas**

**NEW YORK, 10 June—** California’s growing reliance on natural gas to fuel its power plants will increase and power prices will remain elevated following Southern California Edison’s decision to retire a crippled nuclear power plant.

Both reactors at the 2,150-megawatt (MW) San Onofre plant will be permanently closed due to uncertainty over the cost and timing of restarting one of the units, said SCE, a unit of California Edison company Edison International, on Friday.

While the grid agency has warned that the loss of San Onofre could cause rolling blackouts this summer as use of air conditioners soars, old and new power plants fueled by natural gas will likely pick up the slack.

“We know that the shut down of San Onofre reactors has been quite difficult,” said John Chillemi, west region president of NRG Energy Inc, which has more than 5,000 MW of gas-fired generation in California at 11 sites.

“I can tell you that when (San Onofre) first went off-line, NRG experienced increased in power generation at our southern California-based energy stations,” said Chillemi.

“Because the San Onofre reactors have not been shut since January 2012, analysts said there should be little immediate impact to electricity or gas markets from SCE’s decision not to seek regulatory approval to restart the nuclear plant.

“We kind of knew San Onofre might not come back this summer. Now we know for certain,” said Paul Patterson, energy analyst at Glenrock Associates in New York.—Reuters

---

**BSkyB to cut broadband fees as it enters BT price war**

**LONDON, 10 June—** British satellite TV firm BSkyB (BSY.L) will cut prices for its broadband packages in response to competition from BT’s new Light of Myanmar

---

**Despite the politics, Chinese investment in US grows**

**RALEIGH, 10 June—** The biggest-ever Chinese acquisition of a US company faces hurdles in Washington from lawmakers and regulators, but in much of America, Chinese investment is quietly booming.

With over $10.5 billion of deals by Chinese companies in the United States so far this year, 2013 is on pace to be the largest year ever for mergers and acquisitions of US firms by Chinese companies, according to Thomson Reuters data.

Almost every week, the North Carolina state government receives a “a wonderfully overwhelming amount of inquiries” from Chinese companies looking to set up shop, says April Kappler, the state official in charge of drawing investment from Asia.

Home to one of the headquarters of Chinese-owned personal computer maker Lenovo Group Ltd (0992.HK), North Carolina is fighting hard to draw computer component and software companies, machineries and pharmaceutical firms from China.

“Chinese businesses have always hailed their expansions as a way to acquire expertise, ideas and technology,” said Jean Davison, the state’s director of international trade.

North Carolina universities — Duke, the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State — tap the connections of professors and graduate students from China. UNC does a joint degree with Tsinghua University, known as the MIT of China.”

North Carolina State University’s meteorology professor Jian Xie set up the Carolina China Council 10 years ago to link local economic development boards to investors back home.

by the Rupert Murdoch-owned firm, will be announced early this week, said the paper, citing unnamed sources.

Last month, BT said it would screen free English Premier league soccer matches to its broadband customers, having splashed out on the rights to show 38 live matches. Available from August when the new season starts, it will be the first time such matches have been aired free in more than 20 years.

The BT announcement triggered a fall in the shares of both BT and BSkyB, as well as smaller broadband providers such as TalkTalk (TALK.L), over fears a potential bidding war would eat into their profits.

Sky has dominated the British pay-TV market in the last decade and still retains the rights to 116 live matches. It has expanded into BT’s territory to offer broadband and telephone services to its 15.7 million households.

BT, a former state monopoly, fought back by developing an online TV service designed to persuade customers they should upgrade to its superfast broadband in order to watch it.

Analysts have been expecting BSkyB to make some tactical discounts in order to counter a marketing push by BT.

BSkyB declined to comment.

---

**Singapore reports second death from dengue this year**

**SINGAPORE, 10 June—** A 60-year-old man died of dengue fever in Singapore on Sunday, the second dengue death reported so far this year in the city-state.

The man went to the Tan Tock Seng Hospital on Wednesday with fever, shivers and breath, vomiting and rash on his left leg.

He was diagnosed with skin inflammation of the left leg and prescribed with antibiotics. He was also told to return to the polyclinic for a repeat blood test, the Ministry of Health and the Environment Agency said in a joint statement.

He returned to the hospital on Friday and tested positive for dengue fever a day later.

His condition later deteriorated and he was transferred to the intensive care unit on the same day.

Singapore is currently in the midst of a dengue fever outbreak. By Sunday, more than 9,000 cases have been reported this year, significantly higher than the numbers reported in 2012 or 2011.

A 20-year-old young man died of dengue fever on May 29 in the first death from dengue this year in Singapore.

---

**Britain to launch public sale of Lloyds shares; RBS later**

**LONDON, 10 June—** British finance minister George Osborne will launch the early sale to the public of shares in bailed-out lender Lloyds Banking Group (LLOY.L), the Sunday Times reported without citing sources.

Shares the government owns in Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS.L), also rescued during the financial crisis, will be sold at a later date, the paper said. (link: reuters.com/zud78t)

Osborne will announce the sale of the state’s 39 percent stake in Lloyds, which could raise up to 17 billion pounds ($26 billion), during his annual policy speech to London’s business community at Mansion House on Tuesday.

---

**For RBS, the commission will put forward as one option dividing the lender into a ‘good’ and a ‘bad’ bank as a way of ring-fencing its toxic assets, political and industry sources said on Tuesday.**

RBS has already undergone one massive re-structuring since the government pumped in 45.8 billion pounds ($70 billion) in 2008 to keep it aloft, leaving taxpayers with an 81 percent stake.

UK Financial Investments, which manages the government’s bank stakes, could not immediately be reached for comment.

---

**A sign from a branch of a Lloyds bank is reflected in a window in central London on 13 May, 2013. —Reuters**

---

**A US $100 banknote is placed on top of 100 yuan banknotes in this picture illustration taken in Beijing on 7 May, 2013. —Reuters**

---

**Singapore reports second death from dengue this year**

**SINGAPORE, 10 June—** A 60-year-old man died of dengue fever in Singapore on Sunday, the second dengue death reported so far this year in the city-state.

The man went to the Tan Tock Seng Hospital on Wednesday with fever, shivers and breath, vomiting and rash on his left leg.

He was diagnosed with skin inflammation of the left leg and prescribed with antibiotics. He was also told to return to the polyclinic for a repeat blood test, the Ministry of Health and the Environment Agency said in a joint statement.

He returned to the hospital on Friday and tested positive for dengue fever a day later.

His condition later deteriorated and he was transferred to the intensive care unit on the same day.
Explosions, gunfire heard around Kabul international airport

KABUL, 10 June—Insurgents launched a pre-dawn attack on Afghanista-n’s main international airport in the capital, Kabul, on Monday, police said, with explosions and gunfire heard coming from an area that also houses major foreign military bases.

There were no immediate reports of casualties and there was also no early claim of responsibility for the attack.

Attacks on the heavily guarded airport, used by civilians and the military, are relatively rare and would represent an ambiguous target for insurgents, with recent assaults staged against less well-protected targets.

The airport, by comparison, is home to a major operational base for NATO-led forces that have been fighting Taliban and other insurgents for 12 years and is bristling with soldiers and police, guard towers and lines of security checkpoints.

Police said the attack appeared to be centered on the military side of the airport, to the west of the civilian terminal.

“Gummen have entered a house under construction in the west of Kabul airport and are fighting with security forces,” Kabul police spokesman Hashmatullah Stanekzai said.

“Their target is Kabul airport and all roads to it are sealed,” he said.

A spokesman for the Afghan Air Force, which is also based at the facility, also said the airport was the target of the attack. There are also a number of logistics bases in the area.

The attack began at about 4.30 am (2400 GMT).

Israel’s military exports jump by 20 pct in 2012

JERUSALEM, 10 June —Israel’s military exports soared by 20 percent, reaching about 7 billion US dollars in 2012, the Haaretz daily reported on Sunday.

The increase is primarily attributed to an 1-billion-dollar deal between Israel and Italy that was signed in 2012.

According to the deal, Italy’s Ministry of Defence will purchase from Israel Aeronautical Industry two Conformal Airborne Early Warning and Control Systems (aircraft with radar systems) and a surveillance satellite. Israel’s biggest export markets are the United States and the European countries followed by Southeast Asian countries and South America.

A US congressional report in September 2012 ranked Israel eight among top arms exporter countries. Recent years witnessed sharp changes in arms export worldwide, as the military budgets of many countries has shrunken due to the global economic crisis.

Afghan police arrive at the site of an attack in Kabul on 10 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Japanese envoy to the Philippines follows in father’s footsteps

MARAWI CITY, (Philippines), 10 June—Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines Toshinao Urabe recently paid a visit to the country’s southern island of Minda- nao, where his diplomat father narrowly escaped a rebel attack four decades ago.

It was in Mindanao’s Marawi City where Urabe’s late father, Toshiro, who served as Japan’s ambassador to the Philippines from 1969 up to 1974, hid from Muslim insurgents on the night of 21 Oct. 1972.

Strolling around the campus of Mindanao State University on Sunday, his father found himself in the most dramatic situation of his life. It was October 1972, just a month after then Philippine President Ferdinando Marcos placed the entire country under martial law, when Muslim separatists stormed the university campus. Urabe Poinga, now a retired university professor, remembered the key players of the so-called “Marawi Rebellion.”

Showing Urabe around the campus and telling him about the rebellion on 21 Oct. 1972, Poinga, a staunch separatist at the time, said the rebels had no idea that the Japanese ambassador was on the campus on that day.

“It was not known even to the rebels that he was around. But there was no intention to hurt anyone, especially nicht-civilians,” he said.

“My father was almost captured by insurgents. So, it’s a sentimental journey for me to come and see this place.” Urabe first came to the Philippines in the early 1950s, when his father served as chief of the Japanese Miss-

ion in Manila, his first assignment in the country.

“There it was, as a boy, when my father was almost captured by insurgents. So, it’s a sentimental journey for me to come and see this place. Urabe first came to the Philippines in the early 1950s, when his father served as chief of the Japanese Mis-

ion in Manila, his first assignment in the country.

“It was, then, a boy, that Urabe got his ‘first taste of the Philippines.”

“Al-Assad’s air power has given him an edge over lighter- weight aircraft,” said Poinga.

Tumuq/Tayuwan, 10 June—Torrential rain, hail and floods have affected about 98,717 people in northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region since Tuesday, local au-thorities said on Sunday.

Strong rainfall began on Tuesday and has continued into Sunday morning, affecting Xinjiang’s northwestern and western areas of Al-tay, Aksu and Tacheng, the region’s civil affairs depart-ment said in a statement.

The rainstorm has damaged over 12,300 hectares of crops and killed 2,340 head of livestock, while 303 houses have been toppled or damaged, forcing the evacuation of 939 people. Direct economic losses are estimated to have reached 104 million yuan (about 17 million US dollars), the department said. The rainstorm has also triggered torrential floods, destroying parts of channels, sluices and infrastructure as well as bridges and roads, it added.

In north China’s Shanxi Province, a strong hailstorm that hit Zhangzhang County on Saturday killed one person and injured three others, the Shanxi Provincial Civil Affairs Department said on Sunday.

The hailstorm damaged over 3,000 hectares of farmland and destroyed 28 homes. It is believed to have incurred 19.87 million yuan in direct economic losses. Heavy rain has been hitting parts of south China’s Sichuan Province and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region since Saturday, with precipitation expected to reach 100 to 180 mm by Sunday, the National Meteorological Center (NMC) said. On Monday, the rain will spread to most parts of south China, including the provinces of Guizhou and Yunnan, as well as Chongqing Munici-

pality.—Xinhua

98,700 affected by extreme weather in NW China

Jordan hosts US jets and missiles in drills in Syria’s shadow

AMMAN, 10 June—US troops Tuesday transported jet planes and fighter jets begin military exercises in Jordan that have drawn condemnation from Russia, which accused the United States of being too close to the conflict, particu- larly any gear that could be used to enforce a no-fly zone. More than 4,500 American troops, around 3,000 Jordanian, and 500 soldiers from Britain, Saudi Arabia and other countries were taking part in the exercises, less than 75 miles from the Syrian bor- der, said military officials.

“The drills having nothing to do with any objective related to what is happening in Syria,” the top army com-

mander in charge of Jordanian troops, Tareq al General Awad al-Adwan, told reporters during the launch of the exercises on Sunday. US Major General Robert G. Figgers told a joint news conference the Eager Lion events would increase “our ability to operate together in any upcoming contingency.”

“The attacks on the heavily guarded airport, used by civilians and the military, are relatively rare and would represent an ambiguous target for insurgents, with recent assaults staged against less well-protected targets.”

“Gummen have entered a house under construction in the west of Kabul airport and are fighting with security forces,” Kabul police spokesman Hashmatullah Stanekzai said.

“‘Their target is Kabul airport and all roads to it are sealed,’ he said.

A spokesman for the Afghan Air Force, which is also based at the facility, also said the airport was the target of the attack. There are also a number of logistics bases in the area.

The attack began at about 4.30 am (2400 GMT).

Israel’s military exports jump by 20 pct in 2012

JERUSALEM, 10 June —Israel’s military exports soared by 20 percent, reaching about 7 billion US dol-

Image 36x788 to 269x943

Israel’s military exports jump by 20 pct in 2012

JERUSALEM, 10 June —Israel’s military exports soared by 20 percent, reaching about 7 billion US dol-

Iran’s shadow in the west of Kabul airport and all roads to it are sealed,” he said.

A spokesman for the Afghan Air Force, which is also based at the facility, also said the airport was the target of the attack. There are also a number of logistics bases in the area.

The attack began at about 4.30 am (2400 GMT).
Mandalay, 10 June—
Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint on 5 June visited No (1) Basic Education High School in Mogok and viewed students learning their lessons at the newly-built Bandoola two-storey RC building.

The chief minister and party also inspected the construction of a two-storey building in the compound of No (35) Basic Education Primary School and the new two-storey building of No (3) Basic Education Middle of Kyathyin market.

He met headmistresses there and attended to the
Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint views progress of construction tasks.

needs. The chief minister and party then arrived at the quake-striken hospital in Thabeikkyin Township and inspected construction of temporary wards and another hospital building. He called on the township administrator and the in-charge of the construction works to ensure that the buildings met set standards.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint views progress of construction tasks.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint views progress of construction tasks.

Steady progress was seen in the construction of a two-storey hospital in the quake-striken hospital in Thabeikkyin Township.

A locomotive hit the sunshade of a staff quarters near the rail station in Mandalay on 7 June.

The accident is reportedly caused by fatigue drive.

There is neither casualty nor loss of any valuable property.

Memorial—Paying respects to the late township administrator of Inwa and the new two-storey building in the compound of No (35) Basic Education Primary School and the new two-storey building of No (3) Basic Education Middle of Kyathyin market.

He met headmistresses there and attended to the
Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint views progress of construction tasks.

needs. The chief minister and party then arrived at the quake-striken hospital in Thabeikkyin Township and inspected construction of temporary wards and another hospital building. He called on the township administrator and the in-charge of the construction works to ensure that the buildings met set standards.

Memorial—Paying respects to the late township administrator of Inwa and the new two-storey building in the compound of No (35) Basic Education Primary School and the new two-storey building of No (3) Basic Education Middle of Kyathyin market.

He met headmistresses there and attended to the
Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint views progress of construction tasks.

needs. The chief minister and party then arrived at the quake-striken hospital in Thabeikkyin Township and inspected construction of temporary wards and another hospital building. He called on the township administrator and the in-charge of the construction works to ensure that the buildings met set standards.
**PERSPECTIVES**

Tuesday, 11 June, 2013

**Find ways to improve livelihood of farmers a priority**

Myanmar is a country rich in untapped natural resources on land, underground and underwater. With these endowments and potential, agriculture is a priority not only for the economic development of the country but also the food security of the people and export. Although the country is endowed with a lot of good things, it is not an agricultural force. The reason is low productivity and a lack of investment, technology and research and development.

The civilian government just after taking the office has embarked on eight-point rural development and poverty alleviation scheme, focusing on socio-economic improvement of rural people, especially farmers who constitute 70 per cent of the population.

To promote inclusive growth in Myanmar at this crucial stage in its development, investments in rural areas and finding ways to improve the livelihood of farmers should be a priority. Putting a big focus on agriculture right now, which is an integral part of poverty alleviation drive, is a key.

The country has food sufficiency for current population and food surplus, which accounts for 30 per cent of export. Myanmar has set a target for food sufficiency of future generation, which needs capital and technology as well as foreign investments. Combination of foreign capital, technology and human resources with Myanmar’s natural resources and workforce would lead to the win-win-win situation — for the country, its people and the investor.

Promoting the agriculture sector can help ensure a balanced growth in the country over the long term, which will allow it to avoid the middle-income trap while helping farmers get discretionary income. Just as this value-chain approach could benefit farmers, it is really important that this process be seen as transparent and on a level playing field.

**Daewoo E&P contributes to Road Upgrading Work in Kyaukpyu**

KYAUPKYU, 10 June—

On 11 May, 2013, the ceremony to celebrate the completion of Road Upgrading Work was held in Kyaukpyu. With this completion ceremony, upgraded road was handed over to Public Works and Town- ship Development Committee by Daewoo E&P on behalf of Shwe Consortium.

For convenience of local people, from Feb- ruary 2012 to May 2013, Daewoo has conducted Road Upgrading Work from Kyaukpyu to No.1 Jetty to Shwe OGT (Onshore Gas Terminal) in Kyaukpyu.

Total length of Road Upgrading Work is 10.15 km. Highway road section is 7.65 km and township road section is 2.5 km. Both sections have been built with 5.6 meters width and design load bearing capacity is 40 tons. And also 23 new bridges and box culverts were built after old bridges had been demolished.

Many experts anticipate that it will improve mobility of local people. Many villagers in Kyaukpyu expressed their thanks to Daewoo for road upgrading.
Peace and prosperity a must: 
Dr Sai Mauk Kham

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Chairman of the Union Peace Making Work Committee, hosted a dinner in honour of Lt-Gen Ywet Sit, Chairman of Shan State Restoration Council (RCSS/SSA) and party at the Yadana Theinga Hotel here this evening.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said since it took office, the government, after organizing the Union Peace-making Central Committee and work committee, has offered olive branch to armed groups as part of efforts for ceasing decades-long armed conflicts at border areas.

The government has to work to reach a ceasefire and to hold political dialogue through peace talks. However, decades-long conflicts can’t be solved just by talking around a table at one sitting and some fighting happened at lower levels, he added.

He also expressed his hope that the visit of Lt-Gen Ywet Sit and party to Nay Pyi Taw to meet president would deepen understanding and trust that would support the ongoing peace process. But, the current peace should lead to the eternal peace, he said.

We all understood that the country would never become a developed one without gaining eternal peace, and that’s why the word “peace and prosperity” has become popular in the world today, he said.

The Vice-President called for tolerance and working for reaching compromise to gain eternal peace as 60-million people are longing for the eternal peace.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ywet Sit expressed his commitment to making peace through tolerance and loving-kindness.

He also expressed his hope that frequent meetings between the two sides would remove the doubts between them. He pledged to build a new nation through mutual trust and solidarity.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presented gifts from the president to Lt-Gen Ywet Sit. During the dinner, artists from the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture, entertained them with songs and dances.

Certificate Course and Basic Diplomatic Skills (31/2013) conducted

YANGON, 10 June—The inauguration ceremony of the Certificate Course and Basic Diplomatic Skills (31/2013) conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at Wunnimmyarzar Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, this morning, with an opening address by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Kyaw.

Also present on the occasion were the directors-general and responsible officials of the Departments under the Ministry, retired Myanmar ambassadors, senior diplomats, professors and instructors as well as trammees.

The 12-week course includes contemporary international affairs, holding and attending of international conferences, negotiation skills, international law, international economic relations, international etiquette, diplomatic and official correspondence and communication skills.

New generations with ...

(From page 1)
We all need to sit down on a table to settle issues resulting from our different views and doubts. Today, the president has opened a window for us sitting about peace and to hold peace talks. So, we need to solve the problems through peace talks.

Sao Khun Sai.

We all the people, leaders of the national races and political parties need to support the president’s peace making process for the people.

Since the president offered olive branch to all armed ethnic groups on 18 August, we have expected to meet the president. We are very delighted to meet the president. Sao Khun Sai (Consultant)

Discussing our problem is not the main reason to come here. Problem always exist. The reason why we come here is to solve the problems with the participation of all the people. We can’t solve the problems by just asking others. We need participation of all the people. If we work together to solve the problems, we need to build trust and friendship. That’s why, we come here to meet the president.

Our view is that we can’t make peace unilaterally. But we can’t start war unilaterally. But, if we want to make peace, we, both sides must work together. We appreciate the Myanmar Peace Center. But, it would be great if we cooperate each other. I believe it would lead to more success and make peace more quickly.

Col Sai Hla (Central Committee member)

We will have to find a solution to peace through dialogue after meeting with the President. We are national brethren who had built the Union together. We in the past had to resort to armed struggle line as we could not resolve political problems through political means. Nowadays, the government led by U Thein Sein opened the door for political talks in which we are going to seek a solution. We accepted the offer of government to seek a solution to peace, living together with other national races through thick and thin in the country.

It was the first time when I attended the Union Day dinner. This is the second time. I felt honored to have the opportunity to meet with the senior figures of state/government.

Dr Min Zaw (Myanmar Peace Centre)

Currently, there are as many as 13 armed groups that had entered into a ceasefire agreement with the government. There will be 14 if KIO is added to. Two darts into the government, we managed to establish a ceasefire with 13 armed groups.

And now, there are hardly skirmishes. Moreover, the government had been able to adopt a firm policy for political dialogues apart from ceasefire. It had also been able to send messages to continue political officials like U Aung Min. This means that the two sides were able to build a political culture capable of resolving conflicts on a table through thick and thin in the country.

Lt-Gen Ywet Sit replies to queries at an interview.

It is necessary to establish a political culture which could find a solution to peace through political means. So, it can be said that we had been able to build a political culture that could resolve conflicts on a table through political means rather than fighting with arms during the period of two years’ tenure of the government in addition to establishing a ceasefire with 13 armed groups.

The President disclosed that the government will establish a nation-wide ceasefire when all the armed groups concerned have entered into a ceasefire agreement. This is scheduled to take place by the end of July.

By the time, it appears that KIO has already signed the ceasefire, and this will be followed by the nation-wide ceasefire which calls for concerted efforts of the stakeholders.

A better future for the new generation rests solely on the relentless efforts of the President.
**LOCAL NEWS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

Trees grown to mark World Environment Day

_Budalin, 10 June—To mark World Environment Day 2013, Budalin Town-ship Forest Department distributed teak and eucalyptus saplings to Kan-tha and Sinwun villages Aungchantha Village-tract on 6 June. The department handed over 300 teak saplings and 1500 eucalyptus saplings to village-tract administrator U Win Tun and members of the village-tract development supporting com-mittee and supervising the growing of each household planted three teak and 20 eucalyptus young trees. Community-based organizations also partook in the activity.—Kyemon-Forest Department_

**Monsoon tree-planting ceremony held in Haka**

_Haka, 10 June—Under the leadership of Chin State Government and supervision of Chin State Forest Department, the monsoon tree-planting ceremony (second week) was held at backward of Haka General Hospital, here, on 8 June. At the ceremony, Chin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Zaw Min Oo and State Hluttaw Speaker U Hauk Kin Khin planted Minehaw plants on behalf of the State Chief Minister._

**Car donated to social organization in Toungoo**

_Toungoo, 10 June—Daw Nyin Tin from No.6 Ward, Toungoo, in memory of her late daughter Ma Khin Hwe (a) Ma Hwe, donated a super custom car to philanthropic social organization yesterday. U Myint Nyo (Amei-ein) of the association accepted the donation and returned a certificate of honour to the donor. Meals and offertories were offered to monks on the occasion and among the congregation were family members of the donor, departmental personnel, guests and executive members of the association.—Kyemon-U Kyaw Hla (Toungoo)_

**Basic education schools fumigated in Nyaunglebin**

_Nyaunglebin, 10 June—As part of efforts to prevent dengue hemorrhagic fever, personnel of Township Health Department and Township Malaria Control Group with the contributions of wellwishers U Thet Naing-Daw Su Su Khin family (Shwenattaung Express) and Myoma Ward administrator U Zarni Linn carried out fumigating 16 Basic Education Primary Schools, two monastic education schools, one pre-primary school, one Muslim schools in Nyaunglebin of Bago Region on 8 June. Health workers fumigating a pre-primary school in Nyaunglebin._

**HEALTH CARE ACTIVITY**

_Preventive measures against DHF being undertaken in Twantay_**

_Yangon, 10 June—Preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever in eight wards of Twantay Township are being jointly carried out by Township Development Affairs Committee and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association through rotation system. Under the supervision of Township Admin-istrator U Than Zaw Han, Zethit Ward Admin-istrator U Htin Kyaw, Executive Officer U Nay Win of Township Development Affairs Committee, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Zarchi Win Myint and members of Township WAO and Red Cross Brigade carried out preventive measures against DHF in Zethit Post-Primary School and 70 households in Otkyin Street on 8 June. Kyemon-Myo Hlaing (Twantay)_

**Schoolchildren get stationery and school uniforms in Dawei**

_Dawei, 10 June—A ceremony to provide stationery and school uniforms to the schoolchildren for 2013-2014 academic year organized by Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and Taninthayi Region Women’s Affairs Organization was held at the hall of the Taninthayi Region Government Office, here, on 8 June. Secretary of Taninthayi Region Government U Tin Than gave a speech on the occasion. Then, Chairperson of Taninthayi Region WAO Daw Khin San explained the purposes of the providing and presented stationery, school uniforms and micro credit loans to the members of district and township WAOs._

**Taninthayi Region Minister meets teachers**

_Kawthoung, 10 June—Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Aung of Taninthayi Region go-vernment met basic education teachers from urban Kaw- thoung and surrounding villages, at No.1 Basic Education High School in Kawthoung on 8 June. The region minister fulfilled the needs of the schools and called for teachers to ensure the proficiency of students by constantly monitoring their progress._

**School children fumigated against dengue Hemorrhagic Fever**

_In Twantay Township, preventive measures against DHF are being undertaken.**

**Local news**

*New Light of Myanmar*

Tuesday, 11 June, 2013
Chinese Premier urges innovation in PV sector

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang urged Chinese photovoltaic (PV) companies to be stronger in adversity by strengthening innovation and tapping both overseas and domestic markets.

During an inspection tour to north China’s Hebei Province on Friday and Saturday, Li visited a PV company, an environment monitoring site, a university, and a village among other stops.

At Jinglong Company, a large PV firm in Xingtai City, Li said the Chinese sector boasts international competitiveness, and that the country firmly opposes trade protectionism.

“We need to stabilize overseas markets while activating the domestic market to revitalize China’s PV industry,” said Li.

The premier warned it will not be easy for the sector to keep being a leading player in the international market. He urged PV companies to grasp core technology, gain advantages through innovation and grow stronger in adversity.

When visiting an environment monitoring site, Li said air quality information must be publicized in an open, transparent and correct manner to better serve the public.

Li said the environmental protection authorities should do more in analyzing the sources of pollution, enhancing legal enforcement, pressing enterprises to fulfill their environmental obligations and promoting development of the environmental protection industry.

Regional policy on fertilizer, seed required in South Asia

KATHMANDU, 10 June—South Asian countries including Nepal should adopt shared regional policy on fertilizer and improved seed trading to ensure food security in the region, officials and experts said on Saturday.

In the absence of such policy, unregulated cross-border flow of substandard chemical fertilizer and low-quality seeds of vegetables, cereals, food crops has been a major cause for decreasing agricultural production in South Asian countries, according to the experts.

“As we were able to provide only 37,320 metric tons (MT) of improved seeds to the farmers in 2012 which accounted only 10 percent of the demand, farmers are compelled to approach the illicit cross border traders,” Dr Uttam Bhattarai, joint secretary of Ministry of Agricultural Development (MoAD) said.

Nepal has infrastructure deficit in the customs checkpoints at the southern border with India to control unauthorized seed imports, he said. Likewise, Government of Nepal (GoN) supplied only 200,000 MT of chemical fertilizers to farmers but demand was for 500,000 MT in 2012.

“Mostly the farmers in the Terai plains, known as food basket of Nepal, are cheated by the illicit fertilizer and seed traders in terms of quality, price and availability of such agricultural inputs,” Dr Deva Bhakta Shakya, agriculture expert at Nepal Economic, Agriculture and Trade (NEAT) Activity told Xinhua. He urged the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries to standardize their legal frameworks within one policy comprising all aspects like quality control, trading procedures, quarantine, subsidies on fertilizers and improved seeds.

Dr Bishnu Dev Pant, executive director of Institute for Integrated Development Studies informed that 43 out of 75 districts in Nepal have food deficit mainly due to decreasing production because of substandard fertilizers and seeds.

Dr Pramod Kumar Joshi, director of South Asian Chapter of International Food Policy Research Institute questioned the policy of respective governments of the region. “The governments in the region should ask whether their policies are correct if illicit cross-border trading is prevalent for such a long time,” he said.—Xinhua

S Korea holds Global Summit on green growth

SEOUL, 10 June—The Global Growth Summit kicks off on Monday at Songdo District of Incheon, 40 kilometres west of Seoul.

The third summit will focus on the nexus between finance, innovation and policy, providing a unique way in accelerating the transition to an inclusive, green growth pathway.

Top economic and environmental policymakers and experts will gather in Songdo District to join the two-day Global Green Growth Summit (GGGS).

The summit is expected to announce a number of important initiatives and cooperative undertakings, infusing the event with an exciting blend of both vision and action, according to the GGGI.

The third summit is co-sponsored by South Korean government and Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).—Xinhua

At least six people killed in two attacks in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 10 June—At least six people were killed on Sunday in two separate attacks in a Pakistani tribal area and the port city of Karachi.

According to police, at least three security forces personnel were killed in a bomb attack on an army convoy in Miranshah, the administrative headquarters and largest town in north Waziristan.

The town has been placed under curfew, with security forces searching the area for suspected militants, officials said.

Earlier on Sunday, at least three police officers were shot dead by motorcyclists in the Karachi suburb of Jamshed Town, police chief Usman Baqwa said, adding that the perpetrators managed to escape.

“It was a clear case of targeting the police,” Baqwa said, citing recent attacks on police officials in Pakistan.—Kyodo News

Gov’t to start selection of special economic zones in September

SEOUL, 10 June—The government plans to start selection of “strategic special zones” in September to spur corporate investment through deregulation and tax incentives, revitalization minister Akira Amari said on Sunday. The zones will be selected by a panel led by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as “energetic zones that can lead Japan’s growth,” Amari said in a stump speech in Tokyo.

Private sector members of the government’s industrial competitiveness council are calling for the designation of such zones in the Tokyo, Osaka and Aichi metropolitan areas. Regarding the recent stock market volatility, Amari said the market is turning bearish but is expected to change “if it correctly understands the effects of the government’s growth strategy.”—Kyodo News
China to launch nationwide fire risk campaign

BEIJING, 10 June—A four-month nationwide campaign will be launched on Monday to carry out checks and remove fire hazards after recent devastating disasters, the Ministry of Public Security announced on Sunday.

The campaign is part of measures to prevent major fires, according to a teleconference hosted by the ministry.

The campaign will primarily focus on checks at hotels, restaurants, shopping malls, hospitals and production plants of labour-intensive companies, the conference revealed.

Checks will also cover high-rise buildings, construction sites and businesses producing or selling flammable or explosive materials, according to the meeting.

Fire-fighting equipment and evacuation routes will also be checked, the ministry said.

Serious punishments will be handed down to those who are not actively involved in the campaign, and major fire risks will be exposed, the ministry said.

A fatal fire claimed 47 lives on Friday in the eastern Chinese city of Xia men. A separate plant fire in northeast China’s Jilin Province killed 120 people and injured 77 others in the week.

The campaign will last until 15 October.—Xinhua

Mexico, China draw up tourism joint agreements

MEXICO CITY, 10 June —The governments of Mexico and China are currently drawing up several joint agreements on tourism following the recent visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Mexico, official sources said on Sunday.

In a statement, Mexico’s Ministry of Tourism (Sectur) said the minister, Claudia Ruiz Massieu, would travel to China in July to continue the negotiations and achieve accords.

In the first quarter of 2013, Mexico received 19,363 Chinese tourists, up by 35.1 percent compared with the same period in 2012.

“We are drawing up a work programme on China-Mexico cooperation to increase the bilateral tourism flows,” said the minister.

During her work visit, Ruiz Massieu will meet with Chinese authorities and representatives from tourism agencies and airlines, with an aim to increase the number of flights and tourist flows and seek tourism investments, both for infrastructure and tourist projects.—Xinhua

Four billion US dollars to help ease world hunger

BEIJING, 10 June—International donors have met in London, to discuss a pledge of four billion US dollars to tackle world hunger.

The pledge came at the Nutrition For Growth conference, attended by leaders and businessmen from around the globe.

As host, British Prime Minister David Cameron addressed the summit and urged more investment to tackle the issue. The meeting comes ahead of a G8 summit where leaders from industrialized countries will focus on eradicating hunger.

Meanwhile, thousands of campaigners attended a rally in London’s Hyde Park to press G8 leaders to address the causes of hunger. Speakers told the rally that one in eight people in the world go to bed hungry.—Xinhua
Katy Perry parties with John Mayer

LOS ANGELES, 10 June—Singer Katy Perry was seen partying with on and off boyfriend John Mayer at the weekend.

The 28-year-old, who has been spending time with the 35-year-old singer-songwriter, again after splitting up for the second time in March, on Friday joined 15 other friends at the Chateau Marmont, West Hollywood.

A source told people.com that the on and off couple and their entourage were into the far back corner of the hotel’s tented patio, where security staff kept a close eye on them.

Perry, who wore a short-sleeved white cashmere sweater and fitted metallic skirt, did not sit beside Mayer.

Though the couple were seen spending time together, they have decided that they are not ready to commit to each other.

A source previously said: “They are just hanging out. They are not putting a label on it.”—PTI

Leonardo DiCaprio wants to help heartbroken Robert Pattinson

LOS ANGELES, 10 June—Actor Leonardo DiCaprio reportedly wants Robert Pattinson to move on and date other girls.

DiCaprio, who has dated a string of celebrities like Bar Refaeli, Toni Garrn and Erin Heatherton, wants Pattinson to get a shave, put on some nice clothes and rent a house near his pad in Miami, which will help him in moving on from his break up with Kristen Stewart.

Apparantly, Pattinson finally pulled the plug on his relationship with Stewart when he found out that she was still in contact with director Rupert Sanders.

However, DiCaprio, who has dated a string of celebrities like Bar Refaeli, Toni Garrn and Erin Heatherton, wants Pattinson to move on and date other girls.

"Rob’s been mooching around Los Angeles and staying on friends’ couches. Leo rang him and told him to have a shave, put on some nice clothes and rent a house near him in Miami for the summer. He told Rob he’s too young to settle down and ought to sow his wild oats,” thesun.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

PTI

John Travolta gatecrashes wedding in T-shirt, baseball cap

LOS ANGELES, 10 June—Actor John Travolta gatecrashed a couple’s wedding day extra special by landing up at their nuptials after meeting them the night before at a bar.

The wedding was held in Georgia last week, and Travolta turned up unexpectedly only to wish them luck, reports contactmusic.com. The Grease star, who donated his former plane to a Georgia museum last week, was in the state to renew his pilot’s license when he bumped into the young couple and learnt that they were tying the knot the next day.

Travolta was “down-to-earth about the whole ordeal” and came to the occasion dressed in a t-shirt and a baseball cap from the night before and happily posed for photographs with the whole bridal party.

PTI

No charges after Simon Cowell hit by eggs in TV show

LONDON, 10 June—A woman who threw eggs at international talent show guru Simon Cowell during the live televised performance on Saturday night when a viola player ran from the back of the stage and threw several eggs at him before being removed by security staff.

Cowell removed his jacket and the show continued.

The woman was later named as Natalie Holt, 30, a member of the brothers’ backing group, who had competed in the same talent show last year with her string ensemble Raven Quartet, without much success.

“As a result of her misguided actions, the police were called. However, we have decided to take no further action at this stage,” said a spokeswoman for the show.

In the statement, released by the show’s organizers, Holt apologised to the brothers, Richard and Adam, for overshadowing their performance, saying she realised that “it was a silly thing to do”.

But she was less contrite in comments to the Telegraph website, saying: “I basically took a stand against people miming on television and against Simon and his dreadful influence on the music industry.”

Cowell is the mastermind behind global TV franchises such as “The X Factor” and “Got Talent” that are often accused of creating overnight stars without real talent, and of fuelling a culture of celebrity.—Reuters

Leonardo Dicaprio wants to help heartbroken Robert Pattinson

LOS ANGELES, 10 June—Actor Leonardo Dicaprio reportedly wants Robert Pattinson to rent a house near his pad in Miami, which will help him in moving on from his break up with Kristen Stewart.

Apparantly, Pattinson finally pulled the plug on his relationship with Stewart when he found out that she was still in contact with director Rupert Sanders.

However, DiCaprio, who has dated a string of celebrities like Bar Refaeli, Toni Garrn and Erin Heatherton, wants Pattinson to move on and date other girls.

"Rob’s been mooching around Los Angeles and staying on friends’ couches. Leo rang him and told him to have a shave, put on some nice clothes and rent a house near him in Miami for the summer. He told Rob he’s too young to settle down and ought to sow his wild oats,” thesun.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

PTI

John Travolta gatecrashes wedding in T-shirt, baseball cap

LOS ANGELES, 10 June—Actor John Travolta gatecrashed a couple’s wedding day extra special by landing up at their nuptials after meeting them the night before at a bar.

The wedding was held in Georgia last week, and Travolta turned up unexpectedly only to wish them luck, reports contactmusic.com. The Grease star, who donated his former plane to a Georgia museum last week, was in the state to renew his pilot’s license when he bumped into the young couple and learnt that they were tying the knot the next day.

Travolta was “down-to-earth about the whole ordeal” and came to the occasion dressed in a t-shirt and a baseball cap from the night before and happily posed for photographs with the whole bridal party.

PTI

Katy Perry parties with John Mayer

LOS ANGELES, 10 June—Singer Katy Perry was seen partying with on and off boyfriend John Mayer at the weekend.

The 28-year-old, who has been spending time with the 35-year-old singer-songwriter, again after splitting up for the second time in March, on Friday joined 15 other friends at the Chateau Marmont, West Hollywood.

A source told people.com that the on and off couple and their entourage were into the far back corner of the hotel’s tented patio, where security staff kept a close eye on them.

Perry, who wore a short-sleeved white cashmere sweater and fitted metallic skirt, did not sit beside Mayer.

Though the couple were seen spending time together, they have decided that they are not ready to commit to each other.

A source previously said: “They are just hanging out. They are not putting a label on it.”—PTI
Brazil scrap their way to 3-0 win over France

PORTO ALEGRE, 10 June—Brazil scraped their way to a flattering 3-0 friendly win over France on Sunday in an ugly, disjointed match against opponents who are even worse off than themselves.

Second-half goals from Oscar, Hernanes and Lucas gave the under-fire Confederations Cup hosts a timely pre-tournament tonic in the city where coach Luiz Felipe Scolari built his reputation.

Brazilians’ Hermans (R) scores their second goal past France’s Mathieu Debuchy (L) and goalkeeper Hugo Lloris during their international friendly soccer match in Porto Alegre on 9 June, 2013. [Reuters]

Brazil, who ended a six-match, 21-year winless run against France, had gone into the game under enormous pressure after only one win in six outings since Scolari returned for a second stint in the job last November.

While the result, if not the performance, will give Brazil some relief, France were left to face the long flight back from their brief South American tour reflecting on their fourth defeat in five matches this year and their fifth in 11 outings under Didier Deschamps.

Having rested Bayern Munich’s Franck Ribery, the toothless French, beaten 1-0 by Uruguay on Wednesday, barely tested Julio Cesar as they completed their trip without scoring.

South American David Frost

Vettel wins in Canada to end American jinx

MONTREAL, 10 June—Red Bull’s triple world champion Sebastian Vettel won the Canadian Grand Prix on Sunday to capture his first Formula One victory on North American soil and extend his overall lead to 36 points. The 25-year-old German cruised to his 29th career win without resistance, taking the chequered flag 14.4 seconds clear of Spain’s Fernando Alonso, driving a Ferrari.

British Lewis Hamilton, who had won in Montreal three times before, made it a podium of champions by finishing third for Mercedes after being passed by Alonso in the closing laps.

Vettel’s Australian team mate Mark Webber was fourth and Germany’s Nico Rosberg, winner of the previous race in Monaco for Mercedes, fifth.

Vettel’s win was his third from seven races this season while Alonso roared from sixth to second to leapfrog Kimi Raikkonen into second-place overall.

Raikkonen, the 2007 champion, finished ninth in his Lotus to equal Michael Schumacher’s record of 24 successive grands prix in the points. Despite his domination of the sport in recent years, Vettel had never won in either Canada or the United States before breaking his drought in emphatic fashion on Sunday — even if he skipped the wall at one point. He made a clean getaway from pole position and led for almost the entire 70-laps. The only time he was not in front was a brief period when he made the first of his two pit stops to get fresh tyres. Vettel lapped half the field, including Raikkonen, before reaching the halfway point off the race and only five cars finished on the same lap as him when he crossed the line.

McLaren failed to score, at a circuit where they have won four times in the last five years, for the first time in 65 races. Former champions Williams also ended up empty-handed, despite Finnish rookie Valtteri Bottas starting third on the grid, for the eighth race in a row.

Vettel now has 132 points, ahead of Alonso (96), Raikkonen (88), Hamilton (77) and Webber (69). [Reuters]

Frost lands first major title on Champions Tour

LONDON, 10 June—South African David Frost clinched his first major title on the over-50s Champions Tour with a one-shot victory at the Regions Tradition in Birmingham, Alabama on Sunday.

A stroke in front going into a weather-disrupted final round at Shoal Creek, the 53-year-old closed with a four-under-par 68 to hold off American playing partner Fred Couples, who also carded a 68.

Frost, who began the season with five consecutive top-10 finishes on the Champions Tour, including a win at the Toshiba Classic, birdied three of the last eight holes to post a 16-under total of 272.

Play was suspended for just over an hour due to the threat of lightning with the leaders having completed 15 holes. After resuming, both Frost and Couples birdied the 16th before finishing par-par. United States Presidents Cup captain Couples briefly caught Frost in a tie for the lead after seven holes but had to settle for second place after the South African pulled away with three birdies in five holes around the turn.

American John Cook signed off with a 66 to share third place at 13 under with Mexican Esteban Toledo (67), with Germany’s Bernhard Langer a further three shots back in a tie for 10th after firing a blistering, best-of-the-week 63. [Reuters]

Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany raises his trophy on the podium after winning the Canadian F1 Grand Prix at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal on 9 June, 2013. [Reuters]

Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho gestures after their Spanish first division soccer match against Osasuna at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 1 June, 2013. [Reuters]

Mourinho damaged Spanish football, Iniesta says

His stint in the Spanish capital was overshadowed by a series of ugly incidents and he alienated a significant section of Real’s own fans when he benched club captain and goalkeeper Iker Casillas, a Spain team mate of Iniesta’s.

“You just have to look at the facts,” Iniesta said in an interview published in Sunday’s edition of El Pais newspaper when asked if Mourinho had harmed Spanish football.

“Yes he damaged Spanish football, in general more harm than good,” added the 29-year-old.

“But I don’t like talking about that person at all. So if you don’t mind we’ll leave it at that.” Mourinho, 50, was an assistant coach at Barca in the late 1990s and has also managed Porto and Inter Milan. [Reuters]

Rafael Nadal (2nd R) of Spain and runner-up compatriot David Ferrer (2nd L) pose with their trophies and Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt (R) and French Tennis Federation (FFT) President Jean Gachassin (L) during the victory ceremony at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 9 June, 2013. [Reuters]

Nadal wins eighth title in protest-hit Paris final

PARIS, 10 June—Rafael Nadal made light work of fellow Spaniard David Ferrer to win a protest-interrupted French Open final 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 on Sunday and become the first man to win eight singles titles at the same tournament.

Third seed Nadal, with a jaw-dropping 59-1 record at Roland Garros, collapsed on to the red clay after denying the contest on his first match point. The match was briefly interrupted in the second set when a bare-chested protestor ran onto Court Philippe Chatrier after letting off a flare before being dragged out by security. [Reuters]

New Light of Myanmar

Tuesday, 11 June, 2013
English wins first PGA Tour title in Memphis

A curling 17-foot birdie putt at the 17th put English two strokes clear and he safely parred the tricky final hole to post a 12-under total of 268 in the final PGA Tour event before next week’s US Open.

Stallings had been two ahead when he hit his approach into water at the 15th en route to a damaging double-bogey six and had to settle for a share of second place after bogeying the 18th for a 68.

Level with Stallings at 10 under was four-times major champion Phil Mickelson, who thrilled the crowd when he nearly holed out his approach on the par-four last for a tap-in birdie and a 67.

**FAO experts express pollution concerns**

**London, 10 June—** Harris English took advantage of a late collapse by fellow American Scott Stallings to clinch his maiden PGA Tour title with a two-shot victory at the St Jude Classic in Memphis, Tennessee on Sunday.

Experts discuss ways to meet organ transplant demand

**Changsha, 9 June—** Chinese scholars have called for a number of ways, including legislation and heterotransplant, to meet the growing demand of organ transplant in the country.

**General**

China confirms 131 H7N9 cases, 39 deaths

**Beijing, 10 June—** A total of 131 H7N9 avian flu cases have been reported on the Chinese mainland, including 39 that have ended in death, according to an update released on Sunday by health authorities.

**India Animal Disease and Health Services**

**Xinhua**

A curling 17-foot birdie putt at the 17th put English two strokes clear and he safely parred the tricky final hole to post a 12-under total of 268 in the final PGA Tour event before next week’s US Open. Stallings had been two ahead when he hit his approach into water at the 15th en route to a damaging double-bogey six and had to settle for a share of second place after bogeying the 18th for a 68.

Level with Stallings at 10 under was four-times major champion Phil Mickelson, who thrilled the crowd when he nearly holed out his approach on the par-four last for a tap-in birdie and a 67.

**FAO experts express pollution concerns**

**London, 10 June—** Harris English took advantage of a late collapse by fellow American Scott Stallings to clinch his maiden PGA Tour title with a two-shot victory at the St Jude Classic in Memphis, Tennessee on Sunday.

Experts discuss ways to meet organ transplant demand

**Changsha, 9 June—** Chinese scholars have called for a number of ways, including legislation and heterotransplant, to meet the growing demand of organ transplant in the country.

**General**

China confirms 131 H7N9 cases, 39 deaths
People of the country are obliged to participate in the drive against corruption as it cannot be solved by individuals

Myanmar, JICA sign loans contract

YANGON, 10 June—General Electric has announced a $ 7 million commitment in Myanmar so as to enhance significant training and capacity building efforts throughout the country strengthening the health care system, improving the energy architecture and promoting the development of Myanmar’s human capacity.

Under the Developing Health Globally-GHB Program, USD 3 million would be spent on the health care system including reducing maternal and child mortality rate and promoting maternal and infant care at district and township clinics. The GHB Program cooperates with the Ministry of Health and John Hopkins University’s affiliate Jhpiego in implementing infra-structures and capacity building enhancement.

General Electric has spent over USD 80 million on public health care services. As a rural healthcare pilot project, training, technology and equipment that help reduce maternal and infant mortality rates would be supplied at Yangon General Hospital in partnership with the MOH in August, 2013.

Besides, GE’s Power and Water programme would identify what types of power solutions would be most effective and where facilities should be located to maximize efficiency and system stability.

Under GE’s leadership development, 50 individuals from public and private sectors would be selected for an intensive two-week program in the United States focusing on the development of leadership skills in business, government and civil society.

Besides, an additional 50 local leaders will be given the opportunity to participate in a GE-sponsored ASEAN regional leadership training program at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore. The GE Foundation works to advance the rule-of-law in Myanmar.

Nearly USD 200 million was invested by GE in education sector in 2012. It is also striving for health and education sectors, environmental con-servation and resettlement program caused by natural disasters.—Saganyah