President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Philippine counterpart

NAV PYI TAW, 12 June—On the occasion of the 115th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2013, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Benigno Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines.

President U Thein Sein felicitates Russian counterpart, PM

NAV PYI TAW, 12 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vladimir V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation and His Excellency Mr Dmitry A Medvedev, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June, 2013.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom and party

NAV PYI TAW, 11 June—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 2 pm today.

They exchanged views on promoting of relations between Myanmar and Thai navies, holding of navy talks between the two navies, doing exercises in natural disaster risks preventive measures by exchanging mutual advice and security cooperation in the territorial waters of the two countries.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and senior military officers from the Commander-in-Chief Office. The Thai delegation was accompanied by senior military officers of the Royal Thai Navy and the Thai Naval Attaché to Myanmar.

After the meeting, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy exchanged gifts and posed for a documentary photo.

Archipelago off Taninthayi Coast to become unique tourist attraction

Myeik Archipelago is one of the fast-becoming tourist attractions of Myanmar since Myanmar has opened up its door, carrying out political and economic reforms. Tourist arrival to Myeik Archipelago in Southern Myanmar is on the increase, showing a great deal of its potential for tourism.

Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has planned to extend regional tours including archipelagos in the Taninthayi coastal region.

The ministry will set up camps to offer swimming and scuba-diving trainings in Dawei, and tourism has become a part of efforts for development archipelago, scuba-diving and marine research and development in Taninthayi coastal region, said Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung.

There are over 100 islands in Taninthayi coastal area, attracting tourists who are to do various activities of water like swimming, scuba-diving, sun-bathing especially enjoy natural scenic beauties of the sea and islands.

The Pearl Island, which is one of the over 100 island in the Taninthayi coastal area, is well-known in the world for natural oyster farming to produce pearls. The island is also the regional landmark of Taninthayi. As marine tourism develops and the transportation improves in the region, the number of tourists to archipelago is up.

Myeik Archipelago, a unique tourism destination with its over one hundred islands, water activities and hospitality and warm welcome of local people, offers to the global travelers unforgettable experience.

Kyemon: 10-6-2013
Trs: AMS
Concrete water pipelines laid in place of old decayed iron one in Dala

Dala, 11 June—Workers of Pipe Branch-2 of Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) are making concerted efforts in replacing the old iron water pipeline with the concrete ones to supply water from Yangonpauk water station to the water collecting tank in Twantay Township.

On 6 June, the workers are carrying out replacement works of water pipelines with the use of one heavy machinery of YCDC at the corner of Bogyoke Road and Dala-Twantay Road in Banyadala Ward of Twantay Township.

“We are undertaking the tasks as of 6 May. We substituted the decayed iron pipes with 20 feet long and 0.16 inches diameter concrete pipes. The pipelines are being laid from Myawady Mingyi Road in Kyanitsita Ward to the 100,000-gallon-capacity water collecting tank, stretching 4900 feet long distance. We used 245 concrete pipes. The work will be completed soon,” said U Myo Than Htoo, Junior Engineer of the Pipe Branch-2.

U Than Hlaing, Yangon Region Hluttaw representative, said that on completion, the 22 KL motor from Yangonpauk water supply station will be substituted with 37 KL motor for water supply tasks. So, the motor will raise pumping power of the station to supply water to the local people sufficiently.

After this rainy season, a plan is underway to extend supply of drinking water to Dala with the use of three feet diameter pipelines and the department keeps a 37 KL water pump in hand for more project, said U Than Hlaing. The local people are pleased with safe water from the water supply pipelines thanks to concerted efforts of YCDC workers.—Kyemon-Than Htay (Dala)

Fire destroys saw mill, paddy in Thanatpin

Thanatpin, 11 June—A short circuit engulfed a saw mill and one 40 feet by 60 feet building of Chit Min and the building worth K 2.5 million.—Kyemon-Than Htay (Dala)

Passenger express bus hits overturned truck

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—A truck overturned on the road due to break failure near mile post No 266 of Yangon-Mandalay Highway at 4.30 pm yesterday, and unfortunately, passenger express bus Aye Chan Maung hit the overturned truck.

A Nissan that left Tatkon for Nay Pyi Taw overturned near mile post 266 of the highway in Winbyan Village due to out of control in rains. While the truck blocked the road, an express bus Aye Chan Maung that left Mandalay for Nay Pyi Taw hit the overturned truck. The passenger bus plunged into the roadside, leaving three passengers injured. Policemen and local people helped the passengers and truck. Thanks to their assistance, the track congestion could be cleared within 30 minutes. Action is being taken against the drivers.—Kyemon

CRIME
Preventive measures against DHF emphasized in Thanlyin

Yangon, 11 June—As part of effort to prevent outbreak of dengue hemorrhagic fever, a team led by District Deputy Commissioner U Sai Thaw Win, Head of District Health Department Dr Nilar Soo, Township Administrator U Moe Myint, Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Kyaw Lin Thain and officials supervised preventive measures against DHF and sanitation tasks in wards and village-tracts in Thanlyin Township on 8 June morning.

They shared knowledge about DHF to the people and chlorinated water of the local people.

DHF broke out in Thanlyin Township this year, so a plan on prevention against DHF with the strength of local people will be implemented in the township weekly.—Kyemon-527

Motorcyclist dies of traffic accident

Taunggyi, 11 June—A motorcycle driven by Ma Nilar Aye, 29 of Taunglaylon Village-tract of Taunggyi Township bumped up with a trawlergy in Taunglaylon Village-tract of Taunggyi Township at 8.35 pm on 3 June. The motorcyclist injuries at head, law and knee, and then she died on the spot.

Shwyeyaung Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against reckless driver Yan Naing Oo under the law.—Kyemon-Sai Tin Oo (Shan South)
Bombs and battles hit northern Iraq, more than 70 dead

BAGHDAD, 11 June—Insurgents attacked cities across Iraq on Monday with car bombs, suicide blasts and gun battles that killed more than 70 people in unrest that has deepened fears of a return to civil war.

No group claimed responsibility for the day-long attacks, most of them in northern Iraq, but officials blame much of the violence that has killed nearly 2,000 people since April on Sunni Islamist insurgents linked to Al-Qaeda’s local wing.

Weeks of bloodshed have accompanied rising political tensions between Iraq’s majority Shi’ite leaders and members of the Sunni community, who believe they have been marginalized since the fall of Saddam Hussein after the 2003 US-led invasion.

But war in neighbouring Syria, where Shi’ite and the region’s Sunni Gulf states are backing opposing sides, has also put pressure on Iraq’s own balance among Shi’ite, Sunni and ethnic Kurds who share power in a fragile government.

Markets in two northern Iraqi towns were hit early on Monday, police said. Later attacks targeted security forces. In the northern city of Mosul, suicide bombers and rocket fire struck police headquarters, killing 24, many of them police and soldiers.

“I was selling watermelon and suddenly I heard a powerful blast at the entrance to the market. I fled from the dust and smoke when a second blast turned the place into hell,” said Hassan Hadi, a farmer wounded in one of the market attacks.

“I was hit in my leg and lay down in shock.”

Most of the apparently coordinated violence hit the north of the country and included at least eight suicide blasts and gun battles at military bases or check-points.

Two roadside bombs also exploded near a cafe, killing four people in the Shi’ite District of Sadr City, northeastern Baghdad, police said.

Iran watchdog denies considering banning election candidate

DUBAI, 11 June—Iran’s Guardian Council said on Monday it was not considering barring any candidate from the 14 June presidential election, denying media reports that one of two moderate contenders could be disqualified.

It will be Iran’s first presidential vote since the 2009 re-election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that spawned months of unrest by backers of losing reformists who said his victory was rigged. Security forces crushed the protests and the two reformist candidates in that vote have been under house arrest since 2011.

One killed, many trapped in collapsed building in Mumbai

MUMBAI, 11 June—At least one person was confirmed dead and many were trapped in a gigantic debris from the collapse of a five-storey residential building in central Mumbai, said police.

The building collapsed in the popular Mahim District of central east Mumbai at 20:00 pm after two days of heavy rains.

Authorities have sent dozens of fire engines and several cranes for the rescue operation which looked a tremendous task as the collapsed building was reduced to a huge heap of concrete and mud under which many were feared trapped.

Hundreds of people were gathering around the debris looking for their relatives and friends and police had to drive them back to let the rescue operation go on, according to TV footage.

Police said four people were dragged out alive and sent to hospital while one dead body was found so far. A body had also been jumbled could be found although they fear the casualties could mount.

Building collapse takes place from the 10th to 15th floor in Indian cities due to running condition and heavy packaging of inhabitants.

UNESCO to add new sites to World Heritage list

PARIS, 11 June—World Heritage Committee will meet this month in Cambo- dia to consider adding 33 new sites to UNESCO’s World Heritage list, said the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on Monday.

The Committee’s debates on 16-27 June will be chaired by Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sok An in Phnom Pehn and Siem Reap of Cambodia. Deputies will also examine conservation of properties on the List.

The Committee published on Monday on the official website of UNESCO the nominations by States Parties to the World Heritage Convention that will be examined.

Among the Natural properties are Xinjiang Tianshan of China, Great Himalayan National Park of India, Mount Etta of Italy, Mount Kenya-Lewa Wildlife Conservation (an extension of “Mount Kenya National Park/Natural Forest”) of Kenya, El Pinacate and Gran Desierto de Altar Biosphere Reserve of Mexico, Namib Sand Sea of Namibia, Mount Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary of Philippines, Tajik National Park (Mountains of the Pamirs) of Tajikistan, and Cat Tien National Park of Vietnam.

In addition, there are four candidates for Mixed Natural and Cultural Properties presented by Canada, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho and South Africa.

The candidates for Cultural properties comprised of 18 sites in the countries around the world.

Five of the above sites had already been considered for inscription in the past: Hill Forts of Rajasthan of India, Al Zubarah Archaeological Site of Qatar, Historic Monuments and Sites in Kaesong of DPRK, Bolgar Historical and Archiological Complex of Russia and Tajik National Park of Tajikistan.

Three of the nominations to be debated are extensions to existing World Heritage sites.

A Press conference with the Chair of the World Heritage Committee Direc- tor-General of UNESCO Irina Bokova will be held at the venue of the session on 17 June.—Xinhua

A member of Iran’s military personnel inspects the site of a car bomb attack at Jadidat al-Shatt in Diyalah Province, 40 km (25 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 10 June, 2013.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Monday he will explain Japan’s economic policies aimed at beating chronic deflation when he meets with his Group of Eight counterparts at their summit later this month.

“I want to explain that the Japanese economy will contribute to recovery in the world economy,” Abe told a meeting of Natsuo Yamaguchi, who heads the New Komeito party, the junior coalition partner of his Liberal Democratic Party.

Abe is likely to brief other G-8 leaders on his so-called “Abenomics” policies, seen as flexible budgetary spending and bolder monetary easing by the Bank of Japan, when they hold annual talks on 17 and 18 June in Britain. The group also involves Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and the United States.

Abe also told Yamaguchi that the government wants to work out later this year steps to stimulate Japan’s growth, asking for cooperation from the coalition partner.

“I want to draw up a second growth strategy in this fall, focusing on thorny tax reduction to boost corporate capital spending,” Abe said.

The premier last week unveiled the latest part of his first full-fledged growth strategy since taking office in December, featuring deregulation measures to increase business investment.

But it did not involve specific tax cuts, falling short of market expecta- tions and triggering a sell-off in Tokyo stocks.

The first set of measures, another core piece of Abenomics, will be approved by his Cabinet later this week.—Kyodo News

Pakistanis policemen stand alongside torched NATO supply trucks after an attack by militants in northwest Pakistan’s Jamrud on 10 June, 2013. At least five people were killed when unknown militants opened fire at two NATO containers in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of Khyber Agency on Monday morning, local media reported.—XINHUA

Pakistan police commandos move to a site of clash with Taliban militants in Chaman, Pakistan, on 10 June, 2013.

Iranian-NLS’s Nour finally in UN conference in Bonn

BERLIN, 11 June—Iran’s National-Liberal Society (NLS) opposition group will finally be represented at the first International Conference on “Promoting and Protecting Human Rights in the Middle East,” the organization announced on Monday.

The conference, which will take place from 10-12 June, is hosted by the Center for International Security and Development Studies at the University of Bonn, Germany, in the presence of representatives from 40 countries.

In March, UN human rights experts called on Iran to give the group permission to send a delegation to the conference. The group was told the conference was closed to “official or semi-official” organizations, but not to “individuals or private initiatives.”

Iraj Etesami, NLS Secretary General, said he was pleased with the decision to finally allow the group to attend the conference.

To reach 11 June—Ahmad Karimi, a political prisoner in Iran, speaks in a prison in the city of Karaj, on 10 June, 2013. He is serving 15 years sentence for protesting against his unfair sentence.

Ahmad Karimi, a former Iranian university student who has been arrested, was released from prison on Monday, his lawyer said.

Ahmad Karimi, 26, was granted conditional release by the Supreme Court of Iran on Sunday in a move that was welcomed by human rights activists.

Karimi was arrested in January 2012 on charges of “forming an illegal group.” He was sentenced to 15 years in prison in July 2012.

Human rights groups say Karimi was arrested because of his political activities.

His lawyer, Amin Fateh, said the court decision was based on Karimi’s “good conduct” in prison and his cooperation with prison authorities.

Karimi was arrested following an 11-day protest in Karaj in April 2012 where he voiced his dissatisfaction with the “unfair” sentence he was given.

The court had issued an arrest warrant for Karimi after his released. But with the warrant in place, Karimi was able to deny his arrest and was released. Incidents of arbitrary arrest, which are often followed by imprisonment, are a common occurrence in Iran, according to human rights groups.

For the second day on Wednesday, Iranian police sealed public places and public transport across the capital to prevent any demonstrations, said an official at the Iranian Interior Ministry.

To reach 11 June—Iranian-NLS’s Nour finally in UN conference in Bonn

AERONAUTICAL

The 4th Afloat Readiness and Cooperation Exercise Afloat (AREX Afloat) kicked off in the Gulf of Thailand on Monday, with the participation of 13 countries, including China, the US, Italy, Russia and the United States.

The group also involves Italy, Russia and Tajik National Park of Tajikistan, the Philippines, South Africa.

AERONAUTICAL

The 4th Afloat Readiness and Cooperation Exercise Afloat (AREX Afloat) kicked off in the Gulf of Thailand on Monday, with the participation of 13 countries, including China, the US, Italy, Russia and the United States.

The group also involves Italy, Russia and Tajik National Park of Tajikistan, the Philippines, South Africa.

AERONAUTICAL

The 4th Afloat Readiness and Cooperation Exercise Afloat (AREX Afloat) kicked off in the Gulf of Thailand on Monday, with the participation of 13 countries, including China, the US, Italy, Russia and the United States.

The group also involves Italy, Russia and Tajik National Park of Tajikistan, the Philippines, South Africa.

AERONAUTICAL

The 4th Afloat Readiness and Cooperation Exercise Afloat (AREX Afloat) kicked off in the Gulf of Thailand on Monday, with the participation of 13 countries, including China, the US, Italy, Russia and the United States.

The group also involves Italy, Russia and Tajik National Park of Tajikistan, the Philippines, South Africa.
New Light of Myanmar

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

New Apple mobile software will sport anti-theft feature

Apple Inc CEO Tim Cook addresses the crowd during the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) 2013 in San Francisco, California on 10 June, 2013. REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 June—Smartphone thieves are set to have a harder time after Apple Inc introduces an “activation lock” feature in its new mobile software, a move that comes amid pressure from authorities and consumers for companies to do more to stem tide of smartphone theft.

The new feature, available with the launch of iOS 7 in the fall, will require a legitimate owner’s ID and password before an iPhone can be wiped clean or reactivated after being remotely erased, Apple executives said in a brief outline at company’s annual developers conference.

New York State Attorney General Eric Schneier ofman and San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon plan to meet with representatives of Apple, Google Inc’s Motorola Mobility, Samsung Electronics and Microsoft Corp to discuss theft prevention on Thursday.

Prosecutors have criticized the cellphone industry for what they say is a perceived unwillingness to solve an escalating problem. About half of San Francisco robberies last year involved stolen mobile devices, Gascon has said.

A recent study found that lost and stolen cellphones cost consumers some $30 billion in 2012, his office has said. REUTERS

Tech experts tie WikiLeaks soldier to database breach

FORT MEADE, (Maryland), 11 June—Computer forensic experts testified on Monday that they traced break-ins to a secret US government website to Bradley Manning, the American soldier charged with the biggest leak of classified files in US history.

The testimony came as the court-martial of the private first class entered its sixth week. Manning, 25, is accused of providing more than 700,000 secret files to anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks while serving in Iraq in 2009 and 2010.

He is accused of 21 charges, including aiding the enemy, and could face life in prison without parole if convicted in the case, which has raised questions about the limits of openness and secrecy in the digital age.

The trial was gathering pace as officials search for minute details about an NSA contractor who leaked details of a top secret US surveillance program in which security services monitored data about Americans’ phone calls and internet usage.

Manning, who was arrested in May 2010, is charged with downloading intelligence documents, diplomatic cables and combat videos and forwarding them to WikiLeaks.

Government witnesses told the court-martial they had traced breaches of the US government’s secret Inelsink intelligence database to Manning’s user name and Internet Protocol address. The testimony was presented as prosecutors seek to prove that Manning orchestrated the release of documents, including secret diplomatic cables. REUTERS

China successfully launches Shenzhou-10 spacecraft

JIUQUAN, 11 June—China successfully launched its fifth manned spacecraft on Tuesday afternoon, announced Zhang Youxia, chief commander of the Chinese people to explore space,” said Xi who extended good wishes to the three astronauts.

In its 15-day journey, the spacecraft will dock with the orbiting space lab Tiangong-1 twice, once through automatic operation and the other manual.

The Long March-2F carrier rocket carrying China’s manned Shenzhou-10 spacecraft blasts off from the launch pad at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Jiuquan, northwest China’s Gansu Province on 11 June, 2013.—Xinhua

Microsoft prices Xbox at $499 for November launch

The new Xbox One controller (R), next to the previous controller during a press event unveiling Microsoft’s new Xbox One in Redmond, Washington on 20 May, 2013.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 11 June—Microsoft Corp (MSFT.O) said on Monday its new Xbox One console would launch in November at $499 in the United States, higher than most gamers had expected.

The price is greater than its current console, the Xbox 360, but it includes a Kinect motion sensor for hands-free game playing.

Microsoft announced the Xbox One in May as the latest move in its rivalry with Nintendo Co Ltd (7974.OS) and Sony Corp (6758.T) in the $65 billion a year video game business.

At a glitzy event at the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) in Los Angeles, Microsoft said the console will be sold in 21 countries, including the United Kingdom at 429 pounds.

The announcement of the pricing was met with some groans from the audience, mostly hard-core gaming enthusiasts, who had hoped for a cheaper price tag.

The 8 gigabyte Xbox One is priced higher than Nintendo’s new Wii U 8GB model at $300. Sony may detail pricing of its new PlayStation 4 at a presentation at E3 later on Monday.

Microsoft also announced exclusive game titles coming to the new console, including an Xbox edition of ‘Minecraft’ and a new ‘Halo’ game, which will be released in 2014.

Yusuf Mehdi, an executive vice president of Microsoft’s interactive entertainment unit, did not set any sales targets for the new Xbox, even though its existing console is currently the best selling in the United States market.

“We have nothing new to announce other than the price,” said Mehdi in an interview. REUTERS

Tech apps help track pets’ activity, nutrition

The testimony came as the court-martial of the private first class entered its sixth week. Manning, 25, is accused of providing more than 700,000 secret files to anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks while serving in Iraq in 2009 and 2010.

He is accused of 21 charges, including aiding the enemy, and could face life in prison without parole if convicted in the case, which has raised questions about the limits of openness and secrecy in the digital age.

The trial was gathering pace as officials search for minute details about an NSA contractor who leaked details of a top secret US surveillance program in which security services monitored data about Americans’ phone calls and internet usage.

Manning, who was arrested in May 2010, is charged with downloading intelligence documents, diplomatic cables and combat videos and forwarding them to WikiLeaks.

Government witnesses told the court-martial they had traced breaches of the US government’s secret Inelsink intelligence database to Manning’s user name and Internet Protocol address. The testimony was presented as prosecutors seek to prove that Manning orchestrated the release of documents, including secret diplomatic cables. REUTERS

US Army Private First Class Bradley Manning (C) departs the courtroom after day four of his court martial at Fort Meade, Maryland on 10 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Phone apps help track pets’ activity, nutrition

TURNO, 11 June—Dog and cat lovers have a new way to make sure their pets get plenty of exercise and nourishment: phone apps that track how much an animal plays, runs, sleeps and eats.

Whistle, an iPhone app and monitor worn on a dog’s collar that was launched last week, measures an animal’s activity throughout the day. The app can track changes over time and can compare exercise levels with other dogs of the same breed.

Created with input from veterinarians, Whistle Labs’ app aims to help owners detect early medical problems by showing changes in a dog’s activity level and behaviour compared to other animals of the same age, breed and weight.

“What (veterinarians) get today are hyperemotion- nal responses, often driven by one or two anecdotes,” said Ben Jacobs, chief executive of the San Francisco-based company.

“What we found out was that a) vets didn’t really have the information they needed and b) there’s no breed weight and age standards,” he added in an interview.

The app gathers data from a small circular device attached to a dog’s collar. An accelerometer in the device detects motion, helping to determine if the dog is playing, walking or resting. The rechargeable device is enabled for WiFi and Blue-tooth. REUTERS

Google apps are shown on an iPhone 5 in this photo illustration in Encinitas, California, on 16 April, 2013. REUTERS
BUSINESS & HEALTH

Petronas to spend $20 billion on Canadian LNG project

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 June—Malaysian state oil and gas firm Petronas expects to spend $20 billion on a project in west Canada to export liquefied natural gas (LNG), a senior company official said on Tuesday.

The project, known as Pacific NorthWest LNG, will build two LNG trains of 6 million tons per year (tpy) each by the end of 2018 or 2019, Arif Mahmood, vice president of corporate planning at Petronas told an industry conference.

The investment cost includes about $5 billion to be spent on a pipeline project to supply the two LNG trains, he said.

Petronas also plans to make a final investment decision on its second floating LNG project in Malaysia later this year, he said. The FLNG project will be at the Rotan Field in Block H and could start production in 2016, he said.

A general view shows a Petronas petrol station in Putrajaya in this 5 August, 2009 file photo. Petronas Nasional Bhd, Malaysia’s state oil firm, will focus this year on increasing domestic production after posting a 45 percent year-on-year profit. —Reuters

UK house prices rise in May at fastest pace in three years

LONDON, 11 June—British house prices rose at their fastest pace in nearly three years in May, a survey showed on Tuesday, as policies aimed at kick-starting the market attracted new buyers.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said that its seasonally adjusted house price balance for May came in at +5, meaning that slightly more of its members reported price rises rather than price falls in the preceding three months.

That was the strongest reading since June 2010, which also recorded +5, and beat the forecast for +4 in a Reuters poll. In April the balance stood at +1.

The balance has been in largely negative territory for the last three years, as the government’s tough austerity measures, muted wage growth and difficult lending conditions have weighed on the housing market, with house prices still almost a fifth below their 2007 peak.

But new buyer enquiries were reaching 2009 levels last month, RICS said, as measures such as the Bank of England’s Funding for Lending Scheme and the government’s Help to Buy policy, aimed at loosening credit conditions, began to flow through the market.

RICS said its members sold 17.9 homes on average in the three months ending in May. While still low compared with the 2007 peak, it was the highest reading since January 2010.

The RICS survey chimes with house price data from mortgage lender Halifax, as well as wider economic surveys that suggest recovery is gathering pace. “More people decided to get out there and view property, and more transactions went through than in quite some time,” said Peter Bolton King, RICS global residential director, adding that the housing market was stabilising across the country, not just in the more affluent south-east.

“There is still a very long way to go until we see a full-scale recovery but green shoots are beginning to sprout.”

The Funding for Lending scheme, launched last year, offers banks and building societies cheap finance to encourage them to lend more to households and businesses and has led to more affordable new mortgages.

The government’s Help to Buy scheme commits funds to shared equity loans for new-build homes and from 2014 will guarantee mortgages, allowing buyers to purchase without large deposits. —Reuters

Electric car maker Miles Electric Vehicles files for bankruptcy

DELWARE, 11 June—US electric car manufacturer Miles Electric Vehicles filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy early on Tuesday, court documents showed.

The company listed estimated assets in the range of $10 million to $50 million, and estimated liabilities of between $50 million and $100 million.

The case is in re Miles Electric Vehicles, Case No 13-11511, US Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware.

Miles ZX40S electric car

Diabetes death rate hits all-time high in NYC

NEW YORK, 11 June—The New York City Health Department on Monday released a new report which states that the number of diabetes-related deaths in the City for 2011 was 5,695, an all-time high. According to the report, these deaths include those for which diabetes is classified as the underlying cause of death as well as those for which diabetes is a contributing cause. Even as the overall death rate in New York City continues to decline, diabetes-related deaths continue to increase.

Since 1990, the proportion of all New York City deaths related to diabetes nearly doubled, from 6.0 percent in 1990 to 10.8 percent in 2011. Overall, one person dies of diabetes-related causes every 90 minutes, adding up to 16 deaths a day in New York City, said the report.

“Diabetes is a condition that too many people live with and die from,” said Health Commissioner Thomas Farley. “It is linked to our epidemic of obesity, and like obesity, it can be prevented.”

Sugary drinks are associated with obesity and with increased risk of developing diabetes. To address the obesity and diabetes epidemics, the Health Department has launched initiatives such as Green Carts and Shop Healthy to increase access to healthy foods, and proposed an amendment to the Board of Health to reduce the portion sizes of sugary drinks at food service establishments. —Xinhua

People wait in line to be processed during a summer city employment event in New York on 4 June, 2012.—Reuters

US hiring outlook positive; global employers uncertain

NEW YORK, 11 June—More employers in the United States plan to hire workers next quarter than in any period since the fourth quarter of 2008, according to a survey by Manpower Group (MAN.N), the global employment services giant.

Manpower’s quarterly survey released on Tuesday found most employers around the globe were uncertain about hiring more workers in the July through September period given tepid consumer demand. There were certain bright spots, however, with employers in the United States and some parts of Europe feeling cautiously optimistic. “If you look at it from a global perspective, the overall feeling is that there are definitely challenges,” said Manpower’s CEO Jeff Joerres. But he said employers are more optimistic than in past months about global economic prospects.

Manpower, which surveyed 42 economies, found that employers in 31 countries and territories planned to hire next quarter. Hiring intentions strengthened in 17 economies, including Spain, Greece and the United States, compared to the previous quarter.

Hiring intentions remained unchanged in four economies and weakened in 21, including France, China and India. The United States added 175,000 jobs last month after adding only 149,000 in April, the Labour Department said on Friday. The unemployment rate rose a tenth of a point to 7.6 percent. The United States’ net employment outlook ticked forward one point from the previous quarter, to a seasonally adjusted plus-12, the report said.

The outlook measures the difference between those adding jobs and those cutting jobs. Manpower’s index is a directional indicator rather than a predictor of the size of job gains.

“More than one in four employers in the US construction sector have said they will hire in the quarter beginning in July, the strongest outlook since before the global recession. This is a positive sign for the housing market, Joerres said. In Europe, hiring has stalled with growing uncertainties among employers, the report said. But Joerres said the region has had some positive indicators, including in Greece, which has seen its still-negative hiring outlook improve for four consecutive quarters.

For the second consecutive quarter, employers in all 50 states, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico have reported positive hiring plans, Manpower said.

“We’re not saying Europe is out of the woods,” Joerres said. “It’s that Europe is still moving and driving towards an overall solution rather than falling off the cliff, and that’s positive for the rest of the world.”

Hiring outlooks weakened in most of the Asia Pacific region, most significantly in India, which reported the weakest expectations since joining Manpower’s survey eight years ago. While none of the Indian employers surveyed by Manpower said they intended to reduce their workforce this quarter, the hiring expectations dropped 6 points from the previous quarter and 28 points from a year earlier to a plus-18. Joerres said the decline is partly due to the slowdown of India’s business process outsourcing industry, which has matured. —Reuters

People in line for work

More than one in four employers in the US construction sector have said they will hire in the quarter beginning in July, the strongest outlook since before the global recession. This is a positive sign for the housing market, Joerres said. In Europe, hiring has stalled with growing uncertainties among employers, the report said. But Joerres said the region has had some positive indicators, including in Greece, which has seen its still-negative hiring outlook improve for four consecutive quarters.

For the second consecutive quarter, employers in all 50 states, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico have reported positive hiring plans, Manpower said.

“We’re not saying Europe is out of the woods,” Joerres said. “It’s that Europe is still moving and driving towards an overall solution rather than falling off the cliff, and that’s positive for the rest of the world.”

Hiring outlooks weakened in most of the Asia Pacific region, most significantly in India, which reported the weakest expectations since joining Manpower’s survey eight years ago. While none of the Indian employers surveyed by Manpower said they intended to reduce their workforce this quarter, the hiring expectations dropped 6 points from the previous quarter and 28 points from a year earlier to a plus-18. Joerres said the decline is partly due to the slowdown of India’s business process outsourcing industry, which has matured. —Reuters

People in line for work

More than one in four employers in the US construction sector have said they will hire in the quarter beginning in July, the strongest outlook since before the global recession. This is a positive sign for the housing market, Joerres said. In Europe, hiring has stalled with growing uncertainties among employers, the report said. But Joerres said the region has had some positive indicators, including in Greece, which has seen its still-negative hiring outlook improve for four consecutive quarters.

For the second consecutive quarter, employers in all 50 states, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico have reported positive hiring plans, Manpower said.

“We’re not saying Europe is out of the woods,” Joerres said. “It’s that Europe is still moving and driving towards an overall solution rather than falling off the cliff, and that’s positive for the rest of the world.”

Hiring outlooks weakened in most of the Asia Pacific region, most significantly in India, which reported the weakest expectations since joining Manpower’s survey eight years ago. While none of the Indian employers surveyed by Manpower said they intended to reduce their workforce this quarter, the hiring expectations dropped 6 points from the previous quarter and 28 points from a year earlier to a plus-18. Joerres said the decline is partly due to the slowdown of India’s business process outsourcing industry, which has matured. —Reuters

People in line for work
US holds high-level meetings on Syria, including on arming rebels

Fredrick Hof, a former senior US official who worked on Syria policy, said the administration might decide to take charge of the distribution of weapons to the rebels, but not necessarily to provide US arms. Having withdrawn US troops from Iraq and working to wind down the war against the Taliban in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama has sought to avoid deeper involvement in the Syrian civil war. The shift in the military momentum toward Assad has made it less likely that a US and Russian planned peace conference to bring the rebels and the government to the table for talks would yield a negotiated political transition to remove Assad from power. With Assad’s forces, backed by Hezbollah and Iran, gaining the upper hand, he has little incentive to give up power.

Mandela’s condition remains ‘serious but stable’

Johannesburg, 11 June —Former South African president and anti-apartheid hero Nelson Mandela remained in hospital for a third day on Monday with a lung infection and his condition was “serious but stable”, unchanged from the weekend, the government said.

In a two-sentence statement, President Jacob Zuma repeated his call for the country to pray for the ailing 94-year-old, who became the first black leader of Africa’s biggest economy after historic all-race elections in 1994.

It is Mandela’s fourth hospital stay since December and the use of the word “serious” to describe his condition has intensified concerns about the health of a man revered around the world as a symbol of perseverance and reconciliation.

However, among South Africa’s 53 million people there is a growing realization they will one day have to say goodbye to “Madiba”, the clan name by which he is affectionately known.

On state radio on Monday morning, the top two news items were a long-running scandal in the national prosecutor’s office and a snap of cold weather hitting Johannesburg.

The previous day, the Sunday Times newspaper struck a philosophical tone, with the front-page headline “It’s time to let him go”.

“The family must release him so that God may have his own way. They must release him spiritually and put their faith in the hands of God,” it quoted long-time friend and anti-apartheid freedom fighter Andrew Mangeni as saying.

Once the family releases him, the people of South Africa will follow.”

Mandela has a history of lung problems dating back to the time on the windswept Robben Island prison camp near Cape Town. Before his 1990 release he spent nearly three decades in prison for conspiring to overthrow the apartheid government.

He stepped down as president in 1999 after one term in office and has been removed from politics for a decade. His last appearance in public was at the final of the soccer World Cup in Johannesburg in 2010.

Japan to extend nonmilitary aid to Syria’s rebel-held areas

Tokyo, 11 June —Japan will extend nonmilitary aid to people in rebel-held areas in Syria in cooperation with rebel aid groups and nongovernmental organizations, the government said on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is considering unveiling the plan at a meeting next Monday and Tuesday of leaders from the Group of Eight leading industrialized countries in Northern Ireland, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference.

“We think the aid needs to be extended in coordination and cooperation with aid groups of the opposition, which effectively controls the areas in need, and with NGOs,” Suga said, adding that such aid would be limited to a field where goods would not be converted to military purposes.

Syria remains gripped by nội bloodshed. Fighting between government and rebel forces, and it has become urgent to extend aid to people in areas in which the Syrian government or international organizations are unable to provide assistance, officials said.

The envisioned aid to rebel-held areas will be limited to the health field, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said in a statement, noting that other kinds of aid would be considered after ascertaining needs on the ground.

Japan has extended about $80 million in humanitarian aid to Syrian refugees and displaced people in cooperation with international organizations and NGOs.

Seven killed by A/H1N1 virus in Buenos Aires, Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 11 June —At least seven people have died from the influen- za A/H1N1 virus in recent weeks in the Argentinean Province of Buenos Aires, and another 40 have been infected, a health official confirmed on Monday.

“There have been seven deaths and 40 cases in the province,” Luis Crovetto, director of Primary Attention at the Buenos Aires Province Ministry of Health, told a local television channel, adding that the death toll was “five or six more than the (deaths) reported last year in the same period.”

However, “we are not facing an outbreak,” as was the case in Argentina in 2009, Crovetto said.

“The deaths occurred in the cities of San Mar- tin, Tornquist, Hurlingham and Mar del Plata,” the official said, adding another critically ill man has been identified with A/H1N1 in the province’s western zone, and he has been hos- pitalized in Quilmes, some 30 kilometers south of Buenos Aires, the Argentinean capital.

“The situation should not generate concern,” though people should be aware of the situation, he said. In 2009, Argentina became the country with the second-highest incidence of deaths from the flu-like vi- rus, after the United States.

Iran’s Bushehr nuclear plant had generator problem

MOSCOW, 11 June —Iran’s Russian-built nuclear power plant has experi- enced technical problems with its generator and experts are working to resolve the issue, Teheran’s envoy to Moscow said on Monday.

Ambassador Mahmoud Reza Sajjadi said there was “absolutely no link” between this problem at the Bushehr plant — which was shut down when UN nuclear inspectors went there in mid-May — and a powerful earthquake that shook the region two months ago.

He spoke a few days after Arab Gulf states sought reassurances from Iran at a UN nuclear agency meeting over the safety of its only nuclear energy plant, which is located in an earthquake-prone area.

The facility on Iran’s Gulf coast is a growing worry for nearby countries: if radiation ever does escape it could be blown over the Gulf to Qatar’s capital Doha and the main oil ex- porting parts of the Arab Emirates.

Earlier this year, re- ports by the UN’s Interna- tional Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said Iran had informed inspectors visiting the plant in mid-February and again last month that the plant was shut down but gave no de- tails.

“The one problem in the working of the nuclear power plant at Bushehr occurred with the generator,” Sajjadi told a news confer- ence, without saying when it happened. “It is working very closely with Rus- sian specialists to resolve the issue.”

Teheran repeatedly has rejected safety concerns about the reactor, which be- gan operations in 2011 after decades of delays. Iran and the Russian company that built Bushehr said it was not affected by the April earthquake.

“There is absolutely no link to the earthquake here. The nuclear power plant is designed to sustain a pow- erful earthquake,” Sajjadi said. Asked whether the plant was online now, he said: “I do not have any cur- rent information.”

Construction of the 1,000-megawatt plant was begun in 1975 by German firm Siemens, and Russian engineers took over in the 1990s.

The West suspects Iran is seeking the capability to develop nuclear weapons behind the facade of an atomic energy programme.
**Thakayta Township school enrollment week ceremony held**

**Yangon, 11 June—** The whole township school enrollment week ceremony was held at Thakayta Township No (1) Basic Education High School in Yangon Region on 31 May.

Donors, entrepreneurs, teachers and the State have worked in cooperation to get poor school-age children back to schools since 2000.

The last week of May is designated as the school enrollment week.

Donors presented stationery, clothing and assistance worth K 2.3 million for needy children.

**MMAL-Aung Thura**

---

**Myanmar U-23 leave for Vietnam**

**Yangon, 11 June—**

Myanmar U-23 football team left for Vietnam on 7 June for friendly matches there.

The team is led by Manager U Tin Myint Aung, Chief Coach Park Sung-hwa, Assistant Coach U Zaw Win Tun, Fitness Coach Ha Hae John, Goalkeeping Coach U Myo Chit, Media Officer U Soe Moe Kyaw, Interpreter U Aung Thura, and Aung Kyaw Oo.


Myanmar U-23 played a V-League club on 9 June and face Vietnam U-23 on 11 June.

**MMAL-Phyo Thaw Zin**

---

**Myanmar gymnastics athletes participate in Singapore open**

**Yangon, 11 June—**

Myanmar gymnastics athletes left here for Singapore on 6 June to participate in Singapore Open Gymnastics Competition 2013 on 6 June.

The team was led by Executive of Myanmar Gymnastics Federation U Khin Maung Win.

They were sent off by officials of Myanmar Gymnastics Federation at Yangon International Airport.

The Singapore Open Gymnastics Competition was held on 6-9 June.

The team is formed with Coach Mr Deng Hua-Qing and athletes Aung Khant Zaw, Zin Lin Aung and Myo Zaw Oo. They participated in six events.

**MMAL-Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)**

---

**Expresses plying between Yangon and Kalay daily**

**Kalay, 11 June—** Forty bus lines in bus terminal in Kalay of Sagaing Region are running express to Monywa, Mandalay and Yangon on Kalay-Yangyi-Monywa road.

Some expresses and trucks are banned temporarily on the road in rainy season since 1 June.

Kalay-Yangon expresses of Tatlan, High Class, Tint Taing Aung, Yazar Min and Tun Tin express bus lines are plying between Yangon and Kalay daily through Kalay-Gangaw road.

Kalay-Mandalay trip is 297 miles long on Kalay-Gangaw road, and 224 miles long on Yargyi-Monywa road. The bus fares for Kalay-Yangon trip increases to K 30,000 for 70 more miles of the new route.—**MMAL-Junai**

---

**Dam, lake under repair in NyaungU Township**

**Mandalay, 11 June—** Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, accompanied by region Hlutaw Representatives and officials, visited the repair site of dams in NyaungU and Kyaukpaduang Townships on 8 June.

At Tagundai dam repair site near Tagundai village in Kyaukpaduang Township, he heard report on dredging works at 653-acre dam by Assistant Director of District Irrigation Department Daw Hlaing Wai, who reported to the chief minister on dredging works with the use of machinery.

The chief minister said the newly-dredged lake could store 560,000 gallons of drinking water and ease difficulties of water scarcity in 12 villages in the surrounding.

---

**Tree planting ceremony marks World Environment Day**

**Monywa, 11 June—** A collective tree planting ceremony was held in Maha Nanda Lake in Shwebo in Sagaing Region to mark the World Environment Day on 5 June morning.

It was participated by Pyithu Hlutaw Representative Dr Aung Than, Region Hlutaw Representative U Tun Ko Ko, Township Administrator U Thein Zaw and district/ township departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townies. Pyithu Hlutaw Representatives and Township Administrator planted a tree each and encouraged those present at the campaign. Attendance of 750 planted 1500 saplings in total.

**MMAL-District IPRD**

---

**Express buses seen at terminal.**
Make a list in order to deploy your skills

Lists show us the way out of the maze of everyday life. They map the duties, responsibilities, appointments and chores so ready to suffocate us in the mundane. Lists are a strategy, a declaration of intent to overtake rather than be overtaken.

List-makers are described as gifted and creative strategists who see the big picture and find meaning in the risky challenge of changing the world.

Lists are indelible. No matter how hard you try to keep them down, they bounce back up. The list will keep on being there, insisting, like the daddy-long-legs that remain on the bedroom wall after you’ve half-suffocated yourself beneath the sheet. Even were one to forgo the tyranny of a personal list, lists are an ever-encroaching drag-net. The mere pleasure of moving down the list, eliminating things done, becomes more rewarding than doing even agreeable things.

The true list-maker is well aware that knowing what one wants is a matter of such complexity that people spend lifetimes pondering it. With able stewardship of a list-maker, those under his leadership will be able to look ahead to the future with great optimism and anticipation.

Lists also give us an opportunity to use one of our first skills: writing. Few of us are immune to the childlike satisfaction of seeing black ink impress white paper. Composing a list—headings, sub-headings, underlines—requires a measure of clarity, a sorting out of importance. Making a list on a regular basis will surely put you at a distinct advantage, for it could offer a wonderful way to turn abstractions into specifics.

There will always be petunias that need planting, a letter to be dashed off, stamps to be bought, and a friend to be telephoned. In short, the list-maker is just too busy—but thanks awfully for the invitation.

**Public Service Media under Democratic Reform**

Public Service Media (PSM) is funded by the public and for the public. The idea for the PSM originated with establishment of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in 1926 and the idea has been practiced widely by most countries in western European countries.

After the Cold War and during the period of the third wave of democratization, a number of developing countries had carried out democratic reforms. During their transition to democracy, they used the Public Service Media as a main way to educate and provide information to their peoples.

Dr Waheed Khan, Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO), provided a definition of the Public Service Media which meet the international standard, and the PSM can also be considered as a part of the country’s democratization process. It must provide that service to fulfill the need of the country.

To distribute information to societies across Myanmar which has over 100 national races with different dialects, culture and beliefs, there is a need for Public Service Media which meet the international standard, and the PSM can also be considered as a part of the country’s democratization process. (to be continued)

**Gifts for Fire Services Department**

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June — A ceremony to hand over five fire engines by the Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD) from Japan and Myanmar Japan Travel & Tours Co Ltd to Fire Services Department took place at the department, here, this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Home Affairs Li-Gen Ko Ko.

The Union minister said that 70 per cent of natural disasters are caused by fire in Myanmar, and for the safety of the fire government is fulfilling necessary fire engines.

He expressed thanks for donation of five fire engines produced by Japan by the Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD) from Japan and Myanmar Japan Travel & Tours Co Ltd. The Union minister also disclosed that he takes pride for fulfilling necessities of the State, the ministry and the people.

The donors explained the purpose of donation and handed over the documents related to the fire engines to Director-General U Tin Moe of FSD who spoke words of thanks.

Next, the Union minister, the deputy minister, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council and officials viewed the fire engines.

**Union FM sends felicitation to Russian counterpart**

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 June — U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitation to His Excellency Mr. Albert F. Del Rosario, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines. — MNA
New Light of Myanmar

Union Chief Justice meets British guests

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo received a delegation led by Mr Roy Fleming OBE, Rule of Law Senior Adviser to Stabilisation Unit of the British Government, at the Supreme Court of the Union, here, this morning. They discussed the responsibilities of law enforcement organizations for ensuring the rule of law, functions and processes of the Supreme Court of the Union and every level of courts in accord with the fundamental principles prescribed in the Constitution and the Union judicial law, and the judicial process in the conflict-affected regions. MNA

AGM of SEA Regional Natural Disaster Risk Management Committee being held

YANGON, 11 June—The 17th Annual General Meeting of South-East Asia Regional Natural Disaster Risk Management Committee which is formed with National Red Cross Societies from 11 SEA countries was held at Summit Park View Hotel on Ahlon Road today. At the meeting, Chairman of SEA Regional Natural Disaster Risk Management Committee Lt-Gen Dr Anmat Barlee made an opening speech.

The committee meeting is annually held based on 12 basic principles and directives adopted by the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies for global disaster risk reduction. The meeting also aims to share experience gained from the works carried out by National Red Cross Societies from SEA countries and their achievements and to discuss ongoing tasks.

MRCS has been undertaking disaster risk reduction and disaster risk response tasks. Moreover, the committee has been sharing knowledge on disaster risk and carrying out rehabilitation tasks in cooperation with the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Public benefit works are being carried out by the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in cooperation with UN agencies, Norwegian, Singaporean and Hong Kong Red Cross societies. The meeting continues up to 13 June at Summit Park View Hotel. Moe Thuzar Soe

Union Minister meets Reuters SEA Chief

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint received Reuters Southeast Asian Bureau Chief Jason Szep at his office, here, this morning. The Union minister replied to questions on religious affairs raised by the Reuters’ Southeast Asian Bureau Chief. MNA

Myanmar navy ship completes Bangladesh goodwill visit

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—A Myanmar navy ship Maha Thiha Thuza arrived back from Bangladesh yesterday. The navy ship started her journey from Danishvady Naval Base in Kyaukpyu Township on 6 June to pay a goodwill visit to Chittagong under the friendship programme of the two countries.

During the tour, officers and sailors visited Chittagong Naval Base, Bangladesh Naval Academy and navy training schools and held friendship sport meets there. The commodore of Chittagong Naval Base and former Senior Speaker (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win met a delegation led by former Senior Speaker of the Japanese House of Councilors and Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr. Hideo Watanabe at Bayintnaung Yektha, here, this evening.

They held a cordial discussion on further strengthening relations between Myanmar and Japanese Armed Forces. MNA

Myanmar to compete in Asian Junior Wrestling Championship

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—A sport delegation led by Secretary U Aung Kyaw Hsuan of Myanmar Wrestling Federation left here for Thailand this evening to compete in 2013 Asian Junior Wrestling Championship to be held in Phuket of Thailand on 13-16 June. The delegation members are head of Sports and Physical Education Department Daw Nant Aye Mi San, coach Mr Mustafa and three wrestlers. MNA

New book shop and advertising department opens in Kyauktada Township

YANGON, 11 June—The News and Periodical Enterprises (NPE) under the Ministry of Information opened a new book shop and advertising department at No.173/175 (at the ground floor No.6) on Pansodan (middle block) Street, in Kyauktada Township, here this morning. It intends to have easy access for advertisements in three daily newspapers—the Kyemon, the Myanma Alinn and the New Light of Myanmar and to offer full services in accord with the market-oriented economy system.

The NPE moved the old book shop at No.212 on Theinbyu Road in Botataung Township to the new place. Myanmar encyclopedia, books on law, history, politics, religion and economics, vocational, story and dictionaries are available at the shop.

It is also known that the NPE will provide a new form of service for advertisements. Customers will also contact advertising departments: Kyemon at the corner of Maha Bandoola Street and 52nd Street in Pazundaung Township, Yangon; Myanma Alinn on 1st Natmauk road, No.2 Bogoyoke Ward in Bahan Township; the New Light of Myanmar at No.22/23, Strand Road; and Myanma Alinn Printing House in Shwegondine, Bahan Township.

The new book shop and advertising department will be opened daily from 9 am to 5 pm. Please dial 248102 for books, 248101 for advertisements and visit themirror52@gmail.com, mmalygn544@gmail.com and nln.ygn@gmail.com. MNA
**HEALTH CARE ACTIVITY**

**Expectant mothers provided with eggs in Mandalay**

*Mandalay, 11 June—A ceremony to share knowledge for expectant mothers at the township delivery room and present eggs to them by Aungmyethazan Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held yesterday morning.*

It was attended by Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Mi Mi Khin and executive members. Chairperson of Mandalay Township MCWA Daw Mi Mi Khin gave a speech and officials of the Health Department shared health knowledge to expectant mothers.

The township MCWA chairperson presented eggs to 85 expectant mothers. Then, they viewed 8-day-old twins born of U Kyaw Min and Daw Thin Thin Aye who is staff from Mandalay Home for the Aged and presented clothes, nutritious food and K 20,000 cash assistance to the children.

Kyiemon-Tun Hla Aung

---

**Kani gets free medical care**

*Kani, 11 June—A mobile medical team led by Dr Swe Zin Oo and Dr Thin Joseph from the township Health Department gave free treatment to 82 rural people in Kani in Monywa District, Sagaing Region on 7 June.*

They gave educative talks on medical care and performed medical check-up for those present at the talks.

---

**Monthly free vaccination campaign in Zabuthiri Tsp**

*Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—Monthly free vaccination campaign has been conducting in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area for infants and children under five, every second Sunday of the month.*

Yesterday, two nurses from Zabuthiri Township Hospital (1000-bed) vaccinated around 100 children as the Maternal and Child Welfare Association chairperson of Finance and Revenue Ministry and members fed them nourishing snacks, followed by educative talks on mother and child health care services.

The vaccination campaign aims to prevent the children from contracting TB, Hepatitis (B), lung infection, polio, measles and other frequent diseases.

---

**SEA Games billboard erected in Yamethin**

*Yamethin, 11 June—A 60 feet by 20 feet billboard bearing logos and mascots of the SEA Games was erected in front of Basic Education High School No 1 beside Yangon-Mandalay Highway and in front of Yanaungmyin Pagoda on Yanaungmyin Pagoda Road in Yamethin of Mandalay Region yesterday.*

---

**Upgraded BEMS opened in Dabayin**

*Dabayin, 11 June—A ceremony to open upgraded Basic Education Middle School (Branch) took place at the school in Pring Village in Dabayin Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region on 7 June.*

It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Than Tun, Region Hluttaw Representative S Than Tun, Region Hluttaw Representative U Thein Tun Oo, Township Administrator U Nyein Chan Aung and township level departmental officials, members of social organization, townswelders, the school board of trustees, Headmaster U Kyaw Kyaw Oo and teachers, students and local people.

At the ceremony, the region Hluttaw representative, township administrator and township education officer formally opened the school and the Pyithu Hluttaw representative unveiled the signboard of the school.

---

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

*Kyaikpun, 11 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 Township Development Committee by Daewoo E&P on behalf of Shwe Oo Tin.*

---

**One dies in industrial accident**

*Yangon, 11 June—There was an incident that killed an employee with serious injuries at Diamond Dragon Polyethylene plant on U Tun Nyo Road in Industrial Zone (1) in Hlinethaya Township on 3 June.*

---

**On behalf of the Director of Resettlements of Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Chairman of Thanbyuzan Tun Hla Aung**

*Kyemon-Dabayin Township IPRD*

---

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

*Kyaikpun, 11 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 Township Development Committee by Daewoo E&P on behalf of Shwe Oo Tin.*

---

**One dies in industrial accident**

*Yangon, 11 June—There was an incident that killed an employee with serious injuries at Diamond Dragon Polyethylene plant on U Tun Nyo Road in Industrial Zone (1) in Hlinethaya Township on 3 June.*

---

**On behalf of the Director of Resettlements of Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Chairman of Thanbyuzan Tun Hla Aung**

*Kyemon-Dabayin Township IPRD*
Japan eyes earlier start of melted fuel removal at Fukushima plant

TOKYO, 11 June—The government and Tokyo Electric Power Co said on Monday they may be able to start removing the melted fuel inside the crippled nuclear reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi complex within the first half of fiscal 2013 by improving work efficiency, around 18 months earlier than initially planned. The schedule was included in a draft version of a revised road map toward decommissioning the Nos. 1 to 4 reactors at the plant, but prospects are unclear because technology must be developed to perform the work.

The fuel inside the Nos. 1 to 3 units is believed to have melted through the reactor pressure vessels and been accumulating in the outer primary containers, making the task of defueling more challenging than in the case of the 1979 Three Mile Island accident in the United States. Apparently taking into consideration the uncertainties ahead, the government and plant operator TEPCO maintained the overall timeline for completing the decommissioning process within 30 to 40 years from the point the plant achieved a stable state of cold shutdown in December 2011.

How much time we need to take out the fuel debris hinges on the situation of the fuel. Our basic policy is to accelerate such work as much as possible, but we are not moving up the goal of spending 30-40 years,” an Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry official said. The revised road map is expected to be compiled later this month after listening to the opinions of local governments and experts, he added.

According to the draft road map, workers may be able to start removing the melted fuel from the Nos. 1 and 2 reactors within the first half of fiscal 2020 at the earliest by installing new structures for fuel removal and restoring existing fuel handling equipment.

Kyodo News

BOJ starts meeting, longer-term loans eyed to curb bond volatility

TOKYO, 11 June—The Bank of Japan started a two-day policy meeting on Monday, with discussions likely to focus on ways to ease volatility in the government bond market including providing longer-term loans to financial institutions.

The nine-member Policy Board is expected to consider extending the term of its low-interest-rate fund provision operation from up to one year to two years or longer to increase liquidity in the market to contain an unwanted spike in interest rates that could impede an economic recovery.

As for its aggressive monetary easing policy introduced in April, the central bank is likely to keep intact measures centering on doubling the monetary base and boosting the purchase of government bonds.

The BOJ may upgrade its current scenario assessment if it confirmed a pickup in corporate production activities, observers say.

Earlier Monday, the government revised upward the January-March gross domestic product data to an annualized growth of 4.1 percent, up from the initially reported 3.5 percent in inflation-adjusted terms, on the back of an upward revision to business investment.

Under the current fund provision programme, the BOJ extends maximum one-year loans to financial institutions such as banks at a fixed annual interest rate of 0.1 percent, taking government bonds and other securities as collateral.

At the previous policy meeting on 22 May, Governor Haruhiko Kuroda said the BOJ would carry out bond buying operations flexibly to ease volatility in the market. But the yield on the benchmark 10-year Japanese government bond briefly spiked to 1 percent from 0.7 percent after the BOJ intervened in the market to support the weak yen in April last year.

Using the fund provision programme, the BOJ managed to lower interest rates to a certain extent by offering financial institutions on 23 May funds for one year instead of the usual term of one month.

Kyodo News

Storm death toll in Sri Lanka reaches 40

COLOMBO, 11 June — The death toll from the storm in Sri Lanka has risen to 40 with some fishermen still missing, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said on Monday.

DMC spokesman Sarath Lal Kumara told Xinhua that the bodies of the 40 fishermen have been recovered and search and rescue operations are underway to locate those missing. Over 100 houses have also been reported as being fully damaged by the storm, the DMC said.

The Sri Lankan air force said on Sunday that it had deployed its Beech King Air (B-200T Bechcraft) surveillance aircraft to search the coastal areas as part of a continuous joint search and rescue operation being conducted together with the navy to locate the missing fishermen.

The navy said it has also increased its search and rescue deployments and has sent one more ship along with five additional fast attack crafts for the relief operation. Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa had over the weekend sought an explanation from Sri Lanka’s Disaster Management Minister Mahinda Amaraweera on how the public was informed about the impending storm on Friday night.

Xinhua

Cambodian, Thailand start first talk on border area development

PHNOM PENH, 11 June—The 1st Meeting of the Joint Committee on Border Area Development and Connectivity between Cambodia and Thailand was held Tuesday in Phnom Penh to seek cooperation for development along the border, officials said.

The meeting co-chaired by Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Hor Namhong and his Thai counterpart Surapong Tovichakchaikal, was attended by both sides’ ministers of agriculture, defence, transport, commerce, and health as well as governors of provinces along the border of the two countries. Key Kuong, the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told reporters before the meeting’s opening ceremony that the meeting was very important for the two countries to work together to develop in all fields along the border. “We will discuss the development of infrastructure connectivity, the establishment of special economic zones and trade exchange base, and tourism,” he said.

“Through the meeting, I believe that the ties between Cambodia and Thailand will be further enhanced and our border will be turned into a border of friendship, cooperation and development in the future.”

For his part, Surapong Tovichakchaikal said the meeting was held under the initiative by Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen to boost bilateral relations and cooperation.

“With our concerted endeavour, I believe that we will be able to turn our border as a border of peace, friendship and prosperity,” he said.

Xinhua

Gov’t to exempt Thai, Malaysian tourists from visa requirement

TOKYO, 11 June—The government plans to exempt short-term tourists from Thailand and Malaysia from having to obtain a visa and incorporate the measure into an envisaged action programme to help spur the nation’s tourism industry, sources familiar with the matter said on Monday.

The exemption is in line with the government’s goal of more than tripling the overall annual number of Japan-bound travellers to over 30 million by 2030, the sources said. The action programme will be adopted on Tuesday by ministers in charge.

Kyodo News

Picture taken on 9 June, 2013, shows Kotayamaga Station of local railway operator Chizu Express Co in the town of Chizu, Tottori Prefecture. The remote station, used only by two passengers a day on average, was renovated in bright shades of pink as a “love station,” as the name contains “koi,” meaning love in Japanese. — Kyodo News

A fishing boat passes by a trapped vehicle on a flooded road in Liuzhou City, south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 10 June, 2013. Lingering heavy rainfalls in recent days has caused the Liujiang River’s water level to rise to 82.7 metres in urban Liuzhou by 11 am Beijing Time (0300 GMT) on Monday, 0.2 metres higher than the warning level.

Xinhua

Passengers take a taxi at the Beijing Railway Station in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 June 2013. The 3-kilometre base fare for a taxi in Beijing rose by 30 percent from 10 yuan (1.6 US dollars) to 13 yuan as of Monday. According to the new plan, a cab fare will be charged at 2.3 yuan per kilometre after the first 3 kilometres.— Xinhua
ANNOUNCEMENT NOTICE TO KNOW PUBLIC

It's announced according to instruction of my friend client Daw May May Kyi, 12/kaMaYa(N)003977 at Yangon Region, Junction of Yangon Insein Road and Kamaryut Hledan Road, Kamaryut Township, (3) Ward. Building 1, Room 15).

My client and her brother U Maung Maung Htut are owners of free hold land, survey block No. 31, land plot No. 2, Area of 1.097 acres, previously known as Chan I situated at Yangon Region. Kamaryut Township, Junction of Yangon-Insein Road and Kamaryut Hledan Road, near traffic light Pyi Myanmar Shopping Mall. This land is owned by Daw Kyi Kyi @ Daw Thein Kyi as holder's name and her son and daughter U Maung Maung Htut and Daw May May Kyi own and live in this land.

As two buildings known as building 1 and 2 are reconstructed by my client Daw May May Kyi and her brother after destructing their owned buildings and Shops, these two buildings, one and two, are legally owned by my client and her brother.

Thus, concerned with this land and two buildings.

No. 1 and No. 2 building, anything shall not be conducted selling, mortgaging and transferring, hiring without permission from owner, my client and in case anything is conducted as above mentioned, it shall be liable. I do announce seriously in advance that I will conduct as existing law for the protection the legal entitlement of my friend under cover of law.

According to instruction

U Maung Maung Win
Advocate (2077)
No. 113, 31, Street, Panbanden Township.
Yangon Phone 0 1 377710

A model with a dressed up pet dog is seen on stage during the 2013 Woofstock event in Toronto, Canada, on 9 June, 2013. Launched in 2003, the Woofstock has become the largest outdoor festival for dogs in North America. This year’s festival was held from 8 to 9 June.  

Dubai marks inauguration of world’s highest twisted tower

Dubai, 11 June—

Saudi developer Cayan inaugurated late Monday the opening of the 73-storey, 310-metre-high Cayan Tower in Dubai’s prestigious Marina District.

Inspired by the structure of human DNA, each floor of the one-billion-Dharm (272-million-US-dollar) tower is rotated by 1.2 degrees to achieve the full 90-degree spiral, creating the shape of a helix.

Dignitaries from diplomatic corps and Corporate Dubai joined the celebrations which culminated in a gigantic fireworks covering the Dubai’s new tower and the Marina skyline.

Xinhua

Israel, Colombia sign free trade agreement

Israel, 11 June—Israel signed a free trade deal with Colombia on Monday, seeking to boost economic ties and expand its ventures in South America.

The accord, which capped 18 months of intensive negotiations, was signed by trade officials in Jerusalem during a state visit by Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos. Trade between the countries is valued at one billion US dollars per year, with some 100 Israeli companies currently active in Colombia in the fields of telecom, water, agriculture and green energy.

An accord signed on Monday at the end of a meeting between Santos and his Israeli counterpart Shimon Peres ratifies an extensive government project aimed at assisting Bogota in adopting innovation via Israeli hi-tech experts and entrepreneurs who will be dispatched to the country, as well as an aviation agreement that paves the way for direct flights between the two countries. Peres praised the agreement for “finding the way” to unite his country amidst an ongoing battle against terror and crime. “Your visit will provide a renewed push to bilateral cooperation on security, science, technology and agriculture,” Peres said, according to a statement.

Xinhua

Contact No - 09 450033364, 09 5502649

No. 1 and No. 2 building, anything shall not be conducted selling, mortgaging and transferring, hiring without permission from owner, my client and in case anything is conducted as above mentioned, it shall be liable. I do announce seriously in advance that I will conduct as existing law for the protection the legal entitlement of my friend under cover of law.

According to instruction

U Maung Maung Win
Advocate (2077)
No. 113, 31, Street, Panbanden Township.
Yangon Phone 0 1 377710

A tourist looks at the artificial miniature landscape of the inauguration of new Dutch King Willem Alexander in the world famous tourist miniature park Madurodam in Hague, the Netherlands on 10 June, 2013. —Xinhua

International travel to US forecast to grow through 2018

Washington, 11 June — International travel to the United States was expected to grow by 4 percent annually through 2018 after posting a record number of international visitors last year, US Commerce Department said on Monday.

International travel and tourism spending reached a record high of 168.1 billion dollars, up 6.2 percent from a year earlier, with 22.7 million visitors to the United States in 2012, up 22.7 million visitors last year, a record high and an increase of 4.3 percent from the prior year, the department said in a report.

Canada was ranked first for contributing 22.7 million visitors to the United States in 2012, up 6 percent from a year earlier, followed by Mexico, which served as the source of 14.5 million tourists to the States, up 8 percent from the previous year, noted the report.

The fastest growing source of foreign visitors in the coming years will be China, with a forecasted 21.9 percent annual growth over the next six years. About 1.47 million Chinese travellers visited the United States last year, according to the report.

Xinhua

China’s first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, has left its homeport of Qingdao in east China’s Shandong Province to conduct scientific experiments and sea training, naval authorities said on Tuesday. — Xinhua

Chinese president Xi Jinping, in a speech delivered at the inauguration of the new Dutch King Willem Alexander, said Monday that China and the Netherlands will provide a renewed push to unity his country amidst an ongoing battle against terror and crime. “Your visit will provide a renewed push to bilateral cooperation on security, science, technology and agriculture,” Peres said, according to a statement. — Xinhua

Dubai, 11 June—

Saudi developer Cayan inaugurated late Monday the opening of the 73-storey, 310-metre-high Cayan Tower in Dubai’s prestigious Marina District.

Inspired by the structure of human DNA, each floor of the one billion-Dharm (272-million-US-dollar) tower is rotated by 1.2 degrees to achieve the full 90-degree spiral, creating the shape of a helix.

Dignitaries from diplomatic corps and Corporate Dubai joined the celebrations which culminated in a gigantic fireworks covering the Dubai’s new tower and the Marina skyline.

Xinhua

Dubai, 11 June—

Saudi developer Cayan inaugurated late Monday the opening of the 73-storey, 310-metre-high Cayan Tower in Dubai’s prestigious Marina District.

Inspired by the structure of human DNA, each floor of the one billion-Dharm (272-million-US-dollar) tower is rotated by 1.2 degrees to achieve the full 90-degree spiral, creating the shape of a helix.

Dignitaries from diplomatic corps and Corporate Dubai joined the celebrations which culminated in a gigantic fireworks covering the Dubai’s new tower and the Marina skyline.

Xinhua

Dubai, 11 June—

Saudi developer Cayan inaugurated late Monday the opening of the 73-storey, 310-metre-high Cayan Tower in Dubai’s prestigious Marina District.

Inspired by the structure of human DNA, each floor of the one billion-Dharm (272-million-US-dollar) tower is rotated by 1.2 degrees to achieve the full 90-degree spiral, creating the shape of a helix.

Dignitaries from diplomatic corps and Corporate Dubai joined the celebrations which culminated in a gigantic fireworks covering the Dubai’s new tower and the Marina skyline.

Xinhua

Dubai, 11 June—

Saudi developer Cayan inaugurated late Monday the opening of the 73-storey, 310-metre-high Cayan Tower in Dubai’s prestigious Marina District.

Inspired by the structure of human DNA, each floor of the one billion-Dharm (272-million-US-dollar) tower is rotated by 1.2 degrees to achieve the full 90-degree spiral, creating the shape of a helix.

Dignitaries from diplomatic corps and Corporate Dubai joined the celebrations which culminated in a gigantic fireworks covering the Dubai’s new tower and the Marina skyline.

Xinhua

Dubai, 11 June—

Saudi developer Cayan inaugurated late Monday the opening of the 73-storey, 310-metre-high Cayan Tower in Dubai’s prestigious Marina District.

Inspired by the structure of human DNA, each floor of the one billion-Dharm (272-million-US-dollar) tower is rotated by 1.2 degrees to achieve the full 90-degree spiral, creating the shape of a helix.

Dignitaries from diplomatic corps and Corporate Dubai joined the celebrations which culminated in a gigantic fireworks covering the Dubai’s new tower and the Marina skyline.

Xinhua

Dubai, 11 June—

Saudi developer Cayan inaugurated late Monday the opening of the 73-storey, 310-metre-high Cayan Tower in Dubai’s prestigious Marina District.

Inspired by the structure of human DNA, each floor of the one billion-Dharm (272-million-US-dollar) tower is rotated by 1.2 degrees to achieve the full 90-degree spiral, creating the shape of a helix.

Dignitaries from diplomatic corps and Corporate Dubai joined the celebrations which culminated in a gigantic fireworks covering the Dubai’s new tower and the Marina skyline.

Xinhua

Dubai, 11 June—

Saudi developer Cayan inaugurated late Monday the opening of the 73-storey, 310-metre-high Cayan Tower in Dubai’s prestigious Marina District.

Inspired by the structure of human DNA, each floor of the one billion-Dharm (272-million-US-dollar) tower is rotated by 1.2 degrees to achieve the full 90-degree spiral, creating the shape of a helix.

Dignitaries from diplomatic corps and Corporate Dubai joined the celebrations which culminated in a gigantic fireworks covering the Dubai’s new tower and the Marina skyline.

Xinhua

Dubai, 11 June—

Saudi developer Cayan inaugurated late Monday the opening of the 73-storey, 310-metre-high Cayan Tower in Dubai’s prestigious Marina District.

Inspired by the structure of human DNA, each floor of the one billion-Dharm (272-million-US-dollar) tower is rotated by 1.2 degrees to achieve the full 90-degree spiral, creating the shape of a helix.

Dignitaries from diplomatic corps and Corporate Dubai joined the celebrations which culminated in a gigantic fireworks covering the Dubai’s new tower and the Marina skyline.

Xinhua

Dubai, 11 June—

Saudi developer Cayan inaugurated late Monday the opening of the 73-storey, 310-metre-high Cayan Tower in Dubai’s prestigious Marina District.

Inspired by the structure of human DNA, each floor of the one billion-Dharm (272-million-US-dollar) tower is rotated by 1.2 degrees to achieve the full 90-degree spiral, creating the shape of a helix.

Dignitaries from diplomatic corps and Corporate Dubai joined the celebrations which culminated in a gigantic fireworks covering the Dubai’s new tower and the Marina skyline.

Xinhua
Cheryl Cole wants friends to pamper her on 30th birthday

Los Angeles, 11 June—Singer Cheryl Cole wants her friends to go “all out” to make her upcoming birthday really special.

The singer turns 30 on 30 June and is thankful about whatever she has received so far in life.

“I feel too fortunate to wish for anything, honestly. I just hope my friends get me a few nice presents,” Sunday Mirror’s Notebook magazine quoted Cheryl as saying.

“Never ask for Christmas or birthday gifts, but I’m turning 30 and this time they can go all-out,” she added.

Jennifer Lopez: Women have taken over the music industry

Los Angeles, 11 June—Singer Jennifer Lopez says women have taken over the music world and are ruling the industry.

The 43-year-old has been part of the music world since over a decade and belted out hits such as If you had my love, Jenny from the block, Get right and On the floor.

“Women have taken over the music industry — when you think of all the female artists who are out,” Stylist magazine quoted Lopez as saying.

“Even going back 20 years, back to Cher, Gloria Estefan and that whole time with Mariah Carey and Celine Dion and then the next wave which was me and then Britney [Spears] and Beyonce to what’s continued to now to Rihanna and Lady Gaga,” she added.

PTI

Paris Jackson to stay in care home?

Los Angeles, 11 June—Following her attempted suicide on 5 June, late pop legend Michael Jackson’s daughter Paris Jackson has reportedly been asked to shift from a psychiatric unit to a children’s ward at the UCLA Medical Centre here.

Judge Mitchell Beckloff is said to have ordered officials to look into Paris’s health, education and welfare.

Child Protection Services (CPS) will look at every aspect of her life. They will decide if she should go into a care home or be placed in the custody of her mother Debbie Rowe, 54.

“For the family, Paris leaving them would be the worst possible scenario,” dailystar.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

“There is grave concern about Paris’s guardianship moving forward. The CPS officers are looking into what happened and whether the child is being given enough support and guidance in her domestic situation,” the source said.

“If not, she could be put in a care home. Everyone is terrified that Paris may be put in care.

And she is going through hell emotionally. She didn’t want to take her life. It was a cry for help. She was telling the paramedics she wanted to live,” the source added.

A spokesman from the CPS said: “A visit would be normal procedure following a minor’s suicide attempt.”

PTI

Brad Pitt surprises fans with unannounced visits across US theatres

Los Angeles, 11 June—Hollywood actor Brad Pitt is surprising his fans by showing up unannounced at the screenings of his recent flick World War Z across movies theatres in the US.

The 49-year-old actor has been on a world-wide promotional tour for his action-apocalyptic film, but is making sure his domestic audience gets the most out of their movie ticket, reports contactmusic.com.

“I’ve been on the road...it’s been amazing, but damn, it’s good to be home,” said the actor during a surprise visit to a theatre in the US.

“Thanks for coming out. World War Z is big, it’s bold, it’s bada**. You’ve never seen anything like it. It’s the most intense thing you’ll see all summer.

If not, we’ll give you your money back. Let’s get this party started,” Pitt added.

The actor made similar surprise appearances at theatres in Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Georgia, and also showed up at a theatre in Austin, Texas.

Last week it was also reported that Pitt gave a tip of more than $700 to a waitress.

PTI

Paris Jackson
Mourinho says Current Chelsea players must get chance

**LONDON, 11 June—**Jose Mourinho’s first task on his return as Chelsea manager is to get to know the players he has inherited and give them all a fair chance to succeed under him, the Portuguese said on Monday.

Since his Stamford Bridge comeback was rubber-stamped last week, there has been a barrage of media speculation on the future of John Terry, Fernando Torres, David Luiz and Juan Mata among others. “I have to start working with the players, even those I’ve already worked with,” Mourinho told reporters after going back to the London club he first managed from 2004 to 2007. “Time changes people, changes players, changes qualities.”

Even that group of five or six boys from my time here before, I need to meet them again. The others? I think I know them because I watch them on TV 20 times every season, minimum, but I don’t know them. “That’s the first part of this job. It’s not to arrive and say, ‘Mr Abramovich and members of the board, I need some more money with a lot of zeros, I need to change half the team, move this one and buy that one.’”

“No, I need to work with the players and not commit injustice. I need to give them a chance, be fair with them. After that we’ll have time to make decisions.”

Captain Terry was relegated to fourth-choice centre half last season and while Mourinho offered no guarantees of regular starts, he did say the 32-year-old would remain club skipper. “John is the club captain,” he said. “I am more happy with that, so are the fans, so I think he has to be the club captain.”

Mourinho refused to criticise his predecessor.

Real Madrid buy Brazilian youngster Casemiro

**MADRID, 11 June—**Brazilian midfielder Casemiro has signed a four-year contract with Real Madrid with the Spanish club saying on Monday it had exercised an option to buy the youngster who had been loaned from Sao Paulo.

The 21-year-old played on loan for Real’s B team Castilla in the second division for the second half of last season but also debuted with the senior squad under Jose Mourinho.

Local media reported the deal was worth 6 million euros.

Canada’s Hesjedal injured in crash at Tour de Suisse

**BERNE, 11 June—**Former Giro d’Italia champion Ryder Hesjedal of Canada suffered several injuries in a crash during the third stage of the Tour of Switzerland on Monday and has withdrawn from the race, his Garmin-Sharp team said.

The 32-year-old, who had been planning to use the nine-day Swiss Tour to prepare for the Tour de France which starts on 29 June, took “a heavy blow to the neck and head” after crashing 150 km into the 205 km stage from Montreux to Meringen.

“Hesjedal suffered multiple, severe contusions and abrasions to the right wrist, hip and knee and left shoulder, elbow and knee,” said the team statement after the rider was taken to hospital where he is under observation. The statement added that preliminary CT scans had shown no fractures or “neurological pathologies”.

Hesjedal, who was in second place overall after the second stage of the race, also had to withdraw from the defence of his Giro title last month suffering with a respiratory infection.

“Hesjedal’s health is the team’s priority — depending on how his recovery progresses, team medical staff as of now hope he may be able to train in a few days’ time, although this will depend on his recovery,” the team statement said.

Canada’s Ryder Hesjedal

**NEW YORK, 11 June—**For¬mer Giro d’Italia champion Ryder Hesjedal of Canada suffered several injuries in a crash during the third stage of the Tour of Switzerland on Monday and has withdrawn from the race, his Garmin-Sharp team said.

The 32-year-old, who had been planning to use the nine-day Swiss Tour to prepare for the Tour de France which starts on 29 June, took “a heavy blow to the neck and head” after crashing 150 km into the 205 km stage from Montreux to Meringen.

“Hesjedal suffered multiple, severe contusions and abrasions to the right wrist, hip and knee and left shoulder, elbow and knee,” said the team statement after the rider was taken to hospital where he is under observation. The statement added that preliminary CT scans had shown no fractures or “neurological pathologies”.

Hesjedal, who was in second place overall after the second stage of the race, also had to withdraw from the defence of his Giro title last month suffering with a respiratory infection.

“Hesjedal’s health is the team’s priority — depending on how his recovery progresses, team medical staff as of now hope he may be able to train in a few days’ time, although this will depend on his recovery,” the team statement said.

Real also said on their website (www.realmadrid.com) that their France striker Karim Benzema had undergone minor surgery to remove a cyst from his right knee on Monday.

Benzema underwent the procedure at the Centre Orthopedique Santy in Lyon, France, and was attended by Real’s medical services, the club said.

Local media reported the 25-year-old was expected to be fit for the start of pre-season training at Real on 15 July.

**SPORTS**

Woods a heavy favourite for Merion US Open

**PENNSYLVANIA, 11 June—**Rafa Nadal has staged a remarkable comeback after being sidelined for seven months with a knee injury to book his place at the end-of-season World Tour Finals nine straight years including Indian Wells and Monte Carlo.

The 27-year-old is fifth in the Race standings that are based on the calendar year’s performance being a final four place at the end-of-season showpiece event in London, Maryland, on 30 May, 2012.

Nadal first to qualify for ATP Tour Finals

**LONDON, 11 June—**Rafa Nadal has booked his place at the World Tour finals after winning a record eighth French Open title, the ATP said on Monday.

Nadal has staged a spectacular comeback after being sidelined for seven months with a knee injury from June last year.

Since returning in February, he has reached the final in all of the nine events he has played, winning seven titles including Indian Wells and the Madrid and Rome Masters Series.

The 27-year-old is fifth in the world rankings, but is first in the Race standings that are based on the calendar year’s results.

He has already guaranteed a top-eight finish and a place at the end-of-season showpiece event in London.

“Nadal has now qualified for the ATP World Tour Finals nine straight years,” the ATP said in a statement.

The Spaniard, who has 12 grand slam titles to his name, has never won the Tour Finals, with his best performance being a final defeat to Roger Federer in 2011.

Nadal missed last year’s event in London due to the knee injury that also forced him out of the London Olympics, the US Open and this year’s Australian Open. He thrashed fellow Spaniard David Ferrer on Sunday to become the first player to win the same grand slam titles eight times.

The World Tour finals will take place in London from 4 to 11 November.
Sunderland name Italian De Fanti as director of football

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

(12-6-13 09:30 am – 13-6-13 09:30 am) MST

- Thuta Swesone Literary Award
- Shwe U Min Natural Cave In Kalaw
- News
- Indigenous Fish-culture in the Ponds between Paddy Fields
- News
- Summer School
- One of the Useful Purpose of Bamboo News
- Gold Single Market Tapestry: Agenune Myanmar Handicraft News
- Back to School Culture Stage News
- Distinguished Donations of King Dhamma Ceti
- News
- A Flower of Music Distinctive Food From Inlay Lake
- News
- A Holiday Paradise & Me
- Myanmar Movies “Happy Birthday”

**Myanmar TV**

(12-6-13, Wednesday)

- 4:00 pm 18. News
- 4:15 pm 19. India Drama Series
- 4:30 pm 20. Dance & Song of National Races
- 4:45 pm 21. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) 2nd Year, (Myanmar)
- 5:00 pm 22. News
- 5:15 pm 23. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:20 pm 24. Classical Song
- 6:00 pm 25. News/Weather Report
- 7:00 pm 26. News
- 7:15 pm 27. The Pwint Myaung Yin Khone Thane
- 8:00 pm 28. News/International News/Weather Report
- 8:35 pm 29. People Talk
- 9:00 pm 30. News
- 9:15 pm 31. My Mind Game My SEAS Games
- 9:30 pm 32. “Duet Dance Commemorating the 27th SEAS Games”

**Protagonists in Mali’s crisis to sign Ouagadougou agreement**

**Ouagadougou, 11 June.—**The talks between the delegation of the Malian government and the representatives of the different armed groups operating in the north of the West African country could end with the signing of an important agreement. The different groups taking part in the talks in Ouagadougou, capital of Mali’s southern neighbour Burkina Faso, include the National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad (MNLA), the Supreme Council for Azawad Unity (HCA), the self-defense movements as well as the Azawad Arab Movement (MAA). The talks between the different groups began on Sunday behind closed doors, with a work plan proposed by Burkina Faso President Blaise Compaore, the mediator in the Malian crisis. The work plan calls for the cessation of hostilities to create conditions for holding free and fair elections and the return of refugees. It also urged the redeployment of the general administration as well as the return of social services and the security forces to northern Mali, especially in Kidial, the MNLA stronghold, in accordance with the modalities that will be negotiated. The work plan also stipulates the follow-up and evaluation mechanisms which will mainly be undertaken by the regional countries as well as Mali’s financial and technical partners. The mediator in the Malian crisis said the work plan envisages the holding of peace dialogue after the presidential elections, to ensure the return of social services and the security forces to northern Mali. —Xinhua

**Shallow quake strikes off West Sumatra, Indonesia**

**Jakarta, 11 June—** A shallow undersea quake of 5.3 magnitude hit West Sumatra of Indonesia on Tuesday morning, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said. The quake struck at 09:30 am Jakarta Time (0230 GMT) with epicentre at 62 km south-west Pesisir Selatan West Sumatra and with the depth at 10 km under sea bed, an official of the agency told Xinhua by phone. “The quake was felt hard for 2 to 3 second by the people at the Pesisir Selatan and rushed to leave their houses,” Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, the spokesman of the national disaster management and mitigation agency, told Xinhua by phone. But there was no initial report of damage, he said. Indonesia lies on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called “the Pacific Ring of Fire.” —Xinhua

British trade minister visits Cambodia to observe trade, investment atmosphere

**PUNO, PUNO, 11 June—**Britain’s minister for trade and investment Lord Green visited Cambodia on Monday to look into trade and investment environment and to encourage British companies to do businesses in the country.

Speaking at a meeting with Cambodian deputy prime minister and cabinet minister Sok An, Lord Green said his visit was to inspect investment environment and to encourage British companies to increase their investment in the country in order to further promote ties between Britain and Cambodia.

Meanwhile, he asked Sok An about Cambodia’s economic situation, legal and judicial reforms as well as corruption fight.

Sok An said Cambodia had full political stability and the economy had grown, around 7 percent per year. For 2013, the economic growth was expected to exceed 7 percent.

He said the inflation rate was stable, around 3 percent per annum and Cambodian riel currency against greenback was also stable, around 4,000 riel against a US dollar.

In regard to reforms, Sok An said they were underway with successful outcomes.

Earlier in the day, Lord Green visited several British companies such as Prudential Insurance, Quantum Clothing, the largest UK garment manufacturer in Cambodia, and Vattana Capital high-rise building where eight British companies have contributed to design and construction.

He also met with about 20 British business executives in Cambodia. In the meeting, Lord Green encouraged these British companies to continue expanding business activities in Cambodia in order to help strengthen Britain-Cambodia trade and investment relations and cooperation.

According to the statistics of the British Embasy to Cambodia, trade between Britain and Cambodia reached 750 million US dollars in 2012, up 27 percent year-on-year. On the investment side, Britain is the fourth largest investor in Cambodia. According to the report of the Council for the Development of Cambodia, since 1994 to 2012, Cambodia had received Britain’s promised investment of 2.4 billion US dollars. —Xinhua

**Two auto rollbacks are seen beside a street in New Delhi, capital of India, on 9 June, 2013. For most people in New Delhi, haggling with auto rollbacks drivers is part of the daily commute. The insufficient number of public buses and the distant demand for most people to get to the metro made the CNG-powered auto rollbacks a crucial component of the city’s transportation system. —Xinhua**
Three sacred Buddha tooth relic replicas to be displayed for public obeisance in Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—One of the three Buddha tooth-relic replicas donated by China is being displayed for public obeisance at Moekhin Dhammayon in the compound of the Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay. As from 29 June, the tooth-relic replica will be housed at No-1 Museum (Crown Prince Museum) in the compound for public obeisance.

The remaining two tooth-relic replicas and two golden stupas were conveyed to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday and one is housed at the Uppatasanti Pagoda. Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt and wife, Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Htun, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads, members of religious organizations and local people paid obeisance to the holy Buddha tooth relic.

Another tooth-relic replica and a golden stupa is on the way to Yangon and will be stopped over in Bago for public obeisance today. It will be conveyed to Yangon tomorrow to be kept in the golden stupa at the Shwedagon Pagoda for public obeisance.—MNA

Myanmar, Royal Thai Navy to cooperate

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—A Thai delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom was welcomed by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Thura Thet Swe and the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy took the salute of the Guard of Honour and inspected it. Thet Swe then introduced their entourage. Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Thura Thet Swe met Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom, Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy, at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this afternoon. The two sides held a cordial discussion on naval cooperation between the two countries. After the meeting, they exchanged gifts.—MNA

The mission of the delegation is to make discussion with respective ministries concerned and to make an investigation into the recently-occurred incidents on Myanmar migrant workers on the ground.—MNA

Special group to probe into the case of Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia

Yangon, 11 June—A special delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw and Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security Daw Win Maw Tun left for Malaysia this evening.

MAI offers KL-Yangon flight 50% discount

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—The Myanmar Airways International has offered 50% discount for Kuala Lumpur to Yangon flight tickets from 12 June to 12 July.

The Union Election Commission allowed to set up the political party as their application was in conformity with law and bylaw today.

UEC receives party establishment application

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—Those wishing to set up political parties have been submitting their applications to Union Election Commission.

MAI offers KL-Yangon flight 50% discount

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—The Myanmar Airways International has offered 50% discount for Kuala Lumpur to Yangon flight tickets from 12 June to 12 July.

The Union Election Commission is on the way to Yangon and another tooth-relic replica will be kept for public obeisance at Uppatasanti Pagoda. —MNA

The remaining two tooth-relic replicas and two golden stupas were conveyed to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday and one is housed at the Uppatasanti Pagoda. Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt and wife, Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Htun, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads, members of religious organizations and local people paid obeisance to the holy Buddha tooth relic.

Another tooth-relic replica and a golden stupa is on the way to Yangon and will be stopped over in Bago for public obeisance today. It will be conveyed to Yangon tomorrow to be kept in the golden stupa at the Shwedagon Pagoda for public obeisance.—MNA

Special group to probe into the case of Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia

Yangon, 11 June—A special delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw and Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security Daw Win Maw Tun left for Malaysia this evening.

MAI offers KL-Yangon flight 50% discount

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—The Myanmar Airways International has offered 50% discount for Kuala Lumpur to Yangon flight tickets from 12 June to 12 July.

The Union Election Commission allowed to set up the political party as their application was in conformity with law and bylaw today.

UEC receives party establishment application

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—Those wishing to set up political parties have been submitting their applications to Union Election Commission.

MAI offers KL-Yangon flight 50% discount

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—The Myanmar Airways International has offered 50% discount for Kuala Lumpur to Yangon flight tickets from 12 June to 12 July.

The Union Election Commission allowed to set up the political party as their application was in conformity with law and bylaw today.

UEC receives party establishment application

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—Those wishing to set up political parties have been submitting their applications to Union Election Commission.

MAI offers KL-Yangon flight 50% discount

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—The Myanmar Airways International has offered 50% discount for Kuala Lumpur to Yangon flight tickets from 12 June to 12 July.

The Union Election Commission allowed to set up the political party as their application was in conformity with law and bylaw today.

UEC receives party establishment application

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 June—Those wishing to set up political parties have been submitting their applications to Union Election Commission.