President U Thein Sein receives outgoing UNDP Resident Representative

MoU on staff training programme signed

Insurance in Myanmar enters private sector

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MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (12-6-2013)

Kawkareik 4.69 inches
Bilin 3.82 inches
Mindat 2.68 inches
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**PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP shaves knowledge to trainees**

**Pathein, 12 June—** The Public Relations Workshop kicked off in Pathein on 9 June.

**Ayewady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung made an opening address. Managing Director U Kyaw Min Oo of Myanmar Thih Group of Companies explained purpose of his company as sponsorship for the course.**

Principal U Aye Kyaw of MHR Management Institute explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

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Later, they presented certificates to the trainees.

**Kyemon-225**

**NATION-BUILDING ENDEAVOURS**

**Mayor oversees development tasks**

**Yangon, 12 June—** Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint inspected repaving of Thawka Street in North Okkalapa Township, dredging of drains along both sides of Khemathi Road for proper flow of water and laying 40-inch diameter HDPE pipeline from Ngamoeyek water treatment plant for the second phase on 9 June morning.

The mayor also viewed road works on Bo Myat Tun and Gandayon streets in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, dredging of Naungyoe Creek at Tabinswehti Road in Dagon Myothit (East) Township and drains along both sides of Kyanisittha Street in the same township.

He viewed laying of water pipes with 28 inches diameters HDPE pipes from the Ngamoeyek water treatment plant, extension of the road works at Waizayanta and Parami streets in South Okkalapa Township, concreting 21300 feet long Shukhintha Road in Thakayta Township and Yathawady Street in South Okkalapa Township, concreting of the container yard in Ahlon Township and dredging of drains for proper flow of water.—MNA

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

**DHF preventive measures taken in townships on wider scale**

**Dagon Myothit (East) Township**

Yangon Region Health Department and Health Department of Yangon City Development Committee joined hands in taking preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever in townships on a wider scale.

The authorities undertook similar activities on 5 June in No. 3 Ward of Dagon Myothit (East) Township as a community activity.

This year, over 500 people suffered from DHF in first four-month period in Yangon Region. That is why the local authorities, departmental officials and local people are widely engaged in taking preventive measures against DHF and disseminating talks on health knowledge.

**Kyemon-Maung Thon Nya**

**Dagon Myothit (South) Township**

Sanitation and anti-DHF measures were undertaken in Ward 21 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township of Yangon East District on 8 June.

Medical superintendent of the township hospital of Township Health Department, staff, local authorities and members of social organizations including Maternal and Child Welfare Association participated in the sanitation to combat mosquito and larvae at water pots and tanks. They distributed pamphlets on health knowledge about DHF to the local people.

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**Kyemon-365**

**CRIME**

**Illegal commodities seized at India-Myanmar border**

**Monywa, 12 June—** A mobile team comprising departmental personnel from various departments led by the Deputy Commissioner of Tamu District searched 75 vehicles that left Tamu for Kalay and seized commodities without customs duties.

The team searched the detour near Masein Monastery at the Myanmar India border and seized 30 boxes of Chik shampoo made in India worth K 600,000, 10 boxes of Chik shampooworth K 200,000 on the detour near Kyunngokto monastery, 10 boxes of the same shampoo and five rice cookers worth K 260,000 on the detour near Chaungnetgyi Village.

Customs Department in Tamu Township opened a file of lawsuit over the illegal commodities under the law.—Kyemon

**27th SEA Games billboards put up in Magway**

**Magway, 12 June—** The billboards 60 feet wide and 20 feet high bearing the 27th SEA Games 2013 were put up in front of Win Thuzar department store on Pyidawtha street in Magway Township and at the edge of the Ayeyawady Bridge in Pakokku at 9 am on 9 June.

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**Photo shows inundation on Maha Bandoola Street at downtown Yangon on 9 June evening due to heavy rains.**

**Khin Maung Win-Kyemon**

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**Kyemon-Ni Toe**
Australian POW to receive A-bomb health-care certificate

NAGASAKI, 12 June—The city of Nagasaki will give a special health-care certificate for 1945 US atomic bombing survivors to a former Australian prisoner of war, an official said on Tuesday.

An official of the city will visit 93-year-old Alan Chick in Heyfield in the state of Victoria, southeastern Australia, on 19 June to hand over the certificate entitling him to medical allowances.

So far, 10 former POWs have received the health-care certificate from the Nagasaki municipal government.

Chick applied for the certificate with the Japanese Consulate General in Melbourne on 20 April, and the city confirmed him as an atomic-bombing survivor through a list of POWs recording their names, countries and birth dates.

It will be the first time for the city office to directly hand the certificate to a foreign survivor who applied through a Japanese Consulate General overseas.

Nobuto Hirano, co-head of a citizens’ group supporting atomic-bomb survivors abroad, said, “We want to praise the city’s prompt reaction.”

“We think it’s necessary to establish a sufficient support system” for atomic-bomb survivors abroad, the 66-year-old said.

Reuters

Russia’s Putin says Iran nuclear push is peaceful

MOSCOW, 12 June—Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday he has no doubt that Iran is adhering to international commitments on nuclear non-proliferation but regional and international concerns about Tehran’s nuclear programme could not be ignored.

Putin, whose country is among six world powers seeking to ensure that Iran does not seek to develop nuclear weapons, also said Iranian threats to Israel’s existence were unacceptable.

His remarks appeared aimed to strike a balance between the interests of Iran, on the one hand, and on the other, Israel and global powers seeking to ensure Tehran does not acquire nuclear weapons.

“I have no doubt that Iran is adhering to the rules in this area. Because there is no proof of the opposite,” Putin, whose country is one of six leading those diplomatic efforts, told Russian state-run English-language channel RT.

But he criticised Iran for rejecting a Russian offer to enrich uranium for Tehran’s nuclear programme and took aim at aggressive Iranian rhetoric about Israel, with which Putin has been improving ties in recent years.

“Iran is in a very difficult region and when we hear … from Iran that Israel could be destroyed, I consider that absolutely unacceptable. That does not help,” Putin said.

Putin suggested that Washington was exaggerating dangers posed by Iran, saying “the United States uses Iran to unite Western allies against some real or non-existent threat”.

Putin said that concerns about Iran’s nuclear programme, which Tehran says is purely for peaceful purposes including power generation, must be addressed.

—Reuters

Suspected Taleban bomber targets Afghan court, kills 17

KABUL, 12 June—A suspected Taleban suicide bomber in a car detonated a bomb close to minibus taking Supreme Court staff home in the Afghan capital Kabul on Tuesday, killing at least 17 people and wounding almost 40, police said.

It was the second large-scale attack in Kabul claimed by the hardline Islamist group in two days. On Monday, seven insurgents, including suicide bombers, laid siege to Kabul’s main airport for four hours before they were killed. Tuesday’s attack appeared to underline the Taleban’s readiness to target civilians, particularly court officials, whom they consider an arm of the western-backed government of President Hamid Karzai.

In April, Taleban gunmen killed 44 people in the main court compound in the western Province of Farah. A Taleban spokesman said they had sent several warnings to court staff telling them not to work there. Tuesday’s bomb struck three minibuses ferrying Supreme Court staff home, Kabul police spokesman Hashmat Stanekzai said.

The attacker’s car was parked on a road near the compound and exploded when the minibuses passed, police said.

A Reuters witness described seeing a damaged minibus leaning at an angle against some trees about 30 metres from the point of the explosion. The witness later saw police carry two bodies from the same area.

The Supreme Court is less than 500 metres from the entrance to the heavily fortified US embassy, and the bomb was heard across Kabul’s diplomatic precinct, triggering numerous embassy alarms.

Reuters

Japanese media exhibit disaster recovery photos in Spain

MADRID, 12 June —Kyodo News and four newspapers in northeastern Japan hit by the devastating March 2011 earthquake and tsunami opened an exhibition in Madrid on Tuesday for photos depicting Japanese citizens’ recovery efforts from the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake.

Kyodo News


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People stand in front of Greek state television ERT headquarters after the government’s announcement that it will shut down the broadcaster in Athens on 11 June, 2013.—Reuters

Greeks shocked as broadcaster is shut to save money

ATHENS, 12 June—Greece announced the closure of its state broadcaster out of the blue on Tuesday, one of the most drastic measures yet in its struggle to shore up its bankrupt state finances and meet the terms of an international bailout.

The decision to take ERT off the air at midnight and pay off some 2,600 staff before relaunching it in a slimmed-down form set off a firestorm of protests from trade unions and even junior partners in the ruling coalition. Some of the channels appeared to shut down even before the deadline.

“At a time when the Greek people are enduring sacrifices, there is no room for delay, hesitation or tolerance for sacred cows,” spokesman Sotiris Kedikoglou said in what was almost certainly ERT’s last televised government statement.

The three domestic television channels, along with regional, national and external radio stations, cost Greece 300 million euros ($400 million) a year, and Kedikoglou said it had become a “typical case of … incredible waste”.

Thousands gathered outside ERT’s headquarters after the announcement, vowing to fight the decision, and riot police blocked the entrance to a studio in central Athens where protesters had unfolded a banner reading “Down with the junta, ERT won’t close!”.

“Today is Tuesday, 11 June, and it is a difficult day,” anchorwoman Eli Stai told viewers from the studio as crowds of workers outside chanted and clapped.

“We will broadcast what appears to be our last news bulletin with the composer, consistency and professionalism that we are used to.”

Private TV stations took their live shows off air for six hours in a display of solidarity, replacing them with re-runs and adverts. None ran the traditional 8 pm news bulletin.
Sony takes on Microsoft, prices new PS4 below Xbox One

Los Angeles, 12 June—Sony Corporation priced its latest PlayStation model for $399, late in the year shortly after Microsoft announced a $499 price tag for its first new XBox in eight years and said it would go on sale in the United States in November.

Sony also drew cheers from the audience at the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) in Los Angeles when it said the PS4 would run second-hand games and did not require an always-on Internet connection.

Microsoft had earlier elicited groans from gamers when it announced restrictions on used games for the XBox One and said players had to log on to the Internet for authenticating games. “The PlayStation 4 won’t impose any new restrictions on used games,” said Jack Tretton, president and CEO of Sony Computer Entertainment America as the audience whistled and applauded.

Microsoft and Sony hope the consoles will attract new fans and retain users who are increasingly playing games on smartphones and other mobile devices, gradually diminishing the $66 billion video game business. Both companies are also offering more entertainment options.

The XBox 360 is currently the best-selling gaming console in the United States, but global sales are almost on par with the PlayStation 3.

The new XBox and PlayStation are both pricier than the $300 Wii U which Nintendo Co Ltd launched late last year but which has sold poorly, partly due to a dearth of new gaming titles. Nintendo is expected to announce new games for the device at the E3 on Tuesday.

Sony did not give details about original programming content for the PS4 but said new game titles would include Assassin’s Creed IV Black Flag by Ubisoft and Kingdom Hearts III by Disney Interactive Studios and Square Enix Holdings Co Ltd.—Reuters

Disney launches Infinity video game at E3

Los Angeles, 12 June—When Walt Disney introduced its latest video game, Infinity, to the gaming faithful this week at the annual E3 gaming conference, it rented a Los Angeles movie theatre to show 30-minute clips of upcoming films and hosted a party with the glitz it usually reserves for its blockbuster movie wannabes.

It shows just how much the company is counting on Infinity whose players can for the first time mix together characters from Disney’s different franchises to help turn around one part of the media giant that stubbornly refuses to turn a profit.

Since it was created in 2008, Disney’s interactive division, which houses its video game and online properties, has chatted up losses in 13 of its 14 quarters, losing $1.1 billion in total operating losses in that time.

The division will likely not turn a profit this fiscal year ending on 30 Sept 2013, as a result of the company delaying Infinity by two months, Disney CEO Bob Iger told analysts on an earnings call in May.

“We believe in Infinity,” Iger said during the call. “We think it will be a great product and it’s going to drive profitability.”

It took more than three years and around 200 people to create Infinity, according to John Blackburn, who heads Avalanche Software, the Disney-owned studio that created the game. Disney would not say how much it spent to create the game, which is scheduled for release 18 Aug 2013.

In the game, players can pit characters from Disney or Pixar movies against each other, such as a race between the top in cash. Odessa Lighting McQueen from “Cars” and quick-footed 10-year-old superhero Dash from “The Incredibles.”

It is Disney’s answer to Activision Blizzard’s Skylanders games, which lets players collect action figures that they can send on virtual action-adventure quests in a magical world called Skylands.

The game was one of 2012’s top-selling games with more than $1 billion worldwide in retail sales.—Reuters

Vodafone moves for Kabel Deutschland in quad-play push

London, 12 June—Vodafone said on Wednesday it had made an approach to buy Germany’s biggest cable company Kabel Deutschland in what could be its largest deal since 2007 and mark a departure from its roots as a pure mobile operator.

Vodafone had been pursuing a possible $13 billion euro ($13.3 billion) bid for the German firm since earlier this year, and hired Goldman Sachs to advise on options in February, sources told Reuters at the time.

(Vodafone) confirmed that it had made a preliminary approach to Kabel Deutschland that would mark the first time that it had made an approach to a European mobile operator that owns mobile networks in continental Europe, and had previously had to rely on renting broadband lines from competitors.

Vodafone has some fixed lines in Europe, including in Germany, but has only had so-called quad-play services with TV, fixed and mobile calls on superfast networks in Portugal. The British operator struck a deal with Deutsche Telekom last month to enable it to offer pay-TV over high-speed broadband to its customers in the increasingly competitive German market, Vodafone’s biggest operations excluding its joint venture with Verizon Communications.

Analysts, however, said at the time that the move did not preclude an acquisition of Kabel Deutschland.

Analysts at Espirito Santo said there would be significant synergies available to Vodafone from migrating some of its fixed-line customer base on to Kabel Deutschland’s cable infrastructure, possibly worth as much as 16 eu-

ros per Kabel Deutschland share.

They said the deal would also help defend its market share in Germany, including against the possibility of Kabel Deutschland ramping up its own mobile offering. “Triple play operators are increasingly taking share in mobile whereas mobile operators including Vodafone have failed to win significant share in the triple play segment,” they said.—Reuters

Mobile developers from India, China in demand

New Delhi, 12 June—To bridge the significant gap in demand and availability of skilled mobile developers, several large organizations are tapping global talent hotspots such as India, China, Israel and Europe, says a study.

Job postings for mobile developers has doubled in since 2011, but supply is growing only at 13 percent, the study by Talent Neuron, a web-based talent planning and management platform from Zinnov LLC, said.

To address the gaps, companies are following a three-pronged approach to acquire global talent, by expanding their R&D footprint and vendor partnerships to tap advantage of available talent, the study said.

Several large organizations are leveraging global talent hotspots such as India, China, Israel and Europe,” it said. The majority of mobile talent is located in EMER region (Europe, the Middle East and Africa), where 42 percent of the global top 25 cities for mobile development are located, with Finland, Tel Aviv and Moscow emerging as key locations.

Interestingly, APAC (Asia Pacific) is a hotspot of talent that works on Android platform, while iOS and Blackberry developers are less prevalent in the region.

The study found trenu- ments in demand for HTML 5 development skills, which witnessed a 149 percent increase in job postings in 2013, followed by job posts for Android app developers (146 percent rise) and iOS developers (132 percent rise). Commenting on the findings, Talent Neuron Co-Founder and CEO Vijay Swami said, “There is an intense war for mobile development talent, fuelled by low availability and the dynamic nature of the industry which requires constantly updated skillsets.”—Reuters

Blavatnik leads $130 million buy into Russian online retailer Lamoda

Moscow, 12 June—Billionaire American industrialist Leonard Blavatnik has led a $130 million round of financing for Russian online fashion retailer Lamoda, the company said on Tuesday.

Russia’s e-commerce industry, dominated by local players such as Ozon, has boomed in recent years amid rapidly improving access to the internet, and has already attracted several large investments.

The latest cash-for- equity deal gives Blavatnik’s Access Industries as well as Summit Partners and Tengel- mann an undisclosed direct stake in Lamoda, which sells clothing, shoes and beauty products, Lamoda said in a statement. The company said the transaction was the largest investment ever made in Russian e-commerce.

In March South African retailer Naspers bought a stake in Russian internet rival Avito with an agreed merger of their local classifieds businesses and $50 million in cash. Odessa, Ukraine-born Blavatnik is founder and chairman of Access Industries which also owns chemicals, real estate and media businesses including Warner Music.

He was also part of the AAR consortium which bought its half-share of Anglo-Russian oil firm TNK-BP to Rosneft for $28 billion this year, in a deal that turned Rosneft into the world’s largest listed oil firm by output. The tycoon, who emigrated to the United States in 1978, set a trend by converting his Russian wealth into assets in Europe and the United States.—Reuters

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WASHINGTON, 12 June— Reducing the number of unnecessary and high-dose computerized scans in children could lower their overall lifetime risk of future imaging-related cancers by up to 62 percent, a US study said on Monday.

Researchers reported in the journal JAMA Pediatrics that CT scans almost doubled among children under the age of 15 in the United States between 1996 and 2010 after an examination of CT utilization data from several US health-care systems. They said CT use increased dramatically because it’s effective and offers greater convenience than other imaging methods such as magnetic resonance imaging, which requires that a child remain still in a scanner for an extended period of time.

But radiation doses delivered by CT scans are 100 to 500 times higher than for conventional radiography, warned lead study author Diana Miglioretti of the University of California, Davis. “There are potential harms from CT, meaning that there is a cancer risk, albeit very small in individual children,” Miglioretti said in a Press release. “So it’s important to reduce this risk in two ways. The first is to only do a CT when it’s medically necessary, and use alternative imaging when possible. The second is to dose CT appropriately for children.”

The study found that the 4 million CT scans of the most commonly imaged organs conducted in children each year could result in approximately 4,870 future cancers. Reducing the highest 25 percent of radiation doses could prevent 2,090, or 43 percent, of these future cancers. By also eliminating unnecessary imaging, 3,020, or 62 percent, of cancers could be prevented, it said. Miglioretti explained that children’s organs are at an increased risk of cancer from CT scans because children are still growing and their cells are dividing rapidly. She noted that physicians can reduce dosage amounts using a number of different strategies, including reducing scan length by focusing solely on the “zone of interest,” the region requiring imaging. For example, when the zone of interest is the abdomen, physicians should avoid also scanning the pelvis. She said dosage guidelines for imaging pediatric patients should be followed closely.

RICHEY PARK, 12 June— Boeing Co (BA.N) has won a $1 billion contract to build four CH-47 Chinook helicopters, plus options for up to 38 more of the twin-rotor workhorse helicopters. The contracts, which have a combined value of over $1 billion, will help shore up Boeing’s revenues while some other companies are seeing their orders scaled back or cut.

“I’m extremely bullish on the rotorcraft industry,” Leanne Caret, vice president and general manager for vertical lift in Boeing’s military aircraft division, told Reuters in an interview at the company’s Philadelphia plant outside Philadelphia.

Caret said she expected Boeing to double its rotorcraft revenues by 2030 but declined to give specific dollar targets or the company’s current revenues in the sector. She said past innovations in rotorcraft occurred after wars or other events such as the Iranian hostage crisis of 1979-1980, and Boeing was committed to continuing to invest in research and development initiatives even as defense spending declined. “The multiyear agreements are critical because we’re going to continue to advance the technology that occurs on both the Chinook and the Osprey fleets,” said Caret, who headed the Chinook program before moving into her current job in January.

Caret said the government was “fair, but tough” in its negotiations with Boeing, and the company clearly had hard work ahead meeting its commitments on both contracts, which carry fixed price terms, and offer significant savings compared with buying the aircraft one year at a time.

“The overall, existing fundamentals portray a market with ample supply, which is further reduced in comfortable crude oil stock levels,” the report said. OPEC reiterated its familiar warning of downside risks to the demand outlook from weak economic growth.

For 2013 as a whole, it forecast world oil use would grow by 780,000 bpd, slightly lower than 790,000 bpd previously expected.

“The report is the first of this month’s three prominent oil supply and demand forecasts to emerge. The US government’s Energy Information Administration at present more bullish on demand growth than OPEC with a forecast of 890,000 bpd — issues its report later on Tuesday.

The International Energy Agency’s monthly update is due on Wednesday. (Reuters)

Dengue cases continue to increase in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 12 June— The weekly number of new dengue cases reported in Singapore continued to rise over the past week amid a late epidemic, according to official statistics.

A total of 820 infections were reported in the week ended 8 June, surpassing the previous weekly record of 756 cases seen this year, according to figures released by the National Environment Agency. Both were more than the previous peak seen in September 2005 during the worst dengue epidemic in Singapore. About 14,000 people were infected in 2005, with 25 deaths reported.

By Tuesday, a total of 9,421 infections have been reported this year, with two deaths, despite authorities stepping up efforts to wipe out mosquitos. There are four often seen serotypes of the virus. Experts said this year the dominant dengue virus in Singapore is not the Den-2, as was the case over the past few years. As a result, few people have the immunity.

Dengue fever is an illness caused by infection with a virus transmitted by the Aedes mosquito, with the symptoms including fever, fatigue as well as joint and muscle pains.—Xinhua
CARACAS, 12 June—Venezuela’s election council said on Tuesday an audit of the results of presidential elections in April confirmed President Nicolas Maduro had won by 1.5 percentage points, despite opposition claims that the vote was stolen.

The widely expected announcement by the National Electoral Council, which oversees elections, left losing candidate Henrique Capriles with only a court challenge remaining in what appears to be a futile effort to overturn the victory of Maduro, who succeeded the late socialist leader Hugo Chavez.

Capriles, the 40-year-old governor of Miranda state, refused to participate in what he called a “bogus audit” on the grounds it was not thorough enough to determine whether illegitimate votes had been cast.

The audit consisted of comparing paper receipts issued by electronic voting machines to a printout of the results those same machines transmitted digitally to the elections council for the purposes of tabulating votes nationwide.

The president of the election council, Tibsray Lucerna, said the audit of paper receipts at 100 percent of the voting tables showed a difference of just 0.02 percent from the official results. The discrepancies had been explained in incident reports already submitted from election day, she said.

“Election results in Venezuela are and will continue to be a reflection of the will of the people,” Lucerna said in a televised broadcast.

Election officials and vote volunteers on election day had audited 54 percent of the paper ballots as part of a routine audit that the elections council later agreed to extend. But Capriles had insisted the extended audit should also include a line-by-line review of electoral registry notebooks. With-out this, he said, the audit would not be able to detect if there had been illegal multiple voting in centres where no opposition poll volunteers were present.

He is challenging the results in the Supreme Court, though few expect the justices will rule in his favour.

Capriles, who has accused the elections council of being under the thumb of the ruling Socialist Party, told voters on Tuesday to focus on municipal elections scheduled for December.

“We have to keep fighting. Things are not going to change from one day to the next or with the results of a bogus audit,” he said in an internet broadcast.

Government officials say Capriles has failed to present evidence of election-day irregularities and have accused him of fo-menting post-vote violence that the government says killed 11 people.---Reuters

In neighbouring Fremont County, a 300-acre (120-hectare) wildfire broke out on Tuesday and prompted the evacuation of the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, the US Bureau of Land Management said in a statement.

The Royal Gorge span, which is billed as the world’s highest suspension bridge nearly 1,000 feet above the Arkan-sas River for a quarter-mile and is one of Colorado’s most visited tourist destina-tions. The bridge itself is not threatened by the flames.

The fire started on the south side of the river and later jumped to the north bank, fire managers said. They added that the river is closed to rafting and other recreational activities in the area and nearby residents are under mandatory evacu-ation orders.

Investigators are seek-ing the cause of both fires. In northern Colorado, a lighting-sparkle wildfire that erupted on Monday in Rocky Mountain National Park has burned about 100 acres and is spreading.

“It is increasing in size due to winds, low hu-midity and beetle-kill trees” which are dry, said park spokeswoman Kyle Patterson.---Reuters

Venezuela vote council says audit confirms Maduro victory

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro reacts while attending a mass at the mausoleum of late President Hugo Chavez to mark three months after his death in Caracas, on 5 June, 2013.---Reuters

People play games at the 2013 Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) that takes place at the Los Angeles Convention Centre in Los Angeles, California, the United States on 11 June, 2013.---Xinhua

Large plumes of smoke from a wildfire burning in the Black Forest stretch the horizon threatening homes north east of Colorado Springs, Colorado on 11 June, 2013.---Reuters

Russian arms supplies to Syria comply with int’l law

MOSCOW, 12 June—Russia supplies Syria with only defensive weapons un-der existing contracts and in line with international law, said Russian Foreign Min-ister Sergei Lavrov.

“We supply weapons to all those who contracted legally, which is a univer-sal rule,” Lavrov said in an interview published on Tuesday. Defensive weap-ons and air defence systems are not capable of provoking military crimes in Syria, he said.

Lavrov denied al-legations that the Syrian government has asked for Kalashnikov automatic ri-fles, grenade launchers and ammunition from Russia, saying he has not seen that request.

“This is not a contract to which we are committed. Those are two very differ-ent things,” he said, adding Moscow did not take sides in the Syrian conflict.

The Russian top diplo-mat meanwhile accused the Syrian opposition of delaying an international confer-ence on Syria.---Xinhua

British man abducted in Indonesia’s Aceh

JAKARTA, 12 June—A 60-year-old British man has been abducted by a group of unidentified gunmen in Indonesia’s Aceh Province, a local policeman said on Wednesday. Malcolm Primrose was dragged out of his car on the way from a drilling site of Indonesian oil compa-nies PT Medco E&P Malaka to his company’s base camp.

According to the police, the abduction took place at 11 am on Tuesday in the Peureulak area of East Aceh. About 100 military and police officers are still searching the jungle and vil-lages in the Peureulak area, with officials saying no group has claimed responsibili-ty for the attack.

Officials suspect, how-ever, that former separatist members of the now-defunct Free Aceh Movement are behind the abduction “for eco-nomic reasons.”---Kyodo News
**LOCAL NEWS**

**HEALTH CARE SERVICE**

**Anti-DHF measures conducted**

**SAGAING, 12 June**—The road to Myoma Market in Sagaing were merely accessible as they were blocked by undisciplined vendors. The road with relatively less traffic is also used by schoolchildren. **Motorcycle taxis**

**SagaiGa Myoma market road blocked**

**PONNAGYUN, 12 June**—Ponnyung Township Administrator U Hsan Maw, Medical Superintendent of Pyinmana 200-bed Hospital Daw Hla Hla Kyi, Administrator of Shwechi ward delivered talks on Dengue Fever. It was also attended by ward development support group members, nurses and town elders. **MMAL-Zin Mya Naing**

**Rainy Season**

**Pyinmana Township**

**Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever**

**Mandalay, 12 June**—Mandalay witnessed three fire outbreaks on two successive days on 9-10 June.

**Mandalay witnesses three fire outbreaks during two-day period**

**Rakhine State Health Department taking anti-DHF measures**

**PONNAGYUN, 12 June**—Rakhine State Health Department is leading anti-Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever campaign in the entire state.

**DHF is dreadful. Especially it is more dangerous when children are infected. But it is preventable. Make sure flower pots, water pots and cups are covered. Sanitize the environment. Make sure the drains flow properly,** Dr U Thein Maung of Ponnagyun Township said in an educative talk. He called for using mosquito nets while sleeping in the afternoon. Under the leadership of Head of Health Department of Ponnagyun Township Dr U Thein Maung, the health staff, the chairperson and members of township maternal and child welfare association, members of township women’s affairs organization and ward administrators on 8 June visited each home in the urban wards to inspect whether the homes took proper measures to prevent DHF. They also sterilized waters and delivered educative talks.—**MMAL-Lay Wadi Tun Saw Khaing**

**Drain spillovers fill roads in Meiktila**

**Meiktila, 12 June**—Some wards in Meiktila in Mandalay Region were covered with dirty water spilled over the drains blocked with dump, destroying roads of the town.

**Mandalay Music legend performs in Mandalay City Hall**

**Mandalay, 12 June**—Veteran singer Mar Mar Aye performed a solo live concert in Mandalay City Hall on 8 June evening, to the accompaniment of legendary Myoma Music Band. She performed popular songs of Mandalay-based Myoma Music Band and duets with Academy Cho Pyone, Pho Thaikkyar, Ei Ei Chan and Pan Ei Phyu. Anyeint dancer Twatar-tone accompanied Mar Mar Aye’s never staged before concert.

**Nay Pyi Taw, 12 June**—Anti-DHF measures which included sanitation tasks, drainage works and educative talks in wards and villages in Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 7 June. Basic Education Pre-Primary School in Shwechi ward hosted educative talks on Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever on 7 June.

**MMAL-Khaung Zeya**

**Education Ministry, UNICEF provide stationery, books to schoolchildren**

**THEINSEIK, 12 June**—A ceremony to present text books and exercise books provided by Education Ministry and UNICEF was held at the hall of Basic Education Primary School (Theinseik) in Theinseik Village in Thatan Township of Mon State on 3 June morning.

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**Business**

**Rice exports to China increase**

**YANGON, 12 June**—Rice exports to China through Muse border gate increased in second week of June, causing spikes in transportation charges. The rise in transportation charges is reportedly attributed to reports of collection 2 percent income tax in advance as of 14 June and changes in exchange rates of Chinese Yuan. Around 30000 bags of rice arrived in Muse in those days and are being stockpiled fully in warehouses. It takes about three days to transport goods from Yangon to Muse. **MMAL-Khin Hsang**

**Illegal wood seized in Katha**

**KATHA, 12 June**—Illegal wood logs were seized near Nyaungbintha village in Katha Township in Katha District in Sagaing Region. Acting on a tip-off, the team of forested by Assistant Director of Katha District Forest Department U Min Htut combed the area and seized the illegal wood logs on 6 June morning. The police are searching the illegal wood smugglers who are currently on the run. **MMAL-Khin Hsang**
Chinese Navy Ship Haixun 01 starts four-country trip

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Chinese Navy Ship Haixun 01 has departed Shanghai Port to pay goodwill visits to countries including Australia, Malaysia, Thailand and Myanmar since 10 June. It will reach Sydney Port of Australia on 22 June. Myanmar Port Authority has yet to announce the date of its arrival and duration of stay. The ship takes about 62 days to travel the four countries.

Man sentenced to 26 years for setting woman fire in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—A 48-year-old man Nay Win (a) O Saman was sentenced to 26 years in prison yesterday for setting a 24-year-old woman fire in Lashio on 28 May.

When authorities arrested him on 28 May, they also found two WY brand narcotic tablets in his possession.

Lashio Township Court sentenced him to 26 years’ imprisonment with labour—seven years under the Section 307, seven years under the Section 326, five years under the Section 15 of the narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances law and seven years under the Section 16 (c) of the narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances law.

The victim Ma Aye Aye Win a vendor in Lashio was recovering from her fire burns and this morning she was moved from Lashio General Hospital to Mandalay General Hospital according to her family’s wish.

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Survey

The trips will promote further cement relationships between the two countries and share experience in a practical way. The ship will complete its trips on 9 August.

The navy ship Haixun 01 is to carry out emergency rescue tasks, protect water pollution and attack pirates in the sea. It carries facilities that can rescue over 200 victims at the same time.

Chinese Navy Ship Haixun 01 starts four-country trip

Nay Pyi Taw

Notification No. 13/2013

4th Waxing of Nayon, 1375 ME

(12 June, 2013)

Three Defence Services Personnel

Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives

substituted

According to the request made in accord with Section 33 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute three Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted three Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives stated hereunder in Notification No. 2/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 and Notification No. 23/2012 of the commission dated 22-4-2012 with personnel shown against them.

1. BC 16736

Brig-Gen Min Thein Zan

Col Win Lwin Oo

2. BC 18032

Li-Col San Win

Li-Col Myo Thit Oo

3. BC 28792

Major Aung Hway

Major Ye Min Hway

By order,

Tin Tun

Secretary

Union Election Commission

Public Service Media Law

The distinct point of PSM is totally free from government control and business entities and has editorial independence and financial independence. There is a misunderstanding that press freedom and editorial independence are exactly the same. As a matter of fact, press freedom has no government’s pre-censorship and its editorial independence has something to do with editors’ freedom of choice. Even though it has press freedom, there is no editorial independence. Even when an editor from private media has press freedom, he or she will hesitate to criticize other business of his or her owners. Sometimes, he or she will have to cover the news in accord with owners’ desires. It is also difficult for them to criticize the news of their customers who mostly insert advertisements in their newspapers and journals. It can be said that they have no full editorial independence even there is press freedom and are under business interest pressure in such kind of circumstances.

PSM needs to be free from government control on its policies and management for ensuring editorial independence. Regarding PMS’s fund, it needs to have a prescribed, independent financial source which is independent from advertisers and investors. For ensuring editorial independence and financial independence, it needs to protect the PSM by means of laws and organizational charts of PSM. The following diagram shows protection of PMS with law for its editorial independence and financial independence.

It is seen that every country that has PSM has prescribed laws for organizational chart, duties, fund system, editorial independence and accountability. In the cases of the countries that transformed to democracy system from the communist system, laws were prescribed so as to transform from State-owned media and communists-owned media into PSM. It is obvious that these laws cover PSM’s laws of western democracy countries as well as prescriptions pertaining to transformation of staff of State-owned media. At a time when East Germany and West Germany is reunified, laws were amended to merge the State-owned media of East Germany and PSM in West Germany.

UNESCO has prescribed the following media development index to measure PSM’s editorial independence:

(a) whether or not financial assistance programme is prescribed in the law.

(b) whether or not editorial independence is guaranteed with an exact law.

(c) whether or not public accountability system through the governing body is definitely prescribed.

(d) whether or not freedom of the governing body is guaranteed with the law.

It can be seen that it needs to prescribe an exact law to protect PSM in order to implement PSM’s basic principles if any country in the world establishes a PSM.

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We will help all Myanmar....

(From page 16) of Myanmar embassy. Meanwhile, arrests of foreigners who live in ghettos and suspected persons were made as part of operation to ensure that they are legal or illegal. This has weakened conflicts in one way or another. Myanmar is obliged to protect legal foreign workers under the law while it is also responsible to handle the problems of illegal workers and deported them. The handling of the problems by Malaysian police who show relentless efforts in the incidents is informed to Myanmar. There is also cooperation in that regard.

Q: What is your expectation on the current trip?
A: I expect the best for our citizens. The President had said that the embassy wherever it has the main responsibility to protect its citizens to the most possible degree. Here, it is an incident that has to be addressed under the agreement of the two countries. The host nation can be providing us with necessary assistance under its law. Donors from Myanmar are now making arrangements to help workers in distress in Malaysia, reducing the air fares for the latter to return home conveniently. And when we are in Malaysia we are to be discussing with relevant organizations over the arrangements.

Q: In social networks there is dissatisfaction over addressing the incident by the embassy. Could you make any comment on that?
A: As the embassy is an official organization, it has to report the incident to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and then we have to report it to the President Office. In doing so, the reported information needs to be accurate and firm. And this has to take time, causing delay. The identification and confirmation of victims have to be carried out stage by stage with the help of the authorities concerned. The ambassador himself visited the warded patients and provided cash assistance. We don’t want to blame those who are dissatisfied with the handling of the issues. It is them who are desirous of protecting their citizens only. The fact needs to be known to all is that as the incident is to be addressed officially it needs approval which requires time. That’s why, the information system was delayed. However, the embassy forwarded the whole process of incident on 29, 30, 31 May and 1, 2, 3 June. I have instructed the ambassador to comfort the warded patients and to keep in touch with the Abbot Monk of the monastery. I have to work together with the Ministry of Information to release news timely. It’s right that them was subjected to delay. Because we had to work to get accurate information.

Q: What do you want to tell parents of the migrant workers?
A: The migrant workers are regarded as sons and daughters of the government. We are deeply committed to doing our best for them. We will meet the authorities concerned in Malaysia. We will have to work in conformity with the law of Malaysia, so, I am not sure whether what we gain is what we expect or not. But, we can work in the legal bounds without damaging the bilateral relations. We will help illegal migrant workers to go back home and will ask the authorities to ensure the safety of legal workers who want to continued to stay there. We will ask the employers of the workers to protect their employees because the employers have already understood how important is the workforce of the workers, especially in construction, agriculture and restaurant sectors. So, if employers also give their employees protection for their safety, we don’t need to worry about their safety.

Q: We heard that the victims would be cremated in Malaysia. Any plan to contact their families in Myanmar?
A: According to Malaysian law, when a migrant worker dies in an accident or dies at the work-site, the Malaysia authorities have no rights to cremate the body immediately. We will ask the employers of the workers to protect their employees because the employers have already understood how important is the workforce of the workers, especially in construction, agriculture and restaurant sectors. So, if employers also give their employees protection for their safety, we don’t need to worry about their safety.
District IPRD provides wifi at library

SAGAING, 12 June—The Office of Sagaing District Information and Public Relations Department has conducted public library in order that people could gain knowledge by raising reading habit in different reading corners—reading room for public, reference catalogue and children. The district IPRD Office has now installed free of charge wifi system for enabling easy access to the Internet.

U Tin Maung Win (Nanda Min Law) applying wifi system said, “I am thankful to have easy access to the Internet, and that would be great and people could know what is happening around the world in time.”

Kyemon-Zaw Myint Naing-Sagaing District IPRD

Cooperative University confers diplomas in Economics

SAGAING, 12 June—The 15th ceremony conferring of Cooperative University (Sagaing) was held at Sagaing Institute of Education on 9 June.

Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun attended the ceremony and made concluding remarks. Afterwards the officials presented awards to outstanding students.

D.B.A, D.M.M and D.B.M were conferred on those who completed the courses at Cooperative University (Sagaing) this academic year.

So far, Cooperative University (Sagaing) has conferred diplomas in Economics on 2045 students.

The officials, responsible persons and invited guests attended the ceremony.—Kyemon-225

Cash assistance donated to Health Care Group


Myat Myitta Social Organization led by General Practitioner Dr Win Kyi and 15 health staff are giving free medical treatment in rural villages.

Moreover, free medical treatment can be received at Shwebontha Dhammayon every Sunday.

Kyemon-Pathein Hla Kyi

Reinforced concrete road being paved in Sittway

SITTWAY, 12 June—The main road of Sittway has been under concrete paving since May.

Concrete paving work is being carried out by AMC Company with the close supervision of the state Development Affairs Committee and Sittway Township Development Affairs Committee under the guidance of Rakhine State Government, with the fund contributed by the Ministry of Border Affairs.

The 9240 ft long, 40 ft wide and 8 thick RC road is from Setyon Junction to Mayu Junction. Arrangements are being made to pave the 1774 ft long, 20 ft wide and 8 thick RC road from Setyon Junction to the jetty. As a RC road has been already paved from Point Relaxation Camp to Myolal Bridge, the newly-paved RC road is the second one for Sittway dwellers.

Kyemon-698

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Tanintharyi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Tanintharyi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).

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Health care for Hlinethaya

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YANGON, 12 June—Under the management of Head Dr Myat Mon Aye of Yangon City Development Committee (Health), Deputy Head Dr Aye Aye Oo, the assistant head and Deputy Head Dr Aye Aye Yangon City Development Head Dr Myat Mon Aye of Under the management of Rakhine State Government, with the fund contributed by the Ministry of Border Affairs.

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World’s oldest ever man in Kyoto dies at 116

KYOTO, 12 June — A Japanese man recognized by Guinness World Records as the world’s oldest living person and longest-lived man in history died of natural causes at a hospital in Kyoto Prefecture early Wednesday morning at age 116, a municipal government said.

Jiroemon Kimura, a native of Kyoto, died at a hospital in the city of Koyotango in the prefecture at 2:08 a.m. He was recognized by Guinness as the world’s oldest living person on 17 Dec, 2012, outranking a US woman who died at age 115. Later that month, on 28 December, he reached the age of 115 years and 253 days, the longest for a man in the world recognized by Guinness. The previous record was held by a US resident, originally from Denmark, who died in 1998 at age 115 years and 252 days.

File photo shows Jiroemon Kimura, who died of natural causes as the age of 116 at a hospital in Kyoto Prefecture on 12 June, 2013. The Japanese man had been recognized by Guinness World Records as the world’s oldest living person and longest-lived man in history.

—Kyodo News

Thai PM invites Cambodian counterpart for official visit

PHNOM PENH, 12 June — Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra invited her Cambodian counterpart Hor Namhong to make an official visit to Thailand to cement bilateral ties and cooperation, a Cambodian spokesman said on Tuesday.

The invitation was extended to Hun Sen by visiting Thai deputy prime minister Surapong Tovichakchaikul, said Eang Sophaliet, personal spokesman for Prime Minister Hun Sen.

“Surapong Tovichakchaikul told Prime Minister Hun Sen that Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra invited him for an official visit to Thailand in an appropriate time,” he told reporters after the meeting at the Peace Palace. Surapong Tovichakchaikul said the exchange visit of the leaders of the two countries were very important to illustrate good relationship, cooperation, and mutual trust.

He added that the Government of Thailand committed to maintaining good ties with Cambodia for mutual benefits.

Meanwhile, Hun Sen said he would arrange a proper time to visit Thailand. Earlier in the day, Surapong Tovichakchaikul and his Cambodian counterpart Hor Namhong co-chaired the first meeting of the Joint Committee on Border Area Development and Connectivity between the two countries.

Both sides agreed to increase cooperation in various sectors including trade, investment, tourism, energy, health, education, and anti-cross border crimes.

—Kyodo News

India’s May passenger car sales fall for 6th straight month, off 10.6%

MUMBAI, 12 June — Sales of new passenger cars in India shrank for the sixth straight month in May, falling 10.6 percent from a year earlier to 201,437 units, an industry body said on Tuesday. Consumer spending in India has cooled off in recent months, with the impact sharply felt in big-ticket consumer products such as passenger cars.

High interest rates have particularly dampened sales of small passenger cars, a favourite choice among middle-class income earners in India.

Production of passenger vehicles in India went down 11.10 percent in May from the year-before level to 253,722 units, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers said.

Domestic sales of commercial vehicles in May declined 10.6 percent to 55,438 units.

—Kyodo News

Five dead, five missing after Mumbai building collapse

MUMBAI, 12 June — The death toll stands at five and a further five people remain missing following the collapse of a five-storey building on Monday night in central Mumbai, police said on Tuesday.

The National Disaster Response Force, which reached the site of the building in the city’s Mahim District almost immediately, is continuing its rescue operation.

While the cause of the collapse remains unclear, police sources say days of heavy rain were a factor.

—Kyodo News

New Zealand welcomes Australian plan to extend student loan scheme

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Japanese economic and fiscal policy minister Akira Amari is scheduled to submit the government’s economic report for June to a ministerial meeting on Thursday.

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Residents at the Fuyozen senior citizen’s home in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, interact with Palro, a humanoid robot, on 10 May, 2013.

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Participants push a boat into water for a boat race held to mark the annual Dragon Boat Festival in Xianxi Village, Jiangtian Town, Changle, southeast China’s Fujian Province, on 10 June, 2013. This year’s Dragon Boat Festival falls on 12 June.

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A man fishes at a park in the eastern suburbs of Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 11 June, 2013. Local residents go to parks to enjoy the sunshine after experiencing a long and gloomy spring this year.—Xinhua

Mongolia wants to strengthen economic, political ties with Finland

ULAN BATOR, 12 June—Mongolia wants to strengthen its economic and political relationship with Finland, Parliament Speaker Zandaakhui Enkhbold said on Monday. Mongolia also wants to learn from Finland in the fields of education and science, Enkhbold said during a meeting with his Finnish counterpart, Eero Heinaluoma, the Mongolian parliament’s media office reported. Enkhbold called on Finland to create opportunities for Mongolian youth to study in the Northern European country. The speaker, meanwhile, hailed the good relationship between the parliaments of the two countries, and noted that Heinaluoma’s visit coincided with the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Mongolia and Finland. Heinaluoma, for his part, said Finland expects to cooperate with Mongolia in the areas of mining and agriculture.—Xinhua

US proposes to list all chimpanzees as endangered

WASHINGTON, 12 June—The US Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday announced a proposal to classify both wild and captive chimpanzees as endangered, a move that could affect future use of chimpanzees in scientific research in the United States. The agency said the rule proposed would “correct the inconsistency” that only wild chimpanzees are listed as endangered while captive chimpanzees are listed as threatened in the country. If this proposal is finalized, certain activities would require a permit, including import and export of chimpanzees into and out of the United States, said the agency. Petitions would be issued only for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species, including habitat restoration and research on chimpanzees in the wild that contributes to improved management and recovery, it said. The proposal comes months after a decision by the US National Institutes of Health to “retire” many of the over 400 chimps that it supports at primate facilities.—Xinhua

Economists cut growth forecasts for Singapore economy

SINGAPORE, 12 June—Private sector economists and analysts expected the Singapore economy to grow by 2.3 percent this year, according to the results of a survey released by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) on Wednesday. This represents a downgrade from the median forecast of 2.8 percent in a previous survey in March. The Ministry of Trade and Industry has said it expected the Singapore economy to grow by 1 to 3 percent this year. The survey, based on the forecasts submitted by 22 respondents, showed that they significantly downgraded their growth forecasts for the manufacturing sector from 3.3 percent to 1.2 percent. The growth forecast for the finance and insurance sector, however, was upgraded from 3 percent to 6.1 percent. The current survey also finds that the economists expect the private consumption to grow by 2.3 percent, in comparison with the previous forecast of 2.8 percent. The forecast for non-oil domestic product, the key gauge of Singapore’s export performance, was cut from 4 percent to 2.5 percent. The GDP growth forecast for the second quarter was also downgraded from 2 percent to 1.5 percent. Singapore’s economy expanded by 0.2 percent in the first quarter, lower than the median forecast of 0.8 percent reported in the March Survey. The forecast for the headline inflation for this year was cut from 3.8 percent to 2.8 percent. The unemployment rate is expected to be 2 percent at the year-end, reflecting a tight labour market.—Xinhua

OECD unemployment rate remains at 8 pct in April

Paris, 12 June—The unemployment rate for the 34-member OECD area was stable at 8 percent in April, said the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development on Tuesday. The unemployment rate hit a new record high in the euro area, going up 0.1 percentage point to 12.2 percent in April, 1.3 percentage point above its mid-90’s peak, according to the latest data release by the OECD.

However, the rate decreased in the United States by 0.1 percentage point to 7.5 percent and in South Korea by 0.1 percentage point to 3.1 percent.

Both Canada and Japan keep their unemployment rate stable at 7.2 percent and 4.1 percent respectively.

“Trends in unemployment rates across OECD countries have diverged significantly since the beginning of the economic and financial crisis,” the OECD analyzed in its monthly report. It noted that in May 2013, unemployment rates were significantly below the peaks reached in the second half of 2009 in Canada and the United States, by 1.6 and 2.4 percentage points lower, respectively.

In April, the unemployment rate in Japan was close to its pre-crisis level while, but it reached a new peak in several European countries, including France at 11.0 percent, Greece at 27 percent and Italy (the latest month available), Italy at 12 percent, Portugal at 17.8 percent and Spain at 26.8 percent.—Xinhua

Mongolia wants to strengthen economic, political ties with Finland

ULAN BATOR, 12 June—Mongolia wants to strengthen its economic and political relationship with Finland, Parliament Speaker Zandaakhui Enkhbold said on Monday. Mongolia also wants to learn from Finland in the fields of education and science, Enkhbold said during a meeting with his Finnish counterpart, Eero Heinaluoma, the Mongolian parliament’s media office reported. Enkhbold called on Finland to create opportunities for Mongolian youth to study in the Northern European country. The speaker, meanwhile, hailed the good relationship between the parliaments of the two countries, and noted that Heinaluoma’s visit coincided with the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Mongolia and Finland. Heinaluoma, for his part, said Finland expects to cooperate with Mongolia in the areas of mining and agriculture.—Xinhua

US proposes to list all chimpanzees as endangered

WASHINGTON, 12 June—The US Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday announced a proposal to classify both wild and captive chimpanzees as endangered, a move that could affect future use of chimpanzees in scientific research in the United States. The agency said the rule proposed would “correct the inconsistency” that only wild chimpanzees are listed as endangered while captive chimpanzees are listed as threatened in the country. If this proposal is finalized, certain activities would require a permit, including import and export of chimpanzees into and out of the United States, said the agency. Petitions would be issued only for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species, including habitat restoration and research on chimpanzees in the wild that contributes to improved management and recovery, it said. The proposal comes months after a decision by the US National Institutes of Health to “retire” many of the over 400 chimps that it supports at primate facilities.—Xinhua
**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Emma Watson signs apocalyptic comedy**

**London, 12 June—** Former Harry Potter actress Emma Watson says she signed her new film This is the End because she found its script ‘crazy’. The 23-year-old actress said though she was initially confused about giving her nod for the project, but she quickly realised it would be a fun film to do, reported Contactmusic.

“I thought it sounded crazy. I remember trying to get my head around it on the phone to my agent who was like, ‘So, it’s Seth Rogen and Jonah Hill and James Franco and Danny McBride and all these other comedians. Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg are making it, and all the actors are playing themselves, and it’s going to be the end of the world and they want you in the movie’,” she said.

Watson will portray a larger than life character in the apocalyptic comedy film. Initially, Watson had a bunch of questions about the storyline of the movie. “I am like, ‘What? Why? How? I just remember reading it and thinking it’s hilarious’. I thought it was the most crazy, absurd premise for a story I’d ever heard. I had to do it,” said Watson.

“I was taken aback. Why did they think of me? But then I read the script, and it was so funny. And I loved that they made the only two women in the store these really strong and funny characters. We come off so well,” she added.

The movie also has a cameo appearance by pop star Rihanna.

**Mila Kunis, Ashton Kutcher planning English wedding**

**Los Angeles, 12 June—** Actors Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher are reportedly planning to get married in Britain. They are also said to be considering venues like Royal Pavilion in Brighton and Stonehehenge for the ceremony.

The couple has been staying in Britain for some time as Kunis has been shooting Jupiter Ascending here.

“Mila and Ashton have fallen in love with Britain. They are desperate to get married as soon as possible because they want to start a family and are slightly old-fashioned about these things,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

“The first place they thought of was Stonehenge, but they’ve also been looking at the Royal Pavilion in Brighton. Mila loves the idea of a stately home or something in the English countryside,” the source added.

Despite considering lavish venues for the big day, the couple want the ceremony to be “low-key” with selected guests.

“Although the venue may be spectacular, the wedding itself will be low-key. It’s expected it will be just Ashton, Mila and a few family friends,” the source added.

Although the couple are yet to announce their engagement, things have progressed between them over the past few weeks as Kunis has introduced Kutcher to her parents.

**Cameron Diaz locks lips with Lady Gaga’s boyfriend**

**London, 12 June—** Charlie’s Angels star Cameron Diaz was spotted kissing pop sensation Lady Gaga’s boyfriend Taylor Kinney on the set of their new film.

The pair is currently filming their new movie The Other Woman and the kiss was for a scene in it. But the actors’ proximity on and off the sets is giving a tough time to Gaga, who is recovering from her hip surgery, reported Contactmusic.

“This isn’t going down well. Cameron and Taylor have clicked on the set and are getting on really well. They’ve been hanging out and the news has reached Gaga’s camp. It’s been a stressful time for Gaga with this on her plate as she’s recovering from hip surgery,” a source said.

The Other Woman, which also stars comic actresses Leslie Mann and Game of Thrones hunk Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, is about a woman who learns her boyfriend is a married man and hatches a revenge plot with his wife.

**Kanye West celebrates birthday sans Kim Kardashian**

The rapper, on the other hand, made the best of his big day by hosting a lavish dinner at Miss Lily’s Jamaican restaurant with attendance from his rapper friends Nas and Jay Z, and the latter’s singer-wife Beyonce Knowles.

The guest list also included some other popular artists such as magician David Blaine, Kim’s best friend Jonathan Chebar and her older sister Kourtney’s boyfriend Scott Disick, reports contactmusic.com.

Nas shared a photo of the three rappers on Twitter, and wrote: “Yeezus x Hov x Godson... The 3 Gods. Happy Birthday to my brotha Kanye! (sic)”. Rapper trio Kanye West, Jay-Z and Nas at West’s birthday party in New York. (This picture was posted by Nas on Instagram).

Kanye and Kim have been dating since 2012.

**Brad Pitt: No idea why zombies are so popular**

**London, 12 June—** Despite having acted in the recent high-budget zombie movie World War Z, actor Brad Pitt insists he is yet to understand the hype about the undead.

The 49-year-old said the 250 million pounds flick is more about the plot than the zombies, reported Daily Express. “I was never a huge horror fan to be honest. As for why zombies are so popular, I really have no idea. For me World War Z is all about the story. The zombies are the threat but the themes are much wider than that,” he said.

Pitt is currently busy attending the premieres of the apocalyptic horror movie across the globe.—PTI

**PTI**
Bolt ready to break 20 seconds in 200 metres

OSLO, 12 June—Olympic sprint champion Usain Bolt can net a 200 metres world season’s best at Oslo’s Bislett Games on Thursday despite last week’s defeat in the 100 in Rome.

“During the season, none of the 200 metre runners have gone below 20 seconds so... it would be nice to break 20 seconds,” he told Reuters on Tuesday. “I think I’m in shape. I felt good during training today. I think I can get below 20 seconds, no problem.”

The 26-year-old Jamaican, whose early season was hit by a hamstring problem, said the injury was no longer troubling him but that he needed plenty of races to get ready for the word championships in Moscow in August.

Bolt, world record holder over 100 and 200, has not been officially clocked over the longer distance this year and his loss in the 100 to Justin Gatlin at the Rome Diamond League has increased speculation over his fitness.

However, none of the competitors lined up for the Oslo Diamond League 200 has gone below 20.23 seconds this year, over a second slower than Bolt’s 200 world record.

“I’ve been through so many injuries now, I understand what it takes to get back, you just need races, races and that is always the key thing,” Bolt said.

“Today I went to train and felt extremely good,” he added. Reuters

Japan sign off with win to end Iraq’s World Cup bid

LONDON, 12 June—Asian champions Japan finished their World Cup qualifying campaign with a 1-0 win over Iraq in Doha on Tuesday that ended the West Asian nation’s slim hopes of joining them in Brazil.

Iraq enjoyed plenty of possession and created lots of chances in the opening 45 minutes but could not find a way through and Japan made them pay with an 89th-minute goal from Shinji Oka\-zaki.

The result leaves Japan on 17 points from their eight Group B games with Iraq bottom on five ahead of three Group A fixtures this week.

After losses to Jordan and Bulgaria, Japan coach Alberto Zaccheroni was keen to grab a win before the team begin their Confederations Cup campaign against hosts Brazil on Saturday.

“It’s been a while since we lost to a team who finished second and second races and that is always the key thing,” Bolt said.

“Today I went to train and felt extremely good,” he added. Reuters

Nippy Navas joins Manchester City from Sevilla

MANCHESTER, 12 June—Spain winger Jesus Na\-vas completed his move to Manchester City from Sevilla on Tuesday with the manageress Premier League club tying up their second bit of big transfer business since the end of the season.

Sevilla had already said last week that the 27-year-old would be leaving the club to join up with inter- national team mate David Silva at the Etihad stadium and now the English club have confirmed the deal.

“Manchester City is an exciting project and this is the right moment for me to take this step. I’m very hap\-py with the opportunity and the decision,” Navas said on his new club’s website (www.mfc.co.uk).

“The Premier League is a competition where the football is very fast and will suit the way I play. I’m re\-ally looking forward to it.”

“I’m going to a great club in England and I want to continue developing my game there. The club has put a lot of faith in me and I want to repay them out on the pitch.”

The club did not give details of the length of con\-tract or transfer fee but local media reported it to be in the region of 15 million pounds ($23.40 million).

Navas, who spent 10 seasons with Sevilla, joins a trophy-hungry club who are determined to improve on last season’s showing where they finished runners-up to Manchester United in the league and lost to Wigan Athletic in the FA Cup final.

Despite still not having appointed a new manager after last month’s sacking of Roberto Mancini, they have been busy bolstering their squad for next term and last week signed Bra\-zil midfielder Fernandinho from Shakhtar Donetsk.

Former Malaga, Vil\-larreal and Real Madrid manager Manuel Pellegrini is widely expected to be unveiled as Mancini’s su\-cessor after the Chilean said last month he had a verbal agreement with the club.

Man City, who won the Premier League in 2012 and FA Cup in 2011, have made no secret of their ambition with chief execu\-tive Ferran Soriano saying last month that City wanted to win five trophies in the next five years. Reuters

McIlroy says soft Merion conditions suit him at US Open

McIlroy won the 2011 US Open by eight strokes with a record total of 16-under-par but failed to make the cut when he defended his title last year at the hard\-er and faster Olympic Club, outside of San Francisco.

“I didn’t really enjoy the Olympic Club last year,” he said. “I much prefer this sort of golf.”

“When you hit a shot and it doesn’t bounce one way or the other. When you hit it and it stays where you think it’s going to go.”

Despite his preference for softer ground, McIlroy said the Merion course, with its narrow, tilted fair\-ways, would still present a tough challenge to everyone.

“You’ve still got to hit it on the fairway, it’s still a pretty tight golf course,” he said.

“When you do get it in the rough, you’re not go\-ing to be able to get it out of there.”

Pele asks Brazilians not to boo national team

SÃO PAULO, 12 June—Football great Pele appealed to Brazil’s notoriously fickle fans on Tuesday to get be\-hind their team during the upcoming Confederations Cup.

The only player to win the World Cup three times was dismayed by recent games in which home fans barracked Brazil’s players and their manager Luiz Fe\-lippe Scolari.

“This is a team that is under construction, this is a 15-day tournament, so let’s not boo them,” Pele said at a press conference at a promotional event in Sao Paulo.

“How the players, ev\-en if they don’t work out because this is us preparing for the World Cup.”

The eight-team Confederations Cup takes place in Brazil from 15 June to 30 June and is considered a major test run for next year’s World Cup, both for players and organizers.

More than 80 percent of the tickets have been sold for this month’s tournament and it promises to be the most successful ever commercial\-ly. Brazilian fans have a repu\-tation for colour and flam\-boyance when overseas, but at home they are demanding and fickle. As the only team to win the World Cup five times, Brazilian supporters are unforgiving when their expectations are not met. Reuters
Australian woman to brave sharks on swim from Cuba to US

McCardel, who works as a first aid trainer in Melbourne, McCardel trains 50 weeks a year and has a record of accomplishment that includes two double crossings of the English Channel. She’ll use so-called English Channel marathon rules, meaning she can’t touch the boats that will accompany her during what she estimates will be a 28-hour journey, hopefully ending on the shores of Key West, Florida. Her biggest challenges during the swim, apart from fatigue, will be the poisonous jelly fish that float through the straits, the man o’war, waves and the powerful and unpredictable Gulf Stream, the mighty ocean current that flows west to east through the Florida Straits. She and her husband, Paul, did a thorough study of past failed attempts to see what could be done differently. Based on their findings, they turned to science to increase the chance of success. The swim is being attempted now because the box jelly fish, a particularly venomous species that has stung other swimmers, are less numerous in the Strats this time of year.—Reuters

Phoenix, 12 June—Tourist cars and buses resumed their bumpy run to a Grand Canyon tourist attraction run on Tuesday, by passing a roadblock set up last week by a dude rancher in a bitter access dispute.

The Hualapai tribe, which operates the canyon Skywalk viewing platform, built the bypass on federal land in Arizona and reopened the Diamond Bar Road to traffic. Diamond Bar runs briefly through the Grand Canyon Ranch Resort, belonging to Nigel Turner. The former British Army helicopter pilot grew angry over delays affecting the construction of a separate improved road to the Skywalk for which he had granted an easement in 2007. In late May, Turner deployed armed guards to charge $20 per person and $500 per tour bus for the upward of 1,000 visitors a day who use the road before finally preventing entry altogether.

“Two weeks, thousands of people have been coming to see the Grand Canyon to enjoy their vacations and have either been faced with an armed man collecting money from them or finding a roadblock and having to turn around,” Hualapai Tribe spokesman Dave Cieslak said. Hualapai Chairwoman Sherry J Counts thanked Arizona US Representatives Ann Kirkpatrick, a Democrat, and Paul Gosar, a Republican, for assisting the tribe in getting the necessary permit to complete work on the bypass. Turner could not immediately be reached for comment on Tuesday.—Reuters

Chinese firm exports heavy-duty excavators to South Africa

TAYUAN, 12 June—A heavy-duty machinery manufacturer in north China’s Shanxi Province has exported its heavy-duty excavators to South Africa, according to the company. Cao Keshun, a spokesman for the Taiyuan Heavy Machinery Group Co (TZ), Ltd said the company sold two WK-55 excavators to South Africa. TZ previously exported the same type of excavator to Chile in 2011. “This type of excavator can be used in all kinds of mining environments. The product has great export potential,” Cao said. Founded in 1950, TZ was the first independent heavy-duty machinery manufacturing firm to be established in China. Its products have been exported to countries around the world.—Xinhua

Chicago receives 46.2 mln tourists in 2012

Chicago hosted 46.2 million visitors in 2012, near the record of 46.3 million in 2007 and an increase of 6.1 percent over 2011, Chicago Tribune reported on Tuesday.

The city accommodated nearly 18 million overnight vacationers, up 10.2 percent from 2011; 16.1 million day trips leisure travellers, rising 4 percent on year; and 7.2 million business travel overnight visitors, up 6.7 percent. International visitors to Chi- cago rose 3.2 percent to 1.24 million in 2012, Chicago Tribune quoted preliminary data to be released by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Choose Chicago on Tuesday as saying.

As a result, downtown Chicago hotels saw an occupancy rate of 78.5 percent in 2012, up from 72.2 percent in 2011, and the city hotel tax receipts increased by 26.1 million dollars to 100.8 million dollars.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in a statement that the data indicate the city “is well on its way to meeting and exceeding my goal of 50 million annual visitors by 2020.”—Xinhua

A visitor takes photos of a bunch of colourless roses on display in the main pavilion of the 9th China (Beijing) International Garden Expo in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 June, 2013. Cultivated by artificial methods, those unusual roses attracted many visitors.—Xinhua

China's economic growth slows as inflation pressures remain

China’s GDP growth slowed to a seven-year low in the second quarter of 2013, official data showed Wednesday, as pressure mounted from inflationary threats, gauging the scale of the risk to Beijing’s efforts to make structural reforms.

Analysts said China’s GDP growth slowed to an annual 7.6 percent in the April-June period from 7.9 in the previous three months, the statistics bureau said, below expectations of 7.7 percent.

China’s local governments are facing an increase in bond market yields as Beijing tries to reduce their use of debt to fund construction and economic development, making it harder to fund infrastructure projects.

Inflation pressures remained high, with prices of industrial commodities rising at their fastest pace in a year and consumer prices having been at their highest since 2012 for the past three months. This is hindering Beijing’s efforts to reduce inflation from the highest in two years.

China’s exports, which make up about 40 percent of GDP, have been struggling against a stronger yuan and foreign demand that is faltering in Europe and other regions.

President Hu Jintao said in a plenary session of China’s National People’s Congress in Beijing that Beijing would do what it could to drive economic reform and promote economic growth.

But analysts said they are uncertain about the extent of the policy measures that Beijing will eventually announce to help prop up the economy.

The GDP data came a day after China’s central bank, which is widely expected to cut interest rates when it meets on Thursday, embarked on a $60 billion, or $42 billion, purchase of two new three-year bonds.

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**Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Thai guests**

The Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko received a delegation led by Mr Ashok Nigam, Coordinator in Myanmar of the Thai Parliamentary Friendship Association. The delegation was led by Mr Alongkorn Ponlaboot, Chairman of Myanmar-Thai Parliamentary Friendship Association at the meeting hall No.1 of Pyithu Hluttaw Building.

**Q:** Who are the members of the delegations?

**A:** The delegations include Myanmar office staff who have been assigned tasks in their countries.

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**YANGON, 12 June—A special Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zinaw and Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security Daw Win Maw Tun was headed here for Malaysia yesterday to make investigation into Myanmar migrant workers issues on the ground and to hold talks with Malaysian ministries concerned. They are off to the Yangon International Airport by the officials.

**Q:** What is the purpose of the trip to Malaysia?

**A:** Myanmar government has decided to increase investigation into the cases of violence against Myanmar migrant workers. Our government will make coordination with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Labour in Malaysia to deal with the issues and help Myanmar people.

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**NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a delegation led by Mr Alongkorn Ponlaboot, Chairman of Myanmar-Thai Parliamentary Friendship Association at the meeting hall No.1 of Pyithu Hluttaw Building. Present on the occasion together with Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa were chairmen, secretaries and members of the committees.

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**Deputy Minister U Zinaw.** (See page 9)

**Deputy Ministe r Daw Win Maw Tun.**

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**Pilot assessment program for Myanmar students reading skills discussed**

**NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Ministry for Education Dr Mya Aye received Country Manager Kanthan Shankar of World Bank at his office, here, this afternoon.

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