NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—President U Thein Sein held meetings with those from the milk donor companies for school milk programme at basic education schools Chairman of Tetra Laval Company of Sweden Mr. Jorn Rausing, representatives from Tetra Laval Co and its sister companies Tetra Pak South & South East Asia, those from CP Meiji Co of Thailand, Chairman of MK Co U Hla Win and officials concerned at Myanmar International Convention Center (MICC), here, this morning.

In meeting with them, the President expressed words of thanks for donations of milk after explaining that there are three main purposes of feeding milk; to be healthy, to grow and to be intelligent. At the time when reforms are being carried out, human resources development is a core. Those human resources develop only when health and education are in perfect condition. Therefore, donating milk is a means to promote health and education sectors.

Also present at the call together with the President were Vice-President Dr Sai Maek Kham, Union Ministers U Ohn Myint, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Thein Nyunt, Dr Mya Aye, Dr Pe Thet Khin, Dr Kan Zaw and U Kyaw Lwin, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—The first monsoon tree-planting ceremony of the Commander-in-Chief’s Office (Army, Navy and Air) was held at the vacant land in front of the National Landmark Gardens in Zeyathiri Township, here, at 7.30 am today, in the presence of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla.

After the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife had planted Seintalone mango saplings at the designated places, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Thura Thet Swe and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and wife, senior military officers from the Commander-in-Chief’s Office and their wives and guests followed.

At the today’s ceremony, about 5000 Seintalone mango saplings were planted. Since 2011, a total of 40770 various kinds of saplings had been grown. Monsoon tree-planting ceremony would be held yearly for ensuring environmental con-servation.—MNA

President U Thein Sein meets officials from milk donor companies

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends first monsoon tree-planting ceremony

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with officials from milk donor companies for school milk programme at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC). —MNA

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**AGRICULTURE**

**Farmers team of Letpadaungtaung region tour Meiktila grape farm**

Meiktila, 18 June—A 33-member team from Letpadaungtaung region of Salingyi Township visited grape farm of the Irrigation Department near Zaungchhangon Village of Meiktila Township on 16 June morning.

“The team comprised 33 representatives of farmers from 26 villages in six village-tracts of Letpadaungtaung region in Salingyi Township in addition to six agricultural staff. The trip was aimed at observing potential of crops that can achieve success in a short time on the lesser farmlands. They observed agricultural techniques on cultivation of grape and dragon fruits plants in Meiktila grape farm,” explained Head of Meiktila District Agriculture Department U Myo Zaw.

The team led by the Deputy Head of Sagaing Region Agriculture Department was conducted round the farm by in-charge of the grape farm Daw San Yi and Head of Township Agriculture Department U San Lwin who explained agricultural techniques on cultivation of grape and dragon fruits, weather, farmland and water supply.

The team members viewed thriving grape and dragon fruit plantations. The excursion team proceeded to milch cow farms of U Khin Maung Win who secured the Excellent Award presented by the President for breeding milch cows in Nyaungbintha Village of Huminkan Village-tract of Meiktila.

**Talks on technique of growing paddy through GAP**

Myitkyina, 18 June—The talks on good agricultural pattern on cultivation of high yield hybrid paddy strain was held at the office of Village Administrator in Naungnan Village-tract on 15 June to be able to share agricultural knowledge about beneficial cultivation to local farmers of Myitkyina Township.

The team comprised 24 people, ward administrator Kyemon-Thanha, Kyemon-Phyu, Kyemon-Myint and neighbouring people of Toungoo Township.

At first, Head of District Agriculture Department U Tu Maung made a speech. In-charge of the District Seed Farm U Lwam Khong explained preservation of quality seeds and Head of Township Agriculture Department U Aung Myo Win application of good agricultural patterns to contribute to production of over 100 baskets of paddy per acre. They distributed pamphlets and Paletthwe hybrid paddy seeds to the farmers. Likewise, a similar talk was held at Baptist Church in Ward 2 of Nangwe Village-tract in the same township. Officials replied to queries.

**ACCIDENT**

Hino hits Dyna bus, leaving one dead in Sagaing

Sagaying, 18 June—A vehicle hit another one that stopped over roadside for picking up passengers, leaving one passenger dead that caused in Kyaukse Village in Sagaing Township on 14 June.

IP Hsan Win of Ywathitgyi Police Station in Sagaing Township, acting on a tip-off, inspected the traffic accident.

In the incident, a Dyna bus driven by Saw Naing of Ywathitgyi Village of Sagaing Township from Ohndaw to Sagaing stopped over a bus stop to pick up the passengers between mile posts 23/8 to 24/8. Meanwhile, a Hino driven by Tun Tun Oo from Ohndaw to Sagaing hit the above-mentioned Dyna due to out of control. So, passenger U Maung Maung, 55 of Ywathit Village of Sagaing Township fell off the bus.

Despite providing medical treatment, the passenger was dead at Sagaing General Hospital.

Action was taken against reckless driver Tun Tun Oo of Inlegyi Village in Kanbalu Township under the law.

**CRIME**

**Mobile team exposes illegal commodities in Waw**

Waw, 18 June—While discharging duties at the strategic junction of old and new Sittoung Bridges in Waw Township of Bago Region, personnel of the mobile team-2 formed by Bago Region government searched a vehicle driven by Win Thu at 12 noon on 14 June. The personnel of the team seized 60 boxes of automobile custom duty onboard the vehicle. Action was taken against the crime brokers under the law. Kyemon-Phone Thaw (Waw)

**Muse attracts foreigners, locals with SEA Games poster**

Muse, 18 June—A billboard bearing XXVII SEA Games was put up near Nandaw checkpoint near Shwenandaw Star Travel Centre at Myanmar-China border in Muse of Muse District in Shan State on 15 June.

“The billboard is 60 feet long and 14 feet wide. The billboard is seven feet high. District Sports and Physical Education Department supervises sports activities under the arrangement of the Ministry of Sports in Muse. The billboard erected in front of the Myanmar-China border gate can attract over 3000 people of arrival and departure daily,” said Chairman of Township Writers Association Shwenyarthar Myat Min.

Kyemon-Thein Zaw (ShweItU)

**Divorced husband seriously injures wife**

Toungoo, 18 June—Lathe worker Min Min Soe, 29 of Zawtika Village in Kinseik Village-tract of Toungoo Township arrived at the house of Daw Khin San Myint on Kinseik Street in Ward 11 of Toungoo at 10 pm on 15 June.

Min Min Soe requested to immediately meet with Ma Naychi Phyo, 25 of vendor who had divorced with her husband and entered the house without any permission of the house owner. Then, he stabbed Ma Naychi Phyo with a 10-inch knife.

In the incident, the woman sustained injuries at her head, left and right arms, wrist, right shoulder and abdomen. As she sought help from mother Daw Khin San Myint and neighbouring people, ward administrator U Kyaw Kyaw Myo and party and policemen rushed to the scene. Min Min Soe was arrested along with his knife and the injured was admitted at the intensive care unit of Toungoo General Hospital.

Daw Khin San Myint opened a file of lawsuit and action was taken against the crime broker under Sections 451/326/506 of Penal Code.

Kyemon-Kyaw Hla (Toungoo)

**Over speed vehicle hits lamp-post in Dabayin**

Dabayin, 18 June—A Nissan driven by U Thein Zaw Myint from Monywa to Yel hit a lamp-post at 6 pm on 9 June.

The broken lamp-post fell on the vehicle.

The incident is that while giving back snack to his nephew Wunna Ko Ko in the rear of the vehicle, the driver mistakenly pressed the accelerator instead of break and then violently bumped up with lamp-post. Those onboard the vehicle were injured and the car was brought to Dabayin Police Station.

—Kyemon-Township IPRD
Japan, Britain agree on defence intelligence-sharing pact

Belfast, (Northern Ireland), 18 June—Japan and Britain agreed on Monday on a pact on intelligence sharing and a framework aimed at accelerating the joint development of defence equipment, a Japanese official said.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his British counterpart David Cameron reached the agreements in their talks ahead of a summit of the Group of Eight nations in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato said.

The pact enables both countries, each an ally of the United States, to share classified information, including military intelligence, Japanese officials said.

Japan has signed a similar information-sharing pact with the United States, France, Australia and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Japan reached the agreement on intelligence sharing with Britain as part of efforts to ensure the safety of Japanese nationals overseas, the officials said.

In January, Japan struggled to gather information about an unfolding hostage crisis in Algeria in which 10 Japanese men among others died, although Japan was in touch with Britain, which has been actively gathering intelligence in Africa.

Kato said Abe and Cameron agreed on a framework of joint research on how to assess the capability of chemical protective suits based on a broad agreement on the development of defence equipment in the two countries reached last year.

Japan and Britain also agreed to boost discussions about setting up a bilateral high-level dialogue framework on foreign and defence affairs with a view to a “two-plus-two” ministerial meeting.

The prime ministers agreed to strengthen cooperation in the sector of cybersecurity and ongoing negotiations over a free trade agreement between Japan and the European Union, according to Kato.

Kyodo News

India plans to carry out 2nd phase trials of defence shield programme

New Delhi, 18 June—After successful completion of the first phase, India is now planning to carry out a trial of the second phase of its ballistic missile defence shield programme to check whether it’s capable of destroying enemy missiles fired at from ranges up to 5,000 km, a top official has said on Monday.

“The development of the first phase of the ballistic missile defence shield pro- gramme is completed. We are planning to soon carry out the first trial of the phase-II of the programme under which we will test our capability to destroy an incoming ballistic missile fired at us from 5,000 km range,” the head of state-run Defence Research and Development Organization, Avinash Chander, told The Times of India newspaper.

He added: “Such a capability poses our immediate threat perception.”

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The missile defence shield is a double-tiered system consisting of two inter- ceptor missiles—the Prithvi Air Defence missile for high altitude interception, and the Advanced Air Defence missile for lower altitude interception. Sources say the first phase of the programme is capable of shielding enemy missiles fired from ranges up to 2,000 km, and it is likely to be deployed in the Indian capital very soon.—Xinhua

Iran nuclear programme advances despite sanctions—IAEA chief

VIENNA, 18 June—Iran is making “steady progress” in expanding its nuclear programme and international sanctions do not seem to be slowing it down, the UN nuclear agency chief told Reuters on Monday. Yuuki Amano’s comments under- lined the difficult challenges facing world powers in seek- ing to persuade the Islamic state to scale back nuclear ac- tivities they suspect could be used to make atomic bombs, a charge Tehran denies.

The surprise victory of moderate cleric Hassan Rouhani in Iran’s presiden- tial election last Friday has raised hopes for an easing of tension in the decade-old nu- clear dispute.

Rohani pledged on Monday to be more transpar- ent about Tehran’s atomic work in order to see sanc- tions lifted but he also said Iran was not ready to suspend its enrichment of uranium.

Amano, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said he re- mained committed to dia- logue with Iran to address the IAEA’s concerns about what it calls the possible military dimensions to the country’s nuclear programme.

But no new meeting has yet been set after 10 rounds of talks since early 2012 failed to make progress re- laying a stalled investigation into suspected atomic bomb research by Iran. “There is a steady increase of capacity and production (in Iran’s nuclear programme),” Amano said in an interview. Asked if international punitive steps aimed at making Iran curb its atomic activity were slowing it down, he said: “I don’t think so ... I don’t see any impact.”—Reuters

UN Security Council calls for measures to protect children in armed conflict

UNITED NATIONS, 18 June—The UN Security Council on Monday called on the international community to take special measures to protect children in armed conflict and put an end to all violations of international law committed against chil- dren in such situations.

“The Security Council reiterates its strong concern that all violations of applicable inter- national law involving the recruitment and use of children by parties to armed conflict as well as their re- cruitment, killing and maiming, rape and other sexual violence, abductions, attacks against schools or hospitals and denial of hu- manitarian access by par- ties to armed conflict,” said a presidential statement adopted by the 15-nation body as an outcome of its meeting on children and armed conflict.

While welcoming pro- gress made in preventing and responding to viola- tions and abuses committed against children, the most powerful body of UN said it remains “strongly con- cerned” about the continued high number of perpetrators who persist in committing such abuses in conflict situ- ation “in open disregard of the Security Council’s reso- lutions on the matter.”—Xinhua

Residents stand at the premises of a coffee shop that was destroyed in a suicide bomb attack the night before, in Baghdad on 17 June, 2013.—Reuters

Three bombings kill at least 12 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 June—At least 12 people were killed in three bomb attacks in Iraq on Monday, police and medics said.

Concerns of a descent into full-blown conflict have been mounting in re- cent months as Iraq’s deli- cate intercommunal balance comes under growing strain from the civil war in neigh- bouring Syria, where mainly Sunni rebels are fighting to overthrow a leader backed by Shi’ite Iran.

More than 1,000 peo- ple were killed in militant attacks in Iraq in May, ac- cording to the United Na- tions, the highest monthly toll since the sectarian bloodletting of 2006-2007.

In Taji, 20km (12 miles) north of Baghdad, a bomb exploded in a res- taurant killing seven and a bomb attached to a mini- bus killed two people and wounded seven, police said.

A suicide bomber dressed in police uniform blew himself up at the en- trance to a police headquar- ters in the city of Fallujah in the western province of Anbar, where police were gathering to cast their votes in provincial elections. Three people were killed. Provisional elections in most of Iraq were held in April but the Shi’ite-led par- ty in the Sunni-dominated governorates of Anbar and Nineveh cited unrest. The election is due to be held on 20 June.—Reuters

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A health worker walks out of a hospital in the eastern Saudi Arabia city of Kharob, on 17 June, 2013. Four more people have died in Saudi Arabia from SARS-like coronavirus, Saudi Arabia’s Health Ministry said, bringing to 32 the number of death from the disease in the kingdom, 49 the number of infection.—Xinhua

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**Batty for brain research—Israel**

**JERUSALEM, 18 June**—A Weizmann Institute researcher discovers that studying the memory of a fruit bat can reveal much about the human brain. They say an elephant never forgets. Well, neither does a bat. The flying mammals are used in memory research in the lab of Dr Nachum Ulansky, a neurobiologist at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot. Ulansky explains that a bat’s brain structure is remarkably similar to that of people. Both have a hippocampus, which plays a major role in episodic and spatial memory. “The hippocampus is an ancient structure,” said Ulansky. “It developed long ago, and so is anatomically very similar across all mammals, including bats and humans.” He is generally interested in using bats to understand how the hippocampus plays a role in neurological conditions such as Alzheimer’s disease, epilepsy and schizophrenia.

He and his researchers published an article about their bat studies in *Science* magazine that suggests it may be easier to find an object by looking at it indirectly rather than straight on. This particular study focused on the bat’s ability to navigate freely and precisely, thanks to a hippocampus that’s excellent at storing information about day-to-day events and the environment in which the bat lives.

Ulansky, a pioneer of hippocampus research using bats, works with Egyptian fruit bats, which are common in Israel. This relatively large bat of approximately 1,250 bat varieties in the world—echolocates, using sound to navigate.

The bats in the Weizmann experiments were allowed to fly freely in their climate-controlled room, equipped with tiny backpacks holding the world’s smallest GPS device, which Ulansky developed. The bats also got microelectrode implants that measure brain activity and transmit signals via a neural-telemetry wireless recording system developed by Ulansky. When the lights were on, the bats used their eyes to navigate, but when the scientists darkened the room, they switched to echolocation exclusively. Bats emit slow sonar clicks when they’re searching for a target by echolocation. The clicks become more rapid as they adjust to the target and prepare to approach it. Ulansky found this natural system very convenient, since he “can simply put out a microphone and the animal literally tells you what it thinks.”

Previously, Ulansky’s bat studies had determined that bats have a large-scale, map-like memory that most likely resides in the hippocampus. He says this was “the first time a cognitive map, which is what enables the bats to navigate, has been shown in any mammal.” The scientist and his team have published many articles in popular and academic journals about their research—six in 2011 alone.

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**Israeli technology to slash office energy bills**

**JERUSALEM, 18 June**—Beemtech is testing its system in pilot locations in Israel and New York to help building managers keep tabs on energy use and make wiser choices.

Beemtech CEO

Ask an operations manager at a mid-sized or large company and they will probably know exactly how to manage fleets of cars, or get good deals on cellular telephones to cut company costs. But ask them about how to better manage energy consumption in the office through HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems) and lighting and you will probably draw a blank, says Nati Freiberg, the CEO of Israeli energy management company Beemtech.

“If you step into a high-rise or high-tech company in the United States you will laugh, because nobody, well less than 1 percent of all the people who manage buildings, will be able to tell you how much energy they consume,” he says.

Most industrial buildings today are not managed wisely simply because there are no solutions or information for operations staff to monitor what’s going on, he notes.

Freiberg’s 18-person company, founded in 2009 and based in Rehovot, Israel, is addressing these issues by confronting the number two expense that companies face after paying employee salaries. In some companies, the cost of heating or lighting a building can account for a whopping 20% of the company’s expenditures, Freiberg explains.

In most companies a temperature is set, the lights are turned on, and from early morning until late at night the setting stays the same until the last person leaves. But who hasn’t walked into a building that’s extremely overheated in the winter, or noticeably too cool in the summer, when the rooms were pumped with cold air in the summer? How about rooms with glaring fluorescent light and no one to use it? Energy overuse doesn’t just take a toll on a company’s “bottom line” and on the environment, but on productivity as well.

Energy efficiency improvements would allow the entire office staff through surveys and questionnaires to learn peoples’ preferences in private offices and in shared spaces. In the case of a private office, an employee can get authorization to control the ambient light and temperature through a smartphone or computer while sitting in the office, or remotely if the lights were left on during a lunch break.

In the short term, Freiberg says that his solution is also likely to enhance company performance since people who are feeling good at the office—sitting at a good, well-lit desk or over crowded—are more productive. His company is currently working on two undisclosed companies, one in Ra’anana, Israel, and the other in New York City.

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**Samsung to launch faster Galaxy S4 smartphone**

**SUWON, 18 June**—Samsung Electronics Co plans to sell a variation of its flagship Galaxy S4 smartphone that will transmit data at nearly twice the normal speed, the head of its mobile business said on Monday.

JK Shin, also co-chief executive of the world’s biggest technology company by revenue, said the phone would be sold in South Korea as early as this month.

Shin was in talks with several overseas carriers to take the phone, Shin told Reuters in an interview at Samsung’s headquarters in Suwon, just south of Seoul. He declined to name the carriers. “We’ll be the first with the commercial launch of the advanced 4G version of the smartphone,” Shin said.

The new S4 will use LTE-Advanced 4G technology, an upgrade from conventional 4G called LTE, or long term evolution. LTE-Advanced offers data transmission at up to twice the normal 4G speed. The phones will be powered by Qualcomm chips. A movie download that takes 3 minutes with conventional 4G would take slightly more than 1 minute, Samsung said.

Samsung’s shares have lost almost $20 billion since 7 June after analysts cut forecasts for Galaxy S4 sales by as much as 30 percent on industry data that showed the high-end smartphone market was saturating.

The same problem is hitting sales of the iPhone 5, made by Samsung rival Apple Inc. Samsung’s market capitalization is still a hefty $195 billion. Its shares closed down 0.2 percent on Monday. Shin showed little concern about sales prospects for the S4, which hit stores in late April.—Reuters

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No plan to hire Myanmar white elephant to Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June — Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Lwin replied that it would be difficult to transport the white elephant to Chiang Mai of Thailand. But, it could be convenient for the public to observe the white elephant in Myanmar if special flights are arranged. That would help assist Myanmar tourism industry apart from further relationships between the two peoples. MNA

Cash donation for protection of Myanmar workers in Malaysia

UNION TOWN, 18 June — A cash donation ceremony of Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs’ Association for protection of Myanmar workers in Malaysia took place at the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, here, this morning.

First, the vice-chairman explained purpose of donation.
Next, the Union minister spoke words of thanks, saying that cash donated for protection of Myanmar workers in Malaysia would be sent to Myanmar embassy in Malaysia as soon as possible; and that arrangements would be made for employment of workers who returned homes in accord with their skills. He called on the association to cooperate with the ministry in carrying out the task.
Then, Chairman of Overseas Employment Supervisory Committee Union Minister U Maung Myint received K 50 million presented by the association. MNA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Press Release of Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security

“ILC Conference lifts all remaining restrictions on Myanmar”

1. During the 87th General Conference in 1999 and 88th General Conference in 2000, the International Labour Organization imposed restrictions on Myanmar regarding the elimination of forced labour in the country. All restrictions imposed on Myanmar during the 87th General Conference and some restrictions imposed on Myanmar during the 88th General Conference have been lifted during the 101st General Conference of the ILO held in June, 2012.
2. During the 102nd Session of the General Conference of the International Labour Organization, in Geneva, Switzerland from 5 to 20 June, 2013, the meetings of the Selecting Committee reviewed and discussed two points in detail: to hold a special meeting under the Committee on the Application of Standards to discuss the measures taken by Myanmar concerning with compliance by Myanmar with the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry included in paragraph 1(a) of the resolution adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 88th Session, and to conduct necessary reviews of the relations with Myanmar contained in the paragraph 1(b).
3. In accordance with the outcomes of the Selecting Committee meetings, a proposal on lifting all remaining restrictions on Myanmar to the 102nd General Conference of the International Labour Organization and the conference made resolution at 4.40 pm local time (9.10 pm Myanmar standard time) today. The resolution concerning with Myanmar are as follows:
(a) decides that the measure enunciated in paragraph 1 (a) of the 2000 resolution is discontinued;
(b) decides also that the measure enunciated in paragraph 1 (b) of the 2000 resolution is discontinued;
(c) requests the ILO Office and Myanmar Government to continue their commitment to the application of the 2007 Supplementary Understanding the March 2012 MoU and associated action plans for the elimination of all forms of forced labour by 2015, in coordination with the social partners in Myanmar.
(d) invites the Governing Body to review the situation in Myanmar by requesting the Director-General to submit a report on issues related to ILO activities, including freedom of association and responsible investment on decent working conditions in the country, at the March Governing Body Session until the elimination of forced labour.
(e) calls upon Members, including employers’ and workers’ organizations, and international organizations to support the efforts of the Government, with the assistance of the ILO, to eliminate forced labour in Myanmar and to further social justice in the country, including by making available necessary financial resources;
(f) requests again Members, including employers’ and workers’ organizations, and international organizations to continue to follow closely the situation and share any information on the occurrence of forced labour in Myanmar with the ILO.
4. Those remaining restrictions are lifted as Myanmar carried out pragmatic measures, including legislation, for elimination of forced labour in the country, achieving good results for it. The good results have come out as ILO Office, Members, including employers’ and workers’ organizations, and international organizations have recognized the efforts of Myanmar.
5. The results are achieved thanks to the coordinated efforts of the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security, Myanmar’s Resident Representative Office in Geneva, representatives of workers and employers in the interests of the country and the people during the 102nd General Conference of the International Labour Organization.
6. The lifting of all remaining restrictions on Myanmar would help the country to ensure its boosting international trading, increasing foreign investment in it and creating more job opportunities for its citizens.

Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security 18, June 2013

EU-Myanmar trade cooperation discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint met Director for Asia, Central Asia and the Pacific, Directorate General for Development and Cooperation (DEVCO) Mr Dirk Meganck at the ministry, here, yesterday.
They held talk on matters related to EU-Myanmar trade, GSP, exemption of custom duty and quantity exemption, sanitary and phytosanitary measures—SPS, quality, standards and technological barriers for Myanmar exports to EU major requirements for promotion of trade, technology and suggestions needed for consumer protection law and other related issues were discussed.
Mr Dirk Meganck extended his congratulations to Myanmar on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of Myanmar Independence. MNA

Union NPED Minister back home from ASEAN-US Road Show

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June — During his tour of the US under ASEAN-US Road Show from 9 to 17 June at the invitation of the Office of the United States Trade Representative Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw together with Economic Ministers of ASEAN countries met officials of the US Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles on 9 June.
They held talks on promotion of trade, further economic cooperation and creating more job opportunities. On 10 June, the Union minister and ASEAN economic ministers visited Motion Picture Association of America-MPAA and Fox Studio and Los Angeles port. They visited Silicon valley on 11 June and met the Mayor of San Francisco, holding discussions on ASEAN-US trade and investment framework agreements on 12 June.
On 13 June, they met a US delegation and held talks on promotion of economic cooperation. In meeting with social organizations and advisory groups at Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), they discussed ASEAN-US economic relations, establishment of AEC and trade promotion. Moreover, they visited US Capitol Building where they met parliamentarians.
The Union minister arrived back in Yangon on 17 June morning. — MNA

Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint accepts cash donation. MNA

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Wednesday, 19 June, 2013
Vice-President U Nyan Tun arrives back from Thailand

Holding Myanmar-Thai-Japan tripartite meeting for seeking ways for practical implementation steps as quickly as possible crucial

YANGON, 18 June—A Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President U Nyan Tun attended the 2nd Myanmar-Thai Joint High-Level Committee Meeting on Dawei Special Economic Zone and comprehensive development of its related project areas held in Bangkok of Thailand yesterday.

In his opening speech, Vice-President U Nyan Tun said that development of Dawei Special Economic Development Zone would be implemented effectively in line with international standards. He called for seeking mutually-beneficial ways for Myanmar people and investors and choosing those who would use cutting-edge technologies and machines for avoiding environmental impacts. Both Myanmar and Thailand have officially invited Japan for its cooperation in the project. Japan would not pledge for its investment in the project. It was crucial for holding Myanmar-Thai-Japan tripartite meeting for seeking ways for practical implementation steps as quickly as possible. Local people are to bear the fruits of Dawei SEZ.

After that, the Vice-President, the Thai Deputy Prime Minister, the ministers and deputy ministers posed for a documentary photo. Director-General Daw Than Than Lin of Foreign Economic Relations Department and Vice-Chairman Mr Perames Vudhitornnetirak of Neighboring Countries Cooperation Agency of Thailand signed an agreement of shareholders in the presence of the Vice-President and the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand. After that, the Vice-President and the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand delivered concluding speeches.

The Vice-President and the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand attended a press conference on the Dawei SEZ at Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel.

In the evening, Myanmar delegation attended a dinner hosted by the Deputy Prime Minister at the Hotel.

Yesterday, the Vice-President held discussions with Mr Kittiratt Na-Ranong, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Thailand, at Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel. They discussed promoting mutual relations and cooperation between the two countries, swift implementation of Dawei Special Economic Zone project and Japan’s interest in the project. It was attended by Union Minister U Aye Myint, Deputy Minister U Zin Yaw, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win and Ministry at Prime Minister Office Mr Niwattunrung Boomsongpaisan and Energy Minister Mr Pongsak Raktapongplarn.

The meeting focused on first joint committee meeting. 3rd joint coordination meeting’s results, invitation of Japan as a strategic partner in development of Dawei SEZ, setting up of special purpose vehicles, share holders’ agreements and framework agreement, project proposal, resettlement and Japan’s participation in the project. This morning, the Myanmar delegation left Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Bangkok for Yangon. They were seen off at the Airport by officials from National Economic and Social Development Board, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win, Military Attaché Col Win Maung and embassy staff.

They arrived back here this evening. They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, Chargé d’Affaires ai from Thai Embassy and officials.

The delegation

Myanmar delegation attends Myanmar-Thai-Japan tripartite meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Myanmar delegation members, who accompanied Vice-President U Nyan Tun, Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint and Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko and deputy ministers attended coordination meeting of 2nd Myanmar-Thai Joint High-Level Committee Meeting on Dawei Special Economic Zone and comprehensive development of its related project areas and Myanmar-Thai-Japan tripartite meeting at Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel in Bangkok of Thailand.

Joint High-Level Committee Meeting focused on establishment of special purpose vehicles, share holders’ agreements and framework agreement, project proposal and resettlement. Officials from three countries discussed Japan’s cooperation in the project at Myanmar-Thai-Japan tripartite meeting.

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Mandalay Region Chief Minister meets Chinese Ambassador

Mandalay, 18 June—Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint met Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yang Houlan and the Mandalay-based Chinese consul-general at the region government office on 14 June. Also present at the meeting were Region Electricity and Industry Minister Dr Myint Kyi, Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing and region government secretary U Ohn Lwin.

They exchanged views on friendly relations between the two countries. MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Cash donated to schoolchildren in Meiktila relief camps

Meiktila, 18 June—A charity group donated K 3.5 million for schoolchildren in Meiktila relief camps. U Di Maw So, U Hein Min Khaing, Ma May Thet Oo and members of Meiktila 88 Generation and Open Society distributed the cash donation to students in five relief camps on 12 June. MMAL-Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

Expansion of Mandalay detour under way

Mandalay, 18 June—Thawda Win Company is upgrading and expanding Myitnge-Sagang road from a two-lane road to four-lane one. Mandalay Region Transport Minister U Kyaw Hsan inspected the construction of the road on 13 June.

Amarapura Township General Administration Department and Public Works conducted field trips and removal of encroached fences and buildings on the proposed alignment. The region minister on his trip called for timely completion of the construction works.

CSCs issued to eligible citizens

Hsipaw, 18 June—Immigration and National Registration Department in Hsipaw Township in northern Shan State issued Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to eligible citizens in Kunkhaik village-tract on 13 June. Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Kyaw Naing Myint issued CSCs for 75 citizens to Kunkhaik village-tract administrator U Sai San Lwin.—MMAL-072

NATIONAL SPORTS

SEA Games billboard erected

Sitway, 18 June—Billboards are erected in major cities of Myanmar as part of pre-SEA Games preparation. Two billboards were erected in downtown Sitway in Rakhine State on 15 June to raise public awareness ahead of XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar.

A billboard has been erected on the way to famous Ngapali beach from Thandwe. More billboards will be erected in Kyangkkyu, Taungup, MraukU and Buthidaung. Myanmar will host SEA Games for the first time in coming December in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung beach. MMAL-Lay Wadi Tun Saw Khaung

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Newly upgraded school opened

Kalay, 18 June—The opening ceremony of upgraded Basic Education Primary School from No (3) affiliated BEPS of Shaungsaung village in Tiddim of Chin State was held on 6 June.

At first, Township Administrator U Kyi Thet Maung, Township Education Officer U Gan Khant Gwar and a religious leader formally opened the full-fledged BEPS. The township administrator delivered a speech at the ceremony.

MMAL-042

Free Wifi Internet access available in NyaungU

NyaungU, 18 June—More restaurants and tea shops in NyaungU in ancient Bagan City, the most famous tourist spot in Myanmar, have provided free Wifi Internet access to their customers. The Internet access which was once reserved only for foreigners is now available to local customers.

“Free Wifi Internet attracts customers,” an owner of a tea shop in NyaungU said.

The bloom of Wifi is driven by the use of Android handsets. MMAL-Ye Thura Aung (NyaungU)

ACCIDENT

Yangon 18 June—A passenger bus ran into the back of a container truck on Yadana Road in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon East District in Yangon Region on 15 June evening. The driver of the Dyna bus was killed and two passengers injured in the accident. MMAL-081

Driver killed in passenger bus crash

Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township Police Station filed a law-suit over the case.

Passengers bus crash on Yadana road in Yangon kills driver and hurts two passengers.
Towards quality education

In the knowledge age, many parents are desirous of seeing what future holds for their child. And the worries of a parent would never end no matter how old their child becomes. Children have the right to education. The State has the duty to ensure that at least primary education is made free and compulsory.

Handicapped children have the right to special care, education and training designed to help them to achieve greatest possible self-reliance and to lead a full and active life in society. They have the right to meet with others and to join or set up associations.

Nowadays, the State is pushing ahead with the education promotion scheme and is providing necessary assistance to students towards this end. The State has won admires for its steadfast support of free education. When children are educated they become stronger because they are more confident and independent. This strength will move them to do great things and the country, as a whole will enjoy greater prosperity.

As education enables people to develop their critical thinking and analysis skills in order to resolve problems rationally and prepare countries and individuals to compete more effectively in the technology-driven marketplace, there will be room for everyone and career opportunity for anyone who demonstrates caliber. At the same time, as part of their child’s potential, they can begin to hone the hidden skills with the proper activities designed to build upon whatever it is that their child has propensity for.

As a child used to spend his formative years in school, there is a growing acceptance that the role of teachers who are in control of a child’s destiny or his or her education is to help them to achieve their aim of becoming good citizens.

During the time, there is a phrase, mentioning the British Empire as “the empire on which the sun never sets”. So, there is no wonder that His Britannic Majesty’s dominions were all over the world. In this regard, this sub article can mean that a person however far his country is from Myanmar, as long as he can prove different his characteristics are from Myanmar, and whether he has any of our indigenous blood shall be a citizen of the Union if he has resided in any of the territories included within the Union for a prescribed period. So, the weakness is that the citizenship is like counting only the numbers.

Notice to FEC holders

1. The country sees progress of foreign currency management. Under the programme of foreign currency market development, the Central Bank of Myanmar is systematically carrying out Foreign Exchange Certificate (FEC) exchange programme as of 1 April, 2013.

2. Regarde the programme, the Central Bank of Myanmar has issued announcement No.1/2013 through TV and print media on 21-3-2013 and announced lists of 385 exchange counters at banks and branches on 31-3-2013 on its Website and the said media in order that FEC holders can avoid their losses.

3. The initial period for FEC exchange programme is from 1-4-2013 to 30-6-2013. The FEC holders are urged to exchange their FEC at the banks, branches and exchange counters before the initial period. Those who fail to exchange their FEC at the initial period are to exchange their FEC at the Central Bank of Myanmar, State-owned and Private-owned banks with foreign currency dealer Licenses from 1-7-2013 to 31-3-2014, along with firm reasons.

The Central Bank of Myanmar
Two Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw and State Hluttaw Representatives substituted

According to the request made in accord with Section 33 of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute two Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State 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 two Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Representatives stated hereunder in Announcement No. 3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against them.

Kayah State Hluttaw
1. BC 18086
   Col Tin Soe
2. BC 17945
   Col Arnt Zaw

Magway Region Hluttaw

BC 22582
Col Zaw Myo Tin

BC 21904
Col Zaw Lin Aung

By order,
Tin Tun
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Myanmar-EU Forum held for first time

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—The first Myanmar-EU Forum was held at a legislation session for securing Myanmar to the re-admittance of Trade Preferences recently. The forum would serve as the first basic step to elevate the economic relations and cooperation between Myanmar and EU to the higher level of cooperation. Mr David O’Sullivan of EU in his remarks said that the relations between EU and Myanmar had reached a higher level of cooperation and there would be more closer cooperation and understanding between Myanmar and EU from this onwards.

At the forum, the two working groups sessions were held focusing on the international cooperation between Myanmar and EU and sought ways and means to foster closer cooperation and presented proposals for further cooperation.

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Immigration & Population Ministry clarifies over...

(from page 8)

Arrangements had been made to have a number of different points of view on this process as only the decision of one minister was approved in the early days. Moreover, it can be said that the Law is fair, transparent and flexible because it allows a person to have a number of different points of view on this process in accord with Section 70 of the Law and appeal to the Cabinet under because it allows a person to have a number of different points of view on this process in accord with Section 70 of the Law and appeal to the Cabinet under.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends opening ceremony of School Milk...

(from page 16) Milk contains calcium needed for bone development. It also contains sugar, fat, protein, minerals, vitamins and enzymes. Moreover, milk contains 10 kinds of amynoacids, a kind of protein necessary for human body, minerals like calcium, magnesium, potassium primarily needed for growth and other minerals which are good for health.

According to the assessment of FAO, 46 per cent of children under five in Southeast Asia are underweight as they failed to have milk enough and they are linked with unhealthy and lower intelligent.

In developed countries per person drinks 100 kilograms of milk per year. According to statistics in 2012-2013, Myanmar people had 28.2 kilograms of milk and dairy products per year. So it is required to be more than triple in milk consumption.

As of year 2000, World School Milk Day has been celebrated on Wednesday of the last week of September yearly by FAO, making awareness of more milk consumption among the children.

In Myanmar, essay contests, jointly-organized by a leading committee for organizing school milk program and the Ministry of Education were held to encourage school milk program and to more understand the benefits of milk consumption and winners of the contests will be awarded.

In his conclusion, the Vice-President expressed thanks for contributions of donor companies and organizations and respective ministries who gave a helping hand in the program.

Next, Tetra Lever Board of Director Mr. Jorn Rausing of Tetra Pak, South and Southeast Asia Company and a responsible person of CP Meiji Co explained purpose of donation.

Then, Union Minister U Ohn Myint handed over documents related to duty assignments to in-charges of School Milk Program in regions and states.

Afterwards, Union Ministers U Ohn Myint, Dr Mya Aye and Dr Pe Thet Khin presented prizes to winners of essay contests, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Union ministers and party provided milk to children.

Next, the Vice-President and party posed for documentary photos together with guests and outstanding students.

Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium continues for 4th day

N A Y P I T A W, 18 June—The Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium continued for the 4th day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall, here today.

The Mani Yadana Jade Hall was packed with local and foreign gem merchants.

Union Minister Dr Myint Aung, Deputy Minister U Than Tun Aung and responsible persons viewed jewellery shops which were put on display downstairs of Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

Local and foreign gems merchants put the proposed price for 1800 jade lots into the designated tender box. The secretary of central organizing committee, Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and members gave necessary assistance.

Chairman of Central Organizing Committee Deputy Minister U Than Tun Aung and members presented gifts and certificates of honour to foreign gems merchants who purchased Myanmar gems most.

As of tomorrow, the jade lots and gems lots will be sold through the tender system.

In the evening, the responsible persons put the proposed price on records.

Central Committee for ASEAN Chairmanship and establishment of ASEAN Community meets

Central Committee Chairman Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham makes a speech at Central Committee for ASEAN Chairmanship and establishment of ASEAN Community—MNA

N A Y P I T A W, 18 June—The third coordination meeting of the central committee for Myanmar’s ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 and establishment of the ASEAN Community took place at the meeting hall of the Office of Union Minister at President Office, here, this afternoon with an address by the Central Committee Chairman Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairmen Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, Dr Kan Zaw and U Aye Myint Kyu and central committee members the Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham in his address said that implementation of the decisions made in preliminary, first and second coordination meetings held separately were being carried out by respective ministries and subcommittees.

He stressed the need to present difficulties while preparations for ASEAN Chairmanship are in progress and works to be done at the today’s meeting, calling for discussions of those present to issue an announcement and a prioritized area for host Myanmar.

He continued that the duty of the ASEAN Chairman is to play a leading role in implementing the interest of the region along with the task of elevating the national interest to a higher level. With the successful realization of the democracy and market-oriented economic system in Myanmar, the country would earn more trust from ASEAN and partnership countries. It could enhance Myanmar’s image in international community and contribute towards improvement in sweeping reform processes of Myanmar, he added.

He pointed out that Myanmar would have not only challenges but also opportunities in relation to the ASEAN Chairmanship, and that there would be parallel development in economic, social and political sectors including foreign investments, thereby contributing towards development of national economy by firmly grabbing such kinds of opportunities.

He urged officials to finalize the selection of Trainees from Youth Participation in Governance course visit Hluttaws

N A Y P I T A W, 18 June—A total of 35 trainees from Youth Participation in Governance (2nd Batch) course which is conducted by Youth Training School of Global Platform of Action Aid (INGO) visited Hluttaw buildings, meeting rooms and Hluttaw processes this afternoon.

Book on Universal Declaration on Human Rights (Myanmar version) introduced

Y A N G O N, 18 June—Myanmar National Human Rights Commission has introduced a book on Universal Declaration on Human Rights (Myanmar version) at the commission office here this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission U Win Mya delivered a speech on the occasion and distributed books to those present.

It was attended by officials from departments, NGOs, CSOs and media, totaling 74.——MNA
**Anti-DHF campaign undertaken in Twantay Township**

Workshop on artificial material held

**KENTUNG, 18 June—** A workshop for setting up prosthetic arms and legs factory, choosing trainees, and organizing persons who need artificial arms or legs was held at State Red Cross Brigade Office, here, yesterday morning.

A total of 42 delegates from townships of Shan State (East) and sub-townships of Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Police Force, Kachin, and Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Rakhine and Shan State Police Force, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station, and sub-townships of Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Police Force, Kachin, and Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Rakhine and Shan State Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs have put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs 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.

**MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines**

**NAY PYI TAW, 18 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.

**Yangon, 18 June—** Members of Lashio Anti-narcotics Task Squad in Shan State (North) are constantly carrying out the anti-narcotics task day and night.

**Stimulant tablets worth about K 20 million seized in Nawngkho**

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**Cash and kind donated to families in Meiktila**

**MEIKTILA, 18 June—** Kyaw Nyunt and family residing Mandalay donated K 13,000 to each family of Pyithaya South and Pyithaya North Wards totaling K 5,616,000 to 261 families in Meiktila who returned to their homes from the relief camps, yesterday morning.

Similarly, ADRA (Myanmar) donated fiber water bucket with the capacity of 40-gallon to the families in the relief camps for the second time. They had donated water tanks with the capacity of 400-gallon for the first time.

**Fire at J-Donuts Shop in Myenigon**

**YANGON, 18 June—** A fire broke out at J-Donuts Shop at No. 236 (ground floor) on Pyay Road in South Myenigon Ward, near Myenigon Traffic Light in Sangyoung Township of Yangon West District at 6.25 pm yesterday.

Fire fighters rushed to the scene for putting out the fire with the use of 11 fire engines, one management vehicle and one supporting vehicle, and the fire died down at about 7 am, said an officer of Fire Brigade.

The fire started from overheated safeguard connected with refrigerator in the shop, he said. Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department and officials provided necessary assistance to putting out of fire.

**Power Nets distributed in Aungbyupypin Village**

**SITTWAY, 18 June—** Power Nets were distributed in Aungbyupypin Village-tract, Ponnanay Township in Rakhine State where the symptoms of malaria were found recently.

Head of Township Health Department Dr U Thein Maung closely supervised the distribution of Power Nets to be able to prevent malaria as well as to keep mosquito-borne diseases at bay.

The health staff members gave talk on health knowledge. It has been four times since Power Nets were distributed.

**Kyemon-Tin Maung Oo (Ahlon)**
Uruguay meets UN “Zero Hunger Challenge”

goal

MONTEVIDEO, 18 June—Uruguay has succeeded in meeting the first United Nations Millennium Development Goal, known as the “Zero Hunger Challenge”, to reduce hunger and malnutrition by half by 2015. The government success in its social policies against poverty has won a special recognition from the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and Uruguay’s Social Development Minister Daniel Olesker said on Monday.

Uruguay has succeeded in reducing extreme poverty in the country from 4.5 percent to 0.5 percent, said the minister.

Poverty rate in Uruguay dropped to 12.4 percent in 2013, following eight years of steady decrease since 2004, when the rate was almost 40 percent, according to official figures.

In recent years, Olesker said, the measures taken by the government have led to “conditions of development, social mobility and income distribution” throughout the country.

Now, Uruguay’s “vulnerable” households, for example, receive a monthly income subsidy of 700 Uruguayan pesos (about 35 US dollars), with “highly vulnerable” families receiving double that amount.

Uruguay is also close to achieving other millennium development targets, such as lowering maternal and infant mortality rates, and reducing unemployment rate among the poor, Olesker said.

The millennium goals were established at the UN-sponsored 1996 World Food Summit.—Xinhua

Haiti reports first suspected H1N1 death in 2013

SANTO DOMINGO, 18 June—Haiti reported on Monday its first suspected death this year from H1N1 virus, reports reaching here said.

The victim was from the small community of Nan Baamn in the southern city of Belle-Anseety, 110 km southwest of the capital Port-au-Prince, the reports said.

As local government said, the victim died at a hospital in Thiotte, 65 km east of the capital.

Reports said the victim appeared to have contracted the virus in Anse-a-Pitres, a city along the border with the Dominican Republic, where H1N1 has killed eight people.

Last Friday, five people in southeast Haiti were confirmed to have contracted the virus, after tests were sent to the Karpho Laboratory in Trinidad and Tobago to be analyzed. The Haitian government has yet to corroborate all the results.

Guilaine Raymond Charritte, general director of the Health Ministry, said that of the five suspected cases, only three have been confirmed to have H1N1, a Haitian citizen and two Chilean soldiers belonging to Minustah (the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti).

Asked about the suspected first victim of the virus, Charitte said while the victim showed all the symptoms, the case has not been officially confirmed.

“The not all the suspected cases are H1N1 flu. Only a test can confirm them,” reports quoted the official as saying. Port-au-Prince.

“We cannot say it is an epidemic, but we can say we have cases of H1N1 flu, which is a seasonal flu,” added Charitte.

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Rat Yatra at Puri in eastern Indian state

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Traditional chariot makers set up a wooden chariot ahead of the Hindu festival Rath Yatra at Puri in eastern Indian state

Oriissa’s Bhubaneswar, on 17 June, 2013. “Rath” means chariot and “Yatra” means parade. During the annual festival, huge chariots in which Hindu God Krishna, his brother Balarama and sister Subhadra are installed, are drawn by devotees through streets in a parade.—Xinhua

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Edinburgh jewellery shop robbers jailed for 22 years

EDINBURGH, 18 June—Two men involved in robbing a leading jewellry shop in Scotland’s capital Edinburgh earlier this year were jailed on Monday for 22 years.

Elliot Jorgensen, 25, of Salford and 26-year-old Anthony Boyd of Manchester returned to the High Court in Glasgow on Monday after admitting to a charge of assault and robbery.

Their crime took place in less than 90 seconds in which 730,000 pounds (1.15 million US dollars) worth of items including diamonds and watches were stolen, the online Scotsman newspaper reported.

Jorgensen, who was jailed for robbery in 2007, was locked up for 12 years for being involved in the raid itself with an accomplice, while Boyd was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for having a central role in the planning of the robbery, said the report.

Prosecutors also hit the pair with a confiscation order totalling 1.5 million pounds, but will only receive one pound from each since the duo have no significant assets, it added.

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Ashton Kutcher, Mila Kunis to honeymoon in space?

LONDON, 18 June — Hollywood actors Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis, who are planning to get married this summer, reportedly want to have their honeymoon in space.

The couple is keen to have a British wedding once Kutcher’s divorce from ex-wife Demi Moore is finalised and for the honeymoon, the Spread actor wants to take Kunis on one of Sir Richard Branson’s flights into space, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

The British business tycoon has set up a project to allow people to embark on the incredible two-hour commercial trip and Kutcher, who has already bought his 124,000 pound seat, wants an out-of-the-world honeymoon.

An insider said: “Ashton is already going into space on Branson’s Virgin Galactic flight and he has said Mila will definitely be at his side as his honeymoon present.”

The couple wants to get married as soon as they can because they want to start an “old-fashioned” family.

“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,” said the source.

The first trip is due to happen this Christmas Day with more flights following in 2014.

Passengers will travel 62 miles in altitude — the internationally recognized boundary of outer space — and will experience weightlessness and an incredible view of the curve of the earth.

Beyoncé Knowles settles $100 million lawsuit

NEW YORK, 18 June — Grammy award winning singer Beyoncé Knowles has settled a $100 million lawsuit with videogame company Gate Five for allegedly backing out of a deal to create her own motion-capture dance game called — Starpower: Beyoncé.

Lawyers for both sides signed an agreement dismissing “all claims or counterclaims” without legal fees and filed the papers in Manhattan Supreme Court on 14 June, 2013, reports femalefirst.co.uk. The gaming company’s lawyer Peter Gallagher told the New York Post’s Page Six: “We’ve settled amicably. I can’t discuss the terms of the settlement, but it was resolved.”

The 31-year-old singer reportedly dropped out of the deal last winter because she claimed that Gate Five had not secured the funding they had promised.

Brad Pitt’s ‘World War Z’

LOS ANGELES, 18 June—“World War Z” is one of the big box office releases this summer in which Brad Pitt plays a United Nations representative enlisted to help stop a zombie pandemic threatening to destroy mankind.

The film was due to be released late last year but suffered setbacks amid reports that the budget had ballooned above $200 million and Pitt clashed with director Marc Forster.

Following is a roundup of reviews of “World War Z”, an adaptation of Max Brooks’ 2006 apocalyptic novel, that will be released by Viacom Inc’s (VIAB.O) Paramount Pictures on 21 June:

Telegraph (2 stars out of 5)

“There’s blood and guts but no heart when Brad Pitt takes on zombie hordes ... Perhaps this should come as no surprise: shortly after filming on World War Z was thought to be complete, seven weeks of extra shooting took place in Budapest, which was followed by the writing and filming of an entirely new third act later in the year. Whatever direction the film was originally headed in, someone important obviously thought better of it.” - Robbie Collin

Guardian (3 stars out of 5)

“World War Z is not a brilliant addition to the zombie lore. But it’s also not the shuffling mess it was rumoured to be. It’s an attempt at large-scale seriousness in a genre that’s frequently preposterous. It stumbles along on that intention.” —Reuters
Mourinho says financial rules reshape role at Chelsea

LONDON, 18 June—Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho has indicated he will have to take a more careful approach to spending in his second spell at the London club because of new rules designed to ensure that clubs curb their financial losses. Bankrolled by Russian owner Roman Abramovich, Mourinho led Chelsea to successive league titles in 2005 and 2006 in his previous spell with the English Premier League club. However, the financial climate has changed, with Uefa trying to force clubs to move towards break-even or ultimately risk exclusion from competitions such as the Champions League. “Every wrong move you make has an influence on the future,” Mourinho said of the Financial Fair Play regulations. “You need to work more closely with the board in the financial area, you have to have a different perspective and a different look at the players on loan and youth football,” he added in comments on the club website (chelseafc.com).

The comments chime with Mourinho’s low-key news conference last week when the returning Portuguese coach seemed at pains to break with the brash image he created on his arrival in London in 2004. Chelsea last week agreed to pay a reported 18 million pounds ($28.22 million) to sign 22-year-old winger Andre Schurrle from German club Bayer Leverkusen, their first signing since Mourinho came back. Chelsea won the Champions League in 2012, helping them to make a profit for the first time since Abramovich bought the club a decade ago.

Mourinho said qualification for the lucrative Champions League was vital for the stability of Chelsea. “It’s important for the players, for the young players’ development, for the club, for the fan base and for the economic situation which is more important with Financial Fair Play,” he said.—Reuters

Heartbreak continues for eternal bridesmaid Mickelson

ARIZONA, (Pennsylvania), 18 June—There was no big birthday celebration for Phil Mickelson who turned 43 at Merion Golf Club on Sunday, only another case of heartache at the US Open. Mickelson began the day with a one-shot lead but despite a sensational eagle-two at the par-four 10th when he holed out from the rough, the big left-hander finished two shots behind winner Justin Rose to finish runner-up once again.

In tytising Australian Jason Day after shooting a final-round 74 for a three-over-par 284 total, Mickelson extended his US Open record with a sixth second-place finish. “For me it’s very heartbreaking,” Mickelson said. “This could have been a really big turnaround for me on how I look at the US Open, the tournament that I’d like to win, after having so many good opportunities.”

Mickelson had finished second best in 2009, 2006, 2004, 2002 and 1999, but the big left-hander thought he was poised to finally break through at Merion after being in the lead after each of the first three rounds. “I think this was my best chance,” said Mickelson, who bogeyed three of his last six holes to yield the advantage to Rose. “The way that I was playing heading in, the position I was in and the way I love the golf course.” Mickelson gave himself a slew of birdie opportunities but burned the edges with numerous putts and failed to execute with his vaunted short game down the closing stretch.—Reuters

Suzuki to return to MotoGP in 2015

LONDON, 18 June—Suzuki will return to the MotoGP championship in 2015, the Japanese manufacturer announced ahead of a test of its prototype bike in Spain on Monday. Suzuki, who won 500cc world titles with the likes of Briton Barry Sheene, and Americans Kevin Schwantz and Kenny Roberts Jr, pulled out in 2011 saying they needed to reduce costs in the face of a global economic downturn. They said at the time that they hoped to return in 2014. The manufacturer joined an official MotoGP test at Barcelona’s Circuit de Catalunya on Monday and said in a statement that they would continue to test inside and outside Japan after that.” Suzuki Motor Corporation will participate again in MotoGP racing from 2015,” it added. Italian Davide Brivio, Valentino Rossi’s former boss at Yamaha, will manage the test team with Frenchman Randy De Puniet serving as their development rider on the 1,000cc machine. Suzuki’s return will give MotoGP at least four major manufacturers in the top category, with Honda, Yamaha and Ducati all present, Kawasaki pulled out in 2009.—Reuters

Honduras defender Figueroa joins Hull City from Wigan

LONDON, 18 June—Honduras defender Maynor Figueroa has joined newly-promoted Hull City from relegated Wigan Athletic on a two-year deal, the Premier League club said on Monday.

The announcement reunited the 30-year-old—classic footballer on the left side of the defence—with manager Steve Bruce, who first signed him while manager of Wigan in 2008. “When the team were playing the final few games in the Championship, I paid close attention to the results because I wanted Steve Bruce to achieve promotion,” he told the City website (www.hulcityafc.net). “I was happy for him to earn the success. He is a great manager and I’m looking forward to working with him again.”

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Figueroa missed the Cup final at Wembley and Wigan’s last four Premier League games due to a groin injury.—Reuters

Real, City have made offers for me—Malaga’s Isco

MADRID, 18 June—Malaga’s Spain Under-21 playmaker Isco has confirmed that Real Madrid and Manchester City have made offers to buy him and said he will decide his future after Tuesday’s European championships final against Italy.

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the last eight of the Champions League last season and has caught the eye with several scintillating performances at the Euro Under-21 tournament in Israel.

Asked about offers from Real and City, Malaga native Isco told Spain’s As sports daily on Monday they were “on the table”. “I know that both Manchester City and Real Madrid are two great clubs,” he added. “I want what is best for me and Malaga.”

Isco said he had not spoken to City’s new manager Manuel Pellegrini since the Chilean decided to leave Malaga and move to the Premier League at the end of last term. However, Pellegrini’s presence at City might help swing his decision the way of the Manchester club, Isco added.

“He is a great coach who has done some impressive work at Malaga, as he did at other clubs, and I am sure things will go well for him (in England),” he said.

“It’s true that I know Pellegrini already, I know how he works and he has been fundamental in my career during the two years I was at Malaga with him.

“It’s a point in favour that we worked together and that I know how he works but it’s not definitive.

“I am going to take a holiday (after the Euro Under-21 championships), which I need, and then decide my future.”

—Reuters
Telefonica denies report of $93 billion offer from AT&T

MADRID, 18 June—Telefonica (TEF.MC) said on Monday it had not received any indication of interest from AT&T (T.N), following a Spanish newspaper report that the gov-ernment had halted a 70 bil-lion-euro ($93 billion) offer from the US company.

An AT&T representa-tive told the government about the company’s plans to buy Telefonica and take on its 52 billion euros of debt, leading the state to stop the sale, El Mundo said on Monday, citing sources with knowledge of the deal.

“Telefonica has not re-ceived any approach or spoken or written indication of interest,” a spokesman for Telefonica told Reuters. The government has mechanisms to block the sale of any company deemed strategic to the na-tional economy, El Mundo cited sources as saying. Ac-cording to the paper, the matter was debated in the Economy and Industry min-istry, as well as in Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy’s office.

AT&T has been look-ing this year at ways it can grow outside the United States, including via acqui-sitions and expanding its business serving enterprise customers.

A takeover of Tele-fonica would make it the biggest telecoms company in the world, with a market capitalization of almost 300 billion euros, according to El Mundo.

Debt-laden Telefonia’s revenues have been hit by the economic downturn in Europe, especially in Spain, where 27 percent of the workforce is em-ployed. Latin America now counts for over half the company’s revenues.

Reuters

Wimbledon holds no fear for Radwanska any more

EASTBOURNE, 18 June — Wimbledon can hold no fear for Agnieszka Rad-wanska this year, after she survived all the way to the final last July.

Having lost her maiden grand-slam final out of the way, conquering her nerves and taking eventual winner Serena Williams to three sets, the Polish world num-ber four is feeling relaxed about returning to the All-England Club next week.

“Everything around the final was a huge, huge thing and for me it was the big-gest day,” Radwanska told Reuters in an interview as she prepared for Wimbledo-n at the Eastbourne grass court tournament on Mon-day.

“It was such a big dif-ference from other finals I’ve played before and I think it doesn’t matter if you win or lose a grand-slam final it’s just a great experience, one of the big-gest experiences of my life, and hopefully I will have more opportunity to be in major finals.”

Radwanska, who has dyed her brown hair blonde in time for Wimbledon and is known as “Aga” to her friends, smiled as she recalled how she felt when she was preparing for last year’s final.

“Every match like that is a huge experience and now I know how it is to go on court and play this big match,” said the 24-year-old, who was struck down by a throat infection on the eve of last year’s final.

“Everything around it, and even the day before, everything was huge and of course (there was) a lot of adrenaline those days.”

“I was really nervous before and also on court as well but I think now I know how it is and I think I will go on court feeling more re-laxed than before.”

Grass has long been Radwanska’s favourite sur-face, even though it was alien to her until midway through her teens.

“I don’t have any grass courts in my home town in Poland so I was playing on synthetic grass for many years,” said the for-mer world number two who hails from Krakow.

“It was a little bit simi-lar, it has a low bounce and it was a little bit faster, but my first time on grass was when I was playing junior Wimbledon.

The first time I played on grass I was 16 and just after the first practice I said I really like that surface and I really enjoyed every point.”

Her enjoyment showed: Radwanska won the Wimbledon girls’ title that year, 2005.

This year has thrown up another surface that Radwanska particularly enjoys — clay. A fortnight ago, she reached her first French Open quarter-final, losing to Italian Sara Er-rani.

“I was very excited about that, and another quarter-final in a grand slam is a very good result for me so I was very happy about that,” said Radwanska who has made it into the last eight of every grand slam except the US Open.

Hard work ahead of the clay season had paid off, she said.

“I was trying to do a lot of grass and doing a lot of things off court. I was really preparing a lot before the grand slam.”

A quick trip home, lots of phone chats with younger sister Urszula, who is playing in Den Bosch this week, and the older Radwanska was ready to switch to grass.—Reuters

Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland reacts during her women’s singles quarter-final match against Sara Errani of Italy at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 4 June, 2013.—REUTERS

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends opening ceremony of School Milk Program

NA YPI TAW, 18 June—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham accompanied by the Union ministers, deputy ministers and officials, attended the opening ceremony of School Milk Program in basic education schools at Banquet Hall of Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this morning.

In his address, the Vice-President said that today’s ceremony was to provide ultra heat treated milk worth US$ 8 million donated by CP Meiji Company, he added.

He continued that the aim of the school milk program was to ensure primary children grow taller and their brain development according to the internationally-recognized research that says children provided with milk under the school milk program can be added up to four inches of their average height and milk help them more intelligent.

School Milk Program has been introduced to schools in Japan since 1964 and it helped children getting an international standard of height, produced outstanding athletes in international sports, make Japanese people healthier, enabling them to be recognized as the world’s oldest citizens, and named Japan as one of the top countries in the world as a result of turning out outstanding persons with high intelligence in the areas of economic and science.

He said that today’s ceremony was held with the aim of ensuring Myanmar to reach such kind of stage in cooperation with local and foreign donors by launching the program on a manageable scale. He stressed the need to carry it out on a wider scale.

Immigration & Population Ministry clarifies over “the government is planning to amend the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law” covered by the Daily Eleven Newspaper

The Earth cannot swallow a race to extinction, but another race can

NA YPI TAW, 18 June—The news on “the government is planning to amend the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law (1982 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No.4)” during the ninth day of the first Amyotha Hluttaw fifth regulation session on 6th November, 2012. The proposal was discussed by U Mann Kan Nynut of Kayin State Constituency No.2, U Khin Mauk (a) of Aung Kyaw Oo of Rakhine State Constituency No.3, U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State constituency No.9, U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State constituency No.2, Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State constituency No.7, U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State constituency No.6, U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State constituency No.10 and U Sai Puang Nap of Shan State constituency No.12. The discussion was broadcast by the Sky Net.

Regarding the discussion of the eight MPs, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi rejected the proposal, saying that the ministry is working to amend outdated words in the stipulations of the law including fine and fixing the amount of fine.

The full text of the clarification of the Union Minister is as follows:

“…As I have already pointed out only the main points discussed by the MPs. First of all, I believe that the MP who took a lot of time to learn the law in detail put forward the proposal to write and enact a new Myanmar citizenship law in order to be suitable to the current time and submitted his proposal in the interests of the State as he found many requirements in it. I respect his proposal. However, it took over six years to draft a bill after learning defects of the previous law and considering current situation and to approve it as the law after presenting the bill to all walks of life in the whole country. I would like to clarify the law to share my knowledge on the law to all MPs who are representing the entire people. These days, there is widespread criticism from different points of view over whether this law should be revoked or not, and over who is responsible for the settlement of foreigners in border areas. So, it is required to clarify how this law was made and which facts were considered to make this law. Mr. Speaker, please give me time to explain brief history of this law.”

History has it that there was no settlements of foreigner in Myanmar before 1824. Our history shows that in those days, over 100 ethnicities including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bama, Mon, Rakhine and Shan and their related ethnic groups have living together unitedly. In 1824, the first Anglo-Myanmar War broke out. After the war, the western part of Myanmar was annexed by the British and it was established as one of the states of India. Since then, foreigners from the neighboring country had settled in Myanmar under various reasons. Therefore, indigenous national races and foreigners are found in Myanmar. Before that, only indigenous peoples lived in the country. And, as usual there emerged a new class of mixed race in the country. Therefore, the main reason why foreigners settled in the country for the very first time is the colonialism.

As I have already mentioned earlier, foreigners got the chance to set foot on Myanmar soil together with the arrival of colonialism. Moreover, it is a common knowledge that internal conflicts that broke out soon after the regaining of independence opened way for more cousins of foreigners already residing in Myanmar to easily enter through borders, settle, mix with local people and increase in the country. Because of time limitation, I will not categorize each and every race that entered Myanmar through borders. I will point out only the penetration in western part of Myanmar.

Some parts of Myanmar fell under foreign occupation in 1824 and in 1885, the whole country was colonized. The country regained independence on 4 January 1948. So the country had to live under foreign rule for over 120 years between 1824 and 1948. The country lost sovereignty and fell under enslavement during the said period. We had no self determination then. We had no right to protect our own people and country. The population of Myanmar with mixed parentage in Myanmar was already high when the nation regained independence. To address this problem, the then State administrators enacted Burma Citizenship Act 1948 the Union Citizenship Act, 1948. The said two laws were based on the Constitution of that time. Citizenship was defined in sub articles (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Article 11 of the Constitution of Union of Burma 1947.

As I do not want to take too much time, I will extract only one or two articles as an example. The sub article (d) stated, “every person who was born in any of the

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