President U Thein Sein receives Speaker of Thai Parliament and Thai House of Representatives and party

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Speaker of Thai Parliament and Speaker of House of Representatives of Thailand Mr Somsak Kiatsuranont at the hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 4 pm today.

They exchanged views on strengthening of friendly relations between the two countries through exchange of visits between leaders of two countries as well as two armed forces, implementation of Dawei Special Economic Zone that will practically serve the interests of the two countries, efforts being made for ceasefire in Myanmar, betterment of trade due to prevailing peace and stability at border region of two countries, arrangements for holding political dialogues for restoring eternal peace, demarcation of border between the two countries and assistance for Thai entrepreneurs to put their investments in Myanmar.

Also present at the call were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Aung Kyi and U Soe Maung and departmental heads. The Thai Parliament Speaker was accompanied by officials of Thai Parliament and the charge d’ affaires ai of the Thai Embassy to Myanmar.

MNA

Union Peace-making Work Committee, KNPP hold peace talks for second time

NAY PYI TAW, 19 June—The second Union level peace talks between a delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister U Aung Min and Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP) took place at a meeting hall of the local station in Loikaw in Kayah State this morning.

In his preliminary explanation, Union Minister U Aung Min said that the meeting would focus on works to be done by both sides; that the President intended to invite prominent persons at home and abroad including UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon to reaffirm initial ceasefire agreements with national race groups in the coming months and to sign a nationwide ceasefire agreement in the presence of them; that it was a move to bring about an eternal peace through the ceasefire agreement with no U-turn; and that directives had already been given to resettle IDPs in respective areas.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut elaborated on matters related to forces and Union Minister U Than Htay regional development tasks.

Then, KNPP Vice-Chairman U Khu Yal clarified requirements for peace and stability and development of the state and continued cooperation.

In the afternoon, the Union Peace-making Work Group and officials of KNPP held a separate meeting on matters related to forces.

In the evening, the meeting continued focusing on formation of joint monitoring group and technical teams for ensuring sustainable peace processes, cooperation in tasks of elimination of narcotic drugs, resettlement of IDPs, cooperative measures to be carried out in regional development undertakings and administrative matters.

Next, Kayah State Government hosted a dinner in honour of meeting participants.

The meeting was also attended by Union Minister U Win Tun, U Khin Maung Soe, U Than Htay and U Win Myint, Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung On, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut from Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, the commander of Eastern Command, the Deputy (See page 9)
**LOCAL NEWS**

**PHOTO NEWS**

*Photo shows a teacher performing traffic control gestures for the safety of school children while crossing the road in front of Basic Education Primary School No (17) in Kamar Kathwal ward in Dala Township of Yangon Region on 14 June.* — Kyemon (Min Ye Man-Nay Pyi Taw)

**FOREST**

YANGON, 19 June — Forest staffs are interrupting with added momentum the flow of illegal teak, hardwood and forest products in their respective townships in regions and states.

On 7 June, they seized 20 bags of charcoal and 328 illegal timber logs and arrested two suspects while conducting a search of a vehicle at mile post No(365).

Inter-village road to benefit local people in Hopang

HOPANG, 17 June — Aimed at improving socioeconomic status of local people and ensuring smooth transport from one place to another, construction of a two-mile and four-furlong long inter-village road built by Pan Khin mining company with the contribution of K 179.8 million by the government have been completed.

Thanks to the road, local people in Kaung Hone, Namit Shan, Mamanmaing and Phayungseik villages will be able to enjoy educational, health, economic and social benefits. — Kyemon (Forest Dept)

**CRIME**

Young man fatally wounded in water slide pool stabbing

YANGON, 19 June — A 24-year-old man was taken into police custody for fatally stabbing a young man at a water slide pool in the compound of People’s Square on Pyay Road in Dagon Township, here.

Police said that they were informed that Myo Min Zaw was stabbed by a man while he was playing water slide rides at the pool together with a group of his friends.

Then police members and staff of the pool looked for the male suspect in the compound and arrested Zin Min Tha of Yankin Township.

Dagon police station charged him with stabbing the victim.

Myo Min Zaw with a single stab wound in his left abdomen was taken to Yangon General Hospital for medical treatment. — Kyemon (037)

**Unattended electric iron sparks house fire in Pakokku**

Pakokku, 19 June — An unattended electric iron caused a fire that reduced two houses to ashes in Shwechaung village in Pakokku Township at about 9 pm on 14 June.

The fire is said to have started from the electric iron which was left unattended by U Paw San, 53, who forgot to switch off it. Then the overheated iron set a nearby hugging down pillow on fire.

The fire swept through the whole house and engulfed a house next to it. Firecrews accompanied by eight fire trucks managed to bring the fire under control and the fire went down at about 9.40 pm.

An official said that the fire caused loss of belongings worth K 300,000, but no one is hurt in the incident. — Kyemon (Aung-Mann Thekkatho)

**Knowledge on traffic rules disseminated in University of Technology (Toungoo)**

Toungoo, 19 June — An educative talks on traffic rules was organized at the meeting hall of University of Technology (Toungoo) in Kaytumati on 13 June.

Toungoo District Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Thet and Toungoo District Police Commanding Officer Police Lt-Col Soe Lin Aung made an opening address. Next, Head of Toungoo District Directorate of Road Transport U Thaung Myint and Police Inspector Zaw Tun Moe of Traffic Police Corps gave talks on traffic rules and dos and don’ts for road users.

It was also attended by Rector of University of Technology (Toungoo) Dr Maung Maung Latt and faculty members and over 1500 university students. — Kyemon-Ko Lwin-Swa

**EDUCATIVE TALKS**

**Unemployed young man dies after drinking pesticide**

YANGON, 19 June — A young man died after taking a drink of pesticide at about 11.30 am on 10 June during his stay at the house of his aunt for seeking a job in Yangon.

Waibargi police station said that they were informed of the death of Maung Phyo Maw Oo, 21, at the house of Daw Mua Mya Wai on Kayhamkyaung Street in Nya Ward of North Okkalapa Township on that day and found him dead upstairs.

The victim is believed to have been killed by gulping a bottle of Shwe Indo pesticide, they said. It is learnt that the victim was from Dawphonyan in Kachin State.

The dead body was transported to North Okkalapa hospital where investigation is ongoing whether or not there is evidence of third party hand in the case. — Kyemon (037)

**Milk makes you smarter, healthier and more intelligent**

**New Light of Myanmar**

**NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR**
BELFAST, 19 June—
Leaders of the Group of Eight nations are set to wrap up their two-day summit in Northern Ireland on Tuesday with the adoption of a leaders’ declaration in which they plan to commit to countering terrorism. The leaders are expected to address in the declaration the need for rules designed to prevent multilateral corporations from avoiding taxes, while hammering out G-8 responses to the humanitarian crisis in Syria. The declaration is expected to address concerns about human rights violations by North Korea, including the abduction of Japanese nationals by the country, a resolution of which is being sought by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Israe1i president urges Israel, Palestinians to give children “ray of hope”

JERUSALEM, 19 June—
Israeli President Shimon Peres urged on Tuesday to continue Israeli and Palestinian leaders to give their children a "ray of hope.

"We long for peace with our neighbour. The distance between us and the Palestinians is full of sadness," Peres said, adding that "I believe that the state of Israel and the Palestine of tomorrow can offer our children a ray of hope.

The president made the remarks at his 85th birthday party, saying that "The advancement of peace will complete the march of in the Wester1n world and encourage Wester1n states to provide help and encouragement to our children"

Chances for progress on Iran nuclear issue must be seized

MOSCOW, 19 June—
Iran has taken constructive steps toward compromise in the decade-old standoff over its nuclear programme and world powers should reciprocate, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said in remarks published on Tuesday.

Iranians elected a new moderate president, Hasan Rouhani, on Friday and he held out the prospect on Monday of a thaw in rela-

tions between Iran and the world, including the United States, and progress to resolving the nuclear dispute. Asked by a Kavmost news agency if he was aware of the state of the still inconclusive talks and whether Rohani’s rise would help, Lavrov made little mention of Rohani but said “hopeful signs” had emerged for the first time in years and it would be “inexcusable not to seize upon the opportunity of this opportunity”.

His remarks appeared aimed at coaxing the Islamic Republic into a new round of talks with six powers and encouraging Western powers to provide help and encouragement to our children. “The international community should respond to constructive moves by Iran adequately and with reciprocity, including the gradual suspension and removal of sanctions,” he told the KUNA news agency in an interview posted on his ministry’s website.

The six powers — the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany — want Tehran to suspend its uranium enrichment activities to reassure the world that it is not seeking to develop the means to build nuclear weapons.

Pakistan says new policy to be evolved to stop drone strikes

ISLAMABAD, 19 June—
The Pakistani parliament was told on Tuesday that a new policy is being evolved to stop the US drone at-

tacks in the country’s tribal regions. Advisor to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs and National Security Sardj Aziz said the National Assembly the new government is working seriously to bring end to drone at-

tacks.

The opposition law maker Dr Shireen Mazari and several other lawmakers had raised the issue of drone strikes and sought details about the new go-
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erbly that the government has already conveyed serious

concerns to the United States over drone strikes and it will continue to raise the issue at all the forums. "US Secretary of State John Kerry is likely to visit Pa-

kistan next month and the issue will be raised with him," Aziz said.

He said Pakistan has adopted a clear policy on drone strikes, which are counter-productive in counter

oring the menace of ter-

rorism, adding that the drone strikes are in contravention of sovereignty and national integrity.

Russia evacuates 6,000 residents over ammunition explosions

MOSCOW, 19 June—
Some 6,000 residents have been evacuated following explosions in an ammunition depot in Russia’s Sa-

mara region, the Emergen-


cy Situations Ministry said on Tuesday.

The first explosion rocked a military test ground in the town of Chapaevsk, about at 7:30 pm Moscow Time (1330 GMT), a spokesperson for the ministry told reporters.

Five explosions of pro-

jectiles took place in the test ground, said the spokesperson.

Live TV broadcast showed the explosions continued, with cloud-like thick smog engulfing half of the sky.

So far, 22 people have been injured in the explo-
sions, five of them taken to hospitals for treatment, emergency authorities said.

The first powerful explo-

sion shattered window glasses and touched off car alarm systems in a town some 15 km away from Chapaevsk, local residents said.

The site was cordoned off with all roads leading to it blocked. Rescuers and soldiers have been sent to the site to put off the fire.

Preliminary informa-
tion showed that 13 million projectiles were stored at the depot, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Defense, told local media.

The cause of the explo-
sions still needs to be deter-

mined. Russia witnessed several ammunition blasts last year.

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Thursday, 20 June, 2013

French President Francois Hollande, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta and European Council President Herman Van Rompuy attend a photo session of a Group of Eight industrialized nations summit near Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, on 18 June, 2013.—Kyodo News

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov smiles during a meeting with his Italian counterpart Emma Bonino in Moscow, on 15 June, 2013.—Reuters

In a communique, the leaders, who discussed Syria during a working dinner on Monday night, are expected to call for a halt to violence in the country that has killed more than 90,000 people, according to the United Nations, another Japanese official said.

They are also expected to call for an international conference on Syrian peace that has yet to take place de-

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Digital shower power from Israel

TEL AVIV, 19 June—
SmarTap controls flow and temperature automatically, leading to huge savings in water and electricity—and it’s better for bathing babies, too. Israel is entering a new space in clean-tech:

The company says the device, at 6.18 mm thick, is the world’s thinnest. It has an array of sensors in the shaft between rooms, and connects to the cold water column at the drain when you turn the shower on.

Each SmarTap unit comes with a showerhead and a digital controller. The company’s CEO Shaltiel, a father of six, says the problem was the seed of a new invention in 2006, and after a few short years it will be on showerheads in the European market come the end of this year. Funded by the Israeli venture capital fund Terra Venture Partners, SmarTap employs six people in Haifa and was co-founded by Yuval Shapiro, a recent USC management plans to enter two distinct markets: showerheads for the homeowner and the hotel industry.

In some hotels, environmentalists worry that main managers are driven by the bottom line, says Shaltiel. It’s better for bathing babies, too. Research and water saving is a concern and requirement, but mainly managers are driven by the bottom line, says Shaltiel. His device can shave off two or three liters of water per minute without any effect on the shower experience, he says. The device also saves on the cold water column that normally runs down the drain when you turn the shower on.

The smart showerhead is going to be piloted at two Tel Aviv hotels.

Internet making family photo albums passe

SEOUL, 19 June—The increasing trend of sharing photographs online is changing the way families save photos of their children.

Two thirds of Britons now prefer to catalogue their pictures on computers, tablets or smartphones instead of displaying their photos in old-fashioned albums.

According to a new study by the Telegraph, 33 percent of parents say they take photos with the intention of posting them on sites such as Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, with 10 percent saying their snaps were uploaded to a website in less than a 60 seconds after they had been shot.

In the past 30 years some 40,000 cultural treasures have been lost to further generations, more than 80 percent of which destroyed by construction, said Professor Lu Dongming of the Chinese Academy of Chinese Architecture.

The digitalization of historical sites and relics is not just about data. It is a way to bridge the gap between historians and the public, allowing scientists to look into the past and see the purpose of the artwork.

New tools preserve ancient treasures

BEIJING, 19 June—At a conference in Xi’an, archaeologists discuss how the digitalization of historical sites and relics help recreate communities, allowing them to look into the past and see the future. But experts warn that data preservation can face challenges, Cheng Yingqi reports.

Being an archaeologist can be boring. Hours of digging square holes in the ground and filling out paperwork, right? That may have been true in the past, but archaeology is more than just about the past, it helps us understand the future.

And today’s practitioners, with computers and state-of-the-art cameras, would not consider their work boring. “Heritage is not always immortal, it can vanish, but information lasts forever,” said Professor Lu Dongming at Zhejiang University. “Excavating and preserving relics is no longer the sole purpose of archaeological digs. All information should be recorded during the process. In fact, digital documentation is as important as preservation,” said Lu, who specializes in applying computer technology to archaeological studies.

In the past 30 years some 40,000 cultural treasures have been lost to future generations, more than 80 percent of which destroyed by construction, said Professor Lu Dongming of the Chinese Academy to digitally recreate the Mogao Grottoes in Gansu Province. The grottoes, China’s first UNESCO World Heritage Site, gained global recognition for their collection of Buddhist art—more than 2,000 sculpted figures and 45,000 square metres of frescoes in 735 caves carved along a cliff by worshippers.

However, climate change coupled with increasing tourist numbers has resulted in the deterioration of the frescoes, so scientists had to photograph them to make sure they were recorded.

Besides high-accuracy photography, laser 3-D scanners are used for digital recording. This process is especially valuable for stone tablets, said Ding Yao at the Tianjin University School of Architecture. “Traditionally, we made rubbings to record information on stone tablets. However, in some cases the writing on old tablets is indistinct,” he said. “But laser scanners can help us read and see all the artwork.”

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One of the most interesting examples is the Stanford Geological Network Model of the Roman World, a collaboration between historians and information technology specialists at Stanford University.
UNSG’s Message for World Refugee Day
20 June 2013

The number of forcibly displaced people in the world continues to rise. There are now more than 45 million refugees and internally displaced people – the highest level in nearly 20 years. Last year alone, someone was forced to abandon their home every four seconds.

War remains the dominant cause, with the crisis in Syria a leading instance of major displacement. More than half of all refugees listed in a new report by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees come from just five war-affected countries: Afghanistan, Somalia, Iraq, Syria and Sudan. Major new displacements are also occurring in Mali, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Sudan.

Figures give only a glimpse of this enormous human tragedy. Every day, conflict tears apart the lives of thousands of families. They may be forced to leave loved ones behind or become separated in the chaos of war. Children suffer the most. Nearly half of all refugees are below age 18, and a growing number are fleeing on their own.

Forced displacement also has a significant economic, social and, at times, political impact on the communities that provide shelter. There is a growing and imbalance in the burden of hosting refugees, with poor countries taking in the vast majority of the world’s uprooted people. Developing countries host 81 per cent of the world’s refugees, compared to 70 per cent a decade ago.

Finding durable solutions for the displaced will require more solidarity and burden-sharing by the international community. On World Refugee Day, I call on the international community to intensify efforts to prevent and resolve conflicts, and to help achieve peace and security so that families can be reunited and refugees can return home.

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Inflation data points to firming economy

WASHINGTON, 19 June—A gauge of underlying inflation showed signs of stabilizing in May after a long decline, a potential comfort to Federal Reserve policymakers who want firmer prices.

Other data on Tuesday showed an increase in groundbreaking at home construction sites, the latest sign America’s housing market recovery will help counter the drag on the economy from government austerity.

The Labour Department said the consumer price index edged 0.1 percent higher last month after two straight months of declines, while the so-called core index, which excludes food and energy costs, rose 0.2 percent, just above the pace clocked in April.

The core index, which the US central bank monitors closely because it is less volatile and provides a better sense of price trends, was up 1.7 percent in the 12 months through May.

That increase matched the gain in April and suggested that a worrisome downward trend in core inflation, which began a year ago, might be coming to an end as consumer demand strengthens. “Inflation pressures remain very subdued, but downside momentum is fading,” said Eric Green, an interest rate strategist at TD Securities in New York.

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China’s home price rise continues to slow

BEIJING, 19 June—Home prices continued to see slower month-on-month rises in Chinese cities in May, according to official data released on Tuesday.

Of a statistical pool of 70 major Chinese cities, 65 saw new home prices increase month on month in May, down from 67 cities in April, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said in a statement on its website.

The data showed that new home prices in 34 cities saw slower month-on-month rises compared with April. The cities of Puchou, Zhengzhou, Guangzhou and Chengdu saw price rises narrower by at least 0.6 percentage points.

In May, prices of existing homes rose in 64 cities month on month, down from 66 cities in April, the statement said. Thirty cities saw slower rises from April.

Liu Jianwei, a senior statistician with the NBS, attributed the slowing price rises to the effects of recent property tightening measures.

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Boeing’s new Dreamliner steps up big jet battle

PARIS, 19 June—Boeing (BA.N) launched a larger version of its flagship Dreamliner aircraft at the Paris Airshow on Tuesday, intensifying the battle with rival Airbus (EAD.PA) in the booming market for fuel-efficient, long-haul jets.

The hotly anticipated announcement of the 787-10 Dreamliner, with 102 firm orders worth nearly $30 billion at list prices, is a vote of support for the lightweight, carbon-composite jet just months after the first version was grounded by battery problems.

It came shortly after Air- bus clinched an order worth about $11.5 billion at list prices from British budget airline easyJet (EZZ.L) for 135 of its A320 and A320neo planes on day two of the aerospace industry’s showcase event.

The two announcements, both confirming details reported by Reuters, epitomize the battle between US group Boeing and its European rival Airbus as they slug it out for the lion’s share of the $100 billion a year global jet market.

In the past couple of years, the fight has centered on the market for popular smaller models. But the focus has shifted in recent months to the next generation of larger planes, with Airbus successfully completing a test flight of its answer to the Dreamliner, the A350, on the eve of the Paris show.

“We promised a strong launch and we have achieved it,” Boeing Chief Executive Jim McNerney said at a signing ceremony on Tuesday. The buyers of the new 787-10 are Air Lease Corp (AL.N) and Singapore Airlines (SIAL.SI) with 30 planes each, United Airlines with 20, British Airways (ICAG.L) with 12, and GE Capital Services (GE.N) with 10.—Reuters

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Spain’s finance minister says Spain close to overcoming crisis

MADRID, 19 June—The Spanish Minister of Finance Cristobal Montoro said that Spain is close to becoming the economic crisis the country is suffering since 2008, local media reported on Monday.

Montoro made this statement at the opening of the courses organized by the Association of Journalists of Economic Information (Apiem) and the University Menendez Pelayo in Madrid.

Montoro pointed out that the state revenue might have increased by 2 percent in May in comparison with April’s figure, while affirming that the second quarter of 2013 could be “a turning point for the Spanish economy.”

“We cannot talk about the end of the crisis while employment is being destroyed,” he said, but insisted: “we are very close to the end.” During his speech Montoro emphasized the fact that Spain made one of the hardest adjustments in Europe, only behind those of Greece.

Montoro stated that structural reforms will go on such as that of the public administration while pointing out that the government will not increase taxes on hydrocarbons but on goods and services producing negative externalities.—Xinhua

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GE to create Russian venture to build power plants

Moscow, 19 June—US conglomerate General Electric Co (GE.N) will create a joint venture with Russia’s state-funded private equity vehicle to build mini power plants across Russia, the parties said on Tuesday. GE has been active in Russia for more than 20 years, supplying medical equipment to hospitals, signaling systems to the rail network and credit through its GE Money Bank.

The mini power plants are low-power co-generation systems producing up to 25 megawatts that are build independently of the federal power grid and therefore without the need for transmission lines. Industrial growth is driving greater demand for individual power generation systems in Russia. The project will focus on providing electricity to manufacturing plants and infrastructure projects in the Russian regions.—Reuters

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**World**

**United States to meet Taleban to seek Afghan peace**

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**Man threatening to jump off Tour Eiffel detained in Paris**

**PARIS, 19 June**—The man who manacled to jump off the Eiffel Tower (the Eiffel Tower) was detained on Tuesday afternoon by the police.

Police sources confirmed that the man, aged around 30 years old and a self-styled activist known as “Psycho,” had climbed to the tower and his attempt was “psychologically unstable.” He threatened to commit suicide by jumping off the tower, a famous tourist destination in the capital city of Paris while he was trying to climb from the second floor up to the third floor through the outside of the tower. Visitors to the monument were immediately evacuated at around 13:00 (1100GMT) and the man was finally talked down and detained by police.

Police lifted the safety alarm after placing the area under security control for two hours.—**Xinhua**

**United Nations (UN) peacekeepers soldiers from Austria drive past an observation tower near the Quneitra border crossing between Israel and Syria, on Israeli-occupied Golan Heights on 12 June, 2013.—**Reuters**

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**New Light of Myanmar**

**NATIONAL**

Dawei Deep Sea Port project brings equal benefit to Myanmar, Thailand: Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker

**Myanmar will see more economic development in future as world economy moves to Asia: Speaker of Thai Parliament**

**WASHINGTON, 19 June**—The United States and the Taleban reached agreement on Thursday that the on-again, off-again peace process would likely be messy and has no guarantee of success. It’s going to be a long, hard process if indeed it advances significantly at all,” a senior US official said.

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**Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint having a conversation with Speaker of Thai Parliament and Speaker of House of Representatives of Thailand Mr Somsk Kiatsuranont.—**MNA
**Agriculture**

**Farming rights certificates presented in Mohnyin District**

Myitkyina, 19 June— The ploughing for monsoon paddy was launched with 19 tractors in Mohnyin village in Ingyingon village-tract in Mohnyin Township on 14 June.

It was attended by Kachin State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Bi Htaw Zaung and officials, lawmakers and state-level departmental officials, district deputy commissioners, town elders and more than 200 local farmers.

At the ceremony to present farming rights certificates in Ingyingon Dhammayon, the minister and officials presented certificates for farmers in the village-tract. Secretary of State Farmland Management Committee U Hsan Win explained procedures for applying the certificates and Farmland Law and Rules.

A total of 124 farmers received the certificates at the ceremony. The officials then answered queries raised by the farmers and town elders.

**BUSINESS**

**Toungoo market gets abundant supply of Djenkol beans**

Toungoo, 19 June—Toungoo market has received a bulk of djenkol bean supply from Thandaunggyi and Leiktho and Yado regions.

The djenkol beans were then transported to Nay Pyi Taw Aharathukha market and markets in major cities like Bago, Yangon and Mandalay. Djenkol bean plants are grown in rubber plantations and bear fruits, which form one of the favourite side dishes in Myanmar to the accompaniment of fish paste, for five years after turning 10 years.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Tree planting ceremony held in Taungtha**

Taungtha, 19 June—A ceremony to plant saplings and sow seeds was organized by Arid Zone Greening Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry in central Myanmar town Taungtha on 17 June morning.

A total of 600 saplings were planted at the ceremony.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Director of Arid Zone Greening Department U Min Aung Min, Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Nyunt, Region Hluttaw Representative U Than Htay Aung, Myingyan District Arid Zone Greening Department Assistant Director U Hla Min, Myingyan District Forest Department Assistant Director U Wai Lwin, members of social organization and about 300 local people.

**CRIME**

**Smuggled goods seized by mobile team in Waw Township**

Waw, 19 June—Mobile teams are conducting surprise checks at a strategic junction where old and new Sittauung bridges meet in Waw Township in Bago Region.

The team seized smuggled commodities on a vehicle on 17 June.

The goods whose duties were not paid include snacks, soybean, Alysa Lito Sil and Copper hydricole. The seized goods were worth K 679,000 according to market prices.

Ko Thura, who was the driver of the vehicle, was charged with smuggling.—MMAL-Phone Thaw (Waw)

**Pirate CDs seized in Pyinmana**

Pyinmana, 19 June—Nay Pyi Taw Police Force raided a shop in Aharathukha market and seized uncensored discs on 16 June.

They charged Yan Naing Win, 37, with the illegal holding and selling of uncensored and pirated discs.

**Regional plan duties assigned in Pauk Tsp**

Pauk, 19 June—A ceremony to assign regional plan duties for 2013-2014 fiscal year was held in General Administration Department Office in Pauk Township in Pakokku District in Magway Region on 15 June.

At first, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Soe delivered a speech at the ceremony and assigned township level departmental officials and ward and village-tract administrators with regional plan duties for 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Head of Township Planning Department U San Htway Maung elaborated on regional plan in 2012-2013 fiscal year and progress of rural development and poverty alleviation tasks.

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**Exercise books donated for schoolchildren**

Yesagyo, 19 June—A ceremony to donate exercise books to schoolchildren of Basic Education Primary School in Thahtaygon village in Yesagyo Township in Magway Region on 14 June.

The ceremony was attended by Headmaster U Pho Thit and teachers, donors U Thein Swe and wife Daw San Hla and schoolchildren.

The headmaster spoke words of thanks and donor U Thein Swe presented 31 dozens of exercise books for 165 students through the headmaster.—MMAL-Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)

**Library opened in Indaw Township**

Mawlu, 19 June—The opening ceremony of Myitta Pankhin library was held in Basic Education Middle School (branch) in Thaungtha village of Mawlu region in Indaw Township in Sagaing Region on 1 June morning.

Emeritus Patron of Amarapura Maha Gandayon monastery Sayadaw U Sujanabhivamsa, Indaw Township Education Officer Daw Kyi Kyi Htay and Headmistress of Mawlu Basic Education High School Daw Hura formally opened the library.

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**Motorbike rider shot dead**

Muse, 19 June—A motorbike rider was shot dead by unidentified group on three motorbikes in Pangsi (Kyikoki) in Muse District on 16 June.

U San Tun, 40, was returning home from Honoag when he was shot six times by the unidentified group and killed on the spot.

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**Kyangon-Moe Hein (Myeik)**
SIR,

Whenever I look back over a distance of about thirty years, my memory stirs in my heart and in no time I come to realize that in not too distant past we could have our voice (People’s voice) listened to by all present, and reach the length and breadth of our nation. I used to contribute what we thought best in constructing a beautiful State to all the English language newspapers and magazine like the Working People’s Daily, the Guardian Daily and the only state-owned Guardian Magazine. Due to various reasons, they have gone defunct for some years. And the section “Letter to Editor” has lost niche in the paper. What follows up? We find it impossible to get our message of norms about changeover across to the masses.

At a time when the country is in a critical period of transition we are confident that we, older people mostly pensioners with rich experience we accumulated through years, should take part in this Herculean task with our old rusted abandoned pens. In our midst are Huttaw representatives through whom we could put up what we need to the President. We shall be-all nor end-all. Frankly speaking, we could never be perfectly filled with our utmost aspiration though our elected Government led by Dr Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has made much exertion to transform the nation into a modern, developed, democratic-state since he was sworn in as president.

So far as I know, President U Thein Sein is genuinely a man of transparent honestly. He leaves none to unturned to make radical big changes in his Government within the framework of the State Constitution.

With clarity and succinctness, we dare say exactly that the wheels of his mind revolved fast and then what seemed to be a great and blinding truth suddenly burst on his brain. Charmed by the sound understanding of what is really true, he turned his mind on its central thought of people. He holds us in his left hand and makes sure all the rolls which have less than we have. We owe our lives to the nation into the better way of life by helping those who have less than we have.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Voice

About three decades ago we were half starved and our morale was low. Especially we pensioners in tattering age so to say, were hardest hit by dwindling economy. Our President has come to our rescue in time.

A divine idea that history that has been lost to the tides of time should be returned to its people, a legal owner, would have certainly germinated in his brain at birth. From the moment that he assumed the reins of Government, he seemed most likely to get married to work as it is always hard at work. I believed that his days and nights are without time. It is seen that he works hard for the better life of the poor, the property less, the working men and women. No doubt he loves people with sympathy, but people love him with hope and respect.

Deep within Mr President knows that what he has got to do is to lead the nation into the better way of life by helping those who have less than we have.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker
Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks...

(from page 16) It is the time to go forward after learning lessons of the past instead of criticizing achievements and failures of the previous governments, he said.

It is found that developed and peaceful countries have practiced their own-style democratic systems which are suitable to their countries, he said.

Myanmar should practice a democratic system which is suitable to the country to enjoy development and peace, he said, and the State Peace and Development Council paved the way for practicing the system, taking the voices of the people, countries which love democracy and democracy activists at home into consideration, he said.

Today, President U Thein Sein received a Korean delegation led by Mr. Hyun Oh-Seok, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Strategy and Finance, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 2 pm today.

At the call, President U Thein Sein said that Myanmar and Republic of Korea have many things in common in customs and traditions. It was known that matters on 39 projects and eight fields were discussed in detail at today’s meeting.

The outcomes of the meeting would contribute to economic reforms in Myanmar. The President thanked the Republic of Korea for providing support to the country both in the region and international arenas, especially in economic, education, health and social sectors and humanitarian aids. The President invited the President of the Republic of Korea to come and visit Myanmar via the visiting Korean deputy prime minister.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Strategy and Finance said Myanmar and ROK share a common interest and share a strong desire for economic prosperity. He stressed the need for the two counties to form a joint committee for economic growth. He acknowledged the President’s support for formation of the joint committee which is the aspiration of the President. He continued that officials of Myanmar government and the delegation held a discussion on various aspects this morning inclusive of infrastructural development, promotion of service sector and cooperation in sports sector.

He added that Myanmar officials were interested in implementing new village development, promotion of service sector and cooperation in sports sector.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers U Win Maung Lwin, U Hla Tun, Dr Kan Zaw, departmental heads. The Korean delegation was accompanied by deputy ministers, high-ranking officers and Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Kim Hae Yong.

Thai delegation visits Uppatasanti Pagoda, Gems Museum

NavPyiTaw, 19 June—A delegation led by Speaker of Thai Parliament and House of Representatives of Thailand Mr Somsak Kaitsuraman arrived at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport from Yangon this morning.

They visited Uppatasanti Pagoda and made cash donations.

They met Deputy Minister for Communications and Information Technology.

Meeting on copyright law (draft) held

NavPyiTaw, 19 June—A meeting on the Copyright Law in Myanmar (10th draft), jointly organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), was held at the Ministry, here, yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Zaw Min Aung said that Myanmar was in urgent need of a modern copyright law. He called for emergence of intellectual property laws which can contribute to economic and social development of Myanmar. He reaffirmed that the Ministry would make cooperation with international organizations on intellectual property affairs.

It was also attended by expert Mr Jorgen Savy Blomqvist from WIPO and officials from respective ministries and NGOs, legal firms, artists, printers and publishers. The meeting focused on the copyright law (draft). The meeting will go on till 21 June.

Mandalay youths donate blood for Central Women’s Hospital

Mandalay, 19 June—Members of a Mandalay-based Pyusin youth philanthropic group performed a collective blood donation at Central Women’s Hospital in Mandalay Region at 9 am on 14 May.

The group is widely engaged philanthropic works, making regular cash assistance to schools and medical funds and donating drinking water, clothing, publications and medicines.—Kyemon-Thithu Ko Ko-Mandalay
Union Attorney-General attends “Recent Development of Myanmar and Challenges it Faces—from the Legal and other Perspectives” workshop in Japan

NAV Pyi Taw, 19 June—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin read out the paper titled the Legal System of Myanmar and updates on Myanmar Business Law, at a workshop on comparison between legal systems in Myanmar and Japan held on 8-15 June in Japan.

The Attorney-General of the Union discussed legal system in Myanmar’s successive eras and business laws; Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U T Khun Myat, committee’s work and Yangon Region Advocate-General U Kyaw Moe Naing, the role of the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union.

During his visit, the Attorney-General of the Union held talks with Japanese officials on cooperation between Myanmar and Japan and other legal affairs.—MNA

Firemen of over 25 years’ service honoured in Htigyaing

Htigyaing, 19 June—Firemen who have over 25 years’ service in the Auxiliary Fire Brigade were honoured in Htigyaing Township 15 June.

At the ceremony held at Htigyaing Township Administrative Office, the Head of Katha District Fire Brigade presented certificates of honour to them.

It was attended by over 120 dignitaries including regional Hluttaw Representative U Sein Kyai Aung, departmental officials, members of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade and town councilors.

Meiktila MADB provides loans to farmers

Meiktila, 19 June—Meiktila Township Meiktila Agricultural Development Bank has given agricultural loans to farmers as from 17 June.

On 17 June, 101 farmers from Nyangkuang Village-tract took out K 31.3 million at the rate of K 100,000 per acre.

The bank will lease one acre of crop plantation and K 20,000 per acre of crop plantation.

Globetrotters visit Myanmar via Mae Sot of Thailand

Kawkareik, 19 June—Under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and management of Marvellous Memory Travels and Tours Co Ltd of Myanmar and Cambodia-based Caravan Angkor Tours, a tourist flock comprising 24 Vietnamese, one Cambodian and two Australians made a pilgrimage trip to Kyaikhtioyee Pagoda of Mon State through Myawaddy, Kawkareik, Kyandoee and Hpa-an of Myanmar via Mae Sot of Thailand with the use of 10 automobiles on 16 June morning.

The team was led by liaison officer U Aung Kyaw Oo.

They planned to visit Bagan, Yangon and Mawlamyine from 16 to 21 June. On 21 June, they will leave Myawaddy for Mae Sot of Thailand through Friendship Bridge.

DHF campaign launched in Kawkareik

Kawkareik, 19 June—The voluntary tasks were undertaken in Kawkareik Township Administrator U Aung Myat Khaing and Executive Officer U Kyaw Kyaw Oo's Township DAC participated in sanitation tasks at District Hospital, basic education schools.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Saw Township Forest Dept opens BEPS

Saw, 19 June—Saw Township Forest Department opened a Basic Education Primary School (branch) at a forest plantation village on 15 June.

The construction of the school was mainly funded by the Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry.

Talks on combating illegal trading in timber, environmental conservation held in Indaw

Mawlu, 19 June—Staff Officer U Soe Lin Aung of the Indaw township Forest Department, Mawlu region senior forester U Saw Tin Win and staff of the Forest Department on 16 June gave talks on combating illegal trading in timber and environmental conservation at the meeting hall of the administrator’s office of Simaw Village-tract in Indaw Township in Katha District, Sagaing Region.

On the occasion, Simaw Village Administrator U Tin Htay delivered an address.

The staff officer gave educative talks on combating illegal trading in timber and senior forester U Saw Tin Win, on environmental conservation.

HEALTH ACTIVITY

Walking aid products donated to hospital, rural health centre

Shwebo, 19 June—Chairperson of Support Group for Elderly Doctors (Mandalay) of Myanmar Medical Association Professor Dr Daw Kyu Kyi and party on 16 June presented walking aid products for the patients, donated by Chairperson of Support Group for Elderly Doctors (Yangon) Professor Dr Daw Miint Miint Khin, to Kyaukmyaung sub-township hospital of Shwebo Township, Sagaing Region and Ohmpauk Village’s rural health Centre.

The donated walking aid products are four walking folders, four walking stick and 11 sets of crutch.

Chairman of Shwebo District Medical Association, Head of district Health Department Dr Daw Thet Thet Sein, General Practitioner Society Chairman Dr Tin Win and medical staff of Shwebo Hospital assisted in donating events.

Golf accessories presented

Yangon, 19 June—To improve the standard of golf courses in Myanmar, R&A donated golf accessories to golf courses yesterday.

At the ceremony held at Yangon Golf Club, Myanmar Golf Federation Vice-President U Min Thein made a speech and Joint-Secretary U Myo Tun explained the purpose of donation.

General Secretary U Aung Hla Han of MGF presented golf accessories to responsible personnel of the golf courses.

MGF Captain U Soe Win spoke words of thanks and they posed for a documentary photo.
China endeavours to boost wildlife protection

BEIJING, 19 June—To better protect the country’s biodiversity, China is pooling efforts to further protect endangered species and crack down on illegal animal trafficking. “China will intensify and coordinate efforts to strengthen wildlife protection,” said Yin Hong, deputy director of the State Forestry Administration (SFA), at a recent briefing.

China has rich wildlife resources. Manatee, vulture, vertebrate species, or about 10 percent of the world’s total, live in China, according to SFA.

Over 470 land-based vertebrates are native only to China, including the giant panda, golden monkey, South China tiger and Chinese alligator.

China has paid great attention to the protection of endangered species and has achieved significant progress since it joined the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) in 1981.

Over the past few decades, China has continuously worked on its legal framework to improve wildlife protection.

In 1988, China’s Law on the Protection of Wildlife went into effect, laying down basic rules for the conservation of rare and endangered species, as well as the protection, development and rational use of wildlife to safeguard the ecological balance.

The government also put 256 species on a national protection list in 1988, stipulating that it would be illegal to slaughter or sell animals on the list.

Since then, China has built a complete legal framework for protecting wildlife, with a series of laws and regulations at both the central and local levels.

In addition, China has strengthened wildlife habitat protection and strictly penalized those who hunt, sell, purchase and transport protected animals—Xinhua.

Dairy exports, tourism help drive down New Zealand current account deficit

WELLINGTON, 19 June—A rise in spending by overseas tourists and growing dairy exports helped New Zealand’s current account deficit fall by 300 million NZ dollars ($290.48 million US dollars) to 2.2 billion NZ dollars in the quarter ending March, the government statistics agency announced on Wednesday.

“Visitors to New Zealand spent more this quarter,” Statistics New Zealand acting balance of payments manager Matthew Haigh said in a statement.

“The rise in dairy exports was mainly due to increased volumes, although prices also rose for the first time in almost two years.”

A fall in imports of petroleum and petroleum products helped shrink New Zealand’s current account deficit to 10.1 billion NZ dollars, or 4.8 percent of GDP, in the year to the end of March from 5 percent of GDP in the December 2012 year.

New Zealand’s net international liability position was 144.7 billion NZ dollars, or 69.3 percent of GDP, at the end of March compared with 149.6 billion NZ dollars, or 71.4 percent of GDP the end of last year.

“Almost a third of New Zealand’s international assets are held in overseas sharemarkets. Rising prices in these markets helped boost our asset values by 2.4 billion NZ dollars this quarter,” Haigh said—Xinhua.

Singapore, Malaysia hit by haze from Indonesian forest fires

Smoke haze shrouds the financial district in Singapore, on 17 June, 2013. Land and forest fires on Indonesia’s island of Sumatra frequently create a thick, gray haze during the dry season. Winds carry the particulate matter north to Singapore and Malaysia, clouds the skies, reduces visibility, and creates public health concerns—Xinhua.

SINGAPORE, 19 June—Singapore and Malaysia have been hit by “unhealthy” levels of haze over the past two days, with the haze becoming “very unhealthy.” Blaming the air pollution on forest fires from Indonesia’s Sumatra Island.

In Singapore, the Pollutant Standards Index reached an “unhealthy” level of 140 on Monday, with a strong burning smell detected across the city state. Parts of peninsular Malaysia, including Selangor and Port Klang, also reported “unhealthy” pollutants levels on Sunday.

The Pollutant Standards Index provides a measure of air quality on a scale of zero to 500. Environmental experts consider an index level of 100-200 as unhealthy and 201-300 very unhealthy.

The Singapore government has urged Indonesia to take urgent steps to ease air pollution triggered by forest fires. “Drier weather conditions in the region have led to an escalation in haze-related activities mainly over central Sumatra,” Singapore’s National Environment Agency said on Wednesday.

The smoke haze from the fires in Sumatra was brought over by prevailing winds, the agency said, adding that the haze could persist over the next few days. The Singapore government has urged the public to reduce outdoor activities.

Malaysia’s Department of Environment said in a statement on Sunday that satellite images of the ASEAN Specialized Meteorological Centre showed a dramatic rise in hotspots in Sumatra.

“The monsoon wind blowing in from the hotspots in Central Sumatra, Indonesia has brought the haze to the central and southern areas of peninsular Malaysia,” it said—Kyodo News.

Food safety watchdog blacklists 13 people, 2 eateries in Shanghai

BEIJING, 19 June—The Shanghai Food and Drug Supervision Administration has blacklisted 13 individuals and two restaurants for violating China’s Food Safety Law and are forbidden to engage in catering business any more.

It is the first time for Shanghai to publish the blacklist, which shows the determination of local authorities to fight food safety crimes. The two outlawed restaurants, Fula Hotpot Restaurant and Zhenjiang Sichuan Restaurant, used recycled soup in new hotpots served to customers.

The practice is harmful to their health. Four owners are also on the blacklist—Xinhua.

Death toll in rain-ravaged north India rises to 130, 60 missing

NEW DELHI, 19 June—The death toll rose to 130 in India’s northern hilly states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, which have been ravaged by heavy floods and landslides triggered by heavy rains over the past three days.

At least 60 persons are missing while 73,000 people remain stranded in the rugged terrain, local media reports said.

The dead included five army personnel who were swept away by gushing water while trying to rescue stranded people.

Many of the stranded in Uttarakhand are believed to be pilgrims from other Indian states.

Rescue work has been hampered by the heavy rains, which have prevented rescue teams from moving heavy machinery in the difficult terrain.

The government has sent 5,000 soldiers and military helicopters to rescue marooned residents and pilgrims after the heavy rains, which were washed away, according to media reports. Kyodo News.

Thai soldiers stretch ropes over a river in a disaster rescue drill in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, on 18 June, 2013. The drill is part of a huge humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise involving 18 Asia-Pacific countries. The four-day ASEAN Defense Ministers’ Meeting-Plus Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief and Military Medicine Exercise kicked off on 17 June, 2013, for the first time under the platform of the meeting of ASEAN defense ministers plus their eight Dialogue partners countries—Kyodo News.
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New Light of Myanmar

Invitation to open tender to construct building

1. Open tenders are invited from Myanmar entrepreneurs to construct buildings at Myanma Radio and Television of Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw Pyimmana (Thapaytaung).

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2. The open tender forms and rules are sold out during office hours from 20-6-2013 to 19-7-2013. Open tender forms are to be submitted not later than at 16:00hr on 20-7-2013 and the tenders will be opened the same day.

3. Those wishing to submit the open tender are to pay deposit to Myanma Radio and Television for respective works and open tenders are to be submitted along with the copy of receipt. If more than one tender is submitted, deposits for the works must be paid before submitting the open tender.

4. The place where open tender document will be sold and submitted is Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon).

5. For further information about full text of the announcement, detailed rules, price of tender form and deposit, please visit www.moi.gov.mm/mrtv and www.moi.gov.mm/mrtv:zg.

6. Detailed information are available at the maintenance section, Ph-067 79377 and Purchasing section, Ph 067 79135.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. Second best time is now.
Kanye West wins over critics with ‘daring’ new album ‘Yeezus’

LOS ANGELES, 19 June—Rapper Kanye West pushes the boundaries of hip hop with his latest album “Yeezus,” using aggressive electro-dance music beats to channel his anger and win over critics, who have called the record “daring” and “ambitious.”

“Yeezus,” the 36-year-old rapper’s seventh solo studio album, has also sped to the top of the iTunes digital music chart upon its release on Tuesday, led by the single “Black Skinhead.”

The album’s release coincides with the birth of West and reality star girlfriend Kim Kardashian’s first child together, a baby girl born over the weekend.

But on the album the famously ironic and self-referential West avoids mentioning Kardashian and their high-profile romance, which has been heavily tracked by paparazzi and the Kardashian clan’s plethora of reality shows on the E! Network.

Instead, he lets his anger out against critics, the public and “haters” on tracks such as “I Am a God,” “Send It Up” and “Black Skinhead,” a scathing message on modern day racism.

While West rages against the world, critics have been taken aback with the new sounds that West explores, moving away from the traditional hip hop of his earlier albums and fusing electro-dance and synthesizers with thumping beats.

“Yeezus” has so far earned a score of 87 out of 100 on review aggregator Metacritic.com.

Jon Pareles at the New York Times called the album “an aggressive demand for attention” while Rolling Stone’s Jon Dolan said, “‘Yeezus’ is the darkest, most extreme music Kanye has ever cooked up, an abrasive album.”

USA Today’s Steve Jones called the album “daring and infectious,” while the New Yorker’s Sasha Frere-Jones labeled it “ambitious” and West’s “most satisfyingly narcissistic record.”

“Yeezus” features collaborations with French DJ duo Daft Punk — who provide beats on four songs, including “I Am God” and “Black Skinhead” — folk singer Justin Vernon from Bon Iver on “Hold My Liquor,” and rappers Chief Keef, Kid Cudi and King L.—Reuters

Justin Bieber hits photographer in Los Angeles car scrape

LOS ANGELES, 19 June—Teen pop star Justin Bieber struck a photographer with his Ferrari sports car while driving away from a comedy club in Los Angeles on Monday night, but the accident was not considered a hit-and-run, police said.

Video taken outside the Laugh Factory comedy club showed Bieber behind the wheel of his white Ferrari, surrounded by photographers as he was pulling away. Celebrity website TMZ said Bieber motioned the photographers to clear out of the way but apparently pinned one between his Ferrari and a parked car as he pulled out. He then drove away.

“It was not a hit-and-run,” Los Angeles Police Department spokesman Bruce Borihanh said on Tuesday. “The investigation is ongoing.”

He said the photographer’s injuries were not life-threatening.

A representative for Bieber declined to comment.

Bieber is under investigation in a separate driving incident in May after his neighbours complained that he had been speeding through his gated Los Angeles-area community.

The Canadian singer has been the subject of a series of headline-grabbing incidents over the past year.

German authorities seized a capuchin monkey Bieber had kept as a pet after he was unable to provide proper documentation for the animal at Munich airport. And in London, the singer scuffled with a photographer outside a hotel during a European tour.—Reuters

Angelina Jolie stunt double sues News Corp over hacking

NEW YORK, 19 June—A stunt double for Oscar-winning actress Angelina Jolie has sued News Corp over allegations its British newspapers hacked her phone, the first lawsuit in the United States against the company since the scandal broke two years ago.

The lawsuit, filed on 13 June by professional stunt double Eu- nice Huthart, said reporters from News Corp’s tabloids The Sun and the defunct News of the World, hacked her mobile phone while she was working for Jolie on location in Los Angeles.

The allegations include stories that ran in the tabloids about Jolie’s budding relationship with actor Brad Pitt — only a tight circle of people had knowledge of it — while they were filming the movie “Mr & Mrs Smith.”

A spokesman for News Corp declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Huthart’s lawsuit said the hacking occurred in 2004 and 2005 while she was in the United States and Britain and resulted in lost voice messages that she never received. It said the London police have a file of Huthart’s phone logs denostrating the times when representatives from News of the World called her mobile. The missing voice mails provided information later used in news reports, according to the court document in US District Court in California.

In one instance, Huthart was instructed to meet Jolie, who was checked into a hotel under the pseudonym “Pocahontas.” Huthart said she never received the message with the code name even though Jolie’s assistant said she left it for her on the phone.

The lawsuit said that the tabloids intercepted messages left by Jolie regarding her movie career. It cited a News of the World article with the headline “Pitt Stop for Jolie” that began “Hollywood babe Angelina Jolie has threat- ened to quit the movies for good,” according to the complaint. Huthart of Liverpool, England, is godmother to one of Jolie’s children.—Reuters
Thiago hat-trick leads Spain to Euro Under-21 crown

**Jerusalem**, 19 June—
Captain Thiago Alcantara scored a first-half hat-trick to inspire Spain to a 4-2 win over Italy in the European Under-21 championship final on Tuesday.

The defending champions had little difficulty in breaking down Italy’s usu-ually hesitant defence as Barcelona’s Thiago scored with an easy header in the sixth minute, a close-range drive in the 31st and a pen-
alty in the 38th.

Spain added the un-der-21 title to their collection of international crowns, the World Cup and the Eu-
ropean Championship at senior level and the European under-21 championship.

Thiago became the first player to score a hat-trick in the final since the format was changed to a one-off match in 1994. The event began in 1976 and the first finals were held two years later.

Italy briefly lived in
hope when Genoa forward Ciro Immobile clipped calmly over Spain goalkeeper David De Gea in the ninth minute to equalise at 1-1. It was the first goal the Man-
chester United keeper had conceded in the tournament.

Spain’s Icso of Malaga added a fourth Spanish goal from another penalty in the 60th minute when he sent Italy goalkeeper Francesco Bardi the wrong way. Striker Fabio Borini
added a second Italian goal in the 80th minute with a powerful low strike from the edge of the area after a deft one-two with Lorenzo Insigne, but it came too late against the superior Span-
iards.

Spain coach Jul-
Len Lopezetagut was most pleased with the manner of his team’s performances throughout the tournament. “We are happy, not only for the victory but for the personality the team showed,” he told a news conference.

“I think the players de-
cided that individual talent without the strength of the group is wasted, I believe that was the key,” coach Devis Man-
gia said his team lacked ex-
pereince on such a big occa-
sion.

Perhaps the only shortcoming for my players was their lack of experience because in matches like this you need to have experi-
ence,” Maniglia said.

“They have less experi-
ence than the Spanish play-
ers. My players also have great qualities.”

JERUSALEM, 19 June—
Twice Olympic 200 metres champion Veronica Camp-
bell-Brown could avoid a maximum two-year doping ban because she declared a cream containing a banned drug

was suspected to behind

They said an important factor was whether or not the banned drug appeared on the label of the cream. The World Anti-Doping Agency has a strict liability policy under which athletes are held responsible for any drug found in their body.

The Jamaica Athletics Ad-
ministrative Association (JAAA), which is now has said it has not received notification of the B sample and has avoided identifying Campbell-Brown, is expect-
ed to make a statement on Tuesday. “As soon as we get noti-
fication of the B sample we will be moving to em-
panel a disciplinary team to carry out a speedy hearing,” JAAA president Warren Blake told Reuters.

Quick visit to mum puts Li Na right

**Eastbourne**, (England), 19 June—
Who can a woman turn to when every-
things falls apart? Her mother,
of course—even if, in Li Na’s case, it necessitated a 12-hour flight from Paris to China after her early exit from the French Open.

Wimbledon might not be her most successful tournament but Li says she is feeling “totally relaxed” ahead of next week’s grass-
court grand slam, thanks to the flying visit home.

“I had one week off, I was feeling in need of hav-
ing time to myself to relax. I couldn’t stress all the time, so I went back to China to see my mum and to see friends,” the world number six told Reuters in an inter-
view.

“I really inside my-
self was feeling I had to go back,” added Li, who would not normally return to Wu-
han until after Wimbledon.

Venus Williams pulls out of Wimbledon

**London**, 19 June—
American Venus Williams has pulled out of this year’s Wimbledon because of a back injury, the five-times singles champion said on Tuesday.

The 33-year-old has not played since pulling out of the doubles at this year’s French Open.

“I will not be able to participate in Wimbledon,” Williams wrote on her Face-
book page. “I am extremely disappointed as I have al-
ways loved The Champions-
ships.”

Williams won her last Wimbledon title in 2008. Her sister Serena is the de-
fending champion in this year’s tournament which starts on Monday.—Reuters

Platini praises Israel as Spain take spoils once again

**Jerusalem**, 19 June—
Israel came in for warm praise from European foot-
ball’s supreme Michel Platini as the Euro Under-21 football championships ended with Spain thras-
shing Italy 4-2 to retain the title. “The stadi-
ums were wonder-
ful and well organized, the pitches excellent and the atmosphere in the stadiums was great with many fami-
lies with young chil-
dren attending.

That is exactly
the type of tourn-
ament that I like to see,” Platini told a news conference. Spain stood out above all their opponents, winning all their matches without conceding a goal until the final and their flowing style captivated the crowds. They won a fourth title in Jerusalem, one fewer than the record held by

Israel qualified as hosts and were on paper the weakest team in the event, although they managed to beat England in a meaning-
less enclosure and forced a draw with eventual semi-
finalists Norway. It was a disappointing outing for Germany, Russia and Eng-
land, who never threatened to advance to the semi-fi-
als, while the Netherlands showed flair but were frail defensively.—Reuters

Venus Williams of the US hits a return to Urszula Rad-
wanska of Poland during their women’s singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 26 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Spanish champions Spain’s Thiago Alcantara (C) holds the trophy as he celebrates with teammates after they defeated Italy to win the European Under-21 Championship final soccer match at Teddy Kollek Stadium in Jerusalem on 18 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Thiago Alcantara of Spain (2nd L) and Spain’s (2nd R) Thiago Alcan-
tara fight for the ball during their European Under-21 Championship final soccer match at Teddy Kollek Stadium in Jerusalem on 18 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Spain’s Lorenzo Insigne (2nd L) and Spain’s (2nd R) Thiago Alcan-
tara celebrates after scoring a goal during the European Under-21 Championship final soccer match at Teddy Kollek Stadium in Jerusalem on 18 June, 2013.—REUTERS

VERONICA CAMPBELL-BROWN OF JAMAICA (L) AND NEISHA McLAUGHLIN (2nd R) AT THE 200 METRES FINAL AT THE DIAMOND LEAGUE ADIDAS GRAND PRIX IN NEW YORK, ON 25 MAY, 2013.—REUTERS
A woman carrying her son takes a look at the watermelons displayed during a watermelon festival in Fucheng County, north China’s Hebei Province, on 18 June. 2013. The Fucheng County is a well-known watermelon growing area in north China, which grows 119,000 mu (about 8,000 hectares) watermelons and produces 550,000 tonnes of watermelons annually, with the annual sales volume reaching about 1 billion yuan (163.2 million US dollars).

Poland could postpone nuclear power programme

WARSAW, 19 June—Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk on Tuesday said the country’s nuclear power programme could be postponed due to the increased global importance of natural gas.

According to local media reports, Tusk said the policy change had resulted from a rise in the significance of natural gas, including domestic deposits.

There were optimistic signals on the energy market forecasting a fall in natural gas prices due to shale gas extraction and a drop in the prices of CO2 emission allowances.

Tusk stressed his stance towards nuclear power had not changed, but added he would remain flexible.

The construction of Poland’s first nuclear power plant was scheduled to start in 2018 with the first power unit expected to be operational at the turn of 2023 and 2024.

The state-owned Polish Energy Group (PGE) is the main contractor of the project tasked with constructing two nuclear power plants generating 3,000 MW each.—Xinhua

No clear signal on Paraguay’s re-entry into Mercosur

MONTEOVIDE, 19 June—Paraguay’s Foreign Minister Jose Felix Fernandez Estigarribia said he has yet to see a “clear signal” from the South American Common Market (Mercosur) for his country’s re-entry a year after it was suspended from the trade bloc, local media reported on Tuesday.

“The member countries said the sanctions against Paraguay would last until new elections are held. Elections have been held and there has been no news,” said Fernandez, referring to the presidential elections held on 21 April.

Mercosur’s three other founding members, Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, are “constantly changing the criteria” governing Paraguay’s continued suspension, complained Fernandez.

“There is no clear signal regarding the difficulties,” he said, adding the solution “has to come from the countries that have made decisions that are not in line with international law.”

Uruguay, which currently holds the six-month rotating presidency of the bloc, is “not good news,” Fernandez said.

Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay temporarily suspended Paraguay from Mercosur after the national elections on 21 April ousted leftist President Fernando Lugo in a sneak-in impeachment widely described as a “legislative coup.”

With Paraguay out of the way, the other three were free to welcome Venezuela to the bloc, a move that had been obstructed by Paraguay’s congress.—Xinhua

Australia, Iran and South Korea head for Brazil

ULSAN, 19 June—Australia and Iran booked their fourth World Cup finals appearances with nervous 1-0 victories in a dramatic finale to Asian qualifying on Tuesday.

South Korea joined them in Japan in qualifying for the finals after sneaking through on goal difference and Uzbekistan and Jordan retained hope of making it five Asian sides in Brazil after taking the third spots in the groups to set up a playoff.

The teams will meet over two legs in September to decide who will face the other three as favourites against Jordan who topped Group A, coming for a place in the playoff.

The Uzbeks knew they had to record a four-goal win at home to Qatar and hope Iran won to have any hope of sealing an automatic qualifying berth and a first finals appearance.

The home side dominated from start to finish against their already-eliminated opponents but found Qatar’s debutant goalkeeper Ahmed Abonora in good form.

Eventually, though, the pressure told and five goals came in the final 30 minutes but Korea edged second place behind Iran courtesy of having a better goal difference by two.

“Life goes on and we will give our best to qualify for Brazil,” Uzbek coach Mirch Bazarov said. While they will start as favourites against Jordan they will not fancy the first leg trip to the King Abdulaziz Stadium where Jordan followed up home wins over Asian heavyweights Japan and Australia by beating Oman to pinch a playoff off the bench. Ahmad Ibrahim stopped low to score a second-half header, maintaining the home run and denying Oman a place in the playoff. 

Iran’s Reza Ghooshchanneshat (L) fights for the ball with South Korea’s Kim Yong-woon during their World Cup qualifying soccer match in Ulsan, southeast of Seoul on 18 June, 2013.—REUTERS

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with senators, representatives in US

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 June—Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, met with Opposition leader Senator Mitch McConnell at the Capitol Hill in Washington DC on 11 June to the US at the invitation of Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States of America and the US Government.

The meeting was also attended by members of the Myanmar delegation Chairmen of the committees of Pyithu Hluttaw U Thein Swe and U Hla Myint Oo, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Committee U Khin Hnin Nan, Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw committees Dr Win Myint and Dr Myo Aung.

On 12 June, the Myanmar delegation led by Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann held meetings at Capitol Hill separately with Senator Ms Diane Feinstein, Senator Benjamin Cardin, Senator John McCain, Representative Joseph Crowley and Representative Jerrold Nadler.

In the afternoon, the Myanmar delegation held talks with Ms Nancy Pelosi, Former Speaker of the House of Representatives and Senator Brian Schatz at the Capitol Hill.

Afterwards, the delegation met with Representative David Price and Representative Peter Roskam.

On 11 June morning, he also met with former US Secretary of State Ms Hillary Clinton at Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington DC.

On 17 June morning, Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann met with Mayor of San Francisco Mr Edwin Lee at Ritz Carlton Hotel there where.

On 9 June morning, the Myanmar delegation held a meeting with President of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) Mr Kenneth Wallack, President of International Republican Institute (IRI) Mr Lome Cranker and President of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Mr Carl Gershman.

In the afternoon, the Speaker attended a dinner hosted by former US Congressman Mr Jim Jones and Mr James Slattery and retired US Congresswoman Mrs Nancy Johnson, and visited the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the US Government Accountable-ability Office (GAO).

On 11 June morning, Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann held talks with officials of the US State Department and visited the US Congress and Library of Congress.

In the afternoon, he also attended a meeting with the US-ASEAN Economic Council held at the US Chamber of Commerce.

On 13 June, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the National Democratic Institute (NDI) hosted a dinner in honour of the Myanmar delegation at Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington DC.

During the dinner, the Speaker clarified the democratic reform and answered the questions raised by those present at the meeting. On 14 June morning, they visited the Google Headquarters in New York.

On 16 June, the Speaker met with Myanmar community in San Francisco.

In the afternoon, the delegation visited the City Hall of San Francisco.

In the evening, the delegation met with Professor Larry Diamond.

During the meeting with US senators, representatives, presidents of the institutes, advisers to the US President and Vice-Presidents, officials from US Department of State and US Chamber of Commerce, the Speaker said the visit of Myanmar delegation aimed at promoting the friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and the US and learning the democratic system and roles and tasks of the US Congress.

Myanmar has transformed into the multi-party democratic system and the market-oriented system as the Tatmadaw government laid down the foundations for the systems, he said. Myanmar needs to walk along the road of the market-oriented system and democratic system which were adopted constitutionally, he said.

He pledged that Myanmar would continue to work to achieve unity of all national races, national reconciliation, rule of law and community peace and gaining permanent peace at home.

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The first Myanmar-EU Forum convened on 17-18 June 2013 in Nay Pyi Taw. It was co-chaired by U Thant Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Mr David O’Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer of the European External Action Service.

A Working Group on Trade and Investment and a Working Group on Cooperation, established on the occasion of the Forum, also met and reported to plenary.

The Forum discussed ongoing cooperation and priorities for the future, focusing on the implementation of the Joint Statement by President U Thein Sein, President of European Council Herman Van Rompuy and President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso of the 5 March 2013 on “Building a Lasting EU-Myanmar Partnership”.

In that regard, the meeting discussed ways to support the transition of Myanmar and meet related challenges. It was agreed inter alia to establish a bilateral dialogue on human rights, and to consult in the coming months on the practical modalities for this. It was noted also that the Task Force meeting to be held in Myanmar on 14-15 November 2013 would be an excellent opportunity for a wide-ranging and productive discussion on all aspects of EU-Myanmar cooperation.

The two sides also exchanged views on political and economic developments in Myanmar and in the EU, as well as on regional and international issue.

Both sides viewed the Forum as a useful mechanism to advance bilateral relations and agreed to convene again next year in Brussels.