NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann who was on tour of the United States of America, held talks with UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon, at UN Headquarters in New York on 14 June.

Mr Ban Ki-moon recognized Speaker’s crucial role in Myanmar’s Hluttaws. He was delighted to see passing of laws by Hluttaws in the interest of people. Plans were under-way to make amendments to the Constitution before 2015. He expressed his delight for success of Myanmar’s political reforms and other reforms.

The Speaker expressed thanks for the latter’s efforts for Myanmar affairs. Reforms are taking place in Myanmar. He recognized the latter’s advices and helps in the reform processes and democratization and his leading role in relief and resettlements after the post-Nargis.

Recent Kachin Peace Talks in which the latter’s advisor Mr Vijay Nambiar participated has achieved some success. Thanks to cooperation between Hluttaw representatives for the interests of people and the State, Hluttaw undertakings have achieved success. Hluttaw committees are making cooperation in local-peace making processes. He urged the latter to deal with national races affairs on the ground. A commission will be formed to review the Constitution. Arrangements are being madetoreview existing laws including the Constitution and promulgate new laws. He pointed out the weakness of rule of law in the outbreaks of violence in Rakhine and Meiktila.

Mr Ban Ki-moon called for the Speaker’s continued leading role and release of more prisoners for more trusts from the international community. Reforms and freeing of prisoners would achieve success through cooperation between the President and the Speaker. The Speaker pledged that coordination would be made for it. The Speaker and party were welcomed by UN Under-Secretary-General Mr Vijay Nambiar at UN Headquarters on 14 June and conducted them round.

Central economic zone project under implementation for development of Muse

The Central Economic Zone Project is being implemented on 288.163 acres of land, located on the bank of Shweli River which is opposite of China. Great Hawkham Public Company Ltd, which is joining hands with New Star Light Company Limited that put its investment in the project, held a general meeting of share-holders in conjunction with the cash donation ceremony at the office of the company in Silver Elephant Housing in Muse on 15 June.

The ceremony was attended by Amyotha Hluttaw representative U San Win Maung, Deputy Commissioner of the district U Kaung San Oo, Township Administrator U Ko Ko Zaw, Managing Director of Great Hawkham Co Ltd U Sai Ohn Myint, members of the Board of Directors, share-holders and observers.

At first, legal adviser to the company U Thein Shwe and Managing Director U Sai Ohn Myint explained efforts of the company for implementing the project. The deputy commissioner of the district gave words of advice. BOD member U Aung Kyi presented K 3 million donated by the company to No 3 Basic Education High School of Muse through member of School Board of Trustees U Mya Zin.

“Our public company is established with the investments of 273 share-holders. Each share of the company is worth K 100,000. Our company starts land preparations and construction of roads in the Central Economic Zone Project and participates in undertaking other construction works. We are ready to serve the interest of Muse for its development with genuine goodwill,” said an official.

Indeed, Muse needs cargo yards. Arrangement has been made for construction of the detour as the town is facing traffic congestion due to growing number of cargo trucks and other vehicles. That is why experts gave advise that it is necessary to construct the subways in Muse.
More than K 1.4 million stolen from hotel bedroom in Chaungtha

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**CB Bank donates cash for Myanmar citizens in Malaysia**


**Construction Ministry holds prize-giving ceremony**

**Nay Pyi Taw**, 20 June — A prize presentation ceremony of the Ministry of Construction was held at the ministry, here, on 18 June, with an address by Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin.

The Union minister presented certificates of honour and cash prizes to four six-distinction winners and six five-distinction winners for 2012-2013 academic year. Next, the deputy minister and departmental heads awarded outstanding students.

Then, Retired Chief Engineer U Tint Hsan handed over the trophy for the inter-ministry Nay Pyi Taw Maha Thingyan Yein competition for 2013 that the ministry was awarded four years in succession to the Union minister who presented cash awards.

At the today’s prize-giving ceremony, four six-distinction winners, six five-distinction winners, 15 four-distinction winners, 16 three-distinction winner, 23 two-distinction winners, 34 one-distinction winners and 184 students who passed the matriculation examination totaling 282 and two outstanding staff who were awarded in basic clerical course No (38) at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) were presented cash awards.

**ACCIDENT**

**Airport police struck, killed by taxi**

**Yangon**, 20 June — A police corporal died in North Okkalapa Hospital after knocking down by a taxi on an entrance road to Yangon International Airport.

Police Corporal Thein Lwin of Airport police station in Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region was struck by the taxi driven by U Maung Maung Oo, 50, of Ahlon Township while he was on his motorbike to drive off on the entrance road to the airport at about 11 pm on 18 June.

The victim with a life-threatening injury was taken to North Okkalapa Hospital where he died of serious injuries with his wife since the day before the incident happened. The police that he found K 1.4 million kept in a handbag was stolen at about 7 am on 16 June.

Police opened a case and the case still remains under investigation. Kyemon-552

**Speedster meets his end in motorbike crash**

**Kawlin**, 20 June — A fatal road accident happened to a 32-year-old motorcyclist on Kawlin-Okkan motorway, one-mile west of Yartaung village in Kawlin Township of Sagaing Region at about 2.30 am on 17 June.

Kawlin police station explained that the victim had been killed on the spot as the motorbike skidded out of control and overturned on the road filled with gravel for repair works. He was found dead at a place eight-foot from his motorbike; and that he is believed to have been flung off from the motorbike by the impact and collapsed on the ground. Police blamed the tragic accident on excessive speed.

The victim was identified as Yangon Aung of Shwebo Township, a group leader of Three Friends Company.

Kyemon-214

**20-year-old cyclist killed in crash with container truck**

**Yangon**, 20 June — A young man died in the hospital after being hit by a container truck on concrete Strand Road near Thakin Mya Park in Ayeyawady ward in Ahlon Township, here.

The Nissan container truck driven by Than Tin Hlang, 27, of Hinnethaya Township struck Aung Kyaw Thet, 20, on a bicycle in front of MIP container yard at about 9.10 pm on 17 June. The victim of Kangyidaung Township was taken to Yangon General Hospital where he died of serious injuries at about 9.30 pm. Ahlon police station charged the container truck driver over bicyclist death.

Kyemon-Tin Maung Oo (Ahlon)

**Tamway’s 155th street sees inundation after heavy downpour**

**Yangon**, 20 June— Due to torrential rains at the night of 18 June and 16 June morning, 155th streets in Tamway Township got caught in a inundation, causing street dwellers to wade into the ankle-deep water.

"Whenever we get caught in a heavy downpour, our street situated in low-lying area is inundated. An underground drain from Banyar Dala street to Kyakkaesan street which is frequently choked with waste and rubbish floods the 155th street. Despite frequent dredging of the underground drain by the department concerned, there is always a blockage in the drain due to reckless throwing of unwanted things into the drain by some people. Kyemon-597

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

Photo shows a Yangon FC striker trying to get a score after passing through a defender of Ayeyawady United FC in the match between the two teams on 19 June evening. The match ended 2-1, allowing defending champion Yangon United FC to lead the table.

Kyemon-Shine htet zaw
Abe, Kenny affirm cooperation to realize Japan-EU FTA soon

DUBLIN, 20 June—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny affirmed on Wednesday their cooperation to realize a free trade agreement between Japan and the European Union at an early date.

During the first visit to Ireland by a sitting Japanese Premier, Abe agreed to bolster ties with Ireland, which currently holds the rotating presidency of the 27-member European Union.

On Abe’s economic policies dubbed Abenomics, Kenny expressed support and said a strong Japanese economy will be a benefit to the world, Japanese officials said.

The bilateral meeting in Dublin came after Abe attended the G-8 summit in Northern Ireland, where he joined other leaders from the Group of Eight nations to discuss issues of international concern.

“Asia and Europe are closely linked and we share responsibility for and benefits of the world’s peace and stability,” Abe said at a joint Press conference after his meeting with Kenny. “We will strengthen cooperation and policy dialogue with the European partners” in the security areas, Abe added.

During the talks, Abe invited Kenny to visit Japan. The two leaders also agreed to strengthen their economies’ competitiveness by promoting private-level economic exchanges, including in the medical field. As a key part of his economic growth strategies, Abe aims to promote exports of Japanese medical devices and products, especially to markets like Ireland’s where technology and electronics equipment makers have already made inroads. —Kyodo News

Afghan government to shun US talks with Taleban

Afghan President Hamid Karzai speaks during a joint news conference with NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen following a security handover ceremony at a military academy outside Kabul on 18 June, 2013.—Reuters

KABUL/WASHINGTON, 20 June—Revised Afghan peace talks hit their first roadblock on Wednesday, a day after they were announced, as Afghan President Hamid Karzai said his government would not join US talks with the Taleban and would halt negotiations with Washington on a post-2014 troop pact.

The United States and the Taleban had announced on Tuesday that officials from both sides will meet in Doha, the capital of Qatar, in coming days, in a step forward for a stuttering peace process after 12 years of bloody and costly war between US-led forces and the insurgents.

But the precise timing of the negotiations was uncertain on Wednesday as US officials worked furiously to keep the nascent peace talks on track.

Officials of Karzai’s government, angered by the opening of a Taleban political office in Doha on Tuesday, said the United States had violated assurances it would not give official status to the Taleban.

Karzai’s objections appeared to focus on the way the Taleban unveiled the office in Doha, which suggested the Islamic movement would use it as an official embassy or even a base for a government-in-exile. When Taleban envoys appeared at the building on Tuesday, it was decorated with a banner referring to the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the name the Taleban used during its 1996-2001 rule of the country. —Reuters

Obama proposes cutting US strategic nuclear weapons by one-third

WASHINGTON, 20 June—US President Barack Obama on Wednesday proposed reducing stockpiles of US nuclear warheads from the 1,550 allowed under the New START. He said he would call for a body he set up in 2010 to seek a negotiated peace with the Taleban.

Karzai said in a statement, “As long as the peace process is not Afghan-led, the High Peace Council will not participate in the talks in Qatar,” Karzai said in a statement, referring to a body he set up in 2010 to seek a negotiated peace with the Taleban.

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Ramallah, 20 June—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and European Union Foreign Policy chief Catherine Ashton discussed on Wednesday evening the United States’ efforts to resume Middle East peace talks.

An official Palestinian statement issued after a meeting held in Ramallah said Abbas and Ashton reiterated that halting settlement construction and releasing Palestinian prisoners would create a better atmosphere for resuming the talks. The statement added that serious talks must start to achieve the hopes and aspirations of the Palestinians to establish their independent Palestinian state.

Abbas, Ashton discuss US efforts to revive Mideast peace

RAMALLAH, 20 June—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and European Union Foreign Policy chief Catherine Ashton discussed on Wednesday evening the United States’ efforts to resume Mideast peace talks.

Abbas reiterated during the meeting that the Palestinians are keen to succeed the US efforts to rescue the peace process and resume the talks that lead to an end to the Israeli military occupation and establish the Palestinian state.

According to the statement, Ashton also asserted that the EU is backing the US efforts, adding that the EU stance is clear in its issued statements concerning its support to the peace process and to the two-state solution. —Xinhua

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Somali Islamist rebels attack UN base, 22 dead

MOGADISHU, 20 June—Islamist militants carried out a deadly assault on the main UN compound in the Somali capital on Wednesday, dealing a blow to fragile security gains, officials said.

The assault, claimed by Islamist group al Shabaab, began before midday when a car bomb exploded outside the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) base. Rebel gunmen forced their way into the compound and fought with security guards. The African Union (AU) peacekeeping force, which sent soldiers and armoured vehicles to the compound, which includes several buildings, said it was under the control of friendly troops after a gun fight that lasted more than 90 minutes. Interior Minister Abdikarim Hussein Guled said four foreign UN security staff and four local guards were killed in the gun battle that left seven insurgent fighters dead.

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Beetles, housefly larvae open new frontier in animal feed sector

PARIS, 20 June—French start-up company Ynsect has identified a cheap, nourishing and locally sourced alternative to soybeans as a vital source of protein in animal feed. The clue is in its name. Ynsect is not alone in looking to invertebrates to meet a growing demand for meat and fish, and so for feed, in coming decades.

Black soldier flies, common housefly larvae, silkworms and yellow mealworms were named as among the most promising species for industrial feed output in a report last month by the FAO, the United Nations food agency.

Given insects’ natural role as food for a number of farmed livestock species, it is worth reconsidering their role as feed for specific poultry and fish species,” the Food and Agriculture Organization’s report said. Jean-Gabriel Levon, co-founder of Ynsect, said new protein sources were essential in a market where costs are set to climb. “Insects are an interesting source which can be bred locally,” Levon said. “We are in the same situation as oil, with resources getting scarcer and more expensive.” According to the FAO, protein such as meat meal, fishmeal and soymeal make up 60 to 70 percent of the price of feed.

Soybean prices have more than doubled over the past decade due to soaring demand and fishmeal prices have also jumped. The 2-year old company has been developing an insect-based meal that could make up 5-30 percent of feed products, Levon said.

Ynsect, which has around 10 rivals globally, is now raising funds to build the first European insect meal production unit by 2014-2015. One well-heated part of the debate is whether insects and the other would crush them into powder.

It aims to focus on using flies and beetles and Levon says a great advantage is that they can eat just about anything—for example human food leftovers such as potato peelings.

Once crushed, co-products such as shells can be used in the pharmaceutical sector, for cosmetics and wastewater treatments.

Microsoft says it freed millions of computers from criminal botnet

BOSTON, 20 June—Microsoft Corp said that an assault led earlier this month on one of the world’s biggest cybercrime rings has freed at least 2 million PCs infected with a virus believed to have been used to steal more than $500 million from bank accounts worldwide.

“We definitely have liberated at least 2 million PCs globally. That is a conservative estimate,” Richard Domingues Boscovich, assistant general counsel with Microsoft’s Digital Crimes Unit, said in an interview on Tuesday. He said the vast majority of infected machines were in the United States, Europe and Hong Kong.

Microsoft and the FBI, aided by authorities in more than 80 countries, on 5 June sought to take down 1,400 malicious computer networks known as the Citadel botnets by severing their access to infected machines. Microsoft’s Digital Crimes Unit is working with its partners overseas to determine exactly how many of the Citadel botnets are still operational.

“We feel confident that we really got most of the ones that we were after,” he said. “It was a very, very successful disruptive action.”

Theringleader, who goes by the alias Aquabox, and dozens of botnet operators remain at large and the authorities are working to uncover their identities.

Boscovich said he suspects Aquabox is in Eastern Europe. The botnets, which were run from “command and control” servers in the United States and other countries, were controlled by criminals around the world, were used to steal from hundreds of financial institutions, according to court documents that Microsoft filed to get permission to shut down servers in the United States that were being used to run the operation.

Acer laptops are displayed in a computer mall in Taipei on 19 March, 2013.—REUTERS

Acer sees tablet, notebook PC shipments to be flat in 2Q

TAIPEI, (China) 20 June—Acer Inc, the world’s No 4 PC vendor, said on Wednesday that it expects notebook and tablet PC shipment to be flat in the second quarter from the first quarter, versus a prediction of 0-5 percent growth made in April.

Acer Chairman JT Wang made the comment to reporters at the firm’s annual shareholder meeting. Early this month, Wang told Reuters in an interview that he expects up to 80 percent of Acer’s products to have touch-screen technology by next year or the year after, hoping new tablets and touch-notebook computers will revive its sales in a PC market where quarterly shipments are at their lowest in nearly four years.

Acer said its sales were 19 percent lower in the first five months than in the same period a year ago.—Reuters

Telecom Italia eyes network deal with regulator by early 2014

ROME, 20 June—Telecom Italia aims to reach a deal with Italy’s telecommunications regulator AGCOM on the spin off of its domestic fixed line network by early next year, the company’s chairman said on Wednesday. The board of Italy’s biggest phone company approved on 30 May a plan to hive off fixed-line networks assets into a new company, a move that could help it raise cash and that could trigger a regulatory overhaul.

“Our hope is that the regulatory process will conclude by the end of 2013/ early 2014, in order to get a timely start to operations at the new company,” Franco Bernabe said during a hearing in the Senate. The separation of the network, which has an estimated value of 13-15 billion euros ($17.4-20.1 billion), could pave the way for a sale of a stake in the new company to state-backed fund Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP). A source previously said the network spin off could take up to 18 months to complete.—Reuters

WASHINGTON, 20 June—The US government in 2012 searched for the phone records of less than 300 people in a database containing tens of millions of Americans’ phone records, intelligence officials have claimed.

“Only a very small fraction of the identity information which was acquired under the programme is ever reviewed,” intelligence officials said on Sunday in a statement to US Congress.

The release of the figure of fewer than 300 people being targeted is part of a push by officials to allay privacy concerns following recent disclosures of National Security Agency surveillance programmes that collect massive amounts of data in an effort to thwart terrorist attacks. The Washington Post reported. The “metadata” collected includes phone numbers dialed and length of call but not call content, caller identity or location information. The statement noted that the government may not query the database for a particular phone number unless it has “reasonable suspicion” that the number is related to a specific foreign terrorist group, the report said. The phone records programme, highly classified until recently, dates to 2006 and is authorised under a still-secret interpretation of Section 215 of the Patriot Act.—Reuters
China’s central bank signals no policy loosening

Shanghai, 20 June—People’s Bank of China (PBoC) on Tuesday drained 2 billion yuan from the money market despite banks’ reported call for cash injection, suggesting regulators are keen to keep liquidity tight amid growing jitters of China’s financial risks.

The 2-billion 91-day bills, though tiny by amount, were viewed as the central bank’s commitment to squeezing out excessive funding. Shanghai Interbank Offered Rate (SHIBOR) overnight rate rose 78.30 basis points to 5.596 percent as of 11:30 am on Tuesday.

Traders in the interbank market said the cash crunch would continue for the next few weeks.

Foreign capital inflows are dwindling and a huge amount of wealth management products sold by banks are due at the end of June, according to a report of Guotai Junan Securities.

Wall Street Journal on Tuesday quoted a senior executive at one of China’s big four banks that they were hoping for an reserve-requirement ratio cut by the end of Wednesday. Borrowing costs between Chinese banks soared last week with SHIBOR overnight rate shooting up to 9 percent. UBS said the spike in rates may have been caused by a significant drop in foreign exchange inflows, under-estimated holiday and seasonal liquidity demand, and market’s misperception of the central bank’s policy intention.

“The PBoC has made it clear in the past 10 days that overly-rapid credit expansion would not be accommodated and banks may have to scale down their credit growth plans and manage their own liquidity more prudently,” said Wang Tao, chief China economist at UBS.—Xinhua

Risk of oesophageal cancer much higher for men

London, 20 June—Men are almost three times more likely to get oesophageal cancer than women, which is one of the biggest gender gaps in cancer rates, according to figures released on Tuesday from Cancer Research UK.

The latest figures showed more than 5,600 men in the country develop oesophageal cancer every year, particularly among men, said Tim Underwood, an oesophageal surgeon and researcher at the University of Southampton. “Diagnosing the disease earlier is key to improving the chances of survival.” “Food getting stuck when you swallow and persistent heart burn are not normal. If this is happening to you, you need to see your GP,” he said.—Xinhua

Sitting less better for workers’ health: study

Sydney, 20 June—A study has found that for desk-bound office workers, introducing interventions such as sit/stand workstations can reduce sitting time by over an hour each working day, according to a study released at the National Health Promotion Association Conference.

Feedback from staff showed a “positive impact on their health and wellbeing in the workplace,” according to Michelle Daley, Heart Foundation Research Lead and Active Living Senior Manager.

“We found that people improved their posture by standing more, or suffered less back pain. Others said they felt more alert and were able to focus on their work better, especially later in the afternoon which has benefits for both the individual and their employer,” she added.

Since the end of the research trial, more than 50 percent of participants said they had continued to use sit/stand workstations permanently. “The main challenge now is to work out whether these results are maintained in the longer term and whether we would find similar results if we tried this in other workplaces,” Daley said.

Some others “I’d recommend to sit less and move more throughout the day are taking the stairs instead of the lift, standing up to take a call and moving your meetings to the outdoors by going for a walk instead of catching up around the boardroom table,” she added.

Xinhua

Egypt’s economy grows by 2.2 pct in fiscal year 2012-13

Cairo, 20 June—Egyptian Investment Minister Yehya Hamed said on Tuesday that his country’s economy grew by 2.2 percent during the fiscal year 2012-13, citing it as a proof of Egyptian economy’s capabilities to stand despite its intense political conditions.

Hamed said the government targets to boost economic growth rate to 3.5 to 4 percent in the coming fiscal year, official news agency MENA reported.

Egypt’s current state budget deficit hits 22 billion Egyptian pounds (31.4 billion US dollars), or 13 percent of the GDP, due to the “huge subsidy expenses,”

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The recall blemishes a clean public record for the Model S, which received a near-perfect score from the influential Consumer Reports magazine. In a filing, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said in the event of a crash, if the seat becomes unmoored, there is an increased risk of injury to a passenger. Musk said there have been no customer complaints and that the company was not aware of any injuries because of the defect. The recall was not in response to any regulatory warning, he said.—Reuters

Chicago, 20 June—US auto giant Chrysler Group LLC said on Tuesday it has agreed to recall 2.7 million older-model Jeeps over fire risks, averting a showdown with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administra-

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Time to stop arguing about climate change, World Bank says

LONDON, 20 June — The world should stop arguing about whether humans are causing climate change and start taking action to stop dangerous temperatures rising, the president of the World Bank said on Wednesday. Jim Yong Kim said there was 97 to 98 percent agreement among scientists that global warming was real and caused by human activity. “If you disagree with the science of human-caused climate change you are not disagreeing that there is anthropogenic climate change. What you are disagreeing with is science itself,” Kim told a Thomson Reuters Newsmaker event in London.

“It is time to stop arguing about whether climate change is real or not,” he said.

A study last month found that 97 percent of around 4,000 scientific reports give an opinion about the cause of climate change since the 1990s said it was mainly human. Skeptics said the survey wrongly omitted thousands of papers which did not give a view.

Governments across the world have agreed to limit global temperature rise to below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit).

Estimates differ over how high temperatures may rise and over what period of time. The World Bank and others have estimated that the globe has already warmed by about 0.8 degrees Celsius (1.4 Fahrenheit) since the Industrial Revolution and 2 degrees Celsius is widely viewed as a threshold to dangerous changes such as more floods, heat waves and rising sea levels.

The World Bank wants more focus on the issue.

In a report on Wednesday, it cited Bangkok as an example, saying much of it could flood within the next two decades if global warming stays on its current trajectory. Kim said that as extreme weather events continue, public opinion about climate change should start to change.

HK Internet system intact despite Snowden’s claims

HONG KONG, 20 June — Hong Kong’s security minister said on Wednesday there has been no sign of the territory’s Internet connection being hacked as reportedly claimed by former US intelligence contractor-turned-whistleblower Edward Snowden.

Secretary for Security Lai Tung-kwok said there was no report of an unusual data flow from the Hong Kong Internet Exchange at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, which would be an indication of hacking.

“The Internet Exchange has told us its 24-hour monitoring found no sign of it being hacked,” Lai said during a special meeting held by the Legislative Council. “But we are ready prepared.”

In an interview with a Hong Kong newspaper earlier this month, Snowden said that the US government has been hacking computers in Hong Kong and China since 2009, with targets including Chinese University of Hong Kong, public officials, businesses and students in Hong Kong and the mainland. As for Snowden, who is believed to be in Hong Kong, Lai declined to reveal whether the US government has contacted Hong Kong for his extradition. “Due to the complicated matters (of Snowden’s case), it is not appropriate for me to reveal any operation in the past or future, but that the authorities will strictly act according to laws and remain highly concerned about Hong Kong’s Internet safety,” Lai said.

Hong Kong has signed an extradition treaty with the United States, but no official procedure on that has been taken. Snowden has said he will stay in Hong Kong until he is “asked to leave.”

The Global Times, a Chinese state-run English newspaper, said in its editorial on Wednesday that “there has been no sign of it being hacked.”

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Kerry to attend Asia security forum in Brunei

WASHINGTON, 20 June — US Secretary of State John Kerry will travel to the Bruneian capital Bandar Seri Begawan from 30 June through 2 July for an annual meeting of the ASEAN Regional Forum and other talks, the State Department said on Wednesday.

At the forum, attended by a series of meetings involving the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the top US diplomat will participate in the ARF and East Asia Summit foreign ministers’ meetings on 2 July the department said in a statement.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

They form the ARF togethern with Japan, South Korea, China, India, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, Russia, the European Union, North Korea, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Bangladesh, East Timor, Mongolia and Sri Lanka.

The EAS comprises ASEAN plus Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, South Korea and the United States.

Gang crime threatens the future of Congo’s capital

KINSHASA, 20 June — Once the leafy art-deco jewel of the Belgian Congo and later the buzzing cultural heart of dictator Mobutu Sese Seko’s Zaire, Kinshasa has become a playground for violent gangs sowing fear and transforming swathes of the city into “no-go” zones.

The well-organized and ruthless “kuluna”, whose name derives from the Portuguese for infant, is a gang of men who strike in the city’s corrupt and inefficient police.

Harriet Senga watched a gang of men strike her 19-year-old neighbour with a machete and rape her in broad daylight as she collected water from a muddy stream.

When Senga tried to intervene, the men chased her through the creek. By the time the police arrived, the attackers were long gone.

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Helicopter crashes 400 km northwest of Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 20 June — A helicopter operated by a private airline crashed 400 kilometres northwest of Nepal’s capital Kathmandu on Wednesday evening, but all six on board have survived, four of them with injuries, police said.

The helicopter operated by Fishtail Air was travelling from Hilsa to Simikot in the Humla District when it crashed in the district’s Muchu village, police Inspector Yuvraj Chowdhary said by phone.

There were six people, an Italian pilot and five Nepalese nationals in the helicopter, Chowdhary said.

Of the four hurt, one has been seriously injured, Chowdhary said, without identifying the seriously injured person.

“A police team that has reached close to the site of the accident reported to us that the helicopter’s rotor appears broken,” he said.

Initial reports had indicated a different company operated the helicopter.

At least four killed, 21 wounded in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 June — At least four people were killed and 21 wounded in separate shooting and bomb attacks in Iraq on Wednesday, the police said.

In one attack, three people were killed and 15 wounded in a roadside bomb explosion at a popular football field at a village near the city of Maqabdiah, some 100 km northeast of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, an Iraqi army colonel was shot dead by gunmen while he was driving his car to a southern city of Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, a local police source anonymously told Xinhua.

In Baghdad, six people were injured when a roadside bomb ripped through Shula District in the northwestern part of the capital, an interior ministry source told Xinhua.

Violence is still common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease since its peak in 2006 and 2007 when the country was engulfed in sectarian killings. —Xinhua
Local residents find it difficult to use when it is filled with water,” a resident of the ward, east of the market said.

The road is being used by vendors, merchants, bicycles, motorbikes, pony carts, cars and trucks.

The inundation is attributed to the poor flow of water in the drains.

MMAL-Htilar Thar

DISASTER

Heavy rains inundate Meiktila market circular road

Meiktila, 20 June—

Heavy rains inundated the market circular road in Meiktila, causing difficulties for residents and shopkeepers.

“The road is already low lying. When respective authorities repair the road, they just repaired it, rather than lifting it. When the rain pours, houses by the road are flooded.”

MMAL-Khin Yadana

Trees planted as greening activities in Ayadaw

Tachilek honours first-ever five-distinction winner

Tachilek, 20 June—

Tachilek Township honoured the township’s first-ever five-distinction winner Nan Aung Maw Maw who studied and sat for the matriculation exam at Basic Education High School of Mongkoe village-tract in 2012-2013 academic year on 17 June.

She collected the honour on the lawns of the school and spoke words of thanks.

Tachilek Township Education Officer U Sein Tun Hla congratulated her.

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Among those honoured were Tachilek District Deputy Commissioner U Thaung Tin Htway and wife Daw Nway Nway Lin, Township Administrator U Ye Htoo and wife Daw Shwe Moe Thuzar and town elders.

The brilliant daughter of ailing farmer U Htway Hlyan Htawng and Daw Nan Nun scored five stars in Myanmarsar, English, Chemistry, Physics and Biology without taking any tuition. She was named district and state well-rounded student in previous years. She made 30-student list to learn in Singapore with the scholarship granted by the President.—MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae

Tachilek Township

People clearing debris after stormy wind in Kyaukme

The Grade (1) school children were frightened by the incident, but were then evacuated to safety.

At the scene, Township Administrator U Aung Lwin, Township Development Affairs Committee Senior Engineer of U Tin Shein, Township Electrical Engineer U Saw Oo and Township Fire Brigade Head U Ko Ko Gyi led the staff and workers to clear debris which blocked the road which were reopened at 5 pm.

MMAL-Kyaukme

Meiktila market circular road inundated after heavy rains.

MMAL-Htilar Thar

Yangon industrial zone warehouse demand soars

Yangon, 20 June—

Yangon property market witnesses an increase in demand of sites in industrial zones in the outskirts of the commercial city as the rainy season enters, according to real estate agents.

“Most leases are for use as warehouses. Buildings that could overcome rains or storms are on high demand. Good but basin ones are not selling well. Many a buyer finds it difficult to store industrial products,” an agent said.

Safe and weather-friendly buildings are used for storage in the rainy season, but some goods are not suitable to be stored in warehouses used in winter and summer.

“This year, the warehouses rental for no fine products but for raw materials is on the increase. The buildings available for lease become scarce. Buildings not only in the zone but in nearby townships are also on lease,” Ko Zaw, a property agent, said.

The lease is on the increase in South Dagon, Shwetlanpan, Yangon, Dagon Seikkan, East Dagon and Shwepyitha Industrial Zones.

The fee for lease of warehouses range from K 0.1 million to K 0.4 million, according to market sources.—MMAL-Khin Yadana

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae

Stone bowl in NyaungU donated by Lord Kinwun’s offsping

NyaungU, 20 June—

There is a stone bowl in Shwesigon Pagoda, one of four hair relic pagodas in Bagan, the ancient city of Myanmar.

According to inscription on the bowl, it was donated by offsping of Lord Kinwun in Konbaung era in 1240 Myanmar Era.

Lord Kinwun was one of the most influential patricians of that time serving for the last two kings of Myanmar, King Mindon and King Thibaw.

He is known to be a regular visitor to Shwezigon Pagoda and donated a bell and composed poems about the pagoda. The 130-year-old bowl has nine-inch diameter and one-foot-and-five-inch height.—MMAL-Ye Thu Aung

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MMAL-Htilar Thar

Trees, lamp-posts fell, buildings damaged in stormy wind in Kyaukme

Trees planted as greening activities in Ayadaw

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae

Monsoon tree planting ceremony organized by Ayadaw Township Management Committee in Monywa by Myinmu-Ayadaw-Naunggyiaing road.

A total of 300 people including staff from Forest Department and Arid Zone Greening Department, departmental personnel led by Chairman of Township Management Committee Township Administrator U Nyin Maung Maung grew over 500 saplings of teak, neem, tamarind and other species.—Kyemon-Tin Win Lay (Kyemyinmin)

MMAL-Htilar Thar

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Corporate Social Responsibility

With a number of reforms, the influx of foreign investments is flowing into the country. Here, we need to know what Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is. The term “Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) or Corporate Responsibility (CR) or Sustainable business” came into common use in the late 1960s and early 1970s after many multinational corporations formed the term stakeholders. CSR is the process of assessing an organization’s impact on society and evaluating their responsibilities.

CSR is a process with the aim to embrace responsibility for the company’s actions and encourage a positive impact through its activities on the environment, consumers, employees, communities, stakeholders and all other members of the public sphere who may also be considered as stakeholders. Many organizations have a CSR Policy, which defines areas of concern and initiatives to improve relations with the people and environments affected by business operations.

CSR policies often dictate a system for monitoring responsible performance. CSR policy functions as a built-in, self-regulating mechanism whereby a business monitors and ensures its active compliance with the spirit of the law, ethical standards, and international norms. For a business to take responsibility for its actions, that business must be fully accountable. Social accounting, a concept describing the communication of social and environmental effects of a company’s economic actions to particular interest groups within society and to society at large, is thus an important element of CSR. So, local and overseas companies should have CSR.

PowerEdge VRTX – Converged IT solution designed for remote and small office environment

YANGON, 20 June—Lerthit Linalsutti, Regional Director of Dell Rest of Indochina, recently introduced facts about new products Dell PowerEdge VRTX. It is first converged IT solution designed specifically for remote and small office environments, with enterprise-class capabilities in a desk-side, space-saving design. The product integrates server, storage and networking capabilities features functionality and raw power that sophisticated data centre customers require. The product also provides the necessary assistance.

All four server nodes have access to the low-latency internal shared storage that is ideal for virtualization and clustering. Local storage is also available in the chassis. Full-functionalized system management with Chassis Management Controller (CMC) and OpenManage helps take much of the time and effort out of system administration and control. Deploy, monitor, update and maintain through a unified console covering software, storage and networking. Dell PowerEdge VRTX is now available in Myanmar. Sagawaw

Arrangements made to review existing laws including ...

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In the afternoon, the Speaker attended a lunch hosted by Mr Vijay Nambiar and replied to the queries raised by officials from UN agencies.

After that, the Speaker visited office of Senator Charles Schumer of US Congress. In the evening, he held discussions with Ms Halen Clark of UNDP on poverty alleviation, agricultural technology and markets for socio-economic development of farmers, human resources development and SMES development and job opportunities.

On 17 June, the Speaker and party arrived at the Asia Foundation and the Pacific Council in San Francisco.

UK minister meets press after four-day visit

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Union Ministers meet entrepreneurs in Kayah State

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—A ceremony to meet with the entrepreneurs in Kayah State was held at the conference hall of State Government on 18 June, with an address by Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Soe.

In his speech, Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe said electricity sector is important for development of the region, adding that Beluhaung (3) Hydropower Project will be completed soon and the electricity from the plant will be supplied to Kayah State as a first priority.

But, it needs to make survey and build sub-power stations and plans are underway to build a 132 KVA sub-power station in the coming year.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay pledged to assist in selling, purchasing and importing of fuel for the entrepreneurs in Kayah State.

Then, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint said that Thailand and the central regions in Myanmar will benefit through their trading after opening border trade camp in Meisei Region which borders Kayah State in Myanmar and Mae Hong Son Province in Thailand. He said that International Trade rules and regulations course will soon be conducted in Loikaw and the ministry would assist in holding exhibitions in Kayah State. The Union minister invited the entrepreneurs from Kayah State to participate in Trade Fair to be held in Yangon by the Kayah State Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) for penetrating their goods into the market. He also pointed out the importance of the unity and cooperation among the entrepreneurs.

The Union ministers replied to queries raised by the entrepreneurs.

Delegation from OCSC pays visit to UCSB

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Under the program for promoting and cooperation among the ACCSM (ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters) member states, a delegation led by Mrs Ratana Ubolsing, Director of the Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC), Thailand, paid a study visit to the office of the Union Civil Service Board. The delegation was given a presentation about the role and functions of UCSB.

The delegation comprises 140 high-ranking officials from the Government and public sector of Thailand. —MNA

British Minister of State for International Development, Deputy Border Affairs Minister inspect rehabilitation tasks in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—The visiting British Minister of State for International Development Right Honourable Alan Duncan MP and party, accompanied by Secretary of Rakhine State Peace and Development Implementation Central Committee Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win and officials concerned, arrived at Sittway Airport via Yangon on 18 June evening, to inspect rehabilitation and development tasks in Rakhine State.

They held a meeting with Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and state ministers and officials concerned at Sittway Airport Lounge. Afterwards, the delegation and the chief minister, the deputy minister looked around the building constructed by the CDN group with the contribution of Britain and water supply at Ye Nwe Su relief camp in Sittway, and inspected progress of the housing complex for victims in the industrial ward.

They proceeded to relief camps in Myebo. At Myeboon Township Administrator’s Office, the township administrator presented reports on construction of shelters for victims and fulfilling their needs for their livings and then Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win explained creating job opportunities and undertakings for sustainable development of socioeconomic status of the both communities.

Next, they visited the food and nutrition camp for under-5-year-old non-nutrient children, being run by ACF with the contribution of Britain, in Thatkaepyin Village in Sittway. Then, they encouraged the victims at the relief camp of Thatkaepyin Village.

They then met Muslim attorney-general office and raised questions for their knowledge. The Union attorney-general clarified works being carried out by the ministries, organizations, Union attorney-general office and law offices.

Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin receives country representative to Thailand Mr. Kim McQuay of Asia Foundation and Director Ms. Kirsten Bishop of Law and Justice Programmes from Bangkok-based Asia Foundation.

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At the meeting, the guest side offered help for rule of law in Myanmar being implemented by Union attorney-general office and raised questions for their knowledge. The Union attorney-general clarified works being carried out by the ministries, organizations, Union attorney-general office and law offices.

Deputy Minister U Thein Aung then explained distribution of power-tillers, paddy straws, fertilizers and fuel and opening of temporary schools and clinics in relief camps.

The British minister expressed thanks to those present for giving full explanations. He said he visited Myanmar to provide necessary assistance and he saw development of foreign investment and living standard of people. But, economic development can be hit hard by social violence, he mentioned. Britain will provide not only UN Emergency Fund but humanitarian assistance for Rakhine State, he said.

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**Nyaunglebin upgrades BEMS Branch**

Nyaunglebin, 20 June—A ceremony to upgrade Basic Education Primary School to BEMS Branch was held in East Zeegian Village of Wapadaw Village-tract in Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region on 17 June morning.

Assistant Director U Ye Lwin of Region Education Department, Township Education Officer Daw Naw Chit May and ward administrator U Maung Kyaing formally opened the signboard of the school.

**Hopang gets new two-storey school building**

Hopang, 20 June—A handing over ceremony of Saw Khun Hsang new two-storey school building at Hopang Basic Education High School in Hopang District, Northern Shan State, was held in front of the school on 18 June.

At the ceremony, Shan State Social Affairs Minister Dr Myo Tun, Chairman of Leading Body of Wa Self-Administered Division U Khun Tun Lu and Deputy Director U Myint Kyi of Northern Shan State Education Department cut the ribbon to open the building. After that, the State Social Affairs Minister unveiled the signboard. Then, the State Social Affairs Minister and the Chairman gave speeches on the occasion.

**Farming rights certificates issued in Yebyu**

Yebyu, 20 June—A ceremony to present farming rights certificates to the farmers was held at Aungthawady Hall of Yebyu Township General Administration Department in Taninthayi Region on 16 June morning.

Head of Region Settlement and Land Records Department U Min Thein stressed the need for farmers to abide by the rules and regulations in operating their farmlands for farmers to abide by the rules and regulations in operating their farmlands.

**ILLEGAL TRADE PREVENTION**

**Mobile team sends seized commodities to ST Branch**

Bago, 20 June—A mobile team formed by Bago Region government is discharging its duties to check vehicles with loads where there is legal or illegal at the junction of roads to old and new Sittoung Bridges in Waw Township of Bago Region.

On 16 June, the team transported illegally imported beer, cans, detergent powder and snacks worth K 17 million to Supply and Transport Branch of the Customs Department in Ahlon township of Yangon by car.

**Poverty alleviation tasks in Pakokku District**

Pakokku, 20 June—Officials from UNOPS (LIFT Fund) observed the development tasks being undertaken by Actionaid and ADRA in Seikpyu Township, Pakokku District, Magway Region on 16 June.

**Blood donation ceremony held at Central Women’s Hospital**

Mandalay, 20 June—The 12th blood donation ceremony organized by Myanmar Brewery Ltd was then presented farming rights certificates to the local farmers.

At the ceremony, Head of District SLRD U Chin Ko Ko, Township Administrator U Tint Naing and Head of Township SLRD U Tint Zaw also presented certificates to the farmers.

**Power Supply**

**Solar panels installed free of charge in Mandalay**

Mandalay, 20 June—Village Electrification (Solar System) Committee of Rural Area Development Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs distributed solar panels, LED bulbs and wires worth K 0.3 million free of charge to 120 households in Theepin village, Kyaukse District in Mandalay Region on 4 May.

As of March, 2013, the committee has installed solar panels in four village including Theepin village. The committee will continue to install solar panels in the remaining villages.

**Drug addict rehabilitation course conducted in Mandalay**

Mandalay, 20 June—The organizer course for drug addict rehabilitation was opened at the youth training centre in North Ward of Mahasaungmye Township in Mandalay from 12 to 14 June with the aim of contributing to 15-year Drug Elimination Project of Myanmar.

**Blood donors are happy for their meritorious deeds.**

Mandalay, 20 June—The 12th blood donation ceremony held at Central Women’s Hospital, here, on 7 May and Staff of Myanmar Brewery Ltd and blood donors participated in the blood donation.

Myanmar Brewery Ltd, KTM purified drinking water and Calsome cereal served the blood donors with Myanmar traditional snacks, refreshments and soft drinks and presented gifts to them.

**FEC100 for job opportunities has been funded.**

The project period is from October, 2010 to October, 2013.

The training was sponsored by well wisher U Win Myint-Daw Khin Win.

In charge of the centre U Khin Tun explained the centre accepts those wishing to receive treatment for drug addicts. Although the centre admits the trainees as of 18 years old, some of parents join the centre to treat their children. The centre trains them vocational training courses as much as possible.
Xi: China, Vietnam should follow path of friendly cooperation

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No. (2) Mining Enterprise

**Invitation for Open Tender**

1. No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines invites open tender for **TINTUNGSEN SEPERATION PLANT (LOIKAW)** in co-operation between the department and the private company.

2. Tender closing date and time is 9th July, 2013, (16:00) Hrs.

3. Tender document are available from the Procurement Department, No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines, Office Building No. (19), Nay Pyi Taw and detail can be asked to +95 (067) - 409390 and 409391 within the office hours.

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Asians rank prominently among top young universities but not Japanese

LONDON, 20 June—Asia features prominently in a new ranking of the world’s top 100 universities under 50 years of age but countries such as Japan, China and India were exceptions, according to data released on Thursday by the Times Higher Education magazine.

Asia makes an “impressive showing” this year with eight countries represented in the top 100, although there were no places for China or India.

Japan only had one institution on the list, the University of Tsukuba, which fell from 39th to joint 49th. For a second consecutive year, South Korea’s Pohang University of Science and Technology came top of the list, while Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology moved up to third from fifth place in 2012.

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology was fourth, and Hong Kong has a claim to be Asia’s number one economy in the rankings, as its four representatives in the top 100 are more highly placed than Taiwan’s five, giving it a stronger overall rankings point tally. Singapore enters the top 10 for the first time, with Nanyang Technological University moving up into eighth place. Britain had the most representatives on the list, with 18, followed by Australia with 13. In all, 28 countries are represented in the second year of the survey.—Kyodo News
Jennifer Aniston and clothes are not F.R.I.E.N.D.S

LOS ANGELES, 20 June—Former Friends star Jennifer Aniston, who recently moved in with her fiance Justin Theroux to their new mansion, reportedly stays naked in the house.

If a source close to Aniston is to be believed, the actress spends days by walking around her house in the buff and cooks in the nude too, reports mirror.co.uk. The 44-year-old was reportedly shy at first, but has now become confident thanks to Theroux.

"Both of them (Aniston and Theroux) have in-credible bodies, so they’re more relaxed," the source said.—PTI

Johnny Depp’s shocking revelation

Johnny Depp has revealed he is completely blind in one eye.

"I think while I’ve got the opportunity and the de-sire and the creative spark to do the things that I can do right now, I should do them," he said.—PTI

Kate Middleton celebrated Father’s Day in hometown

LONDON, 20 June—The Duchess of Cambridge, whose maiden name was Kate Middleton, celebrated Father’s Day with her dad, Michael Middleton, in her hometown.

The pregnant royal spent the day in the West Berkshire village of Buck- leybury, where she grew up. The father-daughter were spotted together, along with Kate’s security, at a petrol station filling up their car, reports eonline.com.

"I was getting petrol too and she offered to let me go first. She was really sweet...She was lovely, I guess she was visiting her family," said an eye witness.

The source said that Kate was wearing a big coat and stood outside the car while one of her guards filled it up. She and her dad reportedly had lunch at a local restaurant.—PTI

Rolling Stones release back catalogue on iTunes

LONDON, 20 June—The Rolling Stones released a career-spanning digitally re-mastered back catalogue on Apple Inc’s iTunes Store on Wednesday as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations.

The new iTunes release chronicles the British group’s entire oeuvre, from their introductory 1963 cover of Chuck Berry’s “Come On” to last year’s Greatest Hits collection “GRRR!”, their record label Universal Music said on Wednesday.

The new releases have been re-mastered exclusively for iTunes and will feature all the band’s classic studio albums as well as live albums and compilations.

In addition, the complete catalogue is available in two parts on iTunes, spanning the periods 1963-1971 and 1971-2013.

The Stones kicked off their biggest tour in six years in Los Angeles last month after a sell-out mini-tour of Europe and the United States last year.

"I think we are going to be a great summer, man...All the gigs we haven’t done or wanted to redo are popping up," said an eye witness.

They last went on the road for their “A Bigger Bang” tour from 2005 to 2007, playing 144 shows around the world and grossing more than $550 million, one of the world’s most lucrative rock tours. The Stones have sold more than 200 million albums world-wide and toured 40 times, mostly across Europe and North America in the 1960s and 1970s.—Reuters
Italy overhauled Japan to reach Confederation Cup semis

REICHE (Brazil), 20 June—Substitute Sebastian Giovinco tapped in a late goal to secure Italy a thrilling 4-3 win over Japan on Wednesday and a semi-final berth in the Confederations Cup. Giovinco slotted home the winner in the 86th minute after latching onto a cross in the area, capping a pulsating contest that saw the Azzurri edge ahead with three consecutive goals after trailing 2-0 before halftime.

Shinji Okazaki nodded a lovely, low drive into the roof of the net past Italy keeper Gianluigi Buffon from a Yashitso Endo free kick to level at 3-3 in the 69th minute, and Japan tried desperately to respond to Giovinco’s late score in a frenetic finish but to no avail.

Italy join Brazil in the semi-finals and might consider themselves lucky after starting poorly and benefiting from an own goal by Japan defender Atsuto Uchida.

The Blue Samurais doubled their lead in the 33rd minute after the Italian defence missed a high ball and it fell to Shunji Kagawa who swiveled and hammered it home.

Italy pulled one back in the 41st minute when de Rossi rose to powerfully head home a Pirlo corner and almost had an equaliser on the stroke of halftime when Emanuele Giaccherini hit the post after Mario Balotelli set him up with a deft header.

Italy’s second goal came just five minutes after the restart when Maya Yoshida was caught in possession by Giaccherini and Uchida turned his cross ball into his own net with Balotelli waiting to pounce.

In 81st minute the lead in controversial circumstances just two minutes later after Makoto Hasebe was harshly punished for a handball in the box and Balotelli made no mistake from the spot.

Okazaki’s header gave Japan renewed hope and they were unlucky not to grab a fourth goal when they hit the post and bar in a matter of seconds.

But sloppy defending opened the door for Giovinco to grab the clincher with four minutes left in regular time.—Reuters

Rafael Nadal of Spain kisses the trophy after defeating compatriot David Ferrer in their men’s singles final match to win the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 9 June, 2013. REUTERS

Nadal seeded a dangerous fifth for Wimbledon

LONDON, 20 June—Rafa Nadal could face world number one Novak Djokovic, defending champion Roger Federer or home favourite Andy Murray as early as the Wimbledon quarter-finals after he was seeded fifth for the grasscourt major on Wednesday.

Friday’s draw for the tournament, which begins at the All England Club on Monday, could now produce a nightmare scenario for top three seeds Djokovic, Murray and Federer if any of them end up being in the same quarter as 2008 and 2010 winner Nadal.

The Wimbledon seeding reflects Nadal’s current ranking, with the Mallorcan现象ing behind fourth-ranked Spanish John McEnroe, the retired three-times Wimbledon champion, said on Tuesday that it would be ‘totally wrong’ for 12-times grand slam champion Nadal to be seeded outside the top four.

“In my opinion there is no doubt he should be in the top four,” American McEnroe said in a conference call. “If he ran into Ferrer in the quarter-finals it would be the same old, same old because Ferrer is used to running into one of the big four in the last eight.

“But if Nadal played Djokovic in the quarters, or possibly Murray or Federer, that would be a big difference, and absolutely wrong for that to happen, in my opinion.”

US Open champion Murray had already resigned himself to a possible last-eight clash with Nadal.

“I know there will be a lot of interest in the draw this year as Rafael Nadal looks like being seeded fifth but as a player you can’t get too obsessed about the draw,” Murray had said in a column for the BBC website on Monday.

“I’d sign up to be in the quarter-finals against Rafa tomorrow if someone offered me that.”

The Wimbledon seedings by and large reflected the current ATP rankings, with Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga bumped up a place to sixth and Queen’s Club runner-up Marin Cilic profiling from two spots to 10th.

There were no surprises among the women after five-times champion Serena Williams was carried top seed ahead of Victoria Azarenka and Maria Sharapova in second and third in accordance with the rankings.—Reuters

Russia’s Kuznetsova pulls out of Wimbledon

LONDON, 20 June—Twice grand slam champion Svetlana Kuznetsova pulled out of Wimbledon on Wednesday with an abdominal strain.

Officials said Czech Klara Zakopalova had been installed as 32nd seed following the Russian’s withdrawal with the original seeds between 32 and 27 being moved up one place. Kuznetsova, who was seeded 26th for the grass-court major which begins on Monday, was the only player to take a set off eventual champion Serena Williams at this month’s French Open.

The 27-year-old, who has never been past the quarter-finals in 10 previous visits to Wimbledon, is a first-round loser a year ago.

Juventus sign Ghana midfielder Asamoah from Udinese

Rome, 20 June—Juventus have bought Ghana international Kwadwo Asamoah outright on a four-year deal after ending their co-ownership deal with Udinese for the midfielder, the Serie A club said on Wednesday.

Juve will pay Udinese a total of nine million euros (7.69 million pounds) over the next three financial years for the 24-year-old.

“Juventus Football Club announces that it has terminated the current co-ownership agreement with Udinese Calcio concerning the registration rights of Kwadwo Asamoah,” the club announced on its official website (www.juve

Asamoah has been a hit since signing for Anto

nio Conte’s side before the start of last season, making 27 league appearances and scoring two goals, and the club have been keen to make him their own.

Juventus have also extended co-ownership deals for Mauricio Isla and Cristian Pasquato with Udinese until next June.

Reuters
Fujitsu to test student data management system at Thai university

Tokyo, 20 June—Japa-
inese computer builder Fu-
itsu Ltd said on Wednes-
day it will start this month
a nine-month long test of a
student data management
system at Chulalongkorn
University in Thailand.
The system enables
administrators to centrally
manage basic information,
curriculum registrations,
academic records and other
student data stored in vari-
ous departments within the
university, Fujitsu said.
The company said it
has provided computer ser-
tices to many Japanese un-
iversities to improve educa-
tion quality.—Kyodo News

Two killed in shooting at Slovenia’s kindergarten

Ljubljana, 20 June—A
bloody gunshot occurred
on Wednesday at a kin-
dergarten near the town
of Domzale, some 10 kilome-
tres northeast of Ljubljana.

Neymar strikes again as Brazil beat Mexico

Fortaleza, (Brazil), 20
June—Brazil’s Jo (C) cele-
brates with teammates Ney-
mar (L) and Dani Alves af-
ter scoring against Mexico
during their Confederations
Cup Group A soccer match
at the Estadio Castelao in
Fortaleza on 19 June, 2013.

Brazil’s David Luiz
(R) and his teammate Ney-
mar (C) walk together after
winning their Confederations
Cup Group A match against
Mexico at the Esta-
dio Castelao in Fortaleza on
19 June, 2013.

Brazil’s Neymar re-
acts against Mexico’s Car-
los Salcido (L) during their
Confederations Cup Group
A soccer match at the Esta-
dio Castelao in Fortaleza on
19 June, 2013.

Brazil – Neymar struck with a
stunning early volley for the
 وكانت 1st goal in kind in Slovenia, local
mass media said.—Xinhua

Neymar's Neymar fights for the ball with Mexico’s Hi-
ram Mier (R) during their Confederations Cup Group
A match at the Estadio Castelao in Fortaleza on 19 June,
2013.—Reuters

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A match at the Estadio Castelao in Fortaleza on 19 June,
2013.—Reuters

Drugs problem costs S Africa yearly 2 bln USD

Cape Town, 20 June—South Africa has approxi-
mately 15 percent of its
population having a drug
problem, costing the coun-
try 28 billion rands (about
2 billion US dollars) a year,
according to figures released
on Tuesday.
The use of drugs among
the youth is even more wor-
rising as youth are the big-
gest threat to the future
of the nation, but against cor-
rup tion.—The Times

The minister cited a
study as saying the use
of drugs among teenagers
had increased over the last
10 years by more than 600 per-
cent, with the average start-
ing age of abuse at 12 years
and younger. “Com pound-
ing the increase in substance
use is the sad reality that
some segments of society
perceive drug-taking to be
cool, normal and acceptable.
This is a social problem that
cuts across all demographic
groups,”the minister said.

According to Mthetha-
worth, South Africa is both a
transit and end user country
with over 41 drug laborato-
ries closed down by the law
enforcement agencies last
year alone.
He raised concerns over
the links between growing
gangsterism and the illicit
flows in drugs as well as the
links between drugs and vio-
ence.
The anti-drug fight, he said,
must focus on produc-
tion, consumption and cross
border trafficking.

“Shared responsibility is a
key part of the formula for
suppressing drugs. The
drug problem must be dealt
with using an integrated ap-
proach that aims to reduce,
control, on the hand, supply
and on the other, demand.”
**Second round of Union-Level Peace Talks between Union Peace-making Work Committee and KNPP concludes**

Union Peace-Making Committee, KNPP agree to push ahead with nationwide ceasefire accord

**NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—**The Union Peace-Making Committee and Karen National Progressive Party (KNPP) have entered into an agreement, vowing to push ahead with nationwide ceasefire accord. The State could provide necessary aids thanks to donors. Both sides would coordinate in clearance of landmines in the places where IDPs are resettled. The State would provide necessary aids thanks to the frank discussions.

Union Minister U Than Htay and Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut also discussed respective aids pro-gramee.

The talks focused on holding of step-by-step political talks, establishment of a model village for resettlement of IDP, cooperation in clearance of landmines, extended opening of liaison offices, approval of monitoring group and the remaining talks.

A separate talks between officials of Union Peace-making Work Committee and KNPP was held at 7.30 am today. In the afternoon, officials from both sides held separate talks on forces. Eight-point agreement was signed at the local station.

In the evening, KNPP hosted a dinner to those who attended the second round of Union-Level Peace Talks at Soebawthe Village of Dimawhso Township in Kayah National Day. It was attended by the committee members Union Minister U Win Tun, U Khin Maung Soe, U Than Htay and U Win Myint,

**Clarification of the Daily Eleven newspapers’ announcement**

1. Legislations at Hluttaw include promulgation of new laws, revocation of and amendment to the old ones. The Section 100, Section 138 (b) and Section 158 (b) of the Constitution say that submission of bills can be carried out only by respective Union Ministries/organizations and Hluttaw representatives.

2. The Daily Eleven daily issued on 13-6-2013 also seen that according to news heading and contents, there is no plan to amend the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law which is amended by Ministry of Immigration and Population.

3. The two parties to form joint monitoring committee as follows:
   (a) To push ahead with nationwide ceasefire accord and continue efforts for all-inclusive political dialogue;
   (b) The delegates of the two parties have discussed military affairs and the results have been more constructive and progressive and agreed to continue to discuss military matters in next rounds of discussions;
   (c) The two parties agreed to form joint monitoring committee as follows:
      (1) Two committee members to be nominated by Kayah State government, two by KNPP and six righteous community elders, totaling ten members;
      (2) Personnel of the two sides in coordination to adopt the terms of reference (TOR) to be able to cooperate with civil society organizations (CSOs), individuals and local NGOs;
   (d) To allow the public and social organizations to observe the new major projects to be implemented in Kayah State including New Village Project; the implementation process to be transparent with responsibility and accountability and the government and persons concerned to guarantee local people do not suffer loss;
   (e) The two parties to coordinate measures on clearing of landmines in places to where internally displaced persons (IDPs) will be relocated;
   (f) Points where KNPP should not amend that law;
   (g) The government and KNPP to cooperate for regional development.

**Myanmar exporters enjoy exemption of EU’s GSP**

**NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—**Myanmar has been exempt from taxation of the EU on Myanmar products (except ordinance) since 12 June.

Myanmar, in the past, paid 13.7% of the export values of Myanmar marine products to the EU’s Generalized Scheme of Preferences.

Thanks to the tax exemption, those putting investments in Myanmar will get low-tax opportunities apart from Myanmar marine products exporters who will sell their goods at the right price meeting the international standard.