Myanmar President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to PM of the Grand Duchy, HRH the Grand Duke of Luxembourg

Taxation system should have transparency

Yangon, 22 June — Small and Medium Industrial Development Bank (SMIDB) held its 18th Annual General Meeting at IBC on Paya Road here this morning.

“Taxation system should have transparency and call for public knowledge,” said Patron of Small and Medium Industrial Development Bank Union Minister at President Office U Soe Thane.

SMIDB Chairman Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint said that SMIDB has disbursed loans to the SMEs on a priority basis for the establishment of an industrialized country. Especially, loan of five billion kyats with 8.5% interest rate has been disbursed to production businesses.

SMIDB’s main mission is to help support country’s monetary sector in accord with policies of the Central Bank of Myanmar by seeking the ways for industrial development of the country. Banks’ major sources of the income come from loan, he added. He called for following of laws, rules and regulations for disbursement of quality loans.

After that, annual report, financial report and audit report were submitted.

After the meeting, Union Ministers U Soe Thane and U Aye Myint donated K 3 million each to Theravada Buddhist Organization, U Hla Tun Hospice Cancer Foundation, Pensioners Care Association, Rural Energy Development Supporting Subcommittee and Rural Area Development Department. SMIDB was established on 15 February, 1996 with the authorized capital of K 2 billion and 4,000 stakes. In March, 2012, it has increased its authorized capital to K 50 billion. At the end of March, 2013, 41,005 shares have been sold out.

Mega city in north of Yangon

“Soon, local and foreign companies will be invited to tender for setting up of a mega city in the north of Yangon,” an official from Yangon City Development Committee said.

Mega city with apartments, hotels and shopping malls and other high-rise buildings is located in Mayangone Township, north of Yangon. As part of Strategic Urban Development Plan of the Greater Yangon, plans are under way to implement it soon.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) supports technical assistance for it. Yangon sees high population density day by day. And over five millions are living in Yangon, commercial hub.

Byline: Maung Thitsar

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 June — A collection of Buddhist scriptures written on stones from Myanmar was included on 19 June along with 54 new additions to the UN educational and cultural agency’s Memory of the World Register (UNESCO).

“Thirteen presented by Israel, Myanmar, Nepal are the first inscriptions on the register for these countries,” the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) said in a news release on the newest additions to the prestigious list recognizing documentary heritage.

Myanmar authorities submitted and recommended for inclusion the Maha Lawkamarazein or Kuthodaw Inscription Shrines from Mandalay in central Myanmar. The collection includes 729 stone slabs on which are inscribed the whole of the Buddhist scriptures whose religious and social significance is important for Asia. It records the Fifth Great Synod convened by King Mindon and which was the significant event of the Buddhist religion and its followers.

Lawkamarazein or Kuthodaw Inscription Shrines included in UNESCO world heritage

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Car catches fire in Mawlu of Indaw Tsp**

*Photo shows a truck in blaze due to electrical short circuit in Mawlu Village of Indaw Township.*

**BUSINESS**

*Taunggyi, 22 June —* Being situated on ASEAN Highway that links between Myanmar and Thailand, China and Laos, Taunggyi, capital of Shan State, has become a stop during the transport of goods to Kengtung, Tachileik and Mongla region. Loaded trucks make a stop at Taunggyi bus terminal in Taunggyi to unload and goods are transported to designated places by other vehicles.

Recently, showrooms of companies from Japan, Republic of Korea and China were opened and the introductions of new products were made in Taunggyi. Among foreign companies, HONDA Company of Japan is included and its motorbike showroom and service center is kept open as of 28 May. An opening of a showroom of Korea-made handsets took place on 16 May and a ceremony to introduce China-made three-axle HIGER Bus with Swedish technology to local businessmen was held on 17 May.

With opening of many showrooms and service centers in Taunggyi, foreign companies have started penetration of Myanmar market.

*Kyemon-Naing Tun (TGI)*

**ACCIDENT**

Biker meets her tragic end while overtaking tractor-trailer

*Myaung, 22 June —* A female biker met her tragic end on her way to Myaung as her motorbike crashed into the side of a tractor-trailer while overtaking it at a place, west of Kyee-kone village in Myaung Township of Sagaing Region at about 11 am on 19 June.

The fatal accident happened to Ma Khine Zar Mon, 22, of Latkapin village of Myinnu Township who was pronounced dead on the spot as her head was run over by a rear tyre of the tractor-trailer driven by U Moe Win, 34, of Ywathit village in Myinnu Township.

She is believed to have fallen off her motorbike after hitting the side of the trailer. Police said that they rushed there to make necessary investigation; and that actions are being taken to arrest the trailer driver who fled the scene.

*Kyemon-Tin Ko Ko*

**Photo News**

*Photo shows three staff of Seikkan Township Information and Public Relations Department who were distributing pamphlets and stickers with messages as part of Public Service Media activity at Nann Thida jetty at about 10 am on 19 June.*

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**Brake-failed Hilux hits motorbike in Bago**

*Photo shows a road crash between No (57) Passenger Bus and a saloon on Theinbyu Street near a traffic lights on 21 June. The road accident caused the damage to the front part of the saloon.*

*Khin Maung Win-Kyemon*

**CRIME**

Suspect for housemaid’s death faces nine-year prison sentence

*Yangon, 22 June —* Yangon West District Court recently sentenced Ma May Zan who was accused of hitting a housemaid to death to nine years in prison with hard labour as she was found guilty at the court.

She was taken into police custody in connection to the death of a housemaid who is believed to have been beaten to death at her apartment on the third floor of Building No (195/3) on Boho Street in ward (1) in Kamayut, here, informed by the ward administrator on 10 September 2012. Kamayut police station said that they found Ma Nu Nu Lwin, 18, housemaid, dead bleeding from her nose and the dead body was sent to Yangon General Hospital.

Investigations revealed that the victim was frequently tortured by the suspect who had always left her two housemaids in the locked apartment whenever she went out.

Before the tragic incident, she left her alone in the apartment which was locked and went to Pathein with another housemaid, Ma Zin Zin Htaik at about 12 noon on 8 September. On her arrival at the apartment on 10 September, Ma Nu Nu Lwin was discovered dead bleeding from her nose, lying sideways on the floor.

*—Kyemon-31*

**Fire**

Unattended mosquito-repellent coil kills old woman in bed

*Kawlin, 22 June —* A 70-year-old woman was killed when a blanket and mosquito net caught fire sparked by a burning mosquito-repellent coil kept beside her bed at a house in Shankon ward in Kawlin of Sagaing Region at about 1 am on 17 June.

The fire is believed to have begun from the sparks of burning mosquito-repellent coil that set a mosquito net and a blanket on fire. Daw Khin Khin Myint, 70, was killed in the fire and the whole house had got burnt, causing K 1.3 million worth of belongings damaged.

Fire crews of Kawlin Township fire service department put out the fire in time in order to prevent the spread of fire to nearby houses. — Kyemon-Ko Ko Nyein (Kawlin)*
**British spy agency taps cables, shares with NSA**

LONDON, 22 June—Britain’s spy agency GCHQ has tapped fiber-optic cables that carry international phone and internet traffic and is sharing vast quantities of personal information with the US National Security Agency, the Guardian newspaper said on Friday.

The paper, which has in recent weeks been publishing details of top-secret surveillance programmes exposed by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, said on its website that Snowden had shown it documents about a project codenamed “Tempera.”

Tempora has been running for about 18 months and allows GCHQ, which stands for Government Communications Headquarters, to tap into and store vast volumes of data drawn from fiber-optic cables for up to 30 days, the paper said.

The Guardian said Snowden had provided it with access to documents about GCHQ’s alleged cable-tapping operation as part of his effort to expose “the largest programme of suspicionless surveillance in human history.”

For decades, the NSA and GCHQ have worked as close partners, sharing intelligence under an arrangement known as the UKUSA agreement. They also collaborate with eavesdropping agencies in Canada, Australia and New Zealand under an arrangement known as the “Five Eyes” alliance.

The latest Guardian story will likely put more pressure on British Prime Minister David Cameron’s government to reassure the public about how data about them is collected and used.

Earlier this month, in response to questions about the secret US data-monitoring programme Prism, British Foreign Secretary William Hague told Parliament that GCHQ always adhered to British law when processing data gained from cabledropping.

**Russia cannot stay within mid-range missiles treaty with US forever**

MOSCOW, 22 June—The Kremlin on Friday raised the possibility of quitting the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty signed between Moscow and Washington in late 1980s, citing new threats facing Russia.

“On the one hand, we’ve signed the agreement, we will obey it. But that could not last forever,” Chief of Staff of the Presidential Administration Sergei Ivanov told national Vesti-24 TV Channel.

The United States never needs the middle-range and tactical missiles as they could only target “Mexico or Canada,” while Russia is now facing the threat of mid-range missiles from dozens of neighbouring countries, he said.

In 1987, the United States and the former Soviet Union signed the treaty, which eliminated nuclear and conventional ground-launched ballistic and cruise missiles with intermediate ranges, defined as between 500 and 5,500 km.

**Suicide bomb kills at least 13 people in Pakistan**

PESHAWAR, 22 June—A suicide bombing at a Pakistani religious centre killed at least 13 people on Friday, the third major attack to test the new government since the Taliban vowed revenge for a US drone strike that killed its deputy commander.

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“I have to obey the law. But we’ve signed the agreement,” he added, “Any such (extradition) arrangement between the US and Hong Kong will be carried out under Hong Kong Law Chapter 503.”

He did not say whether Hong Kong has received an extradition request from the United States.

Chapter 503F, titled “Fugitive Offenders (United States of America) Order”, allows Hong Kong to handle US whistleblower case.

**US leaves about 700 combat-ready troops in Jordan after exercise**

WASHINGTON, 22 June—The United States, keeping a wary eye on Syria’s civil war, has left about 700 combat-equipped troops in Jordan after a training exercise.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, speaking for the first time since US President Barack Obama said on Friday, after previously deciding to leave Patriot missiles and warplanes there.

Obama said the deployment was done at the request of the Jordanian government, which fears a spillover of the war into its territory and where an estimated half-million Syrian refugees have fled to escape the bloodshed.

In a letter to House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, the president said the troops deployed to Jordan as part of a training exercise that ended on Thursday would remain behind.

“They will stay until the security situation becomes such that they are no longer needed,” Obama said.

This detachment that participated in the exercise and remained in Jordan includes Patriot missile systems, fighter aircraft, and related support, command, and communications personnel and systems,” Obama said.

Obama has taken a go-slow approach on Syria. His administration took weeks to conclude last week that the Syrian government had used chemical weapons, killing an estimated 100 to 150 people.

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**British Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in Cheltenham is seen in this undated handout aerial photo released in London on 18 Oct 2010.—Reuters**

**Photo taken on 21 June, 2013, shows the closing ceremony of the fifth session of the 13th National Assembly (NA) of Vietnam in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam. The fifth session of the 13th National Assembly (NA) of Vietnam wrapped up in Vietnam’s capital Hanoi on Friday, with nine bills and two resolutions adopted by the lawmakers.—Xinhua**

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Europe tests reusable spaceship

PARIS, 22 June—The European Space Agency is preparing to launch an experimental reusable spaceship next summer following a successful atmospheric test flight this week, officials said at the Paris Airshow.

A mock-up built by Thales Alenia Space was dropped from a helicopter flying 1.9 miles above the Mediterranean near Sardinia on Wednesday to check its handling and parachute system, company officials said.

The 14.4 foot long (4.4 metre) craft, known as “IXV” as it is an intermediate experimental vehicle, splashed down in the ocean and was retrieved by an awaiting ship.

The test flight clears IXV for a follow-on demonstration run beyond the Earth’s atmosphere in August next year. That programme, in turn, paves the way for an orbital prototype dubbed “Pride”, slated to launch in 2018.

The aim is to help Europe develop an autonomous atmospheric re-entry system that could be used on vehicles flying experiments in space, Roberto Provera, director of space transportation programmes for Thales Alenia Space, told Reuters.

“It’s the first time in Europe that we’ve tried something like this,” Provera said, adding that it could eventually be used to carry people.

The vehicles are similar to but smaller than the US military’s X-37B Orbital Test Vehicles, built by Boeing. Like NASA’s now-retired space shuttle, they have “lifting body” designs shaped to produce lift without airplane-like wings.

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Small step for quantum computing, giant leap for qubits

SYDNEY, 22 June—Australian researchers have taken the next step in an incremental journey to developing the first large-scale quantum computer.

The world’s potentially fastest computer system will be made up of tricky little building blocks called quantum bits, or qubits — consisting of a single electron bound to a phosphorus atom.

Information is stored in the spin of each qubit electron, which can be moving in two directions at once. The qubits need to be placed with atomic precision, only a few nanometres apart, for the system to work.

Scientists have previously encountered difficulties in making qubits, placing them so close together, distinguishing individual qubits from their neighbours, and controlling their spin independently.

University of New South Wales (UNSW) researchers, who prefer to work with qubits in a silicon chip, have proposed a solution to each of these challenges, working with Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico.

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SAN FRANCISCO, 22 June—Apple Inc Chief Executive Tim Cook’s one-time stock award worth over $413 million as of Friday is now partly subject to the performance of the shares, a move that followed discussions with the company’s largest shareholders.

Cook, who has presided over a 42 percent drop in Apple’s share price since it touched a high of $705 in September, approached the board to impose a performance criteria on his yet-to-be-vested stocks, according to a filing on Friday.

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

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MUFG plans $4.1 billion buy of Thai Bank of Ayudhya

Tokyo, 22 June—Japan’s Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) is in advanced talks to acquire a majority stake in Bank of Ayudhya Pcl (BAY.BK), Thailand’s fifth-largest lender, in a deal worth over $4 billion, sources familiar with the matter said on Saturday, marking a major turn in the protracted negotiation complicated by Thai regulations.

A pedestrian is reflected on a logo of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ in Tokyo on 13 Dec 2012. -REUTERS

Daycare may benefit kids of depressed mothers

New York, 22 June—Children of depressed mothers are less likely to have emotional problems if they attend daycare, a new Canadian study suggests.

Researchers have known that depressed women are more likely to have kids who also develop depression and anxiety disorders, and that those problems can extend through the teenage years.

It’s interesting to think of this as a possible type of intervention and a way of supporting mothers in general, but especially mothers who are at risk,” said Catherine Herba, from the University of Quebec at Montreal. The researchers followed close to 1,800 children born in Quebec Montreal. The researchers said Catherine Herba, from the University of Quebec at Montreal. The researchers followed close to 1,800 children born in Quebec through the child’s fifth birthday.

Women were regularly surveyed about their depression symptoms and reported on their child’s emotional problems and separation anxiety, as well as the type of childcare they used. About 19 percent of mothers had depression symptoms during the study period. And as previous research has suggested, their children were almost twice as likely to develop emotional problems and separation anxiety before age five, Herba’s team wrote in JAMA Psychiatry.

However, being in childcare seemed to mitigate that effect. The association was particularly strong for group-based childcare, as opposed to care provided by a relative or babysitter.

Colin cancer screening tied to better outcomes

New York, 22 June—People who are diagnosed with colon cancer after routine colonoscopies tend to have better outcomes and less advanced cancers than people diagnosed based on symptoms, says a new study. Those who were diagnosed with colon cancer as a result of symptoms were three times more likely to die during the study than the patients diagnosed after colonoscopy screenings, researchers found.

“It’s in line with its current use. It shows that colonoscopy appears to be beneficial in reducing deaths in those diagnosed with colorectal cancer,” said Dr Chyke Doubeni, who studies colonoscopy use but wasn’t involved in the new research.

Colon cancer is the third most common cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in the US, according to the government-backed US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), which recommends that people between ages 50 and 75 get screened by colonoscopy every ten years. During a colonoscopy, a doctor uses a long flexible tube equipped with a tiny video camera to see the interior of the colon.

According to the study authors, the incidence of colon cancer in the US has dropped by about 6 percent since the first national colonoscopy guidelines were introduced in 2000 — mostly due to doctors catching and removing precancerous polyps during screening.

Still, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that about 22 million people are not up-to-date with their colon cancer screenings. For the new study, Dr Ramzi Amri and colleagues from Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston analyzed data on all people who underwent colon cancer surgery at their hospital from 2004 through 2011.

A French doctor operates a patient by colonoscopy at the Ambroise Pare hospital in Marseille, southern France on 25 March 2008. -REUTERS

FDA approves Theravance’s lung drug for wider use

New York, 22 June—The US Food and Drug Administration approved Theravance Inc’s antibiotic lung drug to treat a type of bacterial pneumonia affecting hospitalized patients, particularly those on ventilators.

The drug, Vibativ, will reach the market in the third quarter of 2013 for its expanded use. The drug is already approved in the United States and Canada to treat bacterial skin infections.

The disease, also known as nosocomial pneumonia, is a serious lung infection as patients, particularly those on ventilators, often cannot fight the infection.

The regulator said on Friday that Vibativ will be prescribed only when alternative treatments are not suitable and the expanded use is to treat only bacterial pneumonia due to staphylococcus aureus. Vibativ is already approved in Europe for the treatment of hospital-acquired with nosocomial pneumonia.

Theravance’s shares were up about 2 percent at $38.25 in after-market trading.

The shares closed up 10 percent at $37.5 on the Nasdaq following a Daily Mail’s market report that GlaxoSmithKline is lining up a $55 per share bid for Theravance.

Oracle’s Ellison may be interested in second Hawaiian airline

HONOLULU, 22 June—Billionaire Oracle CEO Larry Ellison may be interested in acquiring a second Hawaii airline after he bought most of the tropical island of Lanai last year.

Island Air, a Honolulu-based carrier with a handful of island-hopping planes that Ellison bought for $26 million, confirmed discussions between Island and Phoenix-based Mesa Air Group, the parent company of Hawaiian’s interisland go! Airlines.

“We are committed to building a strong regional airline and part of that process is exploring all options including discussions with Mesa Air,” Island Air Chief Executive Officer Paul Casey said in a one-sentence statement.

Hawaiian’s Star-Advertiser newspaper reported on Thursday that Ellison was arranging to take control of go! Airlines, citing an unnamed source familiar with the deal.

Mesa CEO Jonathan Ornstein was not immediately available for comment. A spokeswoman said the airline flies 40 flights a day in Hawaii using a fleet of five 50-seat CRJ-200 jets.

Oracle declined to comment.

Hawaiian aviation historian Peter Forman said a deal for Island Air to purchase go! would not only secure more flights for Ellison’s island of Lanai, but also could indicate that Ellison intends to become a player in the Hawaiian airline market.

Many industry observers have expected another airline to enter Hawaii to compete with Hawaiian Airlines for the tourist-rich interisland market. Combining go! and Island Air would give Ellison critical mass and a platform from which to compete.
GERMANY, Turkey summon envoy in row over protests, EU

BERLIN, 22 June—Germany and Turkey summoned each other’s Ambassadors on Friday for tit-for-tat reproaches in an escalating row over Chancellor Angela Merkel’s criticism of a crackdown on protesters in Turkey and her reluctance to see the country join the European Union.

After Merkel said she was “appalled” by Ankara’s response to the protests, a Turkish cabinet minister accused her on Thursday of blocking Turkey’s access to the EU because she was “looking for domestic political material for her elections.”

Berlin responded on Friday by summoning the Turkish envoy to the German foreign ministry—and Turkey retaliated.

Barring a last-minute change of heart by Germany, the EU looks set early next week to postpone or cancel plans to open a new “chapter” in Turkey’s membership talks next Wednesday.

Such a move would cast doubt on the future of Turkey’s long-running negotiations to join the EU and a senior Turkish official has said it would draw a “strong reaction” from Ankara.

Many EU countries support the opening of more negotiations with Turkey next week on its long path to membership. They argue that Turkey’s fast-growing economy, youthful population and diplomatic clout would bolster the EU. But Germany has criticised Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan’s forceful response to weeks of anti-government protests and appears to be refusing to agree to open a new negotiation area, potentially the first such step in three years.

Merkel’s conservatives oppose Turkish EU membership in their platform for September’s election, saying it would “overburden the country’s size and economy”, though Merkel has stopped short of calling a halt to accession talks.

“Neither the chancellor nor the government are questioning the accession process in any way. We are not talking about ‘whether’, just about ‘how’, to continue the accession process,” German foreign minister Berlin responded on Friday by summoning the German envoy to Ankara, with a senior Turkish official has summoned the German envoy to Ankara, with a senior Turkish official and diplomatic in Ankara’s comments were “unacceptable” and Ankara’s envoy to Berlin had been summoned for consultations in the afternoon.

Turkey reacted by summoning the German envoy to Ankara, with a senior Turkish official telling Reuters: “We want to convey our views on recent developments.”

More arms for Syria mean more war crimes

UNITED NATIONS, 22 June—Increasing the flow of weapons to Syria’s government and rebel forces will most likely cause an increase in war crimes in a two-year-old civil war that has killed more than 90,000 people, a UN human rights investigator warned on Friday. “States who provide arms have responsibilities in terms of the eventual use of those arms to commit ... war crimes or crimes against humanity,” said Paolo Pinheiro, who chairs a UN Commission of Inquiry on rights violations in Syria.

“Those arms will contribute to the escalation of war crimes,” he told reporters. “We are very much worried that more arms will signify an increasing presence of those violations.”

The US President Barack Obama decided a week ago to provide military aid to rebels trying to overthrow Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, citing his government’s alleged use of chemical weapons.

Earlier this month Pinheiro said in a report to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva that his team had reasonable grounds to believe that limited amounts of chemical weapons had been used in Syria and warned that the country was in “free-fall”.

His team’s report said it had received allegations that Syrian government forces as well as rebels had used banned weapons, but most testimony related to their use by state forces.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement Friday that Canada will continue to provide additional assistance if requested by provincial authorities, Harper said, “We hope for a speedy end to the flooding and return to safe conditions as soon as possible.”

Many neighbourhoods in Calgary have been closed due to river water creeping into yards and streets.

Calgary officials have declared a state of emergency in anticipation of heavy flows from the Elbow and Bow rivers reaching the city.

The city has issued mandatory evacuation orders that could force up to 100,000 residents to leave over the next few days as communities across southern Alberta deal with heavy rain and widespread flooding.

With a population of a little more than one million, oil-rich Calgary is the largest city in Alberta, and the third largest in Canada.
HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES

State Chief Minister visits food poisoned victims

MYITKINA, 22 June—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai visited food poisoning patients in Myitkyina General Hospital on 17 June morning.

He was accompanied by State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Bi Hlaw Zaung and officials.

They suffered from food poisoning in a donation ceremony by U Labantan in honour of his daughter who passed this year’s matriculation examination in Jummaung Village in Myitkyina in Kachin State.

A total of 150 patients at the ceremony suffered from food poisoning after having Biriani offered at the ceremony. All are now recovered at the hospital.

MMAL-State IPRD

Free medical care provided in Ponnagyun Tsp

PONNAGYUN, 22 June—Under the directive of the head of Rakhi State Health Department, head of Ponnagyun Township Health Department Dr Thein Maung led a group of health staff, township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson Daw Moe Moe and members, township Women’s Affairs Organization members who visited Yongu Village in Ponnagyun Township on 16 June to provide healthcare to local villagers.

They gave educative talks on most common health problems in the villages and provided home care to 65 elders. The team also distributed power nets to 248 households of the village.

A total of 20,330 sterilized mosquito nets have been distributed to 10,165 households in the township. The township department will continue to make field trips to remote areas and provide free medical care.

MMAL-Lay Wadi Tun

School uniforms, stationery provided to primary school children

YANGON, 22 June—Township General Administration Department and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association provided school uniforms and stationery worth K175,000 for primary school students in Alatchaung, Aukyone, Aletenyi, Ayeywa, Wayonesek and Seikkyi primary schools in Kyimonye Township in Yangon West District in Yangon Region at No (15) Monastery.

MMAL-042

British director to give screenplay lectures in Myanmar

YANGON, 22 June—British Council, Yangon Film Movie and Myanmar Motion Picture Organization will jointly conduct a screenplay course for experienced script writers.

British writer and film maker Rachel Matthews will give lectures at the course which covers creative writing and screenplay writing.

A total of 16 trainees will be selected from applicants and the lectures will be provided in both English and Myanmar. Application forms are available at Myanmar Motion Picture Organization office and the submission will be closed on 15 July.

The course will be opened in MMPO office in Bahan Township in Yangon daily from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm on 19-31 August.

MMAL-Myi Than Zaw

Child born on board express bus

PATEIN, 22 June—A child was born on Shwe Minthar Passenger Bus from Pathein to Ngwehsaung on 17 June. The bus tried to reach the nearest Pathein hospital before expectant mother Ma Kay Thway Aung of Bukwgyi Village gave birth to the baby on board in Pathein.

Many people in Myanmar believe that a child born on board is the sign of luck for the owner of the vehicle.

MMAL-Soe Moe

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Lewe

LEWE, 22 June—Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank (branch) of Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area disbursed agricultural loans of K72.5 million for 725 acres of farmlands for monsoon paddy being operated by 150 farmers on 17 June.

The bank will continue to disburse loans to farmers as per its rules and regulations for monsoon paddy.

MMAL-Min Min Latt ( Mandalay University)
Nayone full moon day commemorates Mahasamaya Sutta Day

Maha Saddhamma jotika dhaja Sthu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

Asia Foundation donates publications for libraries

Yangon, 22 June—Jointly-organized by US embassy in Myanmar and the Asia Foundation, the 9th publications donation ceremony took place at American Center on Tawin Street in Dagon Township, yesterday noon.

It was attended by officials from the US embassy and the Asia Foundation, departmental personnel and library in-charges from the universities. A total of over 12,000 publications were donated by the Asia Foundation at the ceremony.

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CONSTRUCTION

Encircled zeds of Shwedagon Pagoda to be renovated

YANGON, 22 June—The Office of Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees will renovate encircled zedis of the pagoda in the open season in 2013.

The wellwishers are invited to offer golden robes and renovate for 19 encircled zeds. The original donors and wellwishers wishing to make donation may contact the office of pagoda board of trustees not later than 31 September. For further detail, dial Ph-01-383511, extension (282) and 01-375767.

YKMON shine Thoo

YCDC to construct recycle power plant, incinerator

YANGON, 22 June—Yangon City Development Committee will start construction of recycle power plant and incinerator which can generate two kinds of power from 1600-ton garbage per day in November.

Methane gas will be taken from the gas produced by the plants and will be produced compress biomethane.

Electricity generation will be undertaken by constructing incinerator instead of CNG.

The power generation plant will be built in Dagon Myothit (North) Township and incinerator in Hlinethaya Township.

YKMON shine Thoo

LOCAL NEWS

HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Free traditional medical treatment given to people

MONYWA, 22 June—A medical team comprising traditional medicine practitioners led by Medical Superintendent U Nay Aung of Monywa Traditional Medicine Hospital (50-bed) of Sagaing Region provided health care services to the local people in Leinong Village of Pale Township in Monywa District in Sagaing Region on 16 June.

The medical superintendent gave lectures on seasonal common diseases and protection against outbreak of diseases to the local people.

Next, the medical superintendent presented 300 copies of journals to the village library through the village administrator.

The medical team performed free medical checkup to 220 local people.

KYMOM-Monywa District IPRD

SPORTS

SEA Game billboard erected in Kawhthoung

KAWHTHOUNG, 22 June—The billboard of XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in Myanmar was erected in Kawthoung District on 19 June morning.

The billboard, 40 by 60 feet, is located on Bogyoke Street.

KYMOM-U Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung IPRD)

ACCIDENT

One dead, six injured in Kyaiiko car accident

KYAIKTO, 22 June—One was dead and six injured in a car accident near Pyithu Market on Bogyoke Road in Gangaw Ward of Kyaiiko in Mon State on 19 June.

A passenger car heading to Mawlamyine from Bago hit the back of a car loaded with dried fish and fish paste, which was parking near the incident. Passenger car’s driver U Paik Si died on the spot.

Passengers Ma Thin Than Oo, U Zaw Win Aye, U Tin Naing, Ma Ni Ni, U Tin Nu and Ma Htet Htet Moe Oo sustained injuries but they are not in critical condition.

Kyaiiko police station has filed a lawsuit against the case.

KYMOM-Township IPRD

CRIME

Illegal trafficking of cows, oxen seized in Mawlu

MAWLU, 22 June—SIP Aung Aung Than, leader of surveillance squad of Mawlu Police Station and party together with local authorities, acting on tip-off, seized two oxen and seven cows to be brought to Kachin State along Nanyon-Gwaygyi road via Sipein Village together with three persons namely Win Naing, Aung Min Htwe and Than Win Aung. Those persons did not have any endorsements to bring the cattle to Kachin State.

Mawlu Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Win Naing, 33, son of U San Tun of Sipein Village, Aung Min Htwe, 30, son of U Than Maung of Sipein Village, Than Win Aung, 24, son of U Hla Shwe of No. 1 and No. 3 Basic Education Departments. They also shared health knowledge to the students at various schools. He will demonstrate and clarify free spraying at the various schools in Hlegu Township with the permission of the district education officer in this month.

KYMOM-Min Htwe Paing (Hlinethaya)

KYMOM-Monywa

STIMULANT TABLETS SEIZED IN KYAIKTO

KYAIKTO, 22 June—Police sub-inspector Thaung Hla and members from Kyaiiko Police Station of Mon State searched the house of Myo Myint Aung of Sipein Village and arrested the owner Win Naing, 33, son of U San Tun of Sipein Village, Aung Min Htwe, 30, son of U Than Maung of Sipein Village, Than Win Aung, 24, son of U Hla Shwe of Sipein Village under the law.

The police station filed a lawsuit against him in connection with the case.

KYMOM-Myint-U Kyaw Soe (Kyaiiko IPRD)

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Facebook admits year-long data breach
exposed six million users

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 June—Facebook Inc has inadver-
tently exposed 6 mil-
lion users’ phone numbers and email addresses to un-
authorized viewers over the past year, the world’s largest social network­ing company disclosed late on Friday.

Facebook blamed the data leaks, which began in 2012, on a technical glitch in its massive archive of contact information collect-
ed from its 1.1 billion users worldwide. As a result of the glitch, Facebook users who did not publicize contact data for their list of friends obtained additional infor-
mation that they were not supposed to have.

Facebook’s security team was alerted to the bug last week and fixed it within 24 hours. But Facebook did not public­ly disclose the bug until Friday after-
noon, when it published an “important message” on its blog explaining the issue.

A Facebook spokes-
man said the delay was due to company procedure stipulating that regulators and affected users be noti-
ﬁed before making a public announce-
ment.

“We currently have no evidence that this bug has been exploited maliciously and we have not received complaints from users or seen anomalous behavior on the tool or site to suggest wrongdoing,” Facebook said on its blog.

While the privacy breach was limited, “it’s still something we’re upset and embarrassed about and we’ll work doubly hard to make sure nothing like this happens again,” it added.

The breach follows re-
cent disclosures that several consumer Internet compa-
nies turned over troves of user data to a large-scale electronic surveillance programme run by US intelligence.—Reuters

Storm injures 39 at Swiss gymnastics
festival

GENEVA, 22 June—A storm sweeping across western Switzerland late on Thursday has injured 39 people, with six seri-
ously wounded, at the Fed-
al Gymnastics Festival in Biel, local media reported on Friday.

A tent collapsed due to the strong winds and caused the most injuries after par-
ticipants were hit by struc-
tural elements, and the most seriously hurt were suf-
ering from back and head injuries, reported Swissinfo website. The event resumed on Friday after emergency repairs overnight. Up to 180 soldiers provided im-
mediate assistance to the evacuation of the injured people and to the restora-
tion throughout the night, according to the Swiss de-
fense ministry.

Over 60,000 people took part in the festival, which takes place over ten days and is held once every six years. The storm, bring-
ning hail, heavy rain and winds reaching speeds up to 130 kilometres per hour, moved in from the south, striking Geneva before head-
ing northwards Thursday. Flights at the city’s airport were delayed as were trains in the region.—Xinhua

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Magnum 5.2 quake hits
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MILAN, 22 June—A magnitude 5.2 earthquake was felt across central and northern Italy on Friday, caus-
ing some minor dam-
ga in rural areas but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

The epicentre of the quake, which hit at about 12:33 pm (6.33 am EDT) last week at a celebration of his ruling party VMRO-
DPMNE founding day.

He added that Macedo-
nia has to prepare short- and long-term plans that will estab-
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was between the towns of Massa and Lucca in Tus-
cany and La Spezia in the Liguria region, the national geophysics institute said.

The tremor was felt in Milan, the largest city in northern Italy, and as far north as the Friuli region near the border with Slove-

The mayor of Casola in Lunigiana, a small town in the Tuscan countryside, told Italian television the quake had caused cracks on some old buildings and mi-

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Death toll from northern Indian flood rises to 550

NEW DELHI, 22 June—The official toll from the flash flood in the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand has risen to 550, and over 50,000 people are stranded, the state chief said on Friday evening.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Vijay Bahuguna confirmed that the death toll has doubled since Friday.

Floods and landslides, triggered by heavy rainfall, hit northern India on Sunday, with Uttarakhand being the worst affected state where hundreds of buildings were washed away. And those killed included local residents as well as pilgrims visiting the state.

The Home Minister Shinde, who is to visit the flood-hit areas on Saturday, said the death toll could rise further, though rains have stopped in the state famous for its several pilgrimage spots. The Indian military has been continuing its rescue operations.

Apart from Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh releasing millions of rupees for floods relief, the country’s ruling Congress chief Sonia Gandhi has asked the party’s Members of Parliament and state legislators to contribute their one month salary for Uttarakhand’s natural calamity.

However, the Indian media say that the floods are “man-made,” due to rampant construction, mining and massive power projects in the northern states.

Jakarta takes action against haze, sends aircraft to put out fires

JAKARTA, 22 June—Indonesia on Friday dispatched planes and helicopters to battle the fires in Sumatra responsible for the haze crisis in Singapore and Malaysia, the National Disaster Mitigation Agency said, adding the 10 aircraft sent to Riau Province will start their operation on Saturday.

The move follows a meeting in Jakarta on Thursday between Indonesian and Singaporean government officials, who discussed ways to deal with the environmental crisis.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono appointed the National Disaster Mitigation Agency to lead the haze control operation, which aims at extinguishing hotspots on Sumatra Island within one month.

Most fires are located in Sumatra’s Riau Prov-ince, where 187 hotspots were detected by Wednesday, according to the Specialized Meteorological Centre of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Firefighters have so far been battling the fires, struggling with poor infrastructure and limited water resources.

Despite the obstacles, they have been successful in their mission, agency spokesman Suparto Nugroho told a Press conference.

“The latest development from Riau is the hot spots decreased to 60. The firefighters in the land are continuing their hard work to put out the fire spots,” he said.

With most fires located in dense forest areas, the teams will use water-bombing and cloud-seeding to try to chemically induce rain.

One of the 10 aircraft, a CASA 212 200 Rain Maker carrying 1 ton of salt, departed from Banjarmasin, the capital of South Kalimantan, he said.

Rescuers search for survivors after a boat capsized in the Arabian Sea near Pakistan’s southern port city of Karachi, on 21 June, 2013. At least 15 people went missing when a boat capsized in the Arabian Sea near Karachi on Friday, local media reported.—XINHUA

Philippines crushes 5 tons of elephant tusks

MANILA, 22 June—The Philippines government on Friday crushed 5 tons of elephant tusks confiscated since 1996 to show its commitment against the illegal wildlife trade.

Identified as a trade route and transit country for elephant tusks, the Philippines would be the first country outside Africa and in Asia to destroy its stock of ivory, which authorities estimate to be worth around 20 million pesos ($10 million).

“Elephants may not walk among us here in the Philippines. But we share the same sentiments as the countries in Africa and Asia because like them, we also have our own wildlife that are as important, as scenic, and as endangered, like the Philippine eagle and tamaraw,” Theresa Mundita Lim of the Philippine Department of Environment and Natural Resources said.

The elephant tusks, crushed using heavy equipment and to be burned afterward, were smuggled into the country from 1996 to 2009 from eight different shipments from Tanzania, Zambia and Uganda.

15 missing as boat capsizes off near Karachi, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 22 June—At least 15 people went missing when a boat capsized off in the Arabian Sea near Pakistan’s southern port city of Karachi on Friday, local media reported.

 Urdu TV channel ARY said that a boat with over 50 people on board overturned near Karachi’s Gwadar Port. Rescue team recovered 35 people and shifted them to a hospital where at least eight of them are said to be in critical condition.

The boat was carrying locals and tourists from Karachi to Ratnagiri in Oman, when it drowned. Rescue officials said that the boat sank due to overloading as it had the capacity to load 30 people but it was carrying over 50 people.

Search for the missing people is underway and three boats of Maritime security Forces are taking part in the rescue operation.—XINHUA

Vietnam, Cuba cement cooperative ties

HANOI, 22 June—Vietnam and Cuba should continue maintaining, preserving and promoting their long-standing traditional friendship and solidarity, a senior official said here on Friday.

Vietnamese National Assembly (NA) Chairman Nguyen Sinh Hung made the statement when receiving First Vice President of the Council of State and Member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Cuba Miguel Diaz Canel during the latter’s visit to Vietnam.

Hung spoke highly of the visit, saying it is a vivid manifestation for the traditional friendship and comprehensive cooperation between Vietnam and Cuba.

The two sides should increase the exchange of delegations, especially high-level ones, to make orientations for developing bilateral ties, he said. For his part, the Cuban leader said his visit aims to enhance the traditional friendship and comprehensive cooperation between the two nations and peoples.

He informed the host of his talks with Vice President Nguyen Thi Doan, saying that the two sides agreed on a number of measures to boost cooperation in the areas of agriculture, telecommunication, infrastructure development and oil and gas exploitation.—XINHUA

Rescuers work at the site of collapsed residential building in Thane District on the outskirts of Mumbai, India, on 21 June, 2013. Ten people were killed and several others were feared trapped under the debris of a three-storey building near Mumbai on Friday, the financial capital of India, according to local media reports.—XINHUA

Malaysian govt calls for regional cooperation against haze

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 June—Malaysian government on Friday called for regional cooperation against the hazardous air that shrouds the part of its country and Singapore recently.

“It is important that ASEAN nations work together in a spirit of co-operation to tackle this problem,” said a official statement.

Five areas recorded “Very Unhealthy” air quality by Friday evening, according to the Department of Environment, as the southern part of Malaysia was among the worst hit by the annual haze, largely attributed to the smoke from forest fires in Sumatra, Indonesia brought by the southwestern monsoon winds.

At least several hundred schools were temporarily shut down due to health concerns. Malaysian government recently isolated four states and Environment Minister G Palanivel will travel to Indonesia and meet Indonesian government officials to discuss ways to address the issue.—XINHUA

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The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
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Myanma Radio and Television
Nay Pyi Taw

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 Pyinmana (Thapayaytaung).

Sr. Location Work name Quantity
1. Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana one-storey 120x25x12 ft 60-person, 2 Lots (Thapayaytaung) capacity RCC building with water and power supply
2. Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana one-storey 60x30x10 ft 60-person, 1 Lot (Thapayaytaung) capacity mess hall of Brick Masonry Building with water and power supply
3. Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana 8-unit 20x10x8 ft Common WC Brick 1 Lot (Thapayaytaung) Masonry Building

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 must be paid 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 tenderer 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 (Thakon).

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.

Myanma Radio and Television

China, Russia to scale up investment cooperation

St Petersburg, 22 June
—investment cooperation between China and Russia will see further expansion, economists said on Friday. “Russia is preparing for numerous projects, of which we see a considerable sum promising.” Hu Bing, president of the Russia-China Investment Fund (RCIF), told Xinhua on the sidelines of the 17th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum.

The Russian Direct Investment Fund and China Investment Corporation established the 2-billion-US-dollar RCIF when President Vladimir Putin visited China last June. “We expect at least 1 billion to 2 billion dollars will come from third parties.”

Hu said the fund had invested about 170 million dollars into a forestry project in Russia’s Far East and was mulling more investment.

“Direct trade is not enough to level up the China-Russia relations,” he said, “Investments, instead, will strengthen the ties in longer term.”

Damian Chunilal, CEO Asia for Russia’s VTB Capital, told Xinhua that Asia, especially China, has seen tremendous growth opportunities.

“E-conomy grows, we do expect FDI (foreign direct investment) to grow as well. Chunilal said, “China is our priority.”

“The models for investment cooperation could be flexible. “It might be joint ventures, it might be direct investments or taking share holdings,” he said.

Currently, more than 30 Chinese companies longing to set foot in Russia have been in touch with VTB Capital, Chunilal said.

Xinhua

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. Second best time is now.
Lindsay Lohan denied permission for rehab transfer

Los Angeles, 22 June—Lindsay Lohan is undergoing a 90-day rehab stint in California. Troubled star Lindsay Lohan will not be permitted to transfer to another rehab until she completes her 90-days of court-ordered treatment at the Cliffside facility in Malibu.

The 26-year-old actress recently left the Betty Ford clinic in Rancho Mirage, California for Cliffside, reported Radar online.

“Lindsay is receiving excellent treatment at Cliffside and responding well. She hasn’t asked to go to another facility. She is happy with her current situation, and doesn’t want to leave,” a source said.

“Anyway, neither the judge nor the prosecutor would sign off on another rehab move for Lindsay, if she requested. It was made clear that allowing her to leave Betty Ford for Cliffside would be a one-time occurrence,” it added.

However, Lindsay’s father Michael Lohan wants her to transfer to a facility on the east coast, in order to be near her family.

“She wants to be on the east coast because it’s easier for family to see her,” he said.

Lindsay’s mother Dina believes she will continue to flourish in her latest rehab facility.—PTI

Sandra Bullock turns down Annie remake twice

Los Angeles, 22 June—Actress Sandra Bullock has reportedly turned down a role in the remake of the movie Annie for the second time.

Bullock was in talks to portray the mean orphanage boss Miss Hannigan in the musical, but negotiations have fallen through, according to TheWrap.com, reports dailystar.co.uk.

The Speed actress has refused to be a part of the remake. Will Smith’s actress-daughter Willow had previously been cast as Annie, but she too pulled out of the project earlier this year.

The project will be coproduced by Will Smith and rap mogul Jay-Z.—PTI

Britney Spears loves yoga

Los Angeles, 22 June—Singer Britney Spears loves indulging in yoga to keep her body and mind healthy.

“I love my yoga! I’m doing a lot of yoga right now. It’s like my go-to between all anxiety and everything,” huffingtonpost.com quoted Spears as saying.

The 31-year-old was not always fond of yoga.

“The first time I did yoga, I didn’t like it at all. I think the key is finding a good teacher. Someone you kind of connect with,” she said.

“If you do find that person, it doesn’t feel like you’re bored or impatient because I’ve been in tons of classes, where I’m so over it and I can’t deal and want it to end, but I think if you find the right instructor, it does wonders for your body,” she added.—PTI

Angelina Jolie visits Syrian refugees in Jordan

Los Angeles, 22 June—Actress-philanthropist Angelina Jolie visited refugees at the Jordan border recently.

The 38-year-old actress, who had undergone double mastectomy earlier this year, was photographed crouching down while listening to firsthand accounts from refugees and taking notes, reported Us magazine.

She posted the purpose of her visit on the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees’ website.

“To show support for Syria’s refugees, to call on the world to address their plight, and to better understand needs in Jordan and other countries in the region most directly affected by this devastating conflict.

“The international response to this crisis falls short of the vast scale of this human tragedy. Much more humanitarian aid is needed, and above all, a political settlement to this conflict must be found,” the website read.

Jolie travelled solo on the trip, as her fiance Brad Pitt is busy promoting his new film World War Z.—PTI
**FIFA to use spray for free kicks at under-20 World Cup**

ZURICH, 22 June—An aerosol spray to help referees mark the spot where a free kick is being used in a FIFA tournament for the first time at the Under-20 World Cup which kicked off in Turkey on Friday.

Referees at the event can use the spray to mark the spot where a free kick should be taken as well as where the wall should stand nine metres away to prevent encroaching.

“To have made a debut in a FIFA World Cup is undoubtedly the most important step we’ve taken together with the approval given us by IFAB (the International FA Board),” the spray’s Argentine inventor and producer Pablo Silva told Reuters. “The spray, approved by football’s rule-making body IFAB in March 2012 for use in any competition worldwide, has been in use in South America in the region’s top club competition, the Libertadores Cup, and at domestic league level. “This obliges us to re-doubt our efforts to such an extent that if all goes well, we can get to the World Cup in Brazil next year,” said Silva, who markets the spray as “Aerosol 9-15”.

The spray, which comes in a small aerosol canister, disappears between 45 seconds and two minutes after being applied and can be used on any playing surface.

Football’s world governing body, FIFA, said on its website (www.fifa.com) that all the referees at the under-20 tournament are on a list of candidates to officiate at the senior World Cup finals in Brazil next year.

Silva introduced his spray to leading referees at a recent seminar in Rio de Janeiro ahead of the Confederations Cup and said the European delegates, who had not previously seen it, were impressed.

He invented it after playing in an amateur match in which the wall came within five metres as he took a free kick and the referee let play continue and did not heed his complaints.

**Champions Bayern kick off title defence against Gladbach**

Bayern Munich’s Frank Ribery lifts up the trophy as the team celebrates victory over VfB Stuttgart in their German cup (DFB Pokal) final match at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin on 1 June, 2013.—Reuters

BERLIN, 22 June—Treble-winning Bayern Munich will launch their Bundesliga title defence with a home game against Borussia Moenchengladbach when the new season gets underway on 9 August.

The all-conquering Bavarians, who also won the German Cup and the Champions League last season, will have former Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola on the bench, the successor of Jupp Heynckes, who took on the five-time German champions.

“This is a classic,” German league (DFL) managing director Andreas Retz told reporters on Friday. “It is an attractive encounter and we look forward to another 611 attractive games.”

Champions League and Bundesliga runners-up Borussia Dortmund, who could be excused a self-congratulatory pat on the back, instead, she sounded mildly disappointed at not last season again topped the global football attendance list with an average of 80,534 fans per game, travel to Augsburg.

“Champions League competition is attractive round spot with a fourth-place finish, entertain Hamburg SV, the only team that has played continuously in the Bundesliga since its start in 1963. Newcomers Hertha Berlin host Eintracht Frankfurt and Eintracht Braunschweig take on Werder Bremen.— Reuters

**Bedding talent Vekic primed for Wimbledon at 16**

London, 22 June—When a 16-year-old like Croatia’s Donna Vekic bursts on to the big stage by reaching tournament finals the words “next big thing” are never far behind.

The pitfalls of surviving the assault course of professional women’s tennis have swallowed up many an emerging talent, yet when a former great like Chris Evert stars talking up the 31-year-old German he beat Roger Federer in the last eight, played three finals in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

If the Swiss seven-times winner gets through the quarter-final, he faces a potential clash with last year’s finalist Murray in the semi-final at the All England Club.

Second seed Murray’s opener is against world number 95 Benjamin Becker, the 31-year-old German he beat in the quarter-finals on his way to victory in the Aegon Championships at Queen’s Club last week.

If all goes to plan, Murray will face 14th seed Aljaz Bedene in the semi-final, having beaten the Frenchman in last year’s semi-finals and at Queen’s this month.

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Murray, Federer and Nadal are all scheduled to play on the opening day on Monday. In the women’s draw, top seed and defending champion Serena Williams will begin her quest for a 17th grand slam title against Luxembourg’s Mandy Minella.—Reuters

**Le Roy leaves DR Congo after World Cup exit**

LONDON, 22 June—Veteran coach Claude Le Roy has resigned as coach of Democratic Republic of Congo after their World Cup hopes ended last weekend, the country’s football federation said on Friday.

Le Roy ended a second stint in charge of the Congolese side after they were held to a 0-0 draw at home by Cameroon on Sunday, failing to reach the race for places at next year’s finals in Brazil.

It ends a ninth tenure as national team coach for the 65-year-old Frenchman, one of the most recognisable figures in African football.

Le Roy helped Congo to qualify for the last Nations Cup finals in South Africa to extend his own record for the most games coached as coach but for the first time in six tournaments failed to get his side past the first round.

In the World Cup qualifiers, DR Congo have won one match in their five games thus far. Le Roy also had two stints in charge of Cameroon and has been in charge of Ghana, Malaysia, Oman, Senegal and Syria.

**Nadal and Murray in Federer’s way at Wimbledon**

London, 22 June—Roger Federer faces a tough road to another Wimbledon final after the draw threw Novak Djokovic, Rafa Nadal and home favourite Andy Murray into the champion’s path and cleared the way for world number one Novak Djokovic.

The third seed could face Spaniard Nadal, seeded only fifth to reflect his current ranking as he works his way back from injury, in what would likely be an epic quarter-final on the grass of southwest London.

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World number one Novak Djokovic would be on course to face seven-times champion Roger Federer in the quarter-finals but will avoid any of his three main rivals until the final.

Djokovic plays Florian Mayer in his opening match and also has fourth seed David Ferrer in his half of the draw.

The eighth-times French Open winner suffered a shock second-round defeat in London last year, starts out against Belgian Steve Darcis while Federer’s first opponent is Romanian Victor Hanescu.

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**New Light of Myanmar**

Sports

Le Roy leaves DR Congo after World Cup exit
Republic of Congo receives Chinese-made MA 60 aircraft

MA 60 aircraft can carry between 52 to 60 passengers and could be converted into a cargo plane or into a VIP version. With two other planes acquired in 2005 and 2006, the New Air Congo will now have three MA 60 planes, something that will reinforce its capacity to continue operating domestic flights.

During the ceremony to hand over the aircraft, Xu Bo, the vice president of the Chinese company AVIC International which is specialized in importation and exportation of aeronautical products and technologies throughout the world, said his company was ready to “deepen and expand cooperation in the civil aviation domain, especially maintenance of the planes and personnel training.”

Adada said the cooperation will be reinforced further with the expected construction in Congo of an aircraft maintenance centre, with capability to service aircraft up to the category of the new generation Boeing 737.”—Xinhua

Sorenstam knows the pressure ahead for Park at Women’s Open

Park Inbee of South Korea waves to the crowd after a birdie putt on the back nine during the third round of the 18th Evian Masters golf tournament in Evian on 28 July, 2012. REUTERS

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Workshop on experience sharing in conflict management held

**Union Peace-making Work Committee Member Union Minister U Khin Yi delivers an address at the workshop on experience sharing in conflict management.**—MNA

**Myanmar Scout Squad meets ASEAN Scouts Association for Regional Cooperation**

**Yangon, 22 June—** A meeting between Myanmar Scout Squad and ASEAN Scouts Association for Regional Cooperation was held at the hall of No.4 Basic Education High School in Ahlon Township this afternoon.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu extended greetings, and Coordinator U Tin Nyo of Myanmar Scout Squad clarified the activities of Myanmar scout squads.

Then, officials of ASEAN Scouts Association for Regional Cooperation discussed conducting of scout training courses in Myanmar and attending of the Scout Youth Forum by Myanmar scout youth which will be held in Thailand in December, 2013.—MNA

**Mass walk activity marks International Olympic Day**

**Union Minister U Tint Hsan accepts cash donation of wellwishers.**—MNA

The mass walk activity in commemoration of the International Olympic Day from Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market to the Myanna Gems Museum on Yaza Thingaha Road, here, this morning.

Union Ministers U Tint Hsan, U Hay Aung and Dr Pe Thet Khin, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win and officials together with artists joined the mass walk activity.

In front of the museum, Union Minister U Tint Hsan and party participate in mass walk activity. —MNA

**1370 jade lots sold out at 8th day of Golden Jubilee MGE**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 22 June—** A total of 1370 jade lots were sold out through tender system today at the Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium here.

**Union FM sends felicitations to his counterpart of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 23 June —** U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, on the occasion of the National Day of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which falls on 23 June, 2013.

The Union minister said that the national goal of the State was to build a new Myanmar that allows independent and transparent all-inclusive political process and fair competition in economic process. Despite challenges of democratic transition period, participation of all was needed to address them in a peaceful way and to study the ways and means of international conflict resolution, he added.

Deputy Minister for Defence Commodore Ung Thaw and Myanmar Resident Representative Mr. Adam Cooper of HD Centre clarified matters related to the workshop.

At the workshop, the international conflict management experts will share their conflict management experiences till 25 June.—MNA

**Low pressure area formed over northwest Bay of Bengal**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 22 June—** According to the observation at 6 pm MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

**Noteworthy amounts of rainfall**

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