More efforts with added momentum to implement reform processes needed

President U Thein Sein addresses Republic of the Union of Myanmar Project Commission meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June —Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Project Commission President U Thein Sein addressed the meeting of the commission at the meeting hall of the Union Government Office in the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

The meeting was also attended by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, the Union ministers, the Attorney-General of the Union, the Auditor-General of the Union, the Chairman of Union Civil Service Board, the Region/State Chief Ministers, the deputy ministers, chairmen of the leading body of self-administered division and zones and departmental heads.

In his opening address, the President said that during the previous two years, there had been both successes and slowdowns in political, economic and social reform processes of the government as the country did not have enough democratic experiences and practices to translate the challenges into a success. He called for more efforts with added momentum to implement the reform processes, putting an emphasis on the attitudes of the people as these has been a tide of criticism that there is no change at the bottom made by the people who are willing to see a rapid change and development. (See page 9)

Meeting of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Project Commission in progress at the hall of Union Government Office in Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Russian Defence Minister General of the Army Sergey K Schoigu hold talks

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June —Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held talks with Russian Defence Minister General of the Army Sergey K Schoigu over cooperation between two forces of the country at the Ministry of Defence of Russia yesterday. Also present at the meeting were senior military officers from the Russian Defence ministers was accompanied by Deputy Defence Minister Mr Anatoly I Antonov and officers from Russian Army.

During the meeting, Russian Defence Minister General of the Army Sergey K Schoigu said he believed that the cooperation between the two forces of the country would reach higher than the current level as Russian is modernizing its armed forces.

He also discussed matters related to promoting exchanging visits of the military delegations, convenience of Myanmar military scholars in Russia and exchanging sports teams and coaches between the armed forces of the two countries.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that his visit to Russian is the new step for promoting relations and friendships between the two armed forces. The visits of military leaders including the Russian defence minister’s visit to Myanmar in May and his current visit to Russia would promote the friendship and good relations between the two forces, he added.

He hoped that Russian would share its experiences to Myanmar to overcome the challenges for democratic transition in the country, he added. The Senior General also pledged to strengthen the cooperation and friendship between the two armed forces.

After the meeting, Russian Defence Minister General of the Army Sergey K Schoigu hosted a dinner in honour of Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

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Health education given in Nay Pyi Taw

**YANGON**, 25 June — Jointly-organized by Women’s Affairs Organization and maternal and Child Welfare Association of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, an education talks on health was held at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall on 22 June.

It was attended by Patron of Nay Pyi Taw WAO and MCA Daw Kyin Khine, chairpersons and members of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee WAO and MCWA and guests.

Daw Thet Htar Tin, chairperson of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee WAO spoke on the occasion.

Next, the head of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Health Department gave talks on DHF and medical officers on dangers of HIV/AIDS and reproductive health. — MNA

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US presses Russia as mystery over Snowden deepens

WASHINGTON/MOSCOW, 25 June—The United States increased pressure on Russia on Monday to hand over Edward Snowden, the American charged with disclosing secret US surveillance programmes, and said it believed he was still in Moscow.

Snowden, until recently a contractor with the US National Security Agency, had been expected to fly to Havana from Moscow on Monday, perhaps on the way to Ecuador, according to sources at the Russian airline Aeroflot who spoke on Sunday.

But he was not seen on the daily Aeroflot flight that landed in Havana on Monday evening and the captain of the plane said he had not been aboard.

White House spokesman Jay Carney, speaking hours after the Moscow-Havana flight took off, said it was Washington’s assumption that Snowden was still in Russia and pressed Russia to use all options to expel him to the United States.

The US State Department said diplomats and Justice Department officials were engaged in discussions with Russia, suggesting they were looking for a deal to secure his return.

“Given our intensified cooperation working with Russia on law enforcement matters ... we hope that the Russian government will look at all available options to return Mr Snowden back to the US to face justice for the crimes with which he is charged,” spokesman Patrick Ventrell told reporters.

Snowden flew to Moscow after being allowed to leave Hong Kong Sunday, even though Washington had asked the Chinese territory to detain him pending his possible extradition on espionage charges.

Julian Assange, founder of anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks which is assisting Snowden, said the 30-year-old had fled to Moscow en route to Ecuador and was in good health in a “safe place” but did not say where he was now, Reuters reported.

A Russian policeman said diplomats and law enforcement partners from spokesman Zakhar Peskov, the Kremlin’s spokesperson, would continue to report on Mr. Snowden’s whereabouts.

Separately, a bomb placed in a cafe in the northern city of Mousli killed five people, pushing Monday’s death toll over 40.

Insurgents, including al-Qaeda’s Iraqi affiliate, have been recruiting from the country’s Sunni minority, which feels sidelined following the US-led invasion that toppled former dictator Saddam Hussein and empowered majority Shi’ites.

Since the withdrawal of US troops in December 2011, critics say Shi’ite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has consolidated his power over the security forces and judiciary, and has targeted several high-level Sunni leaders for arrest.

Ten car bombs kill 39 in Iraqi capital

BAAGHRAH, 25 June—Ten car bombs exploded across the Iraqi capital on Monday, killing nearly 40 people in markets and gatherings on the evening of a Shi’ite Muslim celebration, police and medical sources said.

Some of the attacks targeted districts where Shi’ites were commemorating the anniversary of the birth of a revered Imam, but there also were explosions in mixed neighbourhoods and districts with a high population of Sunnis.

The violence reinforced a growing trend since the start of the year, with more than 2,000 people killed in militant attacks in May alone, making it the deadliest month since the sectarian bloodletting of 2006-07.

Waleed, who witnessed one of Monday’s explosions in which five people were killed in the Shi’ite stronghold of Sadr City, described a scene of chaos: “When the explosion happened, people ran in all directions.”

“Many cars were burned, pools of blood covered the ground, and glass from car windows and vegetables were scattered everywhere.”

Eight people were killed in two car bomb explosions in the central District of Karada, one of them in a car garage. Two car bombs exploded simultaneously near a market in the western District of Jihad, killing eight.

Indonesia makes first arrests amid Sumatra fires — two farmers

JAKARTA, 25 June—Indonesian police on Monday arrested two farmers for illegally starting fires to clear land in Sumatra, the first detentions linked to blazes that have blanketed neighbouring Singapore and Malaysia with thick smog for days.

Police said the two farmers were not linked to any of the eight companies the government suspects are responsible for Southeast Asia’s worst air pollution crisis in years.

The parent companies of those firms included Malaysian-listed Sime Darby, which has denied wrongdoing.

“We arrested two farmers in Riau who were clearing their land by burning. They were not working for anyone but just clearing their own land,” said Agus Rianto, deputy spokesman for the national police.

Under Indonesian law, any company or person involved in an illegal forest fire faces up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to 30 billion rupiah ($503,800).

The smog has cleared the financial centre of Singapore, with the pollution index remaining under “unhealthy levels” for the second consecutive day. It hit a record of 401 on Friday afternoon, a level considered potentially life-threatening for the ill and the elderly.

A conference on nuclear policy was postponed due to participants unwilling to travel to Singapore because of the haze. The speakers included former US secretary of state George Shultz and former secretary of defence William Perry.

Schoolchildren walking to classes nearby were also left the Kanraka/Chahbar port of Iran on 16 May and was captured by Somali pirates off Socotra island.

The pirates reportedly left the fishermen stranded in their vessel on 10 June after emptying it of food and fuel.

An Indian coast guard vessel reached the vessel on Saturday and was towing the fishing boat to the western Indian port Kochi, an Indian coast guard spokesman said.—Kyodo News

India coast guard rescues 16 fishermen stranded by Somali pirates

MUMBAI, 25 June—The Indian coast guard has rescued three Pakistani and 13 Iranian fishermen who had been held captive by Somali pirates for 25 days and later left adrift on the high seas, coast guard officials said on Monday.

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Taleban attack Afghan presidential palace

KABUL, 25 June—Taleban gunmen attacked Afghanistan’s presidential palace and surrounding buildings, including the CIA’s Afghan headquarters, early on Tuesday, with explosions and gunfire shaking the city centre.

A Reuters reporter at the palace said the attack began soon after 6.30 am (0300 BST), when at least one man opened fire with an automatic rifle at a gate to the palace in the central Shash Darak District. Karzai’s whereabouts were not immediately known, though he was due to attend a press event at the palace after 9 am (0530 BST).

Reporters had been gathering at the palace when the attack began and drove for cover as government forces returned fire. Heavy explosions were heard and the gunfire intensified.

Schoolchildren walking to classes nearby were also caught in the exchange.

The Taleban claimed responsibility in a text message to Kabul reporters from spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid. “Today at 6.30 am a number of suicide bombers attacked the presidential palace, defence ministry and the Ariana Hotel,” Mujahid said.

The Ariana Hotel is known to house the headquarters of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Afghanistan. A thick plume of smoke was seen rising from the building.

An Afghan official told Reuters the attackers had made their way into a nearby building from which they were firing. Shah Darak includes the most important buildings in Kabul, including the palace, the headquarters of NATO-led forces in Afghanistan, the Afghan Defence Ministry and the CIA’s Afghan station.

Smoke rises from the site of an attack in Kabul on 25 June, 2013.—Reuters
BlackBerry launches service to manage Android, Apple devices

TORONTO, 25 June—BlackBerry launched a service on Tuesday allowing government agencies and corporate clients to secure and manage devices powered by Google Inc’s Android platform and Apple Inc’s iOS operating system.

The long-anticipated offering, which BlackBerry had said would come out around mid-year, could help the company sell high-margin services to its large clients even if many, or all, of their workers are using smartphones made by its competitors.

The new Secure Work Space feature will be managed through BlackBerry Enterprise Service (BES) 10, a new back-end system launched at the start of this year that allows BlackBerry’s clients to control mobile devices on their internal networks.

The company, a one-time pioneer in the smartphone market, had a high-speed phone arena, is now fighting to regain ground lost to Apple’s iPhone and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd’s Galaxy devices. To compete, it has rolled out a trio of devices powered by its new BlackBerry 10 operating system.

It hopes to win back users with the Z10, Q10 and Q5 devices that were unveiled during the first half of this year. The first comprehensive look at the success of its turnaround plan will likely emerge when it reports quarterly results on Friday.

At the same time, it has indicated a shift in emphasis from smartphones to services.

“With an integrated management console, our clients can now see all of the devices they have on their network, manage those devices and connect to them securely,” David Smith, the head of enterprise mobile computing at BlackBerry, said in an interview.

“We now also have a secure work space on Android and iOS that allows our clients to secure and manage the data on those devices as well.”

BlackBerry has installed some 18,000 BES 10 servers since the system was launched in January, up from a little more than 12,000 servers one month ago, and more than 60 percent of US Fortune 500 companies are testing or using the system.

The feature, when used to manage Android and iOS devices, will allow IT managers to fence off corporate email, calendars, contacts, tasks, memos, Web browsing and document editing from personal apps and content, which could be less secure.

“The government will not pursue a mandatory data retention regime at this time and will await further advice,” Dreyfus said in a statement after the report was tabled. Conservative opposition lawmakers, who are expected to win power in September, have raised concerns about surveillance of cloud server data stored in the United States, but are still likely to support the new laws in Australia if they take office.

The influential Australian Greens Party, which holds the balance of power in the upper house, said the security and intelligence committee report reflected political and privacy concerns first raised last year about plans to collect and store the telephone and email data of all Australians.

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The report did not specifically mention the Prism programme, as its hearings were completed before the Snowden revelations about Prism.—Reuters

Australia shelves plans to store phone, Internet metadata

CANBERRA, 25 June—Australia’s government on Monday shelved plans to force phone and Internet companies to hold two years of phone call and email data following concerns raised by a parliamentary inquiry into telecommunications interception laws.

The move follows long-running advocacy campaigns in Australia, and comes in the aftermath of revelations in the United States, where spy agency contractors Edward Snowden and Dreyfus exposed secret US surveillance of vast amounts of Internet data under a programme known as Prism.

The government had wanted phone and Internet companies to hold metadata for two years to help fight criminal activity, but law-makers on the telecommunication interception inquiry called for changes. They said Internet browsing data should be excluded from the plans, and called for greater oversight of government agency access to telecommunications data by the ombudsman and the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security.

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**Gold inches up as Fed officials downplay stimulus wind-down**

**SINGAPORE, 25 June—**
Gold edged higher on Tuesday as the dollar weakened after two top Federal Reserve officials downplayed an imminent end to monetary stimulus.

* Bullion is still down more than 7 percent since the start of last week due to worries over an early end to the Fed’s $85 billion monthly bond purchases and a cash crunch in China.

* Spot gold rose 0.2 percent to $1,283.55 an ounce by 0018 GMT. It fell around 1 percent on Monday, extending last week’s 7 percent slide as fears of a cash crunch in China spooked investors, and a slide in US equities prompted bullion selling to cover margin calls.

* Comex gold rose $6 to $1,283.10.

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**Carrefour considering sale of China, Taipei businesses**

**PARIS, 25 June—**
Carrefour SA (CARR.PA) the world’s second largest retailer, is exploring a sale of its businesses in China and Taipei, including a possible initial public offering in Hong Kong or a combination of some of those assets with another company.

The Street Journal reported on Monday, citing people familiar with the matter.

An IPO route could represent around $1 billion (647.4 million pounds) in funds, the Journal said, citing a source, adding that Carrefour’s plans were still at a preliminary stage.

Carrefour has not hired bankers yet, The Wall Street

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**China central bank says to guide market rates**

**SHANGHAI, 25 June—**
China’s central bank said on Tuesday that it would guide market rates to reasonable levels, and it expected seasonal factors that caused a recent spike in interbank market rates would gradually fade.

* Appropriate liquidity management will help maintain reasonable growth in China’s money and total social financing, and the People’s Bank of China will manage liquidity in a flexible manner, Ling Tao, vice head of the central bank’s Shanghai branch, told a news briefing for a financial forum in the city.

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**Dengue cases continue to increase in Singapore**

**SINGAPORE, 25 June—**
A total of 855 new cases of dengue infections were reported in Singapore last week, the highest weekly number of new dengue cases ever, Minister of Environment and Water Resources Vivian Balakrishnan said on his Facebook page on Monday.

There were 73 new cases of dengue on Monday, bringing the total number of cases so far this year to 11,098, which is far more than what has been reported in the same period time over past years.

However, news of the epidemic has been out of the spotlight recently as the transboundary haze resulting from the illegal practice of clearing land for farming reached headlines in the region and beyond.

Balakrishnan there is no basis for the theory that hikers would reduce the mosquitoes, and there is a need to focus on both problems simultaneously.

Singapore had the worst dengue epidemic in 2005, when about 14,000 people were infected, with 25 deaths.

Dengue fever is an illness caused by infection with a virus transmitted by the Aedes mosquito, with the symptoms including fever, fatigue as well as joint and muscle pains.
**Merkel launches campaign with populist but costly promises**

BERLIN, 25 June—German Chancellor Angela Merkel launched her re-election campaign on Monday with promises her coalition partners dismissed as unfordable and even one party ally said would never see the light of day.

Merkel told leaders of her Christian Democrats (CDU) and their Christian Social Union (CSU) sister party that if she is re-elected she wants to raise child benefits, pensions for women and child raisers, pensions for the poor, for low-income workers.

At the same time as preaching austerity to other euro zone nations struggling under high debt, Merkel said she wanted to see Germany invest billions more in infrastructure and economic productivity to boost its economy, and she saidwill never see the light of day.

Merkel and CSU chairman Horst Seehofer, the Bavarian state premier who is also up for re-election in September, said there would be no tax increases to pay for the promises. The German economy is in solid shape with low unemployment.

Party leaders believe tax revenues will rise to 700 billion euros in 2017 from 600 billion in 2012 so no tax increases are needed. The government expects to have a balanced budget in 2014 and could even post a surplus soon. “That would be the wrong way to go,” said Merkel, referring to tax increases. She learned her lesson after nearly squandering a sure win in 2005 by pledging to raise value added tax (VAT) to 18 percent from 16 percent before the vote.

**Men with small children apt to work long hours**

**Tokyo, 25 June**—One in every five male workers in their 30s works more than 60 hours a week, making it difficult for them to participate in child-raising, a government 2013 white paper on low-birthrate countermeasures showed on Tuesday.

The report stressed the need to curb prolonged working hours for those with small children as a way to tackle the falling birth rate.

It found that a father with children younger than 6 years old spends only around one hour a day on child-raising and domestic tasks, around one-third of the level in the United States and Scandinavian countries.

According to the white paper, the rate of male employees working more than 60 hours a week in 2012 stood at 18.2 percent for those in their 30s, 17.5 percent for those in their 40s and 12.9 percent for those in their 50s.

It said male workers should take more child-care leave, noting that a fiscal 2011 labour ministry survey showed only 2.63 percent of them took it, compared with 87.8 percent of female workers.

The white paper also showed 20.2 percent of men and 10 percent of women have never gotten married by the age of 50. The rate of married men among non-regular workers is below the half of that of regular employees.—Kyodo News

**Plane veers off runway in Washington airport**


According to airport officials, the plane veered off runway leaving Reagan National Airport on Monday afternoon, and its landing gear on the right side got stuck in the mud. The plane was Delta flight 1763, an MD-90. Chris Paulino, an airport spokesman said the passengers have been off-loaded and crews are working to move the plane’s wheels, and there were no reports of injuries.

He said there are no reported flight delays because of the incident, and the airport’s main runway is clear and operating normally.

**Egypt steps up Gaza tunnel crackdown, dismaying Palestinians**

GAZA, 25 June—Egypt has intensified a crackdown on smuggling tunnels between Egypt and the Gaza Strip, causing a steep hike in petrol and cement prices in the Palestinian territory.

Palestinians involved in the tunnel business say that the campaign, which began in March and has included flooding of underground passages, was ramped up in the past two weeks before a wave of opposition-led protests in Egypt expected to start on 30 June.

Egyptian President Mohammed Mursi has to contend with political fire at home over a strong challenge to his authority by militant Muslims in the Sinai who have attacked Egyptian security forces in the peninsula.

Egypt’s military, struggling to fill a security vacuum in the Sinai since the removal of Hosni Mubarak was swept from power in 2011, has pledged to shut all tunnels under the Gaza border, saying they are used by militants on both sides to smuggle weapons and soldiers.

The move against the tunnels has dashed the hopes of many Palestinians that Mursi, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, to whom Hamas was born, would significantly ease Egyptian border restrictions on Gaza, which is also subject to blockade by Israel.

“Business is clinically dead,” said Abu Bassam, who employs 40 workers in a Palestinian tunnel network in Rafah, a town on the border. “Tunnels are almost shut down completely.”

Only 50 to 70 tunnels, out of hundreds that have provided a commercial lifeline for the Gaza Strip, are still open and in partial operation, owners said. Other tunnels are used to smuggle in weapons for militants from Hamas and other groups.

The Egyptian army has sternly warned residents in Sinai not to approach the fence with Gaza and to stop trading through tunnels or face punishment, according to Palestinian tunnel owners who learned about the order from Egyptian counterparts.

“Today we have to pay extra money to convince an Egyptian driver to bring goods to us... resulting in rising prices of basic materials here,” said Abi Ali, another tunnel owner, standing beside the shaft of his deserted tunnel.

The price of cement in Gaza has soared from 350 shekels (62 pounds) a tonne to 800 shekels. Palestinians who bought relatively cheap petrol smuggled from Egypt now have to pay for fuel imported from Israel selling for double the price.

For the first time in years, the white paper also showed a significant rise in permit sales to smuggle goods to the Gaza Strip, with the number of permits increasing from 4,000 in 2010 to 8,000 in 2011. The rate of male employees working more than 50 hours a week in 2012 stood at 40 percent for those in their 30s and 35 percent for those in their 40s.

**US VP to visit India, Singapore**

WASHINGTON, 25 June—US Vice President Joe Biden will visit India and Singapore in late July to underscore the importance of relations with the two nations, the White House said on Monday.

In India, Biden will discuss a full range of bilateral, regional and global issues, “with a focus on advancing the prosperity, security and shared values of our two countries,” the White House said in a statement.

US Secretary of State John Kerry was in India on 23-25 June for the fourth annual US-India Strategic Dialogue.

During his stay in Singapore, Biden will consult with leaders on a range of shared priorities, including implementing the Asia-Pacific rebalance, and highlight US “continued engagement with a key partner in Southeast Asia,” the White House said.
Riverbank erosion looms in Tanawgyun Village, Waw Tsp


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Lead the nation into a better way of life

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In our midst are the MPs through whom we could put up what we need to the parliament but it is neither be-all nor end-all. Frankly speaking, we could never be perfect filled with our utmost aspiration though the government has made much exertion to transform the nation into a modern, developed, democratic state.

With an uniring effort, our President travelled around the globe and negotiated with the world leaders in order to have all sanctions imposed against our nation relaxed while our Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw followed suit in a move to lead the nation into the better way of life. While they make every endeavor to promote our living standard by building an all-round developed nation, we need to be unfailingly lively, enterprising and considerate to help realize the aspiration.

All their endeavors are guided by the fundamental belief that at the time of global uncertainties, change and challenges, Myanmar and global nations are natural and indispensable partners. At a time when we are benefiting from the opening up of the country to the international community, we should be very mindful that the unusual unrest in the country could play into the hands of the opportunists.

As the incumbent government has led a historic change of its country with bold reform initiatives since its birth in order to further raise its global profile, we are confident that the impressive commitment of the President and the Speaker to political, economic and social reforms will bring about sustained inclusive growth in the country.

Deputy Attorney-General meets London-based media

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—U Tun Tun Oo received Deputy Attorney-General Director Alex Gros of London-based Capacity Media and party at the office of the Attorney-General of the Union this morning.

During the meeting, the deputy attorney-general of the Union replied to the queries raised by the visiting Capacity Media on potentials for engaging in information and strategy sector in Myanmar and legislative affairs, clarifying duties of the office of the Attorney-General of the Union, the office’s role in administering legislative affairs, as well as the foreign investment law and telecommunications law in Myanmar.

Beware of DHF.

New Light of Myanmar

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More efforts with added momentum to...

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He spotlighted a point that a transition period from one system to another needs to take much time according to incidents of other countries.

He continued that those countries had seen only economic and administrative reforms as political stability prevailed there; and that Myanmar had experienced difficulties and challenges like unexpected sectarian and religious conflicts, demonstrations against the acts occurred in old era and old system and natural disasters while efforts were being made to ensure a political stability in the country, bring an end to the conflicts with non-state armed groups and lift economic sanctions.

He added that the government had overcome challenges thanks to public support and public understanding, but some still remained and had decided to move forward with goodwill.

He stressed the importance of significant economic development in the country. He called on the people, in their part, to give a helping hand in the task of ensuring peace and stability and the rule of law as economic development rests on peace and stability. Instead of playing a blame game, it is required to nurture noble minds valuing a sense of cooperation among all national brethren. The government had tried hard for peace and stability of the country, putting an end to the more than 60-year-old internal armed conflicts. Peace talks with all national races were held and agreements acceptable to both parties reached. As there were no more fighting and sounds of guns and shouts, a nationwide ceasefire agreement would be signed after presenting it to the parliament.

Ceasefire does not mean peace and there would be discussions in terms of politics. The President stressed the need to strive for socio-economic development of the lagging behind border regions where peace and stability can be seen to a certain extent.

Rural development and poverty alleviation task was a government’s prioritized one. It is seen that it has yet to see success of task till now. Capital was a major need for the poor. Systematic disbursement of capital loans and job creations would bring about a significant drop in poverty alleviation rate. Region/State should make efforts for establishment of small own businesses on a competitive basis.

Meanwhile, it needed to give encouragements to those who have capitals for establishment of small and medium industries in their regions. It also needed to help them in the forms of individuals, groups and cooperative societies and to give tax exemptions to small industries.

Efforts should be made for ensuring sound foundation of agricultural sector as the country can not carry out transformation of agro-based economy to industry-based one. It needed to review five reforms for development of agricultural sector—(1) mindset changes, transformation of farmlands into valuable ones, (3) high-yield strains (4) transformation into scientific agricultural system (5) transformation into mechanized farming. It needed to give encouragement for cooperation with foreign investors and production of quality products with low costs and emergence of more local entrepreneurs. He called for development of private sector which is a country’s fourth reform process.

He continued to say that tourism industry was a major earner for hoteliers, transport industry and shops as well as tour guides. Efforts were to be made for achieving the annual target of three million tourists for the country as a whole.

In an attempt to boost production for country’s economic development, it needs to promote production, agricultural, infrastructures, energy/ mining, tourism, monetary and communication sectors annually. Only then, would country’s GDP become high significantly. And emphasis should be placed on socio-economic development of each and every citizen.

In conclusion, he urged officials to make strenuous efforts for promoting socio-economic status of each and every citizen.

After that, Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein discussed development of private sector; Union Minister U Htay Aung, development of hotels and tourism industry; Union Minister U Myat Hein, e-Government system; and Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw, five-year plan (draft) (from 2011-2012 FY to 2015-2016 FY).

Afterwards, Union Minister U Soe Thane gave a supplementary report. The meeting came to an end after the Region/State chief ministers and chairmen from Self-Administrated Region/Division discussed regional projects. The meeting will go tomorrow. MNA

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Moreover, any act which is intended or is likely to promote feelings of hatred, enmity or discord between racial or religious communities or sects is contrary to this Constitution. A law may be promulgated to punish such activity. However, it is not yet necessary to promulgate a law because a new law can cause complications to the criminal law, the penal code and other existing laws. Besides, complications can arise regarding the essence and concepts of the law among the personnel or bodies which practise laws and the people, he said.

U Thein Tun Oo replied that his question is aimed at protecting life and property of the people when unrest happens as he found the fact in the Section 364 of the constitution. U Sai Thiba Kyaw of Mongya Constituency asked how the rural area development tasks of the companies funded by the government are supervised.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win replied that the government invited tender for creating job opportunities for local people, and development tasks were carried out as from 2012-2013 FY after laying down strict rules for the companies and signed the contracts with them. A combined team comprising officials from respective state/region/township Development Affairs Departments was organized to inspect the works and to control the quality of the works, he said.

Those companies who failed to complete the work in time or who harm the people are obliged to renew their assignments or to replace the materials in accordance with the instructions of the supervisory team, he said. If they failed to complete their works, their deposit were confiscated or they are fined, he said. If there occurred damages to the works within five years, they are obliged to repair the damages.

The meeting ended at 2.15 pm. The second day meeting continues tomorrow. MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits JSC RAC MiG plant

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Next, the Commander-in-Chief enjoyed the dinner

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Russian Defence Minister General of the Army Sergey K. Shoigu inspect the Guard of honour.—MNA

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In the Republic of the Union Myanmar, the successive governments, making better use of own strength and resources, have made efforts to solve drug related problems. Taking on the duty of eradicating drug as a national duty, the government adopted plans and have been making efforts for drug eradication in the country. To be able to carry out the duty more effectively, the government has added five years to its 15-year drug elimination plan from 1999-2000 to 2013-2014, extending the plan up to 2018-2019 FY.

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With the help of local peoples, the government has been implementing alternative development projects in the area of opium poppy destroyed, in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the governments of Thailand and China. In 2012, 4006 cases of opium, heroin, opium oil, low-grade opium, marijuana, stimulant tablets and chemicals were exposed and 5740 culprits were charged. The government has pledged to implement a health-centered and human rights approach to drug users.

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Peaceful coexistence and amity among all religions discussed in Myawady

M Y A W A D Y, 25 June—A ceremony to discuss peaceful coexistence and amity among all religions in Myawady was held at the hall of Cedenar Funeral Service Association in Myawady Township on 22 June. At the ceremony, the chairman Sayadaw of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee made an opening speech.

2nd Myanmar Senior PGA Championship 2013 in Mandalay

Y A N G O N, 25 June—Organized by Myanmar Senior PGA, the 2nd Myanmar Senior PGA Championship 2013 will be held at Shwemantaung Golf Club in Mandalay from 24 to 26 July. The championship comprises the senior professionals who must be members of Myanmar Senior PGA and above 50 amateur golfer divisions. The entrance fee will be K 20000 for Myanmar senior professionals and K 5000 for amateurs. The championship will be held in line with St Andrew golf rules and regional rules. Those wishing to take part in the championship may enlist Han Golf Masters Pro-Shop, Asia Centre Golf Shooting Range (Mandalay) and Tel: 09-2037671, 09-73130474 and 09-420017835 and Shwe- mantaung Golf Club. —H

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School Environment Day
Let all basic education schools participate in activity

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They then visited farm products shops near Chaing village and looked packing small oranges at fruit packaging factory in Aliynlo village and combined harvesters and power tillers.

During Myanmar visit, the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple Sayadaw enjoyed three Buddha tooth relics and Golden Chamber consecration ceremony in Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon. He also donated religious edifices in Mandalay and renovation of ancient pagodas in Bagan. He then undertook the task of donating water in Ayeyawady Region.—MNA

Then, Staff Officer U Myo Ko Swe of Township Religious Affairs Department and Leader of funeral service association U Hta Tun participated in discussions.

Aftewards, the leaders of Buddhism, Islam and Christianity and townswelders took part in the discussions. After speaking conclusion remarks by the Taungkalay Sayadaw, those present posed for a documentary photo.

Kyemon-Nadi Myintmo (Myawady)
S Korea’s PM calls on N Korea to arrange family reunions

SEOUL, 25 June—South Korea’s Prime Minister Jung Hong Won called on Tuesday for more opportunities for families separated in Korea to reunite.

South Korea at a ceremony marking the outbreak of the 1950-1953 Korean War on 25 June, 1950, Jung said, “North Korea should take the cooperative attitude for the reunions of separated families as soon as possible.”

The first temporary reunions of families from the two Koreas were held after a landmark inter-Korean summit in 2000, the next round not until 2010. Due to deteriorating inter-Korean ties, no new date for reunions has yet been set.

About 128,000 South Koreans, mostly elderly, have applied for a reunion with their families who were left behind in the North during the Korean War. Amongst 55,000 people have died without getting the chance to see their families in the North.—Kyodo News

S Korean Coast Guard holds rescue exercise in Vietnam

HANOI, 25 June—A ship from South Korean Coast Guard on Monday anchored at the PTSC port in Vietnam’s southern coastal province of Ba Ria-Vung Tau to join a firefighting and rescue exercise there.

The South Korean Coast Guard 3012, coded 6M31, is 113 metres long, 14.2 metres wide and with a tonnage of 2,953 tons. The ship, with 68 sailors on board and carrying with it a helicopter, is one of the 33 biggest ships of the South Korean Coast Guard fleet.

Speaking at a welcoming ceremony for the ship and its crew, Colonel Ngo Ngoc Thu, deputy head and chief of staff of the Vietnam Maritime Police Department, said the visit will increase mutual understanding and strengthen the relationship between the two forces and the two countries as a whole.

It is a good chance for the two sides to share experience and promote their future cooperation, he added.

The ship is scheduled to join the Vietnam Maritime Police Region 3 on Tuesday in the exercise, and will leave for Ho Chi Minh City on the same day.—Xinhua

Singapore smog eases as Indonesian planes waterbomb fires

SINGAPORE/JAKARTA, 25 June—Air quality in Singapore improved significantly on Wednesday—from “moderate” pollution levels on Saturday, as Indone- sian planes waterbombed raging fires and in- vestigators scrambled to determine the cause of one of Southeast Asia’s worst air pollution crises.

Indonesia’s environment minister said eight domesic firms were suspected of being responsible for the blazes on North Korea to arrange family reunions.

An Indonesian plantation owner of the operating areas in Indonesia, SMART said they had a “zero burning” policy and that most, if not all, the fires raging in and near their concessions were caused by the local community.

Singapore has warned the “haze” — which has fuelled fears about health problems and raised diplomatic tension in Singapore, Indon- esia and Malaysia — could last for weeks, or even longer. Indonesia has deployed military planes to fight the blazes on Sumatra island from illegal burning that typically takes place in the June to September dry season to clear space for palm oil plantations. The fires are unusually widespread this year and the smog was the heaviest in Singapore’s his- tory.—Reuters

Yudhoyono apologizes for haze, Malaysia closes schools

JAKARTA/KUALA LUMPUR, 25 June—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono apologized to Malaysia and Singapore on Monday as smog engulfed the two neighbouring countries as a result of slash-and-burn ground clearing on plantations in Indonesia.

“For what has been hap- pening, I as Indonesian presi- dent offer my apology and ask for the understanding of our brothers and sisters in Singapore and Malaysia,” Yudhoyono told a news con- ference in Jakarta.

Malaysian authorities closed schools in several parts of the country on Monday as hazardous levels of smog forced the government to declare a state of emergen- cy in two districts in southern Johore State.

The Air Pollutant Index rose above 700 in the Muar and Ledang districts in Johor on Sunday, prompting Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to impose a state of emergen- cy until further notice.

Schools and child-care centres must be closed while all public and private sector entities have been advised to stop work during the emer- gency situation. Schools in Malaysia’s capital Kuala Lumpur and in the states of Selangor and Mala- cca were closed on Monday as the API reached an unhealthy level.

According to the Department of Environment, an API reading above 101 is considered unhealthy, above 201 very unhealthy and more than 301 hazardous.

Farmers reap in uncharted paddy fields at Vi Thuy District in Hau Giang Province, Vietnam, on 24 June, 2013. Heavy downpours across Hau Giang Province have affected about 6,000 hectares of autumn-winter rice crops. Vietnam’s state-run news agency VNA reported.—Xinhua

Japan should raise output through FTA, emerging economies

TOKYO, 25 June—Ja- pan should pursue free trade agreements and capitalize on the growth of emerging economies to achieve long-term economic growth amid rapid aging of the popula- tion, the industry ministry said in a white paper on trade released on Tuesday.

Japan’s growth has been stalled since the 1990s and for decades its produc- tivity level has remained less than 60 percent of that of the United States, the paper said.

“If tariff and nontar- iff barriers are eliminated through the pursuit of eco- nomic partnerships... it would promote economic activities which would contribute to increase the productivity of the overall Japanese economy,” it said.

The economic partner- ships include the Trans- Pacific Partnership that Japan is expected to join next month as the 12th member of the negotiations and a tri- lateral deal being discussed with China and South Ko- rea.

“By pursuing econom- ic partnerships multilateral- ly, Japan will aim for estab- lishing a ‘web of economic partnerships’ covering most of our trading partners,” ac- cording to the paper.

The White Paper on International Economy and Trade was reported at Tuesday’s Cabinet meeting by Economy, Trade and Indus- try Minister Toshimitsu Motegi.

The Japanese government under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe seeks to raise the proportion of trade with free trade agreement coun- terparts by value terms to 70 percent of total trade by 2022 from the current 19 percent.

The paper also stated Japan needs to be strategic about cultivating markets in regions such as China, the Association of South- east Asian Nations, Russia, South America and Africa as emerging economies will see a combined 1.4 billion increase in population and around a 60 percent in- crease in global consumer spending in the decade from 2010.—Kyodo News

Fire fights to put out a fire caused by an explosion at a chemical plant in the Jinshan District of east China’s Shanghai, on 24 June, 2013. Six people were injured in the accident at about 2:15 pm. The fire has been extinguished as of 3:30 pm.—Xinhua

JAPAN, 25 June—Indonesian planes waterbombed burning fires recently found in Rokan Hilir, on Indonesia’s Riau Province, where 14.2 metres wide and with a tonnage of 2,953 tons.

A car drives past fire from burning trees planted for palm oil, during haze at Bangko Pasako District in Rokan Hilir, on Indonesia’s Riau Province, on 24 June, 2013.—Reuters
The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
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Invitation to open tender to construct building

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

Sr. No | Location | Work name | Quantity | Notes
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1. | Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana | one-storey 120x25x12 ft 60-person capacity RCC building with water and power supply | 2 Lots | (Thapayautyang)
2. | Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana | one-storey 60x30x10 ft 60-person capacity mess hall of Brick Masonry Building with water and power supply | 1 Lot | (Thapayautyang)
3. | Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana | 8-unit 20x10x8 ft Common WC Brick 1 Lot Masonry Building | | (Thapayautyang)

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

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

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

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.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV AYSAN VOY NO (004) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.6.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.L.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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IBM to create 700 jobs in France

PARIS, 25 June—Technology giant IBM announced on Monday that a new IT service centre in the northern French town of Lille would create 700 new jobs in the next five years.

On its website, IBM France said the new centre is expected to allow for the immediate recruitment of about 200 workers with backgrounds in computer science, engineering, mathematics and science.

Located in the Euro-technologies zone, the new centre aims at offering new services for digital business development by providing local clients with high value application development, application maintenance and systems integration services “to address the increasing demand for flexible software capability to harness the benefits of emerging big data, cloud and mobile business technologies,” it added.

The value of the new investment was not revealed. IBM employs 9,700 people in France.

Xinhua

Chicago corn, wheat fall on weather concerns

CHICAGO, 25 June—Chicago agricultural commodity futures were traded mixed on Monday, with corn and wheat prices down while the soybeans price unchanged.

The most active corn contract for December delivery fell 9.75 cent, or 1.75 percent, to close at 5.465 dollars per bushel. September wheat fell 17.25 cents, or 2.45 percent, to settle at 6.8775 dollars per bushel. November soybeans closed unchanged at 12.735 dollars per bushel.

According to Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), the corn market traded lower on the day on a more favorable extended weather forecast and souring outside markets. Cash bids were steady to slightly lower in the interior markets with some ethanol plants showing modest weakness.

Also for corn, as for the week ending 20th June, export inspections failed to promote any buying support in the market after coming in at a sluggish 5.84 million bushels, down from 14.14 million bushels a week ago. This was the slowest shipment pace in the last 20 weeks. The cumulative shipment pace is at 81 percent of the USDA forecast from 14.14 million bushels.

For soybeans, export inspections for the week ending 20th June were estimated at 7.83 million bushels, up from 2.8 million a week ago and hit a fresh 8-week high. Shipments needed each week to reach the USDA export estimate are at 4.6 million bushels, down from 4.9 million a week ago.—Xinhua

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Singapore Airlines completes sale of stake in Virgin Atlantic

SINGAPORE, 25 June—Singapore Airlines has completed the sale of its 49 percent stake in Virgin Atlantic to Delta Air Lines, the company said on Monday.


The commercial arrangements between Singapore Airlines and Virgin Atlantic, such as code-sharing, frequent-flyer programme ties and reciprocal lounge access, will remain in place, it added.

Singapore Airlines acquired 49 percent stake in Virgin Atlantic in March 2000, but the cooperation obviously did not turn out as good as expected. The company said last December that it has been “evaluating strategic options for some time, as the investment has not performed to expectations and the synergies the parties originally hoped for have not materialized.”—Xinhua

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Actress Angelina Jolie and actor Brad Pitt

Angelina Jolie gifts Brad Pitt expensive vintage watch

LOS ANGELES, 25 June—Actress Angelina Jolie has reportedly gifted a platinum vintage Tiffany watch to fiancé Brad Pitt to thank him for showering love and support on her and their children.

The watch, which is said to be worth $30,000, was given by Jolie, 38, along with their kids Maddox, eleven, Pax, nine, Zahara, eight, Shiloh, six, and four-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne, reports contactmusic.com. “The kids were excited to pick something for their dad. Angie said Brad had been so supportive over the past few months. The watch was a way to say thank you,” a source said.—PTI

Rihanna hits fan with microphone

LOS ANGELES, 25 June—R&B singer Rihanna is in fresh trouble, as she was caught on camera hitting a fan with a microphone during a concert.

The incident happened at a Birmingham show when a person in the crowd grabbed onto the singer’s outfit too tightly as she walked across the floor near the front row of fans, reported Ace Showbiz. Rihanna took the matter into her own hands before the security guard could handle the situation and hit the overeager fan before turning around and resuming her show as if nothing had happened.

The singer performed at Birmingham’s LG Arena as part of her Diamonds world tour. She reportedly showed up more than two hours late after partying with her model pal Cara Delevingne the night before.

Johnny Depp’s fans surprised he is blind in one eye

LOS ANGELES, 25 June—Hollywood superstar Johnny Depp has recently revealed that he is completely blind in one eye.

Actor Johnny Depp surprised his fans at a special advance screening of his film The Lone Ranger in Oklahoma.

The 50-year-old actor stunned members of the American Indian tribal community, Comanche Nation, by showing up at the red carpet event with social activist LaDonna Harris, who is his adopted Comanche mother, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Depp worked closely with the community to make his role as Tonto in the controversial film as authentic as possible.

US singer Robin Thicke holds on to UK number one

LONDON, 25 June—American R&B singer Robin Thicke has notched up a fourth week at the top of the British pop charts with his summer hit “Blurred Lines”, the compiler said on Sunday.

The Official Charts Company said Thicke sold a further 133,000 copies of the single over the last week to bring total UK sales to 718,000, the year’s second biggest selling track.

The song, which features vocals by US artists TI and Pharrell Williams, has already been a number one hit in the United States and around the world.

Second place on the weekly single chart went to American singer Jason Derulo’s new release “The Other Side”.

London-based rapper Dizzee Rascal was the second highest new entry at number five with “Goin’ Crazy”, a collaboration with British singer Robbie Williams.

Katie Holmes not ready for love?

LOS ANGELES, 25 June—Hollywood actress Katie Holmes is not keen to be in a relationship at the moment. Her prime focus currently is raising her seven-year-old daughter, Suri.

The 34-year-old actress, who split from actor Tom Cruise last year, is rumoured to be dating her Mania Days co-star Luke Kirby. But if a source is to be believed, it isn’t true.

“She’s lying low on the romantic side of things. She doesn’t need that right now. She’s just focusing on her daughter Suri,” contactmusic.com quoted a source as saying.

However, the source does not deny that there is an interesting chemistry between the two.

“The word on-set is that they are hot and heavy, you can totally tell the chemistry between them. Katie obviously has it bad for Luke. They’re desperate to keep the state of their relationship under wraps until it’s at least had a chance to start,” the source said.

“Luke’s a total gentleman who always puts others first. He’s also incredibly handsome, charming and completely down-to-earth. Katie adores him,” the source added.
Nadal shocked at Wimbledon first round, Federer, Murray goes through

Andy Murray of Britain returns a shot during the first round of the men’s singles against Benjamin Becker of Germany at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships in the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London, on 24 June, 2013. Andy Murray won 3-0. — Xinhua

LONDON, 25 June—French Open champion Rafael Nadal suffered his first opening-round loss at a Grand Slam as he was shocked by Steve Darcis of Belgium, ranked No 135 in the world.

But seven-time Roger Federer and local hero Andy Murray both eased past their first-round opponents.

Darcis took the biggest win of his career on No 1 Court 7-6 (4), 7-6 (8), 6-4 in two hours and 55 minutes.

“I think today I served very good,” said Darcis. “I could use a lot of slice. And I think he didn’t like it so much. Of course, he didn’t play his best tennis. But I knew it was the first match on grass for him, I played already four. So I think it helped me today.”

Nadal, who was upset in the second round by Lukas Rosol last year, just won his record eighth title at Roland Garros but the 29-year-old Darcis proved too much for his younger opponent.

The fifth seed said, “Now is not the right time to talk about my knee.”

The only thing I can do is congratulate my opponent. It is not a tragedy. I lost, it is sport. I am confident that I will recover and be ready for the next tournaments. I have played far too many matches and I expected after my injury and I will try my best for the next couple of years.”

Darcis had played at Wimbledon only three times before and in 12 of his 18 previous Grand Slam appearances he had lost in the first round.

His best previous result at Wimbledon was to reach the second round in 2009.

Federer claimed his 67th match at Wimbledon by breezing past Romanian Victor Hanescu 6-3, 6-2, 6-0 in the first match on the Centre Court.

The 31-year-old Federer, who came on court holding a 5-4 winning record against Hanescu, took only 69 minutes to finish off match. He landed 70 per cent of his first serves on target, and 90 per cent of them were winners.

“I pack my bags for five sets every single time, so I’m happy things went well today because we have seen surprise losses happen too often. I guess at the end of the day you would prefer to have it this way, walk away a winner instead of being out there five hours and losing in the first round,” said Federer.

“Who lost to Federer in last year’s final, met little trouble to defeat Benjamin Becker of Germany 6-1, 6-2 and third seed Maria Sharapova of Russia defeated Kristina Mladenovic of France 7-6 (5), 6-3.”

Sharapova returns to business after Williams row

LONDON, 25 June—Third seed Maria Sharapova moved on from her weekend spat with Serena Williams by returning to her day job on Monday and earning a 7-6 (5), 6-3 win over Kristina Mladenovic in a tricky first round match at Wimbledon.

The Russian had been embroiled in a conflict with Williams after a magazine interview with the world number one that included a reference the reporter interpreted as an attack on Sharapova’s relationship with Bulgarian player Grigor Dimitrov.

“I’ve said everything I wanted to say about the issue,” Sharapova, who told the American on Saturday to keep her nose out of other people’s business, told a news conference.

“You know, Wimbledon has started. This is my work. This is my job. I’d really appreciate it if we move on.”

Even if those asked the questions were not ready to move on, Sharapova tried to make it business as usual even though her match was not quite as easy.

In the women’s events, second seed Victoria Azarenka of Belarus beat Maria Joao Koehler of Portugal 6-1, 6-2 and third seed Maria Sharapova of Russia defeated Kristina Mladenovic of France 7-6 (5), 6-3.

LISBON, 25 June—English Premier League fans should expect new Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho to attract a lot of attention next season, Tottenham Hotspur coach Andre Villas-Boas said.

In an interview published in Monday’s edition of Portuguese sports daily O Jogo, Villas-Boas said his compatriot’s return will vastly improve the visibility of the Premier League.

“It won’t be possible to take your eyes away from Mourinho,” he said.

“One of his characteristics, and I don’t say it in a negative way, is to deviate and change the way he sees the world. He has won three Champions League titles and two Premier League crowns with Chelsea...it will be interesting,” he said in an interview while on holiday in Porto before competing in a celebrity car race.

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Spain’s Sergio Ramos (R top) heads the ball next to Uruguay’s Diego Godin (R bottom) during their Confederations Cup Group B soccer match at the Arena Pantanalmbo in Curitiba on 16 June, 2013.—Reuters
Venezuela plans to develop three Caribbean island resorts

CARACAS, 25 June—Venezuela plans to develop three pristine Caribbean islands that are home to military facilities into tourist resorts. Tourism Minister Andres Izarra announced yesterday that resorts, Tourism Minister Izarra said, will integrate military facilities into tourist facilities in lands that are home to military encampments and naval and air bases. Venezuela, which came either side of the tournament and while Spain competitively were the world’s best team in regular intervals.

Kenya Airways launches travel package to woo Asian, Mideast traders

Nairobi, 25 June—Kenya Airways on Monday launched a new travel package to visitors to the Middle East and the Far East at a special fare of 999 US dollars. The Green City Promotion is valid until end of September will see traders travel from the airline’s Nairobi hub to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates and Hong Kong and Guangzhou in China.

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The new package comes as the national carrier hopes to strengthen its presence in China by offering better connection options to its passengers from Africa and its association with China. Kenya Airways recently inked an agreement with China Eastern Airlines to enable KQ code share on daily services between Bangkok and Shanghai, while China Eastern Airlines will code share on daily Kenya Airways service between Bangkok and Nairobi.

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Spain and Brazil have been the best two teams in the competition and while the Confederations Cup may not be on the list of everyone’s priorities, winning it would give Spain a clean sweep of every international honour available.

Wins in the 2008 and 2012 European championships and the World Cup three years ago have put Spain’s trophy cabinet almost at full capacity, but there is one space left for the last of the missing silverware — the Confederations Cup.

Coach Vicente Del Bosque would not be drawn on the possibilities of winning it after Sunday’s comfortable victory over Nigeria, and gave little away about their chances in the semi-final against Italy.

“It will be tough as they are seeking revenge after losing 4-0 to us in last year’s European final,” he said.

Del Bosque, 62, does not have to say much as his team do the talking for him. They look set to extend their long unbeaten competitive run of 28 matches and they have not lost to Italy in 25 games.

The last team to beat Spain competitively were Switzerland who produced a 1-0 upset at the 2010 World Cup.

Spain now seem to be playing with even more confidence, authority and at times sheer brilliance, than a year ago.

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Seventh regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw kicks off

It needs to promulgate fair laws which people should and can follow: Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Seventh regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw was held today, with an opening address by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

New 24 Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives took oaths in accord with Section 8 (b) of Pyithu Hluttaw Law.

In his speech, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker called for success of exercising of legislative power and checks and balance system. The end of decade-long armed conflicts, the rule of law, peace and stability, national reconciliation and national unity are interrelated with each other. The new laws prescribed by Hluttaws were also related with law enforcement officials, people and organizations, he added.

It needs to promulgate fair laws which people should and can follow. He urged law makers to do their duty for the interests of the people and the State. He called for monitoring of citizens’ law-abiding practices by Hluttaws and dutifulness of law makers.

After that, the matters relating to foreign trips of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the representatives during sixth and seventh regular sessions were put on record.

Appointment of retired Director-General U Myint Swe of Settlement and Land Records Department as a member of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission was also approved.

At the question-and-answer session, U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency asked if there is any plan to draft a new law that can take actions against racial and religious conflicts by the actions against racial and religious conflicts by the Union Government and respective ministries in accord with the Section 364 of the Constitution.

With respect to the question, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun replied that Myanmar has already prescribed the 2012-Peaceful Gathering and Peaceful Procession Law and Bylaws in addition to Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Riots Control Handbook and Police Acts. The existing laws are enough as according to the Constitution the President can promulgate an ordinance and declare a state of emergency.

Section 364 of the constitution describes that “The abuse of religion for political purposes is forbidden.”

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Personnel representatives: Deputy Ministers answered three questions about health sector and one question about electric power sector and one question about transport sector at the first day session. Next, the Speaker informed the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw’s approval on the three bills.

Then, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Han Sein proposed bills to amend regarding water transport and Myanmar Maritime University.

U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No (6) submitted a proposal to scrutinize agricultural figures over irrigable land areas again and to seek the approval of the Union Government. The two proposals won the approval of representatives and the Hluttaw decided to discuss them. Today's session ended in the afternoon and the second-day session continues tomorrow.

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NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—According to the observation at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal has become unimportant, announced the Depart-ment of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA