Nay Pyi Taw, 27 June—Central Committee on Implementation of Peace and Stability in Rakhine State held its work coordination meeting No (3/2013) at the meeting hall of the President Office, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of the central committee Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Myanmar, US ink Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 June—The Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement between Myanmar and the US was signed by Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Set Aung and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek J. Mitchell at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, this afternoon.

Then, Deputy Minister U Set Aung said that the agreement was a new chapter taken place between the two countries after 1988 and the US Government will provide economic, technological and humanitarian aid to Myanmar Government. Signing the agreement will develop not only economic and technical cooperation between the two countries but also trade, investment and relations between the two peoples, he added.

US Ambassador Mr. Derek J. Mitchell said since taking office by new government for the resumption of livelihoods of victims. He urged work committees to continue helping victims to be able stand on their own feet. He stressed the importance of mobile team in providing health care before clinics are available, effective health measures in order to prevent against infectious diseases and adequate supply of drinking water. He urged international cooperation work committee to take necessary measures to facilitate the works of INGOs and NGOs and try hard to bring a mutual interest.

Next, the Vice-President called on central committee members and work committee members to make a field trip to Rakhine State and to present reports on work progress, difficulties they are facing and requirements for works to be done. He also stressed to implement the work programs.

Afterwards, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin explained implementation of peace and stability and development in the state and progress of resettlement and rehabilitation works and requirements. The Union ministers who chair the work committees and officials concerned elaborated on work progress and follow-up tasks.

Next, Secretary of the central committee Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win made a report on progress in implementation of suggestions of the investigation commission’s report.

Then, Union ministers and deputy ministers made supplementary reports on tasks of socioeconomic development, security and community peace and tranquility, education, health, agriculture and economic sectors.

The Vice-President attended to the needs and the meeting ended.
**DEVELOPMENT**

Implementation of Mingala-Mandalay Central Business District Project gaining momentum

Mingala condo with 104 units and Novotel Hotel (Mandalay) with 365 rooms. The second phase is set to complete in early 2015. Moreover, construction of swimming pools is included in the project. As a model project, adequate numbers of car parks, the first-ever market stall and a landscape program will be included in the project. It was learnt that the participating area is suitable for a landscape program which was already arrived there. As an underground sewage system meeting international standard will be used in the business district, a 50-ton water treatment plant will be built. Being a cutting-edge infrastructure for Mandalay, 24-hour electricity will be available at the business district. Besides, a fire station, an administrator office and a police station will also be included. Upon completion, 5000 jobs will be created for local people as a drive to alleviate poverty.

**CRIME**

Street brawl between driver, pedestrian leaves factory staff hurt

A street brawl between a driver of a ferry bus and a pedestrian left factory staff on board the bus injured in Shwepyitha Township. It was learnt that the driver of the ferry bus had a quarrel with the pedestrian who crossed the road at the top of the 3rd street in ward-9 in the township at about 7.30 am on 21 June and he got into a fight with the pedestrian. Shortly after he drove off, a mob ran after the bus and threw sticks and stones at the bus. The incident left a bus conductor and five factory staff—four men and one woman—injured.

“When the driver drove off, a group of nearly 20 people appeared behind the bus and ran after it,” says Ko Kyi Tun who was in a seat next to the driver. The injured were given treatment at Shwepyitha and Insein hospital and Shwepyitha police station is investigating into the case.

**ACCIDENT**

Hmawby middle-age man dies after being struck by vehicle

Yangon, 26 June — A 40-year-old man died after being fatally struck by a vehicle during his way to Yangon General Hospital.

While he was crossing the road at a place in front of Yeegyaw bus-stop of Hmawby Township, U Hmawby Township was knocked down by the vehicle en route to Taikkyi from Yangon driven by U Tun Min, 51, of Mayangon Township near mile post No (38/7) on Yangon-Pyay Road at about 9 am on 23 June. The victim sustained cuts and bruises on his head, face and knee and he was pronounced dead during his way to the hospital.

Driver U Tun Min was charged with reckless driving by police.

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**Fire**

Stove fire reduces house to ashes in Dagon Myothit (North)

Yangon, 27 June — A fire occurred at a house at the corner of Seinta Kyaw Thu U Aw street and P Moe Hnin street in ward-48 of Dagon Myothit (North), here, at about 11.30 am yesterday.

An electric stove was blamed for the fire as it was left forgotten to turn off while boiling a kettle of water when the electricity was off. The stove fire reduced the one-storey wooden house to ashes.

Fire crew accompanied by 11 fire trucks put out the fire. Dagon Myothit (North) Township Police filed a lawsuit against house owner Daw Khin Aye Shwe, 68.

**CRIME**

Transport of illegal teak, hardwood and forest products interrupted

Yangon, 27 June — While foresters are taking actions against transports of illegal teak, hardwood and forest products in Sagaing Region with might and main, forest staff of Sagaing Region Forest Department seized 83.6404 tons of ownerless illegal teak and hardwood in Shwebo, Monywa, Kalay, Katha and Tamu districts on 13 and 18 June. They interrupted transport of 8.2692 tons of illegal hardwood on Kawnin-Pnilieu motorway in Than Htoo, 45, of Hmawby Township.

Township and arrested two drivers and three owners together with two vehicles on 13 and 18 June. They were charged with forest laws.

On 17 June, foresters of Kalay District Forest Department confiscated 15 viss of dried orchids and arrested the owner at Indaingyyi village in Kalay. Likewise, foresters of Monghsat district seized ownerless 1.0897 tons of hardwood at place, one-mile east of Taungthonlon village in Mongpyin Township on 21 June.

Kyemon-Forest Dept
Abe says overcoming deflation not easy, victory in July polls vital

Tokyo, 27 June—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Wednesday pledged to devote the next three years to pulling the Japanese economy out of decades of deflation, and said winning next month’s national election is vital to take control of the opposition-dominated upper house to follow through on his policy prescriptions.

“It’s not an easy task for a country to overcome 15 years of deflation...I’d say it’s a historic task,” Abe said at a Press conference.

“For the next three years, I’ll concentrate on that (overcoming deflation) by ensuring political stability,” Abe said, adding that the economy is now largely improved but “the hard part” lies ahead.

Abe was speaking after the opposition-controlled upper house passed a last-minute censure motion against him on the final day of the first Diet session since he took office in late December. Political parties are gearing up for the crucial House of Councillors election, which is expected on 21 July.

The prime minister said ending the so-called “divided Diet” would help accelerate economic growth. The ruling coalition’s landslide victory in last Sunday’s Tokyo metropolitan assembly election came as a vote of confidence in the ruling bloc’s aims to secure an overall majority in the upper house.

Abe’s Liberal Democratic Party and its coalition partner the New Komeito party secured a majority in the House of Representatives in a general election last December. But they need to rely on opposition support to pass legislation in the House of Councillors.

His relatively high support stemmed primarily from public expectations over his economic policies dubbed “Abenomics” that comprise the “three arrows” of massive fiscal stimulus, bold monetary easing and a growth strategy.

Abe, known for his hawkish stance both at home and abroad, has expressed his desire to revise the Constitution that currently bars exercising the right to collective self-defense.

But he has apparently toned down his rhetoric on such controversial issues and is trying to play it safe heading into July as he called for a much deeper and broader national debate on Wednesday.

Kyodo News

Rotting corpses spark fears of epidemic amid India floods

NEW DELHI, 27 June—Rotting corpses contaminating water sources and poor sanitation amid devastating floods in northern India could lead to a serious outbreak of diseases such as cholera and dysentery, aid groups warned on Wednesday.

The floods, triggered by heavy monsoon rains more than 10 days ago, have killed at least 822 people in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand and forced tens of thousands from their homes. Officials say the death toll may cross 1,000 and thousands are still reported missing.

Authorities have so far been focusing on rescuing thousands of pilgrims who visit the region for its sacred Hindu temples and shrines, but aid agencies, struggling to get past roads choked by landslides to local villagers, warned of another disaster unfolding in form of an outbreak of diseases.

Aid workers said they were concerned that a combination of heavy rains and corpses lying out in the open would contaminate streams and rivers.

“We are getting reports from the field that there are rotting bodies lying around, many of them semi-buried in soil and rubble that came down from the mountains,” said Zuhin Zaman, Humantarian Manager for Oxfam India, which is working in Rudraprayag, one of the worst affected districts.

“There are also carcasses of livestock in rivers and streams and this has, of course, contaminated so many of their water sources. But people are desperate and are being forced to consume water they wouldn’t otherwise.”

Zaman said he was concerned of outbreaks of water-borne diseases such as cholera, diarrhea and dysentery, adding that he had received reports that 400 people were admitted to a medical camp in Sonprayag.

The disaster — the worst floods India has witnessed since 2008 when around 500 died in the eastern state of Bihar — has swept away buildings, washed away farmland and destroyed major roads and bridges.

The floods and landslides have been dubbed a “Himalayan tsunami” by the international community.

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel search for flood victims in a damaged house in Uttarkashi in this handout photo released on 26 June, 2013.—REUTERS

UN chemical weapons team in Turkey to investigate Syria claims

AMSTERDAM/ANKARA, 27 June—UN-appointed inspectors, blocked from entering Syria, are in Turkey to gather information about possible use of chemical weapons in the civil war, officials said on Thursday.

Members of the team assembled by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon had been on standby in Cyprus since April, unable to enter Syria as Western governments accused President Bashar al-Assad’s forces of chemical weapons attacks.

They were sent to Turkey this week and its head, Swedish scientist Ake Sellstrom, was meeting Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu on Thursday, a senior Turkish official told Reuters.

The Syrian government and rebels fighting it have accused each other of using lethal chemical agents, including sarin gas, in the two-year-old conflict.

More than 100,000 people have been killed since fighting began in March 2011 in what is the longest and most violent of the recent Arab uprisings, according to the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Western governments have grown frustrated that the UN mission has been unable to make progress on investigating the claims, a diplomat told Reuters.

From Turkey, the team will be unable to gather soil samples or scientific evidence needed to prove chemical use, but could compile intelligence and information about possible use of chemical weapons in Syria, said the Turkish official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Sellstrom visited the Turkey-Syria border area and talked to officials who shared data on chemical weapons use, he said.

Reuters

Syria death toll tops 100,000, rebels lose border town

BEIRUT, 27 June—Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s forces have retaken a town on the Lebanese border as they press an offensive against rebels in a conflict that has now cost more than 100,000 lives, activists said on Wednesday.

The army took full control of Tel Kalakh, driving out insurgents and ending an unofficial truce under which it had allowed a small rebel presence to remain for several months.

The fall of Tel Kalakh, two miles from the border with Lebanon, marks another gain for Assad after the capture of the rebel stronghold of Qusair this month, and consolidates his control around the central city of Homs, which links Damascus to his Alawite heartland overlooking the Mediterranean coast. Like Qusair, Tel Kalakh was used by rebels in the early stages of the conflict as a transit point for weapons and fighters smuggled into Syria to join the fight against Assad.—Reuters

South Korean President Park Geun-hye embarks a plane at an airport in Seongnam, South Korea, on 27 June, 2013. Park Geun-hye flew to China on Thursday for a four-day visit.—XINHUA

ROK president arrives in Beijing for visit

BEIJING, 27 June—Republic of Korea President Park Geun-hye arrived in Beijing on Thursday morning, kicking off her first state visit to China since taking office in February.

During her four-day tour, Park will hold talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping, who invited her to visit China, and meet with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and top legislator Zhang Dejiang.

The two sides will exchange views on bilateral ties and major international and regional issues of common concern, according to the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

Besides Beijing, Park will visit Xi’an, capital city of Shaanxi Province in western China.—Xinhua

Forces loyal to Syria’s President Bashar al-Assad walk in Khan al-Assad area near the northern city of Aleppo, on 23 March, 2013.—REUTERS

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"New Light of Myanmar"
BSNL restores 272 mobile towers, 44 telephone exchanges in Uttarakhand

MUMBAI, 27 June—State-run telecom operator BSNL has restored 272 mobile towers in Uttarakhand and 44 telephone exchanges, CMD RK Upadhyay said on Wednesday.

The company, however, could not restore telecom infrastructure at three locations, Dharchna, Narayan Bazaur and Kedarnath where all equipments of the company were washed away in the devastating floods, he added. The BSNL chief said technology makes it possible for authorities to find out the exact number of people in the affected areas based on their mobile phone usage.

“It is technically possible to know how many customers were there (during the calamity) in that area at a particular time. That can be done,” BSNL Chairman and Managing Director RK Upadhyay said. When asked if BSNL tried to find out the number of its customers who could have been hit by floods, the BSNL CMD said: “This is for government to consider. As a licensing authority, the government can ask any operator to do that. Technical systems of each operator is independent and BSNL can find out about its customers.” The death toll has crossed over 800 due to unprecedented flash floods in Uttarakhand and initially over 70,000 pilgrims were estimated to be stranded in affected area. As on date 8,000 people are still estimated to be stranded in flood area.

Upadhyay that over 1,250 people used BSNL’s mobile tracking flash floods in Uttarakhand and initially over 70,000 pilgrims were estimated to be stranded in affected area. As on date 8,000 people are still estimated to be stranded in flood area.

China plans to launch Tiangong-2 space lab around 2015: official

BEIJING, 27 June—China will continue to carry out development and construction of space lab and plans to launch Tiangong-2 space lab around 2015, an aerospace official said on Wednesday. This is in line with China’s overall outline and plan for the country’s manned space programme. Wang Zhaoyao, director of China’s manned space programme office, told a Press conference after the reentry module of the Shenzhou-10 spacecraft landed after a 15-day mission.

“China won’t be behind in the space race, the country’s manned space programme is starting to take shape,” he said.

Wang said the engineering work of a manned space station is carried out simultaneously according to the plan, and China plans to put in orbit an experimental core module of space station around 2018. By 2020, China’s manned space station would be built, he added.

Prior to that, China will launch a series of cargo and manned spacecraft to deliver material supplies and transport astronauts to the future space lab and space station, Wang said.—Xinhua

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“Free Zone powered by Google, will give Airtel mobile customers access to mobile web search and feature phone friendly versions of Gmail and Google+ in India. The first page of a website linked from search results is provided at no data cost,” Airtel said. The company added when users leave the Free Zone to navigate deeper into a website or download an attachment they are informed about the data charges and given the option to purchase an appropriate data package.

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Acer Iconia W3 tablet with 8.1-inch screen, Windows 8 launched for Rs 30,499

TAIPEI, 27 June—Acer Iconia W3, the first Windows 8 tablet in the world with a 8.1-inch screen, has made its India debut a few weeks after it was launched at Computex. Acer Iconia W3 is powered by a 1.8GHz dual-core Intel Atom Z2760 processor and is rated at 8 hours of 720p video playback a single charge. The tablet comes with a 1280x800 pixels LED-backlit display with ten-point multi-touch.

It comes with 2-megapixel front and rear cameras and connectivity options include Wi-Fi, Bluetooth 4.0, Micro-USB and Micro-HDMI. The device weighs 540 grams and is 11.35mm thick. With storage options of 32GB and 64GB, the device also includes a microSD card slot that will allow up to 32GB of external storage.

Acer Iconia W3 comes with a pre-installed copy of Microsoft Office Home & Student 2013 on top of Microsoft Windows 8. Acer Iconia W3 comes with an optional full-size Bluetooth keyboard that is also capable of holding the tablet upright from the front. The 7-inch, priced at 199 dollars, a 1.2-GHz dual-core Marvell processor, a 1,024-by-600 screen and Android 4.1. There’s a 3-megapixel camera on the back and a 1.3-megapixel front camera on the front. The 8-inch model, priced at 299 US dollars, steps up to Android 4.2 and has a more powerful 1.5-GHz Samsung Exynos dual-core processor.

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Samsung to launch three new Galaxy Tab 3 tablets

BEIJING, 27 June—Samsung has announced the launch dates and prices for three new Galaxy Tab 3 tablets: in 7, 8 and 10.1-inch sizes. All three tablets will start arriving in the US on 7 July, with Samsung starting to accept pre-orders on Tuesday. The models sold in the US will be Wi-Fi only, with no cellular capability. The specs vary a lot. The 7-inch, priced at 199 dollars, is available with a 1.2-GHz dual-core Marvell processor, a 1,024-by-600 screen and Android 4.1. There’s a 3-megapixel camera on the back and a 1.3-megapixel camera on the front. The 8-inch model, priced at 299 US dollars, steps up to Android 4.2 and has a more powerful 1.5-GHz Samsung Exynos dual-core processor.

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open to competition all local and foreign private businessmen and consumers’ choice is being set up in a transparent manner according to existing laws.

5. The selection process of qualified telecommunications operators is in compliance with such existing laws as State-owned Business Law (Section 3 (f) of Law No. 9/89 of State Law and Order Restoration Council. Following work processes are being undertaken to be in compliance with law and ensure transparency:

(a) Works are being done in consultation with experienced Roland Berger Strategy Consultant Ltd on a contract in preparing, inviting and scrutinizing tender to select telecommunications operators in line with Section 4 of the State-owned Business Law;

(b) Communications Consultancy Selection Committee was formed to work in coordination with the potential communications consultancy in line with the Section 8.

(c) Telecommunication operator tender selection was formed as an independent committee with respectful, qualified and experienced persons who are assigned with specific duties to invite tender from local and foreign companies. This process has been systematically publicized and scrutinized and pre-qualifiers selected.

6. Moreover, telecommunications operator job, a form of telecommunications network service, is not a restricted business model under the provision of Section 4 of Foreign Investment Law but business model allowed operating under specific circumstance according to Notification No. 1/2013 issued by Myanmar Investment Commission on 31-1-2013.

7. Twelve out of 91 bidders were selected tentatively in a transparent manner. To select the two, local or foreign operators for final, related information will be put forward to the cabinet meeting which will give guidance in issuing license according to the law. The reason behind the preference of foreign operator is to promote foreign investment and import technologies from them.

8. Furthermore, it is planned to grant license to two local operators—Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and Myanma Economic Corporation as a joint venture and the other Yatanarpon Teleport Co which will reshape itself as a public company. In reconstituting Yatanarpon Teleport Co as a public company, 85 companies concerned were invited and discussions were made transparently to enable local companies to buy shares.

9. Therefore, I sent a message explaining issuing of telecommunications operator license aimed at technological advancement and serving the interests of the nation and its citizens.

Although the message has been sent for understanding, a representative forwarded a motion at the seventh day session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw regular meeting held on 26-6-2013 saying that the communication bill was under discussion and it still could not be passed, that if operator licenses are granted to two foreign companies in the absence of the communication law, local companies could suffer much, that as local companies are unable to compete with their foreign counterparts, they would find it difficult to stand as business institutions, that the granting of licenses without proper communication law could result in difficult and complicated matters, that steps should be taken to complete the passing of the law as soon as possible, and that therefore the granting of license needs to be currently suspended. And it was found that the motion was seconded by the Hluttaw representatives no objection.

2. Only when there is ICT development, will Myanmar be able to communicate with other nations for ensuring economic development, thereby fulfilling the need in communications development for the people. Currently, there are 7.08 percent of the population; that’s why, measures are being taken to increase the density of telephone subscribers to 22.8 percentage in 2013-2014 fiscal year, 50 per cent in 2014-2015 fiscal year and 75-80 percent in 2015-2016 fiscal year.

3. The reference (2) of the message disclosed that as national economic development calls for ICT development, steps are being taken phase by phase for ICT development under the State enterprises law (Law No. 9/89 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council) and Order 1/2013 issued by the Myanmar Investment Commission under the Foreign Investment Law on 31-1-2013.

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The Telecommunications Operator Tender Evaluation and Selection Committee, with the approval of the Union Government, is pleased to announce that Telenor Mobile Communications and Ooredoo have been selected as the two successful applicants in the Nationwide Telecommunications Licence Award Process. A consortium consisting of France Telecom-Orange and Marubeni Corporation was named the back-up applicant in the event one of the two successful applicants does not fulfill the post-selection requirements contained in the Invitation to Tender previously issued by the Committee.

Before they can receive the licences, the two successful applicants must fulfill a set of post-selection requirements. These include accepting the licences, which are expected to be awarded to the two successful applicants pursuant to the new Telecommunications Law which the Parliament is expected to adopt in the current session.

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4. In doing so, steps had been taken since July 2012 in order to ensure a fair competition and transparency among the people. In inviting tender for operator licenses, Roland Berger Strategy Consultant Ltd had been chosen among 64 companies as International Consultant in order to be able to adopt the tender rules and regulations of the international standard, and seek its advice.

5. Moreover, the Telecommunication Operator Tender Scrutiny Committee has been formed with qualified, experienced and sensible personalities as an independent committee and duties were assigned to it in order to choose the right companies in accord with the tender rules and regulations adopted by Roland Berger Strategy Consultant Ltd. When tender was invited on 1–5–2013, altogether 91 local and foreign companies presented their applications. To ensure a fair competition and transparency, tender invitation was made public through newspapers, TV and Internet website in advance and explained to media. Although the process had been made in a systematic manner, it was not put forward and argued at the sessions of the Hluttaw being held at that time.

6. It was local companies and experienced foreign companies that competed for the operator licenses. At present, the government which took systematic measures for ensuring transparency is held high regard by local and foreign companies. Meanwhile, the enterprise has turned out to be a phenomenon in the eyes of the international community. If the choosing of tender is suspended under the remonstration included in the above-mentioned para-1 of the Pyithu Hluttaw, this will greatly tarnish the image of the nation whose economy is making much progress and harm the national development. Consequently, foreign investment in the country can be backward.

7. As the government asked the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology to implement the process in accordance with the law, rules and regulations, the ministry undertook the activities as follows:-

(a) The process was implemented in a proper way in line with the law, rules and regulations in the framework of the ministry’s administrative authority.

(b) As the fulfillment of people’s wishes with cheap telephones was beyond the budget of the government, extended efforts were thus made to do so in a short period in cooperation with local and foreign companies.

(c) The government was taking every possible measure over the suggestions of the respective Hluttaws that to restrict the State sector and promote the private sector in order to reduce a budget deficit and to fulfill the people’s wishes through the administrative sector.

(d) The process was implemented according to the international rules and regulations.

(e) The process was made public not only to the people but also to the international community.

8. This being the case, the message had been sent over the process of granting communication operator licenses according to the original program for understanding. Therefore, the government has issued a statement to make public the granting of the operator licenses in accordance with the existing laws, rules and regulations and in a transparent manner to the people and international community with the aim of ensuring development of economy and communication sector of the State.

Information Team

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Chinese guests

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a delegation led by Mr. Wei Hsin, Chairman of China-Myanmar Economic and Cultural Exchange Association at the meeting hall No.1 of Pyithu Hluttaw Building, here, this evening.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on further strengthening relations between the two countries and economic and culture matters.

Also present at the call together with the deputy speaker were Pyithu Hluttaw Committee members and officials of the Hluttaw office.

MNA
MCDC donates vehicle to traffic police

Mandalay, 27 June—
Mandalay City Development Affairs Committee donated an Extra 9 AB vehicle to traffic police corps on 24 June.

The donation ceremony at the committee office was attended by Mandalay Mayor Region Development Affairs Minister U Aung Moung, the committee secretary, the joint secretary, executives, the Commander of Mandalay Region Police Force Police, traffic police officers and guests.

The MCs elaborated on purpose of donation.

The mayor then handed over documents related to the vehicle to a traffic police officer who spoke words of thanks.

The donation is second of its kind by MCDC to Mandalay Region Traffic Police Corps.

MCDC donated a Land Rover to the traffic police for traffic rules enforcement works.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Tatkon police seek advice from townselders

Tatkon, 27 June—
Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Police Force consulted with townselders in the township on control against crimes at the office of the township police commander on 23 June.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Maj Win Tin elaborated on conditions of gambling and other crimes in the township.

The townselders then gave advices.

MMAL-021

Sitagu Sayadaw pays fines for Myanmar workers

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 June—
Ven Dr Nanissara, one of the most revered monks in Myanmar, paid fines for Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia who found it difficult to pay enough fine to return to their home land in fear of violence in Malaysia.

The founder of Sitagu Buddhist Academy paid fines for 100 workers on behalf of Sitagu Missionary Group.

“Sayadaw arrived in Malaysia on 24 June and paid fine of 4000 ringgits for 100 troubled Myanmar workers, 400 for each. He also helped Myanmar workers who couldn’t reach Myanmar embassy,” said Han.

Sitagu Sayadaw visited the delivery centers for Myanmar workers in Malaysia to help Myanmar workers there.

MMAL-Khin Yadana

Free traditional medical care provided to villagers in Patheingyi Tsp

Patheingyi, 27 June—
Free traditional medical care was provided to villagers in Mya Kan Tha model village in Patheingyi Township in Mandalay Region on 24 June.

The traditional medicines team provided treatment to diabetes and orthopedic patients.

The team was formed with Head of Mandalay Region Traditional Medicine Department U Othn Swe Myint, District Department Head Daw Than Oo, Township Department Head U Thit Lwin, township executives and volunteers.

The team will continue to provide free healthcare to residents in the township.

MMAL-Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheingyi)

Mandalay police charges four with illegal recruitment

Mandalay, 27 June—
Mandalay Region anti-human trafficking squad detained four suspects for recruiting workers for footwear factories in Yunnan Province of China on 18 June.

Thet Naing Oo and three others are suspected by the police of working for agents in China to recruit in Myitkan, Salay and Gwebin villages in Madaya Township to work in the factories in Yunnan.

The recruitment started since 19 February, 2012.

The police has filed a lawsuit against Thet Naing Oo, Zaw Oo, Soe Khaing and Hein Ko. None of them is licensed agents.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Women’s Affairs

Pyay erects billboard to hail Myanmar Women’s Day

Pyay, 27 June—
A billboard commemorating Myanmar Women’s Day was erected in Pyay Township in Bago Region on 21 June.

The ceremony was attended by Pyay District and Township Women’s Affairs Organization executives and members.

MMAL-105

MMCWA CECs meet Bago volunteers

Bago, 27 June—
The chairperson, the secretary and CEC members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association met township MMCWA members at Bago General Hospital on 19 June morning.

Secretary Daw Thazin Nwe reviewed 27 projects in Bago Township with volunteers.

The CEC members visited the delivery room and Hinthagon Kindergarten and attended to the needs.—MMAL-121
Customer protection

In economics, a market is where buyers and sellers come together to engage in business. Sellers seek money from sales and consumers wish to buy something they want or need. The situation suits both parties, as long as they both gain from the exchange. Buyers want to buy products at the best price possible. However, in order to stay in business, retailers must ensure that they make a profit by selling products at a price which covers all costs and provides a profit for risk taking and future development.

Costs include the price at which the product was purchased, staff costs, store operation costs, delivery and other overheads. Buyers have a right to expect that the goods are safe, properly described, priced correctly and will continue to work for a reasonable period of time. Reputable companies should recognise that the customer has the right to expect these things as a basic minimum. However, in a totally open uncontrolled market, rogue traders could misdescribe products deliberately, sell damaged, unsafe or unfit products to consumers who would have no redress.

There are many other laws which control credit, the sale of age restricted products (e.g. DVDs and videos) and specific laws relating to different sectors of the economy e.g. food, alcohol and medicines. In order to control the market, the government has enforced laws giving customers rights about the quality of the goods they buy. It has created criminal offences if sellers mis-describe, charge the wrong price or sell unsafe products. It needs to protect customer rights in line with the customer protection law.

All National Races Democracy Party (Kayah State) applies for registration as political party

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 June—The Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing the applications for registration as a political party. All National Races Democracy Party (Kayah State) applied for registration as a political party to the UEC today.

MNA

Complaint Mechanism opened in Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 June—The Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security today opened a Complaint Mechanism (Nay Pyi Taw) at Nay Pyi Taw Office No (51) in order to handle people-centered services of the ministry, job opportunities at home and abroad, rights and responsibilities for employees and employers and matters related to migrant workers in foreign countries.

Those wishing to make a complaint concerning the above matters may dial 067-430184 or 067-430284, and visit complaint.moles@gmail.com.

MNA

Public announcement for remonstration

1. All National Races Democracy Party headquartered at Na/101 on Thiridaw Street in Naungyar (Ka) Ward in Loikaw Township of Kayah State on 27-6-2013 submitted its application to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

Flag of All National Races Democracy Party

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Outstanding matriculation students in Nay Pyi Taw honoured

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann presents cash assistance to an outstanding student.—MNA

It was also attended by Wife of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Daw Khin Lay Thei, Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Dr Chan Nyein, Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Win Thein from Camp Commandant’s Office under the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Commandant of National Defence Collage Maj-Gen Tin Aung Chit, Nay Pyi Taw Council members Dr Paing Soe and U Kan Chun, Secretary of Education Promotion Committee Dr Mya Oo, member of Legal Affairs and Special Case Assessment Commission U Khin Maung Tun and parents of outstanding students.

MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 June—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name

Appointments

1. U Maung Maung

Director-General

Deputy Director-General

Central Bank of Myanmar

2. U Ye Myint

Director-General

Central Bank of Myanmar

3. Dr Daw Sandar Oo

Director-General

Pro Rector

Institute of Economics

(Yangon)

MNA

Four teams visit Pyithu Hluttaw

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 June—The 21-member delegation led by Karea Knudsen, Director of External Affairs, East-West Center of the USA, the eight members of Open Hands Media, the seven members of 1972 Botany Graduates Team and the two members of Vrien’s & Partners observed seventh regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw that continued its third day session this morning.

They viewed round the Hluttaw Buildings and left there.

MNA
Suspending of telecom licenses could lose trust of foreign investors, tarnish country’s image

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Deputy Minister for Mines U Than Tun Aung replied that there is a plan to allow exportation of finished jade products. A total of 91 local and foreign applications were received. Twelve of prequalification contenders were chosen.

Private entrepreneurs allowed to export finished jade and gem products

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—The third day regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw was held under 20 agendas and five questions were replied, one bill and three reports submitted, one proposal discussed and approved and three new proposals submitted.

Deputy Minister for Mines U Than Tun Aung replied that finished goods of jade and uncut jade products, pearl lots, jade and gems wares, jewellery ornaments, figurines and other gold and silver products are exported through foreign exchange.

Private entrepreneurs are allowed to export finished jade and gem products and there is no plan to export the products through other ways and means. U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No.10 raised that whether there is a plan to expose and take action against those of Yangon and Bago Regions who do not abide by the Farmland Law, transforming farmlands to land plots for other purposes and constructing buildings on the plots so the number of sown acreage declines.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than responded to the question. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than answered the question.

Vice-Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Development Commission U Than Kyaw Htoo submitted the Nay Pyi Taw Development Bill, and the Hluttaw decided to discuss it.

Members of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Sun Doki Clint read the reports on the Bill Amending the Civil Procedure Law, U Soe Myint the Bill the Amending Defile Traffic Act and U Tin Yu bill amending the Maritime Barriers Act.

Four Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal urging the Union government to management of state and region governments on religious affairs in line with the authority prescribed in the constitution.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Soe Myint explained that it is no need to submit the applications on renovation, maintenance and construction of religious buildings of respective religions to the Ministry of Religious Affairs but to take permission from the respective region/state governments. The Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No.9 submitted a proposal to extend consulates-general and honorary consuls for promotion of international trade. The Hluttaw decided to discuss the proposal.

The meeting ended in the afternoon, and the fourth day session continues tomorrow.—MNA

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**Sunday, 14th July, 2013**

**School Environment Day**

Let all basic education schools participate in activity

**Ministry of Education**

**HRD**

One BEPS upgraded in Meiktila Tsp

**Meiktila, 27 June—** Opening ceremony of upgraded Basic Education Primary School was held in front of the school in Gwayyi Village, Myinkon Village-tract, Ward-6, Kamayut Township in Yangon Region on 21 June.

At the ceremony, the Hluttaw representative and the Township Administrator gave opening remarks. Then, the Deputy Township Education Officer explained the upgrading of the school and presented a certificate to the Headmaster who returned a commemorative pennant. After that, the Headmaster accepted K 50,000 donated by the Hluttaw representative and exercises books by the wellwishers, and member of the school board of trustees spoke words of thanks.

**Shin Mna, 27 June—** A ceremony to share knowledge about environmental conservation and showcase wall magazine and photos organized by the staff and Head of Township IPRD officer U Khin Maung Thudhamma Manijotadara in front of the school upgraded Basic Education Primary School.

In the ceremony, the Head of Township IPRD Officer U Khin Maung Myo Hlaing and Deputy Township Education Officer U Kyaw Aye, Meiktila Thsp thanked wellwishers and member Hluttaw representative for K 50,000 donated by the Headmaster accepted K 840,000 kept inside the upgraded school.

**Daw San San Aye was held atPyinna Taazuang Library in Ward-6, Kamayut Township in Yangon Region on 21 June.**

On the occasion, the Head of Township IPRD Officer explained the upgrading of the school under the Township Administration.

**Talks on environmental conservation held in Kamayut Tsp**

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**Opium seized in Tachilek**

**TACHILEK, 27 June—** A special Anti-drug Squad on 25 June seized two bottles of opium weighing 28 gram each from Sai Sam (a) Arwai driving a Dream 125 motorcycle leaving Monghsat for Tachilek on the detour near Hwayye Village checkpoint and Lawetawkham Checkpoint in Lawetawkham Village-tract in Tachilek.

The team comprised Police Corporal Htoo Aung, Police Constables Win Myint Hlaing and Nyi Kham from Tachilek Special Anti-drug Squad and witnesses U Khin Maung Myint and U Thein Zaw.

When the team searched the suspect, they found 56 grams of opium worth K 840,000 kept inside the bottles branded “Sponsor”.

**Motherless baby elephant gets new mother**

**YEDASHE, 27 June—** A motherless baby elephant (male) was being provided with milk and kept at Kyaukmahsin forest reserve of 9th Mile elephant camp in the area of Po Kyar Elephant Camp in Yedashe Township of Bago Region after her mother was dead.

The four-month-old baby elephant was moved to 9th Mile elephant camp where he is being kept together with other elephant called Myint Sein that had already given birth to a baby elephant under the protection of mahout U Myint Htay.

“Everyone thought the two baby elephants were twins. The baby elephant of Myint Sein is 24 days younger than the motherless baby elephant. Myint Sein first did not accept him, pushing and kicking him away. I beat her with a bamboo stick whenever she does like this. Two or three days later, she changed her motives and started breastfeeding him,” says mahout U Myint Htay.

“She has become slim because she has to breastfeed two baby elephants. I have no money for supplementary food—rice, sticky rice, gram pea and banana. I once fed her sugarcane as supplementary food. It costs K 1 million per month for her feedstuff. Baby elephants can eat foodstuff when they are six-month-old. We have to give special care to them, providing them with milk regularly,” he continued.

Everyone is glad to see the relationship between the female elephant and two baby elephants.

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

**NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—** Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

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**Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)**
New Zealand launches search for US vessel missing in South Pacific

WELLINGTON, 27 June—

New Zealand search and rescue officials said on Thursday they had grave concerns for the crew of a United States sailing boat that has disappeared en route from New Zealand to Australia.

About the 21-metre-schooner, Nina, were six US nationals—three men aged 17, 28 and 58 and three women aged 18, 60 and 75—and a British man aged 35, said a statement from the Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ).

The vessel, which was built in 1928, left Opua, in the north of New Zealand, on 29 May for Nicaragua, in New South Wales, and had not been heard from since 4 June, when it was about 370 nautical miles west-northwest of the northern tip of New Zealand’s North Island.

It was equipped with an emergency beacon, which had not been activated.

After concerns were raised by family and friends, RCCNZ started a communications search on 14 June, using a range of communications methods to broadcast alerts to the vessel and others in the area.

RCCNZ search and rescue mission coordinator Kevin Banaghan said a New Zealand air force P3 Orion had completed two extensive searches: the first covering 160,000 square nautical miles on Tuesday and a second covering 324,000 square nautical miles on Wednesday.

“Unfortunately, no sign of the vessel has been found,” Banaghan said in the statement.

“Our records show that conditions at the last known position for the vessel, on 4 June, were very rough, with winds of 80 km per hour, gusting to 110 km per hour, and swells of up to 8 metres. We do hold grave concerns for the Nina and her crew but remain hopeful of a positive outcome.”—Xinhua

Cambodia’s political parties launch campaign for July polls

PHNOM PENH, 27 June—

Eight political parties set to contest in the 28 July polls began a month-long election campaign on Thursday.

Three major parties among them are the ruling Cambodian People’s Party (CPP), the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party, and the royalist Funcinpec Party.

The ruling party launched its campaign with about 20,000 supporters, gathering at the capital’s Diamond Island Centre. The party’s leaders, including President of the Senate and Party’s President Chea Sim, President of the National Assembly and Party’s Honorary President Heng Samrin, and Prime Minister Hun Sen, the Party’s vice-president, were present at the rally to encourage their supporters.

After the rally, the activists proceeded through main roads in the city by motorcycles and cars that were equipped with loudspeakers and decorated with the party’s logos, flags and banners.—Xinhua

Vietnam launches campaign to visit Indonesia to seek strategic partnership

HANOI, 27 June—Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang will pay a state-level visit to Vietnam from 27-28 June, at the invitation of Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

During the visit, leaders of the two countries are due to hold bilateral relations to a strategic partnership level, ushering in new cooperation opportunities for the development and prosperity of each nation, according to state-run Vietnam News Agency.

The two countries established their relationship at a consul-general level in December 1955, which was upgraded to an ambassadorial level on 15 August, 1964.

Over the past years, the traditional friendship and comprehensive cooperation between Vietnam and Indonesia have continued to grow.

They regularly exchange all-level delegations, which include Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung’s official visit to Indonesia in September 2011, and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono’s state-level visit to Vietnam in October 2010.

The two countries have signed an Action Plan for the 2012-2015 period and more than 30 agreements to lay a solid legal foundation for bilateral cooperation in various realms.

Vietnam is one of Indonesia’s’ largest trading partner and strategic partners that the country prioritizes developing ties with.

Bilateral economic trade and investment cooperation has seen stable development.

Two-way trade has grown steadily from 3.3 billion US dollars in 2010 to over 4.6 billion US dollars in 2012. The figure is expected to exceed 5 billion US dollars before 2015.

Vietnam primarily exports rice, crude oil and farm produce to Indonesia and imports fertilizer, oil and gas products, packaging, machinery, fabric and confectionery.

As of this April, Indonesia ranked 27th out of 101 countries and territories worldwide investing in Vietnam, with 35 projects and 282.8 million US dollars focusing on oil and gas surveying and exploitation, coal mining, banking, tourism, wood processing and export, fiber production, and garment manufacturing.

Over the past years, national defence and security have upheld the tradition of fine cooperation. The two sides inked a Memorandum of Understanding on defense cooperation and are working to sign other deals in this field.

Cooperation in education and training, agriculture, forestry, energy, culture and tourism has been promoted.

Indonesia offers hundreds of language, arts and information technology scholarships to Vietnamese students.

President Sang’s visit to Indonesia aims to affirm Vietnam’s consistent policy of fortifying friendship and comprehensive cooperation with Indonesia, a traditional and important partner of Vietnam in ASEAN and the region.

It also looks to boost economic, trade, investment, national defence and security cooperation opportunities, and exchange knowledge and international issues of mutual interest, including ASEAN cooperation.—Xinhua

Laos police settle 1,457 drug cases in past year, seize over 208 kg of heroin

VIENTiane, 27 June—

Counter narcotics police in Laos have settled 1,457 drug cases over the past year, seizing 208.6 kg of heroin, around 13 million methamphetamine tablets, 4.6 tons of dried cannabis and 128.8 kg of opium, said a senior officer on Wednesday.

This was revealed by Kou Chansina, acting chairman of the Lao National Commission for Drug Control and Supervision, at a commemoration of the 26th International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking held here.

In a review of its efforts to curb drug trafficking and addiction in the country, the Lao government said that in the attempt to curb these problems in the past year there had been some law reforms, greater national awareness through provincial level campaigns, increased support to ex-opium cultivators, and effective actions to bring opium cultivation down to zero, the government has pursued a “three-builder” policy, which aims to develop drug and crime-free communities.—Xinhua

Photo shows a small talking humanoid robot unveiled by a team of Japanese researchers at Tokyo on 26 June, 2013. The robot called Kirobo, which is 34 centimetres tall and weighs around 1 kilogram, will be sent to the International Space Station in August to communicate with astronauts stationed for long periods.

Kyodo News
**UN pledges quick support for humanitarian needs in Sahel region**

**Banjul, 27 June**—Robert Piper, the United Nations Humanitarian coordinator for the Sahel region, said on Wednesday his office will quickly respond to meet the humanitarin needs to minimize future crisis and disasters in this area.

“I have met with government officials previously and | was briefed about the humanitarian situations resulting from flood, drought and coastal erosion as well as refugees in particular. We will make sure that those problems will be solved,” Piper told a press briefing in Banjul, capital of Gambia. Earlier in the day, Piper also held a similar meeting with senior officials of the UN offices, Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, government officials and other agencies that provide relief support and assistance in Gambia.

According to Piper, his visit had accorded him an opportunity to get the first-hand information of the humanitarian challenges facing the disaster-hit Gambia and West African region.

The UN official said donors have applauded Gambian government for its achievements in health, education and disaster reduction. He encouraged the government to foster cooperation with NGO partners and to achieve further success.—Xinhua

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**Most Canadians receive higher education**

**Ottawa, 27 June**—More Canadians are pursuing a higher education and the retail-trade sector is the country’s largest employer, according to a data released here on Wednesday by Statistics Canada.

Almost two-thirds (64.1 percent) of the Canadian population — or 11,782,700 adults between the ages of 25 and 64 — had postsecondary qualifications in 2011, based on the data from the mandatory long-form census conducted that year. By comparison, the last mandatory long-form census conducted five years earlier, which the household survey has replaced, found that 60.7 percent of Canadians in the same age group had the same academic qualifications.

Of those Canadians aged 25 to 34 with a university degree, 59.1 percent of them were women — and the percentage in this age bracket was even higher for women, at 62.2 percent, for those with a medical degree. Nearly half (47.3 percent) of the 25- to 34-year-olds with an earned doctorate were also women.

While men still dominated the percentage (67.4) of adults between the ages of 25 and 64 with university degrees in science and technology, engineering, and mathematics and computer sciences (STEM), more young women aged 25 to 34, at 39.1 percent, had degrees in those disciplines compared to their 55-to-64-year-old female counterparts, whose share was 22.6 percent.—Xinhua

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Bangsaphan Voy No (017)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV Bangsaphan Voy No (017) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.6.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**Shipping Agency Department**

Myanmar Port Authority

Agent for: M/S Wongsamut Ocean Shipping Co Ltd

Phone No: 256910/256919/256921

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Pacific Trader Voy No (004)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV Pacific Trader Voy No (004) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.6.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**Shipping Agency Department**

Myanmar Port Authority

Agent for: M/S Orinet Overseas Container Lines

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Kota Tabah Voy No (055)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV Kota Tabah Voy No (055) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.6.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**Shipping Agency Department**

Myanmar Port Authority

Agent for: M/S Advance Container Lines

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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Oprah tops Forbes most powerful celebrity list

NEW YORK, 27 June—After two years as a runner-up, Oprah Winfrey was named the most powerful celebrity on Wednesday by Forbes, heading the six women and four men who make up the top 10.

It was the fifth time the former talk show host who runs her own TV network has headed the annual ranking of 100 celebrities. Singer Lady Gaga came in second, followed by director/producer Steven Spielberg and singers Beyoncé and Madonna.

`There is nobody else with that kind of consistency and power,' said Dorothy Pomerantz of Forbes.com. `There are only three people who have been on every single one of our lists since 1999. It is Oprah, Howard Stern and Steven Spielberg.'

Singer and actress Jennifer Lopez, who was No 1 last year, dropped to 12th place.

With earnings of $77 million from June 2012 to 2013, Winfrey was not the highest earning celebrity, an honour that went to Madonna, who made $125 million, but Forbes said Winfrey's position in Hollywood and her presence in the press, on television and in social media propelled her to the No 1 spot.

`She still wields an enormous amount of power, which is really what we look for in our fave matrix. She is taking this cable network and turning it around just through the sheer force of her will, her connections and her ability,' said Pomerantz.

Despite hip surgery, which forced her to cut short a tour, Lady Gaga earned $80 million in the past 12 months which, along with her army of fans and powerful social media presence, assured her second place.

`She is still a huge force in pop music. Even when she is not playing, people are talking about her and speculating about her,' Pomerantz said.

Spielberg, with earnings of $100 million in the last year, was the top man on the list, ahead of rock star Bon Jovi at No. 7, tennis champion Roger Federer and Justin Bieber, the youngest member of the list, squeezed into the top ten at No 9. Although only 23, sixth place singer Taylor Swift, made the list for the first time and rounded out the top 10 along with Emmy-award winning TV talk show host Ellen DeGeneres.

Forbes based a celebrity's earnings on income from tours, books, contracts, endorsements, movies and residuals. Each celebrity was given a marketability score, derived editing, that we realised which is really what we did in post production, when we started cutting the project in a different direction and appear in the media. It used Starcount, a Singapore-based company that looks at 11 social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, to determine their presence in social media. `In today's world celebrities have this enormous ability to reach out to their fans, who usually are their customers, and to sell their product, which is really themselves. If they don't take advantage of that it hurts them,' said Pomerantz.

Top celebrity couples include Beyoncé and her husband Jay-Z (32), American football quarterback Tom Brady (65) and his model wife Gisele Bundchen (81), and actor Ashton Kutcher (53) and his girlfriend Mila Kunis (89).

Best actress Oscar winner Jennifer Lawrence, who was No 49, is a newcomer to the list this year, as is Hugh Jackman husband Channing Tatum (23). The full list of the top 100 celebrities can be found at www.forbes.com/celebs.

Los Angeles, 27 June—Pop star Justin Bieber reportedly kissed a waitress at an indoor skydiving centre in Las Vegas recently.

Bieber, who was earlier in a relationship with singer Selena Gomez was caught getting cozy with the blond waitress Jordan Ozuna at the centre earlier this month. `In the waiting room area, she was sitting on his lap and they were kissing. Little pecs and kisses,' femalefirst.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

`Right before the flight, in a second waiting room area, he laid down on her left side. She was caressing him on the head and shoulders,' the source said.

A witness said: `He was occasionally putting his hands around her waist, (giving her) a couple of quick kisses.' However, his skydiving experience ended on a sour note, as Bieber was reportedly banned from the centre for life because he didn't pay for it.—PTI

Scarlett Johansson to do a Paul Bettany, voice an operating system

LOS ANGELES, 27 June—Scarlett Johansson might be doing what actor Paul Bettany did in the Iron Man franchise by voicing Tony Stark's artificially intelligent computer, as the actress has been reportedly hired for a similar stint in director Spike Jonze's upcoming drama.

Johansson has replaced actress Samantha Morton, who had already completed work on her role as the voice of an operating system in the film Her, but the filmmaker subsequently decided to take the project in a different direction and hired Johansson, reports Vulture.com.

`I think, unfortunately, it's pretty normal in terms of my not-quite-painless for everybody one-involved “process” of discovering what the movie is. Samantha was with us on set and was amazing,” said Jonze.

`It was only in post production, when we started editing, that we realised that what the character’s movie needed was different from what Samantha and I had created together. So we recast and since then Scarlett has taken over that role,' he added. —PTI
Federer and Sharapova exit in Wednesday Wipeout

By Andy Murray

Roger Federer, then you play his ego. I couldn’t play any better today. It was a fantastic day for me.’

For once, Federer’s box of tricks could not rescue him and there was an ‘end of era’ feel as the 31-year-old walked into the Centre Court shadows to a standing ovation.

‘It’s normal that after all of a sudden losing early after being in the quarters 36 times, people feel it’s different,’ Federer, who Murray’s hopes of emerging as ‘last man standing’ to claim his first Wimbledon crown on Sunday have now ended after two rounds which have called Nadal, Federer and sixth seed Tsonga from his half of the draw.

A day after a series of slips and slides, strained shoulders and ach- ing knees, seven-times champion Federer was expected to glide serenely above the mayhem around him when he stepped out on Centre Court to play Ukraine’s Sergiy Stakhovsky.

Three hours later on what former champion John McEnroe called ‘the craziest day ever’ the Swiss great’s dream of an eighth title was over.

Playing old-schoolerve and volley tennis the like of which was supposed to have gone out of fashion, the 27-year-old world No.165 won 6-7(5) 7-6(5) 7-6(7) to snap third seed Tsonga’s streak of reaching 36 consecutive grand slam quarter-finals.

‘I’m still in disbelief,’ Stakhovsky said. ‘I played the best tennis I have ever played.

When you play Roger Federer it’s like you’re playing two persons.

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Late Paulinho goal sends resilient Brazil into final

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil, 27 June—Brazilyaknowledged another step towards recovering their once famous invincibility when Paulinho scored with a late header to seal a 2-1 win over Uruguay and take the hosts into the Confederations Cup final.

Wednesday’s result was Brazil’s fifth win in five games and meant they will face either Spain or Italy in Sunday’s final at the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro. The European duo meet in Fortaleza on Thursday.

Both sides said the decisive moment of the match came in the 83rd minute when Chelsea defender David Luiz wrestled Uruguay captain Diego Lugano to the ground. Diego Forlan’s weak penalty was well saved by Julio Cesar, who dived to his left to turn it round the post.

‘More than having an effect on my team, it had a huge effect on the opponent,’ Uruguay manager Oscar Tabarez told a news conference. ‘They had been defeated and they knew that if they could get the ball home from just inside the six-yard box.

‘It took Uruguay just three minutes of the second half to draw level. The Brazilian defence repeatedly failed to clear the ball and when Thiago Silva’s weak pass fell to Cavani he made no mistake with an angled drive.’

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Third-seed Sharapova was sent across the grounds to the bowl-like Court Two to face Portuguese firebrand Michelle Larcher de Brito and seventh seed Flavia Pennetta due to the injury she suffered in a 6-4 defeat.

Sharapova needed a 10-minute injury timeout after one of several falls left her clutching her hip and at one stage was overheard describing the court surface as ‘dangerous’.

“I think I’ve never taken that much in a match before in my career, so that was a little strange,” the Russian former champion told reporters.

Women’s ninth seed Caroline Wozniacki also fell heavily on Court Two in her defeat by Czech Petra Cetkovska while second seed Azarenka did not even start against Italy’s Flavia Pennetta due to the knee injury she suffered in a first-round tumbler. “I don’t know if it’s the court or the weather,” the Belarussian told reporters. “I can’t figure it out.”

No injury should be great if the club or somebody who takes care of the courts would examine it,” Scolari said after Paulinho’s late goal propelled them to the final.

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Confederations final

important growth tool for 2014 - Scolari

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil, 27 June—Making the final of the Confederations Cup following a tense 2-1 win over Uruguay on Wednesday signalled to Brazil’s fickle fans that their team could go on and succeed at next year’s World Cup on home soil, coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said.

“We achieved our goal of getting past the first stage, getting to the final and give the players a sense of unity and the fans an idea that we have a good team that can get to the final of the World Cup,” Scolari said after Paulinho’s late header propelled them to the final.

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Tiger Woods

Woods hopes elbow will be ‘good enough’ for British Open

ARDMORE, Pennsylvania, 27 June—Tiger Woods did not express confidence about being 100 percent fit for next month’s British Open but said on Wednesday his injured left elbow would be ‘good enough’ for the year’s third major championship.

The American world number one has been hampered by a left elbow strain for the past six weeks, and was advised by his doctors to skip this week’s AT&T National in Bethesda, Maryland where he was scheduled to defend his title.

Woods aggravated the problem earlier this month during the US Open at Merion Golf Club, and was seen wincing and shaking his left arm on several occasions after playing golf shots out of the thick rough.

“I pushed it pretty good at the (US) Open,” Woods told reporters at Congressional Country Club on Wednesday. “It made it worse by hitting the ball out of the rough and eventually got to a point where I wasn’t able to play here.

“I listened to my docs and I’m not touching a club. We’re treating it, and even- tually I’ll start the strengthening process of it, then start hitting balls to get up to speed for the British.”

Asked whether the elbow would be fully healed in time for the July 18-21 British Open at Muirfield in Scotland, Woods re- plied: “How about... good enough.”

A 14-times major champion who has not won a major since the 2008 US Open, Woods first suffered the elbow injury during last month’s Players Championship at the TPC Sawgrass where he eventually triumphed by two strokes.

“It didn’t feel good then early in the week, but I pushed through it,” he re- called. “It progressively got worse. Got to a point where I was starting to struggle a little bit.”

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**Djokovic aims to get in the zone for journeyman danger**

**London, 27 June—** World number one Novak Djokovic will aim to get in the zone to negotiate the dangers of facing a low-ranked player in his second-round match at Wimbledon on Thursday while women’s top seed Serena Williams must improve.

The Serb faces American world number 156 Bobby Reynolds on Centre Court with Rafa Nadal’s shock departure at the hands of 135th-ranked Steve Darcis in the first round serving as a reminder of the perils of the journeyman.

“There are a lot of quality players who have nothing to lose really coming on the Centre Court or Court One, playing in front of 10,000 or more people,” Djokovic said Tuesday at a news conference after his 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Florian Mayer in the first round.

“Against one of the top players, you know, what can you really lose? You’re going and you’re playing your best tennis.”

Djokovic, chasing a seventh grand slam title, said he needed to get in a special psychological place on court.

“Being in the zone means that you have focused your all abilities, mental, emotional, physical, and you’re determined to play your best on the court,” he said.

Women’s world number one and holder Williams said she needed to step up her performance after what she described as a ‘rusty’ effort in her first round victory over Mandy Minella.

The American, who plays France’s Caroline Garcia on No 1 Court, told a news conference: “There’s so many ways that I can improve and that I’m going to need to improve if I want to be in the second week of this tournament.”

Laura Robson, the last British woman in the singles draw, faced Colombia’s Mariana Duque-Mario on Court two and this time is the favourite against a player ranked below her after her stunning win over 10th seed Maria Kirilenko in the first round.

**Colombia seizes 6.5 tons of drugs**

**Bogota, 27 June—** Colombian authorities seized 6.5 tons of drugs on Wednesday, including six tons of marijuana and half a ton of cocaine, officials sources said.

The marijuana was hidden in a truck intercepted by police on a highway in the country’s southwestern department of Valle del Cauca, police said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the navy said in a report that it seized more than half a ton of cocaine in the country’s northwestern region, bringing to 3.3 tons the total amount of cocaine it has confiscated this year.

The navy added that so far this year they have handed over 43 pacts to the programme of Humanitarian Attention to the De-mobilized, which provides food, housing, health and education for those who voluntarily lay down their arms.—Xinhua

**Greek PM inaugurates COSCO-run port facilities, invites further Chinese investment**

**Athens, 27 June—** Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras on Wednesday attended the inauguration ceremony of new port facilities run by a subsidiary of Chinese shipping conglomerate COSCO, saying his country welcomes more investment from China.

“The answer to the crisis, regardless of its intensity, is investment,” Samaras said after cutting the ribbon with COSCO Group President Wei Jiakai for the launch of testing operations of the Pier III facilities at the country’s main Piraeus port.

Calling Wei “a true friend of Greece,” he said his country is looking forward to more Chinese investment in various sectors. “Greece can, and I say that it will be the gate of commerce between China and Europe. From the port of Piraeus we started our first cooperation. We invite you to join more successful cooperation in other sectors, like transportation, trains, ports and shipyards,” Samaras said.

He added that during his official visit to China in May, he reaffirmed the great potential of further enhancement of bilateral ties and China’s role in Greece’s growth prospects.

Piraeus Container Terminal, the COSCO subsidiary that runs the port facilities, launched operations in Greece at Pier II at Piraeus port in 2009, with a plan to turn it into the leading container terminal in the Mediterranean Sea region, and ever since has built Pier III and posted remarkable results.

Pier III will be fully operational after the installation of another two super-post Panamax type cranes as of 1 July, much sooner than 2016 as initially anticipated under a contract for the concession of the management of part of Piraeus port facilities to PCT.

**West Africa becomes transit point of illicit drug trafficking**

**Banjul, 27 June—** The West African region has become a transit point of illicit drug trafficking and more efforts are needed to combat this situation in Africa, drug experts said.

The Gambia, like many countries in the region, has become a target for the transit of illicit drug, said Abu-bacar Senghor, chairman of the National Drug Enforcement Agency.

Senghor further said the mental health related to the use of drugs especially cannabis has become a public health problem.

Gajaka, director of the agency, pointed out that 2,161 people have been arrested for cultivating the cannabis, with 92 percent are Gambians.

Gajaka said his agency is working tirelessly against illicit drug abuse and trafficking. He expressed satisfaction about the political commitment of the government to making Gambia a drug free nation. Monimodu Jaiye, deputy mayor of the Kanifing Municipal Council (KMC), affirmed the council’s unflinching support for the fight against drug trafficking. He called on parents to protect their children from drug menace.

Earlier in the day, the Gambia commemorated International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit drug Trafficking with a theme slogan: Make health your ‘new high’ in life, not drug.

World Drug Day, which falls on June 26 each year, is designated by the United Nations to increase public awareness about physical and psychological effects of drugs.—Xinhua
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Press release about granting telecommunications operator license

1. The government has been putting a series of reforms in place for stability of the State and national economic growth, adopting various levels of policies. In improving economic performance of the country, ICT development is a must to communicate with global countries and to fulfill the telecommunications demands of the citizens in short period.

2. To meet such requirements, Communications and Information Technology Ministry was tasked with issuing telecommunications operator licenses according to the law, rules and regulations in a transparent manner. The ministry started taking systematic steps in a transparent manner according to the law as of July, 2012 to issue such licenses.

3. Meanwhile, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker sent a message dated 13-5-2013, serial number 13/patha (saw) 4/2013-004 addressed to the President asking him to discourage hasty steps in issuing telecommunications operator licenses. Moreover, the Speaker also sent a duplicate copy to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and the full context of the message is as follows:

"I received the message of the Pyithu Hluttaw Transport, Communications and Construction Committee referring to issuance of telecommunications operator license calling reconsideration of the hasty issuance of telecommunications operator license before the promulgation of communications law for the sake of the nation and its citizens as foreign investment law does not provide precise provisions about telecommunications service, issuing operator licenses to foreign telecommunications operators prior to the enactment of communications law shall threaten the interests of the nation and its citizens; that necessary coordination should be made with relevant Union level agencies to ban issuing telecommunications operator licenses in a rush before the communications law is promulgated with the age can be enacted so as to safeguard the long-term interests of the nation and its citizens. Therefore, I sent this message along with the letter of committee chairperson to reconsider hasty issuance of telecommunications operator license before the promulgation of communications law for the sake of the nation and its citizens."

4. The President returned a message dated 27-5-2013, serial number 108 (1/8) President Office addressed to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker along with a duplicate copy addressed to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, explaining the necessity of ongoing measures being undertaken according to the law, rules and regulations for the telecommunications service out to tender before the communications law could be enacted.

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