In his address at an opening ceremony of U Kyi Maung self-reliant library held in conjunction with the ceremony to upgrade the basic education middle school into the basic education high school (branch) at West Hlaingpakyin village in Pyaywbe Township in Mandalay Region this morning, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint said that investing in education and health sectors is key to building a nation; that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw allocated billions of kyats to education sector year after year, resulting in upgrading and construction of schools.

He stressed the need to instill democratic practices into school children who will be tomorrow’s citizens and to create a democratic school environment as promotion of education standards of children is needed for democratization. He called on parents and teachers to nurture their children to be educated citizens.

Next, Union Minister U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu and Pyaywbe Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Myint Soe spoke on the occasion.

Then, Director-General U Ye Tint of Information and Public Relations Department donated publications to the newly-opened library.

A ceremony to upgrade Taung Nyangkron village basic education high school (branch) into basic education high school took place at the village in Pyaywbe Township.

The Speaker unveiled the signboard and officials formally opened the ceremony.

In his speech, the Speaker praised teachers for their role played in preparing today’s children for tomorrow’s democratic society, disclosing that educational staff is so noble.

Next, wellwishers handed over cash donations and documents related to their donations to officials. —MNA

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Cash and kind donated to Day Care Center for the Aged

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—The cash donation ceremony for Day Care Center for the Aged, to be run by Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement took place at Social Welfare Training School on Kyaukwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township this morning.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin clarified matters on opening of Day Care Center for the Aged in Yangon Region for the first time and follow-up programmes to open the center in Mandalay Region.

The wellwishers then made cash donations for the fund of the center through Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin who returned certificates of honour to them.

At today’s cash donation ceremony, the wellwishers donated K 20.2 million, US$ 100, one refrigerator, three sets of seizures and 12 sleeping bags. —MNA

Moderate earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 6.0 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Southern Sumatra, Indonesia) about (1750) miles south-southeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (11) hrs (40) min (12) sec MST today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department. —MNA

The sacred Museum of the Sixth Great Buddhist Council

With a view to perpetuating and propagating the Theravada Buddhism, a Sacred Museum commemorating the Sixth Great Buddhist Council of 1954 has been already built with support of multifarious Buddhist people and the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar in the year 2000.

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Two Koreas open talks on suspended industrial zone

SOUTH, 6 July—North and South Korea began working-level talks Saturday at the truce village of Panmunjom to discuss issues related to a joint industrial complex in the North’s border city of Kaesong, at which operations have been suspended for three months.

Each side has sent a three-member delegation to the talks, which are being held on the North Korean side of Panmunjom, located in the middle of the de-militarized Zone between the two Koreas.

The South had proposed the meeting on Thursday after North Korea said the previous day it would allow South Korean businessmen and government officials to visit the Kaesong industrial zone.

Operations at the zone, which has long been a symbol of inter-Korean cooperation, came to a halt on 9 April after Pyongyang amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, withdrew its 53,000 workers employed by more than 100 South Korean companies there. Pyongyang had cut off communication links with Seoul in March in response to joint South Korea-US military exercises and the South’s condemnation of the North’s third nuclear test in February in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions.

On Friday, South Korea’s Unification Ministry spokesman Kim Hyung Soek said Seoul wants to discuss “constructive normalisation” of the Kaesong complex with the Panmunjom talks.

The government has pointed out on numerous occasions that Kaesong must be developed as an area that follows international standards and where common sense prevails,” he was quoted as saying by Yonhap News Agency, suggesting Seoul seeks safeguards to prevent war stoppages caused by arbitrary actions taken by Pyongyang.

Kyodo News

Highly radioactive water found in another well at Fukushima plant

Tokyo, 6 July—Tohoku Electric Power Co said on Friday it has detected highly radioactive water in a well newly built to check the spread of underground contamination at the crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant.

The well is only several metres from a pit from which highly radioactive water was found seeping from the damaged No. 3 reactor, in April 2011, shortly after the nuclear crisis began at the plant. According to TEPCO, a water sample collected Monday from the well, around 25 meters from the sea, contained about 980,000 becquerels per litre of radioactive substances such as strontium that emit beta rays.

TEPCO spokesman Masayuki Ono told a Press conference that the company will check whether the water took more than two years ago has affected the contamination level of water inside the well.

Meanwhile, to improve the reliability of the cooling system for the crippled Nos. 1 to 3 reactors, TEPCO started using a 3-kilometre-long water circulation route that is 1 km shorter than previously.

Water once used to cool the damaged reactors is currently recycled as coolant after the level of radioactivity has been lowered in a water-processing facility.

Kyodo News

Venezuela offers asylum to US fugitive Snowden

CARACAS, 6 July—Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro offered asylum to former US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden on Friday in defiance of Washington, which is demanding his arrest for divulging details of secret US spy programmes.

“The name of America’s dignity ... I have decided to offer humanitarian asylum to Edward Snowden,” Maduro told a military parade marking Venezuela’s independence day. “He is a young man who has told the truth, in the spirit of rebellion, about the United States spying on the whole world.”

The 30-year-old former National Security Agency contractor is believed to be held up in the transit area of Moscow’s Sheremetyevo international airport.

Russian officials have kept Snowden at arm’s length since he landed from Hong Kong on June 23, saying the transit area was a neutral territory.

There is no direct commercial flights between Moscow and Caracas, and the usual route involves changing planes in Havana.

It is not clear if the Cuban authorities would let him transit. Given the dramatic grounding in Vienna of the Bolivian president’s plane this week over suspicions that Snowden was onboard, using European airspace could prove problematic.

One alternative flight plan would involve an aircraft taking off from Moscow, refuelling in Vladivostok, and then continuing east over the Pacific to South America.

Reuters

Islamist protests hit cities across Egypt, at least 24 dead

CAIRO, 6 July—At least 24 people died across Egypt on Friday as Islamists opposed to the overthrow of President Mohamed Mursi took to the streets to vent their fury at what they say was a military coup.

Fierce clashes in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria left 12 dead and 200 injured, while in Cairo, five people were killed as pro- and anti-Mursi protesters ran amok in central areas and armoured personnel carriers rammed among them to restore calm.

Five police officers were gunned down in separate incidents in the North Sinai town of El Arish, and while it was not clear whether the attacks were linked to Mursi’s ouster, hardline Islamists there have warned they would fight back. Tens of thousands of people marched across the country in what Mursi’s Muslim Brotherhood movement called a “Friday of Rage” to demonstrate against his overthrow and the army-backed interim government being set up to prepare for new elections.

A new prime minister could be named as early as Saturday. Egypt’s first freely elected president was toppled on Wednesday, the latest twist in a tumultuous two years since the fall of Hosni Mubarak in the Arab Spring uprisings that swept the region in 2011.

The events of the last week have aroused concern among Egypt’s allies in the West, including key donors the United States and the European Union, and in neighbouring Israel, with which Egypt has had a US-backed peace treaty since 1979.

Friday’s fatalities added to the dozens of deaths in a month of unrest. Last Sunday, huge rallies in Cairo and other cities called for Mursi’s resignation, venting anger over economic stagnation and perceptions of a Brotherhood power grab. His overthrow was greeted with wild scenes of celebration but infuriated supporters who fear a return to the suppression of Islamists they endured under generations of military rule.

It has deepened Egypt’s crisis. With its supporters enraged by Mursi’s removal from power, the Brotherhood says it wants nothing to do with what the army has billed as an inclusive transition plan, culminating in fresh elections. The military has given several details — its roadmap gave no timeframe for a new ballot — adding to political uncertainty at a time when many Egyptians fear violence could polarise society even further.

Leftist former presidentinal candidate Hamdeen Sa-bahi told Reuters he hoped the transition could last only six months. And, in common with allies on the liberal left, he insisted there had been no military coup. He called the idea an insult to Egypt. In an early incident that raised tensions in Cairo, three protesters were shot dead outside the Republican Guard barracks where deceased Mursi is being held, security sources said.

The army denied blame for the shootings. An army spokesman said troops did not open fire on the demonstration and soldiers used blank rounds and tear gas to control the crowd.

Reuters

A television screen shows former US spy agency contractor Edward Snowden during a news bulletin at a cafe at the Moscow’s Sheremetyevo Airport on 26 June, 2013. — Reuters

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NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR
The earliest civilisations were those of the Pyu people, who flourished after the 3rd century BCE, and the Mon, whose kingdom was established in the 4th century. The Pyu kingdom was destroyed in the 9th century by invading Nan Chao forces from China's present-day Yunnan province and the remainder of the race assimilated with the Barma. After the fall of the Pyu, the first Myanmar Empire was founded in the 12th century by the great King Anawrahta of Bagan. It was due to his efforts that Theravada Buddhism flourished in the country to day, and the temple-studded plain around Bagan is his legacy. Under the reign of weak rulers of the late 13th century Bagan fell to the invading horde of Kublai Khan. Of the four thousand temples of the time, only over two thousand remain as living places of worship. Smaller kingdoms were founded by descendants of the Bagan kings. They include the 16th century kingdom of Taungoo. King Tabin Shwe Htii, the third Myanmar Empire was founded by King Alaungpaya in 1752 in upper Myanmar. His Konbaung dynasty the last of Myanmar's monarchies, ended with the invasion of British colonialists in 1885. The last monarch, King Thibaw, was invited to India with his family. After mounting nationalist fervour against the British that began in the 1920s, a harsh period of war and Japanese occupation, Myanmar finally regained its independence in 1948. A short and chaotic period of democratic government followed, during which insurgencies broke out throughout the country. In 1962, the military seized power in a coup and introduced autocratic socialist policies that doomed what had been one of the most promising countries in the region to the status of one of the poorest. As insurgencies raged throughout the country, economic mismanagement — including denationalisation and rendered peoples' savings worthless — led to mass uprising in 1988, with an immediate demand for greater economic opportunity being overtaken by calls for a return to multiparty democracy. The military took power the same year and ruled as the State Law and Order Restoration Council and then as the State Peace and Development Council. During its tenure the military government made peace with most of the insurgent groups, a development that brought law and order to vast areas of the country and provided opportunities for Myanmar and foreigners to visit areas containing historical and natural wonders to which access had previously been restricted. General elections were held in November 2010 and the State Peace and Development Council handed power on 30 March 2011 to the elected government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, under President U Thein Sein. History has much impact on the present and this is never truer than for Myanmar, a country strongly rooted in traditions, culture and proud memories of a centuries-old civilisation.

Japan's DoCoMo holds out to iPhone mania, but at what cost?

Tokyo, 6 July—NTT DoCoMo Inc, Japan's largest mobile provider and a pioneer of the mobile Internet, is one of just a few holdouts among the world's big mobile carriers not offering Apple Inc's iPhone to its 60 million customers. It is paying heavily for that obstinacy—with a net 3.2 million users jumping ship to its two domestic rivals over the last 4-1/2 years—but is determined to protect the walled garden of services it has built around its smartphones.

"We're trying to develop a lifestyle system," NTT DoCoMo CEO Kaoru Kato told Reuters in an interview this week. While customers and even some executives increasingly clamour for it to relent and sign an iPhone deal, DoCoMo is showing no signs of softening its stance. "The biggest problem is the impact on the services that we offer," Kato said. DoCoMo's broad offering of exclusive features, however, is no longer attracting what has become the iPhone generation. It is expected eventually to either reach a deal with Apple or risk losing its crown at the top of its industry. "Unit sales are doing quite well this year but they're still losing customers to other networks," said Hiroshi Yamashita, senior telecoms analyst at BNP Paribas. "If that's the case then they really have no choice but to go for the iPhone." Japanese consumers favoured DoCoMo's mode of integration packages and it launched the world's first large-scale mobile web access service and introduced streamed TV to cell phone users. But its wide array of features — while retaining its share of fans — is not considered sufficient to counter the appeal of the iPhone. "It's photo service, for example, is very difficult to use and I'm not sure anyone still bothers in the age of Instagram and Flickr," said Yosihito Tsuchiya.

DoCoMo's resistance contrasts with holdouts in other markets that are giving in this year to the demand for iPhones. — Reuters

Over 30,000 Tibetan antelopes give birth in Hoh Xil

Xning, 6 July—About 35,000 pregnant Tibetan antelopes have given birth or are expecting on the Hoh Xil National Nature Reserve on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. Marching across grasslands and mountains, the pregnant antelopes finished a long journey from their habitats in northwest China's Qinghai Province and Xinhai Uygur Autonomous Region and the Ngari prefecture and Changtang area of Ti- bet Autonomous Region, southwest China, to arrive at the bank of Zangzong Lake in Hoh Xil to give birth,

Xiao Pengju, deputy chief of the reserve's management bureau, said the bureau has sent special teams out to prevent the antelopes from being poached.

Five conservation stations have been set up to monitor the antelopes' migration and ensure their safety while traveling across the Qinghai-Tibet Railway and Qinghai Tibet Highway, Xiao said.

Songzang, a ranger at the reserve, has said they have asked passing vehicles to slow down and allow the antelopes to cross the highway smoothly. When pregnant antelopes come over in large groups, rangers close some sections of the road temporarily to make way for the antelopes, Songzang added. Over 60 por- cent of the 35,000 antelopes have already given birth, said Zhao Xinglin, Director of Zongke Lake's conserva- tion station.

The number of Tibetan antelopes in or near the reserve has increased from about 20,000 in 1998, when the reserve was established, to more than 35,000 today, according to Xiao.

The antelopes have been targeted by poachers since the 1980s. Armed poaching led to a sharp decline in the antelope population in the mid-1990s.

Rivals to looming large over HTC sales, third-quarter growth seen flat

Taipei, 6 July—HTC Corp may not sustain growth into the third quar- ter as the glow around the Taiwanese smartphone maker's flagships model is likely to be eclipsed by new products from bigger rivals Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd. Strongest of the latest version of the HTC One, as well as the colour- ful Butterfly range, boosted HTC's second-quarter net profit surged to T$23.5 bil- lion ($1.41 billion) from a record low in the previous quarter when a shortage of camera components delayed its product launch.

The profit figure, however, lagged forecasts and analysts said the sales growth was likely to be short-lived. Sales for the July-Septem- ber quarter are expected to remain little changed from the previous quarter and few new products are in the pipeline. The company has also cut back on component orders for the quarter, which traditionally sees bigger sales, several analysts said.

BNP Paribas, in a recent re- search note, said it expected overall third-quarter orders to remain flat from the second-quarter.

"HTC may have new products in Q3, but expec- tation from Apple and other Chinese brands are fierce," said Taipei-based analyst Peter Liao of Nomura Securities. "It'll be hard to keep the growth." Analysts said the almost 25 percent drop in HTC's June sales compared to the same yearago period also fooled the market in the next quarter. "The big drop on June sales likely proves the One sales momentum slowdown and 3Q may be only flatish as is the mar- ket expectation," Goldman Sacks analyst Michael Shih said.

Growth in sales for smartphone market leader Samsung Electronics has also started to wane. The South Korean firm missed earlier modest expectations for its quarterly earnings guidance, deepening worries that its smartphone business may have peaked. HTC has embarked on a marketing campaign to promote its brand image a strategy it said in May would squeeze operat- ing margins for the rest of the year. The company is ex- pected to launch the One Mini II phone, which features a 4.3-inch screen and is targeted at the mid-market, in August, a month before both heavy-weights Samsung and Apple are likely to release new and upgraded offerings. — Reuters
Dell shares fall as investors bet against higher buyout bid

New York, 6 July—Shares of Dell Inc fell more than 3 percent on Friday, as investors grew skeptical that founder Michael Dell and Silver Lake Partners will raise their $24.4 billion buyout bid in order to overcome growing opposition. A deteriorating outlook for the PC industry has made a deal more challenging, and the buyout group is current- ly not planning to increase its $13.65 per share offer to take Dell private, people familiar with the matter said on Wednesday, Bloomberg separately reported on Friday morning that Michael Dell and Silver Lake ruled out raising their bid, citing people with direct knowledge of the matter.

Shares of Dell were trading 3.1 percent lower at $12.80 on Nasdaq. Dell’s board has grown skepti- cal of the prospects of Mi- chael Dell’s bid after recent meetings with inves- tors, and has advised Dell to raise the bid if he wants to deal the deal to go through, sources familiar with the matter previously said. Mi- chael Dell did not commit to a new course of action and so far has not commu- nicated his decision to the board one way or another, one of the sources said on Friday.

Several large Dell shareholders told the board that the bidders would need to increase the price or offer shareholders a chance to continue to own a piece of the company for them to approve the deal. Failing that, the investors said, they want the board to come up with a ‘Plan B’ for Dell. The shareholder pressure on Dell comes ahead of a key report expected next week by investment advisory firm Institutional Shareholder Services, and a July 18 shareholder meeting, when investors will vote on the Michael Dell-Silver Lake deal.—Reuters

Morningstar says clients’ credit card data may have been leaked

Boston, 6 July—Investment research firm Morningstar Inc (MORN.O) said personal information, including credit card details, of about 2.3 million users of its Morningstar Document Research service may have been compromised due to a security breach last year. The incident on 3 April, 2012 may also have led to the leakage of names, ad- dresses, email addresses and passwords, the com- pany said in a filing on Friday. Morningstar Docu- ment Research, formerly 10.K Wizard, provides a global database and search tool for company filings. An additional 182,000 clients who had email ad- dresses and user-generated passwords on the system may also have been affect- ed, Morningstar added. “We have encouraged clients whose credit cards may have been compromised to monitor their credit reports and credit card accounts,” the research firm said. The company has also sent no- tices to its clients asking them to reset their pass- words.

Morningstar spokesperson Margaret Cohen said the company became aware of the breach in late May and began informing clients in June. The matter became public on Friday when Morningstar released its 8K filing, which it does on the first Friday of every month, and uses as an op- portunity to answer ques- tions that have been posed to the company.—Reuters

WHO calls for action against obesity, excess weight

Vienna, 6 July—The World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday urged member states to take strong- er action against obesity and excess weight to lessen obe- sity-related diseases. Representatives from 48 states at the European ministerial conference on nutrition and noncommu- nicable diseases signed the Viennese Declaration at the two-day meeting. “We reaf- firm our commitment in the context of European and global initiatives to combat the major risk factors for non-communicable diseases, especially an unhealthy diet and physical inactivity,” the declaration said.

Measures recommend- ed include less fat, sugar, and salt consumption in di- et along with an increase in physical activity, through which it is hoped to bring about a 25 percent reduction in premature mortality from related noncommunicable diseases by 2025.

Austrian Health Min- ister Alois Stoger said he was happy with the confer- ence, APA reported. “The WHO has come up with a common nutrition strategy in the European region for the first time and that it was now up to individual coun- tries to implement them, something Austria has al- ready achieved,” he said.

Minorities, poor receive fewer strong painkillers

New York, 6 July—People who are poor, Afri- can American or both are less likely to be prescribed opioids for pain than well- off white patients, accord- ing to a new study, he powerful painkillers, which include codeine and oxy- codeone, have been in the spotlight recently as deaths from overdoses rise and more drugs end up in the hands of people taking them for non-medical purposes. Most studies have found that blacks in pain don’t receive opioids as often as whites, but the new study suggests economic differences matter in addition to racial ones. The disparities are concern- ing and definitely warrant further investigation,” said Dr. Michael Joynt, who led the study at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in New York.

However, he added, there’s probably not “any one single factor” that explains those disparities, a researcher not involved in the study said cultural dif- ferences between doctors and patients and a lack of time to closely evaluate each person in the emergen- cy room may encourage un- conscious stereotypes that affect doctors’ treatment decisions. Ack of standard- ized guidelines on how to treat pain may also be a factor, Joynt told Reuters Health. He and his colleagues analyzed data from about 1,400 hospital ERs between 2006 and 2009. During that span, the ERs prescribed opioids to just over 50,000 people reporting moderate or severe pain.

Both race and income were linked to a pain pa- tient’s chance of being prescribed an opioid, or ex- ample, 46 percent of white patients with moderate or severe pain were given opi- oids, compared to 30 per- cent of black patients. And 45 percent of non-Hispanic people received the drugs, versus 40 percent of His- panics.—Reuters

WHO sets up emergency committee on MERS virus

Geneva, 6 July—The World Health Organization is forming an emergency committee of international experts to prepare for a possible worsening of the Middle East coronavirus (MERS), which has killed 40 people. WHO flu ex- pert Kenji Fukuda said on Friday. Fukuda said there was currently no emergen- cy or pandemic but the ex- perts would advise on how to tackle the disease if the number of cases suddenly grows. Most of the cases of MERS so far have been in Saudi Arabia, which hosts millions of Muslim visitors every year for the annual pilgrimage. “We want to make sure we can move as quickly as possible if we need to,” Fukuda told a news conference.

“If in the future we do see some kind of explosion or if there is some big out- break or we think the situa- tion has really changed, we will already have a group of emergency committee experts who are already up to speed so we don’t have to go through a steep learn- ing curve.”

The emergency com- mittee is the second to be set up under WHO rules that came into force in 2007, after the 2002 SARS outbreak. The previ- ous emergency committee was set up to respond to the 2009 H1N1 pandemic.

Fukuda said MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) remained a patchwork of infections that had not yet swept through countries or communities as influenza can. The com- mittee was partly being formed to consider big gaps in knowledge about the disease, he added.—Reuters

World Health Organization
Murdoch belittled
British police in secret
recording by staff

LONDON, 6 July — Rupert Murdoch belittled a British police inquiry into bribes allegedly paid by his journalists in a secret recording made by his staff, in sharp contrast to the profuse public apologies he made to defuse anger at news-gathering practices.

Murdoch told staff at his Sun tabloid in a private meeting in March that he had been wrong to help the police investigation into tactics he said reporters had used for decades, and promised unspecified support to reporters snared by the inquiry.

Cameron wins symbolic vote on EU referendum

LONDON, 6 July — Prime Minister David Cameron won a parliamentary vote on Friday on making a referendum on Britain’s European Union membership legally binding, but his victory is largely symbolic as it will not tie the hands of a future government.

Trailing in the polls before a 2015 election, Cameron hopes his support for the bill will end his Conservative Party’s feud over Europe, win back voters lost to anti-EU rivals and expose the opposition Labour Party’s refusal to back a referendum.

MPs backed the bill, which legislates for an EU referendum by the end of 2017, by 304 votes to zero, in an exercise seen as a way to convince eurosceptic Britons that Cameron is serious about giving them an “in/out” EU vote.

Cameron’s pro-EU coalition partner, the Lib Dems, and most opposition Labour MPs abstained after dismissing the vote as a parliamentary “stunt” that wasted lawmakers’ time. Unable to put forward a referendum bill as a government due to Liberal Democrat opposition, Cameron threw his support behind the bill proposed by his party’s youngest lawmaker, 29-year-old James Wharton. “It is about time we gave those millions of British people who want a say the chance to do so,” Wharton told a charged session of the Commons.

Cameron, who wants Britain to stay inside a reformed EU, says upholding the bloc in the EU since the eurozone crisis makes it the right time to give voters their first say on Europe since they opted to stay in the bloc in a 1975 referendum.

The bill could still be defeated as it passes through parliament. Even if it becomes law a future government could repeal it.

Pakistan approves two nuclear power plants

ISLAMABAD, 6 July — Pakistan’s Cabinet Executive Committee approved on Thursday setting up two 1,100 megawatt nuclear power plants at the Karachi coast, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said. He told a Press conference the two power plants would be set up by Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, which is already operating a 337 megawatt nuclear power plant at Karachi known as K-1.

Budget documents had revealed the setting up of only one 1,100 megawatt coastal power plant at Karachi, with Chinese assistance. — Kyodo News

Top Chinese universities to enroll student pilots

BEIJING, 6 July — A total of 87 student pilots from military colleges will be able to study in public universities in China, the first of its kind in the country.

According to an official military news website, chinamil.com.cn, the new intake of student pilots for 2013, will enable Peking University, Tsinghua University and The Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics to enroll 25, 32, and 30 student pilots respectively this year.

The website says Peking and Tsinghua Universities, the two most prestigious ones in China, will lower entry requirements for the young pilots.

Under the joint education program, the public universities will be responsible for the student pilots’ cultural and rudimentary education, while the military colleges for professional training and flight-related practice.

The student pilots will get diplomas from the two partner institutions upon their graduation after 4 year study.

Xinhua

South American leftist leaders rally to Bolivia’s side in Snowden saga

BOLIVIA, 6 July — South America’s most outspoken leftist leaders gathered on Thursday to rally behind Bolivian President Evo Morales, whose plane was diverted in Europe this week on suspicion that fugitive US spy agency contractor Edward Snowden was aboard.

The summit in Cochabamba, Bolivia — where Morales began his political career as a leader of coca farmers — is aimed at expressing outrage over the “virtual kidnaping” and the US pressure they believe spurned it.

“Europe broke all the rules of the game,” Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa said earlier that if any country had denied airspace to a US or European president, “it probably would have been grounds for war,” despite the rhetoric.

No Latin American country has offered asylum yet to Snowden, who is wanted by Washington for disclosure of intelligence secrets. Two radical leftist governments — Venezuela and Cuba — are in a cautious rapprochement with the United States that would be jeopardized if they gave him sanctuary. Russia is growing impatient over Snowden’s stay in Moscow airport and officials have urged him to leave.

Bolivia said Morales was returning from Moscow on Tuesday when France and Portugal abruptly banned his plane from entering their airspace, and it was forced to land in Vienna. Austrian officials said they inspected his plane there, but Bolivia’s defence minister denied this.

US State Department spokesman Jen Psaki, said: “We’ve broadly asked for Mr Snowden to be returned from any country where he may be, where he may land, where he may transit.”

The Anger of allies over reported US spying that came to light in the Snowden scandal, US President Barack Obama has agreed to talks with the European Union, and also agreed to bilateral talks with Germany after speaking on Wednesday night with Chancellor Angela Merkel.

“I made clear spying on institutions within the European Union is not how we would expect those we consider friends to treat us,” Merkel said. — Reuters
ASEAN dialogue on 12-13 July

YANGON, 6 July—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and HannsSeidelFoundation will jointly organize a dialogue on ASEAN on 12-13 July.

Challenges in assuming ASEAN chairmanship in 2014 and impacts of Myanmar’s reforms on regional and global affairs will be on the agenda.

Experts from relevant fields will give lectures at the dialogue.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will host the event.

Those interested are to contact the foundation at myanmar@hss.de and 01-667225.

MMAL: Myat Sandhi Thin Zaw

Sesame farmers “unpleasant” due to lack of rainfall

LANGHKIO, 6 July—Despite hopeful showers in early June, lack of rainfall since 6 June has given sesame farmers in Langhki a splitting headache.

Under intense heat on these days, the sesame plants are being withered, leading to the depression of the farmers. They said it is unpleasant to see plants withering in their farms.

“We are concerned about potential high price of sesame oil as it does not rain in sesame harvest. Lack of rainfall in monsoon sesame season causes loss of labour of sesame farmers and reduces incomes of the farmers,” a farmer said.

MMAL: Sai Zaw Latt (Langhki)

Food supply in Kyaukkyi Tsp inspected

KYAUK KYI, 6 July—Authorities in Kyaukkyi Township in Tanintharyi Region inspected meat in the market to ensure healthy supply of food on 3 July.

The group formed with executive officers of Township Development Affairs Committee and party,

Dr Naw Ba So Wah of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, ward administrator and townsmen inspected pork, meat, chicken and other food in the Nat Than Kwin market.

The effort is aimed at ensuring safety of food in the area.

MMAL: Naw Law Mu

Traffic Police Corps donate exercise books

NAVY TAW, 6 July—Myanmar Traffic Police Corps donated 300 dozens of exercise books with the cover of traffic rules at Basic Education High School 3 (Branch) in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Commander of the Traffic Police Corps Police Col Kyaw Htwaw and gave educative talks on traffic rules. The exercise books are donated to BEHs and middle schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

MMAL: 145

Tatkon Myoma Market Cooperative Society Ltd held annual general meeting and prize presentation ceremony to outstanding students at the market in Tatkon in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 5 July. Loans were disbursed to members at the ceremony.

MMAL: 021

Anti-DHF measures carried out in Monywa

MONYWA, 6 July—Anti-Dengue Fever measures were carried out in Thalla youth philanthropic school in Monywa of Sagaing Region on 1 July morning.

Head of Township Regional Health Department and staff participated in the efforts.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Nyant Sein, his assistant Dr Myint Myint Aye, Township Health in charge U Myint Swe, health staff gave talks on DHF.

The water sources in the school yard were sterilized.

MMAL: District IPRD
Zero-tolerance to corruption

Corruption is an enormous obstacle to a nation’s realization of politically, economically and administratively sweeping reforms to build a clean government in good governance. No matter what it comes in various forms, corruption is a breach of the Rule of Law. Any countries with young democracy and poorly-corrupted administrative mechanism have to face its crippling blows of a similar magnitude to genuine democracy and sustainable development. Corruption and poverty can create a vicious circle. Developing countries with illicit financial flows, prolonged armed conflicts or fears of natural disasters are afflicted with the cancer of corruption. Stealing public money for private gain and siphoning foreign aid into private bank accounts have been called modern-day corruption.

When corruption takes root in the countries, only marginalized people suffer first and worst. Then infrastructure projects and financial resources needed to bolster economic growth and address social needs are paralyzed. Moreover, corruption can ruin reputation of a certain country, a race and a person, hamper foreign investment and international recognition of being a desirable reliable dissatisfaction with the incumbent government.

It is an excerpt from a speech by former Indian President Abdul Kalam that “if a country is to be corruption-free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and teachers”. So, schools and homes are to serve as a good basis for good governance. A great responsibility rests with parents and teachers to instill good morals into their children to be deeply ashamed of committing corruption and firmly equipped with a culture that values ethical behaviors.

Being a global concern, cooperation with not international community but civil societies and media forces at home is needed in a fight against corruption. Officials with great determination to go after the big fish, prosecutors who embrace justice to expose frauds, whistleblowers who dare to speak out about embezzlements and the media with high credibility to probe into bribery and corruption are necessary as a drive to build a less corrupt country, showing a zero-tolerance to corruption. The most important force is public support. Only with participation of all, will a certain nation with young democracy be built as a corruption-free country.

YCDC plants saplings in Hlaung watershed area

YANGON, 6 July—Yangon City Development Committee held the tree-planting ceremony at tea plantation near Hlaung watershed area of Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region this morning. "With a view to perpetuating and propagating the ancient Buddhism, a Sacred Museum commemorating the Sixth Great Buddhist Council of 1954 has been already built with support of monks, people and the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar in the year 2000. The Sacred Museum is grandly situated on Sirirangma Kaba Ayeh Hill close to the east of the Mahapassana Cave/Great Cave in which the Sixth Great Buddhist Council was successfully held in the year 1948 of the Buddhist Era, 1954 AD. The Sixth Great Buddhist Council was attended by an assembly of (25000) venerable elders (Bhikkhus) and heads of states from five Theravada Buddhist nations, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. At the Sixth Great Buddhist Council, an assembly of (25000) venerable elders (Bhikkhus) led by the most Venerable Revata escorted and verified the scriptures were later put into print.

We all Buddhists throughout the world know that altogether Six Great Buddhist Councils were held in order to recite and give authenticity of the whole body of the teachings of the Buddha and to preserve and propagate those sacred teachings after the death of the Buddha in 544 BC.

Just three months and four days (in 544 BC) after the noble demise of the Buddha, the First Buddhist Council were held in the city of Rajagaha (India). The whole body of the teachings of the Buddha was recited and given authenticity by an assembly of five hundred Arahatas presided over by the Venerable Mahakassapa at the First Great Buddhist Council which was held with the support of King Ajatasattu.

In the year (100) of the Buddhist Era, 443 BC, the second Great Buddhist Council was held in the city of Vesali (India). The teachings that a sect of heretical monks were trying to found the original teachings of the Buddha were dismissed by an assembly of seven hundreds Arahatas led by the Venerable Yasa at the Second Buddhist Council which held with support of King Kusakara.

In the year (235) of the Buddhist Era, 308 BC, the Third Buddhist Council was held in the city of Patanliputra (India). The doctrines of unlawful teachings of Mahadhatu were sent back that some had tried to instigate into were cleared by an assembly of one thousand Arahatas needed by the Venerable Mahamogalipratissa at the Third Great Buddhist Council which was held with the support of Emperor Asoka.

In the year (450 of the Buddhist Era, the Fourth Buddhist Council was held in Ma-la-ya, Sri Lanka (Ceylon). An assembly of five hundred venerable elders (Bhikkhus) led by the Venerable Mahadhammarakkita wrote the entire words of the Buddha’s teachings on palm leaves at the Fourth Buddhist Council. The Fourth Great Buddhist Council was held with the support of King Vattagamini of Ceylon.

In the year (2415) of the Buddhist Era, 1871 AD, the Fifth Great Buddhist Council was held in Mandalay, Myanmar. An assembly of two thousand and four hundred venerable elders (Bhikkhus) led the Venerable Jagarabhivamsa recited and approved the scriptures at the Fifth Great Buddhist Council.

YANGON Region Minister for Development Affairs Mr U Tha Myint, region ministers and YCDC members planted star-flower plants and viewed growing of saplings by staff. They grew 4480 saplings. This rainy season, a plan is underway to cultivate 158,851 saplings on 290 acres of tea plantation in Hlaung Watershed Area. So far, the committee has grown 62,566 saplings on 147 acres of land.

New gas deposit discovered at Mottama M-3 offshore block

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htun and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe held a meeting at PTTPE’s Co’s test drilling of oil and gas well as M-3 offshore block this morning.

PTTPE Co which is making joint venture with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) started test drilling at 26-3-2011 and drilled test oil and gas well for M-3 offshore block.

Since 1983, MOGE had drilled four wells at Mottama M-3 offshore block. PTTPE Co found a new gas deposit there. The Ministry of Energy is carrying out oil and gas explorations with local and foreign companies. The ministry has set policy to use these oil and gas so as to satisfy local power demand.
**LOCAL NEWS**

**Four-District Police Forces meeting held in Bago**

Bago, 6 July—A meeting of Four-District Police Forces in Bago Region organized by the Bago Region Police Force Commander was held at the police Yekitha of Bago Region Police Force on 4 July morning. At the meeting, Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col. Thein Tun provided 250 doses of exercise book to the children of police families and presented cash awards to police members for their excellent performance in June through Region Police Commander Col Mya Win. —Kyemon San Wai (Bagoantepay)

**WFP, Save The Children carry out survey in Kanma**

KANMA, 6 July—WFP and Save The Children led by Mrs Victoria Louise Sibson and U Thein Tun Naing in cooperation with Department of Rural Region Development under the Ministry of Border Affairs conducted a survey of tropical area’s foodstuff and nutritious deficiency on 3 July.

They chose 12 households in Htangauk Village where they carried out survey on health, body weight, height and daily consumption of food nourishment of 12 children under five and an acre per yield of crops. They also carried out survey in Pauyang Village on 4 July. Both Htangauk and Pauyang Villages are located in Kanma Township. —Kyemon Kyaw Kyaw (IRFD)

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

NAI PYI Taw, 6 July—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has set up hotlines and complaint services to receive and respond to complaints online. The public can submit tips-offs and complaints over illegal acts, misappropriation and corruption. The public may report the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manner causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces. Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region. No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067 41222 and 067 41244), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067 550333), Kachin State Police Force (067 21444), Kayin State Police Force (058 23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071 214996), Taninthayi Region Police Force (059 23998), Bago Region Police Force (052 23999), Magway Region Police Force (063 280999), Mandalay Region Police Force (02 61444), Mon State Police Force (057 24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043 22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01 2302190), Shan State Police Force (081 2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042 23844). —MA/4

**Chin State eyes on regional development**

REZWA, 6 July—Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai together with officials of the state government gave instructions to departmental officials and local people on regional development at the meeting hall of Rezwa Sub-Township General Administration Department on 3 June morning with the aim of fulfilling the requirements of social, health, education and economic sectors of the local people.

Deputy Speaker of the State Hluttaw U Ohn Lwin reported on Hluttaw affairs, State Minister for Transport U Ngum Hsan Aung on road and bridge matters and State Minister for Development Affairs U Nein Naine on development tasks.

Townsender U Thong Linn presented a report on requirements of the state. The meeting ended with concluding remarks. —Kyemon Hla Thein (West Tama)

**Monsoon Palethwe hybrid paddy strains under cultivation in Mawlu Area**

MAWLU, 6 July—With the aim of enhancing socioeconomic status and doubling income of farmers, high-yield Palethwe hybrid paddy strains have been cultivated across the nation.

Palethwe hybrid paddy strains were cultivated at Field No. 535 of 10-acre farmland owned by Village Administrator U Ohn Kyaw in Phaungton Village in Mawlu Area of Indaw Township, Sagaing Region on 2 July.

Indaw Township Agriculture Department distributes high-yield Palethwe hybrid paddy strains to the farmers at a reasonable price. It can yield 100-200 baskets per acre. We cultivated Chin 3 paddy strain and it produced from 70 to 95 baskets per acre. This year, we expect to produce from 100 to 150 baskets per acre due to high-yield Palethwe hybrid paddy strains,” said Village Administrator U Ohn Kyaw. —Kyemon-U Toe

**HRD**

**People get easy access to Internet through district public library**

SAGAING, 6 July—Sagaing District Information and Public Relations Department of Sagaing Region has made arrangements for enabling the people to have easy access to Internet through WiFi facility at its office. Therefore, the number of Internet users is growing day by day.

“We are convenient in applying Internet at the district Information and Public Relations Department. The library is quiet. We can enjoy Internet at the tea shops but these venues are noisy. I do not intend to put blame on others. In fact, any Internet users prefer to enjoy the websites quiet. The staff of the department switch on fans and lightings as giving services to the users,” said U Thant Zin Kyaw who is applying WiFi daily. —Kyemon Zaw Myint Naing (Sagaing District HRD)

**Pedigree species of pig distributed in Mohnin Tsp**

MOHNYIN, 6 July—Mohnin District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in cooperation with Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise distributed DYL pig species and feedstuffs from 17 to 20 June, with the aim of increasing numbers of pedigree pigs in local area, developing meat production and enabling the local people to earn increased income. A total of 286 species of pig and 7279 viss of feedstuffs were distributed to 76 livestock breeding entrepreneurs from Mohnin and Mogaung townships and Hopin sub-township.

The DYL pig species get from pig-breeding farms of Htonbo of Mandalay Region and Daikku of Bago Region. Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the entrepreneurs can buy pigs through six-month loan system. —NM.001
Portugal PM says found formula for government stability

LISBON, 6 July—Portugal’s Prime Minister Passos Coelho told journalists after a crisis meeting with the president to discuss the political situation, that the resignation of the finance minister, Vitor Gaspar, and Foreign Minister Paulo Portas, who also heads the CDS-PP, threatens to deprive the government of a majority in parliament as the country goes through its worst slump since the 1970s.

Passos Coelho said the solution would involve a “way to guarantee the political support of the CDS-PP of the government,” adding that the resignation of the finance minister was a personal decision. Still, the prime minister gave no details of the agreement and the final outcome still depends on further negotiations with Portas in coming days. It is likely to include more ministerial positions for the CDS-PP, analysts said.

Any final agreement will also have to be approved by President Aníbal Cavaco Silva, who will meet with all political parties starting on Monday.

Portuguese assets were highly volatile on the day but after the afternoon bond yields fell and stocks recovered most of their sharp losses from a day earlier as agreement appeared closer. (Reuters)

Qinghai-Tibet Railway expands its reach

XINING, 6 July—Seven years after the Qinghai-Tibet Railway went into operation, the “roof of the world” is about to see more railways connecting it to other parts of China.

Several new railway lines are either under construction or being planned to form a rail network in the western hinterland of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau in western China, according to the Qinghai-Tibet Railway Company, the operator of the world’s highest railway.

During China’s 12th Five Year Plan (2011-2015) period, the Qinghai-Tibet Railway Company invested in all directions, ending the history of no railways in the southern part of the Tibetan Autonomous Region and strengthening its ties with neighbouring provinces.

The Qinghai-Tibet Railway, which spans 1,956 km from Xining, Qinghai province, to Lhasa, regional capital of Tibet, carried 10.76 million people and 56.06 million tonnes of cargo in 2012. With these new extension lines in place, the company estimates that its passenger and cargo loads will increase to 14 million and 90 tonnes, respectively, in 2015.

The railway has led to a boom in tourism in Tibet. In 2012, more than 10 million tourists visited the autonomous region, up 21.7 percent year on year, and tourism revenue surged 30.3 percent to 12.64 billion yuan (2.06 billion U.S. dollars).

According to Zhe Jing, the company’s vice general manager, the rail network will bring major cities in western China closer.

One of the first extensions to be completed will be a 235 km line linking Lhasa to Xigaze, a historical city in southwestern Tibet. Construction of the line began in September 2010, and is expected to finish at the end of this year. Lhasa-Jenjen, chairman of the Tibetan regional government, said during China’s annual parliamentary session in March. The company is also considering a line between Lhasa to Nyingchi, a prefecture in the southeastern part of the autonomous region famous for its virgin forests.

Meanwhile, two new lines will extend from Golmud, a city in Qinghai that serves as an important junction on the Qinghai-Tibet Railway. One will run toward Duntulang in northwest China’s Gansu province and the other to Kerla, Xining’s Yurgeon Autonomous Region. With 12.9 billion yuan in investment, construction on the Golmud-Duntulang line was kicked off last October and is expected to be completed in five years, company spokesperson Wang Tao told Xinhua. (Xinhua)

Syria’s Assad says only foreign invasion can threaten him

BEIRUT, 6 July—Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said he and his government would survive the civil war having endured everything his opponents could do to topple him and only the distant prospect of direct foreign military intervention could change that.

After steady rebel gains in the first two years of civil war, Syria became stuck in a bloody stalemate lasting months until a June government offensive that led to the capture of a strategic border town. Momen tum now looks to be behind Assad.

“This was their goal in hitting our infrastructure, hitting our economy, and creating complete chaos in society so that we would become a failed state,” Assad said in an interview with Syria’s official Tassor newspaper published on Thursday. “So far we have not reached that stage.”

The only factor that could undermine the resilience of the government, he said, was direct foreign intervention. But he said that was unlikely due to foreign powers’ conflict—flying views of an opposition movement increasingly overshadowed by radical Islamist militants.

“They have used every material, emotional and psychological means available to them. The only option they have is direct foreign intervention,” he said.

“But there is hesitation and rejection (of intervention) from most countries so we if we can overcome this stage with resilience and awareness, we have nothing more to fear.”

Syria’s year-uprising against Assad, whose family has ruled Syria for more than four decades, has been peaceful protests but became militarised after an army crackdown.

The rebels remain strong in the north of Syria, but Assad has been slowly reinforcing his forces there in the hope of retaking territory. Fierce fighting is raging around several cities in central Syria and near the capital. Assad’s counteroffensive led the United States to announce last month military support for the opposition, a move it said would restore the balance of power ahead of any peace talks. (Reuters)

Cuba to launch 8th national audit in anti-corruption efforts

HAVANA, 6 July—Cuba will launch its Eighth Internal Control National Audit on 21 October as part of the government’s fight against corruption, a senior official of the Comptroller General Office announced on Thursday.

The one-month audit campaign will look into programs including building materials sales in the provinces of Santiago de Cuba and Guantanamo, which were hit hard by Hurricane Sandy last October.

Other programmes to be audited include export subsidies, the granting of land use permits, direct trade between farmers and tourism entities, the implementation of the 17 recently adopted measures on agricultural cooperatives and state payments to private entities. The Comptroller General Office was created by the government of Cuban leader Fidel Castro in 2009 to fight corruption and strengthen law enforcement in the country.

The last general audit was held six months ago, when 34 percent of the surveyed state-run entities showed deficiencies. (Xinhua)
Indonesian president meets with Australian PM

Tokyo, 6 July—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is likely to face challenges in pushing ahead with his economic policies dubbed "Abenomics," even if his ruling Liberal Democratic Party wins control of the House of Councillors in the 21 July election. Abe has been promoting his "three arrows" of drastic monetary easing, massive fiscal spending and a growth strategy to tackle Japan's prolonged deflation, but a lost battle on whether to implement a sales tax hike as well as a possible spike in long-term interest rates could prove to be significant obstacles, some analysts said.

As public support for Abe's Cabinet has been tepidly high since it was formed on 26 December, the election "is highly likely to put an end to the divided Diet," where opposition parties control the upper chamber, said Tatsuhiko Yoshizaki, executive vice president of the Sotji Economic Research Institute.

"No national election will be held for the next three years," he said, "so unless there is a very big political blunder, Mr. Abe can stay in office" throughout that period. Yoshizaki said that even though Abe’s growth strategy has caused disappointment due to its lack of detail on structural reform and deregulation, keys to boosting private-sector investment, his government "can accelerate economic reforms over the next three years."

Abe’s administration has promised to draw up a medium-term fiscal reform plan in August, aiming to achieve its international pledge to halve the ratio of the primary balance deficit to the country’s gross domestic product by fiscal 2015 from the level in fiscal 2010 and turn the balance into a surplus by fiscal 2020.—Kyodo News

Japanese expats start voting in upper house election

New York, 6 July—Japanese expatriates on Friday began voting in upper house election

"Photo taken on 4 June, 2013 shows giant panda Raulinh (R) and her female cub, Yulun, at the Adventure World park in Shirahama, Wakayama Prefecture. Raulinh gave birth to Yulun last August at the park, which has celebrated the birth of panda cubs on eight occasions, resulting in 12 cubs, all of which have survived.—Kyodo News"
Bomb targets police patrol in Yemen’s capital, kills three

SANAA, 6 July — An explosive device planted in a police patrol car near the Yemeni interior ministry’s headquarters on Saturday killed three soldiers, the country’s defence ministry said.

The ministry said on its website that several others were wounded as the police forces cordoned off the scene and began preliminary investigations into the attack. Witnesses and residents told Xinhua that the blast was powerful.

Yemen security services have repeatedly blamed militants of the Yemen-based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula for a series of assassination attempts against security personnel across the country.

The government has been waging crackdown on the militants since 2011.

Hollande pledges to rebuild Tunisian-French ties on “new bases”

TUNIS, 6 July — During an address delivered at the Tunisia’s Constituent Assembly on Friday, French President Francois Hollande pledged to “rebuild Tunisian-French relations on new bases.” France is ready to cooperate with all Tunisian parties, he said, adding that France “knows that Islam and democracy are compatible.”

Hollande also announced that France would transform Tunisia’s debt into development projects and urge French businessmen to further invest in the country.

The French head of State also paid tribute to the slain political opposition leader, Chokri Belaid, calling for the capture of his assassins. He also apologized to the widow of Farhat Hached, a trade union leader allegedly killed by a French paramilitary group in 1952, adding that he will help uncover the truth behind the assassination, by promising to open up French classified archives on the subject.

Hollande, who will wrap up his two-day visit to Tunisia later on Friday, met on Thursday with the country’s president Moncef Marzouki and Prime Minister Ali Laarayedh.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif shakes hands with Xinhuanet CEO Tian Shubin in Beijing, July 5, 2013. Xinhua

14 militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 July — Fourteen Taliban militants have been killed in Afghanistan within the last 24 hours, the country’s Interior Ministry on Saturday revealed. “Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) conducted a series of clean-up operations in Kunar, Baghlan, Ghor, Ghazni and Paktia provinces. As a result, nine armed Taliban were killed, two wounded and six other armed Taliban were arrested by the ANSF over the last 24 hours,” the ministry said in a statement.

In addition, two suicide attackers were shot dead by police in eastern Paktika province Friday, leading to one explosion. Two policemen were slightly wounded in the blast, the statement added. Three other militants were killed when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) they were planting along a main road in eastern Nangarhar province went off prematurely Friday evening, it said.

The ANSF and the NATO-led coalition troops have intensified operations against Taliban and other militants recently. But the insurgent groups responded by bombings. On Friday, up to nine police cops and three civilians were killed and 17 others wounded in two separate suicide bombings in southern Kandahar and neighbouring Uruzgan province.

River polluted in S China

GUANGZHOU, 6 July — Government authorities in Fengkai County, south China’s Guangdong Province, on Saturday warned that water in a section of the Hejiang River has been tainted by pollution upstream. Around 6 am Saturday, dead fish were found in a reservoir in Fengkai County after hazardous substances had been detected upstream in neighboring Guanzhong Autonomous Region, the county government said.

The county government has warned the local tap water plant and residents against taking water or eating aquatic products from the Hejiang River.

Investigation is under way to determine the pollutants and their source.

Xinhua

16 killed as train hits rickshaw in Pakistan’s Punjab province

ISLAMABAD, 6 July — At least 16 people including women and children were killed Saturday afternoon when a train smashed a rickshaw in Pakistan’s eastern Punjab province, local media reported.

According to reports, the incident took place when a train hit a rickshaw in Kasur area of Sheikhupura District of Punjab Province that killed all the 16 passengers on board.

Twelve out of total 16 persons, who were riding in the rickshaw, were killed on spot as the rickshaw was shattered into pieces after train hit while four of them sustained serious injuries. Rescue teams and local people rushed to the site and shifted the bodies and the injured to the hospital where all the injured also succumbed to their injuries during treatment with death toll rising to 16.

District civil administration said that the rickshaw was overloaded and its driver tried to cross the railway line carelessly but the vehicle’s engine was jammed in the middle of the track.

The fast train could not stop and rammed into the rickshaw and pushed it up to 1 kilometer distance. Parts of rickshaw and human limbs were scattered on both sides of the railway track.

Xinhua
Superman Henry Cavill dating Big Bang girl Kaley Cuoco?

London, 6 July—Man of Steel actor Henry Cavill is reportedly dating Big Bang Theory actress Kaley Cuoco. "They were both single and started dating recently," people.com quoted a source as saying.

Through Cuoco, 27, and Cavill, 30, have not made any official announcements yet, the couple is getting to know each other. "It’s just the beginning stages of a relationship and they’re having a great time," the source said.—PTI

'Lone Ranger' ambushed at box office, Disney may face loss

Cast member Johnny Depp poses at the world premiere of "The Lone Ranger" at Disney California Adventure Park in Anaheim, California on 22 June, 2013. Reuters

Los Angeles, 6 July—"The Lone Ranger," Walt Disney Co.'s (DIS.N) big-budget western starring Johnny Depp, performed below expectations on Wednesday night, raising the possibility that the movie could saddled the studio giant with a loss on the film.

The film, which cost an estimated $225 million to produce, generated $9.7 million during Wednesday showings, falling well behind "Despicable Me 2" from Comcast's (CMCSA.O) Universal Pictures, which sold $34.3 million at the domestic box office, according to studio estimates.

Both films opened with limited showings on Tuesday. For the two-day period, "Despicable Me 2" generated $39 million and "The Lone Ranger" saw $11.7 million.

Disney estimates "The Lone Ranger" will sell $45 million for the Wednesday through Sunday July Fourth holiday weekend, below industry experts' initial forecasts of $60 million to $70 million over the five days.

"It does end up grossing less than $50 million over the five-day stretch, it will most certainly go down as a misfire," said Jeff Bock, senior box office analyst for Exhibitor Relations, which tracks movie box office prospects.

Rapper Wale knocks Kanye West from atop Billboard album chart

Los Angeles, 6 July—American rapper Wale grabbed the top spot on Wednesday on the US Billboard 200 album chart for the first time with his record "The Gifted," while fellow rapper Kanye West’s "Yeezus," last week's No 1, fell to third place.

"The Gifted" sold 158,000 copies in its first week, according to figures compiled by Nielsen SoundScan.

Wale’s previous album, 2011’s "Ambition," sold 164,000 copies in its first week but only reached No 2 on the weekly album chart.

West’s "Yeezus" fell to No 3 with 65,000 in sales during the week, an 80 per cent decline from its debut total of 327,000 albums sold last week.

Rapper J Cole’s album "Born Sinner" was No 2 on the chart for the second consecutive week.

Christian rock band Skillet’s "Rise" placed fourth while French electronic duo Daft Punk’s "Random Access Memories" rose one spot to No 5.

Other top 10 new albums this week include US singer-songwriter India. Ari’s "Songversation" at No 7 and metal group Avenged Sevenfold's "Hail to the King" at No 8.

Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner celebrate anniversary by baptising son

The couple got married on 29 June, 2005.

Los Angeles, 6 July—Actor-filmmaker Ben Affleck and his wife Jennifer Garner celebrated their eight wedding anniversary by baptising their son.

The Hollywood stars married on 29 June, 2005. They celebrated their wedding anniversary weekend by baptising their 15-month-old Samuel in Garner’s hometown in West Virginia. The religious ceremony took place at the Christ Church United Methodist on 30 June, 2013, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Samuel’s elder sisters, Violet, 7, and Seraphina, 4, were also present at the ceremony along with Garner’s family members.

‘Sugar Man’ Rodriguez prepares Montreux Jazz Festival appearance

Montreux, (Switzerland), 6 July—American singer-songwriter Seasick "Sugar Man" Rodriguez, virtually unknown a few years ago, opened the Montreux Jazz Festival on Thursday, which American producer and former co-director Quincy Jones calls the "Rolls Royce of music festivals."

Fresh from the Glastonbury festival in Britain last weekend, Rodriguez gave a Fourth of July concert in the Swiss resort, mixing songs from his two albums that never made the charts with borrowed tunes including the classic rock n roll hit “Fever.”

The Detroit-based singer, whose lyrics evoke the folk-lyric sound of Bob Dylan, is the shy subject of "Searching for Sugar Man," a film by Swedish director Malik Bendjelloul that tells the incredible story of his fame late in life. It won the Oscar for best documentary this year.

"I am a sold 70. I just received a doctorate from Wayne State University. I hear that I am going to receive the Legion of Honour from France," Rodriguez told the sell-out crowd at the prestigious 47th edition, the first since the death of founder Claude Nobs in January.
**Moyes says Rooney to stay at United**

**Manchester United’s Wayne Rooney**

Moyes was repeatedly asked about Rooney, including direct questions such as: “Has he told you he would like to stay at Manchester United?” Each time failed to give a ‘yes’ or ‘no answer.

“What we are doing at the moment is we are looking to see if we can get Wayne Rooney getting those goals which are going to challenge the likes of Bobby Charlton and Denis Law’s (total) number,” said the former Everton manager. “As far as I’m concerned, the way he’s worked, I’m more than happy to work with him and make sure we get success.”

Rooney has scored 197 goals in 402 United appearances, winning five Premier League titles, the Champion's League in 2008 and two League Cups.

Charlton holds the club’s all-time record of 249 with Law second on 237. Moyes’ answers will have done little to extinguish the media speculation over the future of Rooney who suffered a dip in form following the arrival of Robin van Persie as United’s leading striker last season. Often played out wide or in midfield, Rooney was left out of the United team for their biggest match of the season – the Champions League last-16 second-leg defeat by Real Madrid in March.

Rooney is no stranger to Moyes, with the striker having begun his career at Everton under the Scot.

The two then fell out over an account in one of the player’s autobiographies about how he came to join United. —Reuters

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**Defender Samba returns to Russia from QPR**

**Queens Park Rangers Christopher Samba (L) challenges Norwich City’s Wes Hoolahan during their English Premier League soccer match at Loftus Road, London on 2 February, 2013.**

London, 6 July—Defender Christopher Samba has rejoined Russia’s Anzhi Makhachkala from relegated Queens Park Rangers for a club record fee, the Championship side said on Friday.

“Christopher Samba has returned to Anzhi Makhachkala for an undisclosed fee (club record thought to be approx 12 million pounds),” QPR tweeted.

The 29-year-old Congo international moved to QPR on a 4/12-year contract from Russia in January. He made 10 appearances for the London club but could not help them avoid the drop from the Premier League.

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**Murray holds nerve to tame big-serving Janowicz**

**Andy Murray celebrates after defeating Jerzy Janowicz of Poland in their men’s semi-final tennis match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London on 5 July, 2013.**

London, 6 July—Andy Murray found himself in the crosshairs of a bullet-serving, net-slamming giant on Friday, but held his nerve to reach a second Wimbledon final and set up another meeting with great rival Novak Djokovic.

The second seed was set down to the 6-foot-8

as he launched a barrage of heavy duty cannon fire in his first grand slam semi-final.

Murray, however, showed why he is considered among the very best returners in the game and was not going to be bullied by the lofty Pole.

He subdued his fiery opponent with a forehand winner after two hours and 52 minutes of heated combat in which Janowicz had transformed himself into a comedy villain after taking his anger out on the net in the third set.

Murray was calm and collected.

There was none of the emotion that greeted his victory over Jo-Wifried Tsonga at the same point 12 months ago, just a hefty fist pump and swift salute to the crowd.

The Briton is now a player who expects to be competing on the biggest stages.

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**Nearly man Zanotti leads French Open as favourites struggle**

Paris, 6 July—Paraguay’s Fabrizio Zanotti, one of the nearly men of the European Tour, grabbed a one-stroke lead in the second round of the French Open near Paris on Friday while overnight leader Anders Hansen had a day to forget.

Zanotti, three times a runner-up on tour, the last time at the 2012 Irish Open, shot his second 68 to finish six-under-par and ahead of a group that included 42-year-old Dane Thomas Bjorn.

Overnight leader Hansen, another 42-year-old Dane, dropped four shots in his first 11 holes, following up his 68 with a 78 and was two over along with former world number one Martin Kaymer of Germany, who carded a 78. Zanotti, 30, ranked 391st in the world, had four birdies and a single bogey in his round at the testing Le Golf National course, venue for the 2018 Ryder Cup.

Defending champion Marcel Siem of Germany missed the cut and others who struggled were Luke Donald and Ian Poulter, the Britons both on two over, American Matt Kuchar was three over after a 75.

After fog delayed the start for an hour, one man in early contention was Northern Ireland’s Graeme McDowell. The former US Open champion fired a second 69 to be four under, McDowell, like many of the leading contenders warming up for the British Open at Muirfield this month, had missed the cut in five of his last six stroke-play events before this week. —Reuters

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**From pets to Ryan Gosling, Lisicki and Bartoli uncovered**

**Sabine Lisicki of Germany**

London, 6 July—Sabine Lisicki taught a lot, in alligic to grass, her Yorks-terrier Happy and carries animal-shaped charms in her tennis bag.

Marion Bartoli hit rock bottom recently, she enjoys painting, loves her two cats, and is rather partial to actors Pierce Brosnan and Ryan Gosling. The likes and dislikes of the two women who will battle it out in Wimbledon’s women’s final on Saturday have the media scrambling to find titbits on the players who started the tournament as outsiders.

Born in Hainfeld, fair-haired Lisicki and Bartoli, a dark-haired Frenchwoman, were coached by their fathers and both will rev up with music by French DJs ahead of the match with Lisicki listening to David Guetta’s “Play Hard” and Bartoli opting for Bob Sinclar’s “Summer Moonlight”. But differences between the two have emerged as the public decide who to support in the absence of tournament favourites including Serena Williams, who left Wimbledon after her shock defeat to Lisicki and headed to Dissenyland Paris for a break.

Bartoli, 23, nicknamed “Boom Boom” for her powerful serve, has won over the crowds at Wimbledon with her easy laugh, displays of emotion on the court and tears of joy at winning.

The 28-year-old Bartoli, meanwhile, known as “The Genius” after once saying she had an IQ of 170, is more across as more of a lone wolf who is intensely focused on success after admitting her hit rock bottom recently. “It is going to be interesting to see how these two players coped with this opportunity. There will be a lot of emotion in this,” Tracy Austin, a former world number one, told Reuters. —Reuters

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**PARK: controversial**

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Djokovic wins another epic to set up Murray finale

Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates after defeating Juan Martin del Porto of Argentina in their men’s semi-final tennis match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London on 5 July, 2013. —Reuters

London, 6 July — The Wimbledon that just keeps on giving reached new levels of generosity on Friday as Novak Djokovic added another episode to the box set of tennis classics and Andy Murray survived a fright to co-star in Sunday’s series finale.

World no 1 Djokovic needed all his determination and self-belief to fend off the brutal groundstrokes of eighth seed Juan Martin del Porto, winning the longest ever Wimbledon semi-final 7-5, 4-6, 7-6(2), 6-7(6), 6-3 in front of a spellbound Centre Court crowd.

Djokovic, whose career is littered with blockbusters against the likes of Murray, Rafa Nadal and Roger Federer, soaked up everything the buoyant Argentine threw at him for four hours and 43 minutes before finally dispatching a hard-battling Argentine to reach his second Wimbledon final.

Home favourite Murray also reached his second final at the All England Club but put his legion of fans through the wringer again as fiery Pole Jerzy Janowicz threatened to incapacitate his dream of becoming Britain’s first male champion here since 1936. From the moment 6-1 6-4 6-7(1) 5-7, Murray saw the first of two match points in the fourth set tiebreak the match had already trammeled anything seen at the tournament.

Reuters

Achex villagers still afraid to return to houses after strong quake

BLANG MANGUNG, (Indonesia), 6 July — Villagers that sought shelter in tents erected outside their houses and in wide open spaces in areas devastated by a strong earthquake in the centre of Indonesia’s province of Aceh are still worried about possible aftershocks as of Friday night.

The villagers have no option except to stay in the open after their houses collapsed or tumbled down from the impact of a 6.2 magnitude earthquake that hit their area on Tuesday.

Some villagers recounted to Xinhua their horrible experience when the earthquake struck in the afternoon.

Irwansyah, a 38-year-old Acehnese said that in their neighborhood, one person died and 10 others were injured.

The village chief said that it was the first powerful earthquake that hit their place since the strongest one in December 2004 that triggered a deadly tsunami.

“Just this time, the temblor was unusual because it seemed that the ground shook vertically, not horizontally like in the previous earthquakes in our area,” Irwansyah said.

He said that after the earthquake struck, some of the houses collapsed right away while the others fell during the after-shocks.

The villagers put up makeshift tents in front of their houses where they placed their belongings. They decided to stay in the open during the next few days.

In villages of Blang Mancung and Seremprah in the regency of Aceh Tengah located about two kilometers from Pondok Bale, the condition was worse since most of the villagers’ houses were flattened. Many people were injured when their houses collapsed at the height of the earthquake.

As of Friday afternoon, police and rescue teams have discovered 40 bodies and continued the search for survivors in Seremprah village located in the valley area in the regency. Those missing were believed to be living in houses that collapsed because of the landslide that followed the earthquake.

The office of the Aceh governor has declared the earthquake as provincial level disaster since it only affected two of its regencies, Bener Meriah and Central Aceh. The emergency response period was extended from the original 9 July to 17 July. The emergency response period started on 3 July.

An evaluation is now being conducted to find out whether or not to extend the emergency period which would depend on the length of the rescue efforts and the condition of the refugees.

The extension is aimed at maximizing the search and rescue efforts, treating the injured and providing for the basic needs of the refugees, particularly food and medicines.

Xinhua

Tourists watch water gushing out from the Xiaolangdi Reservoir on the Yellow River during a sand-washing operation in Luoyang, central China’s Henan Province, on 5 July, 2013. The on-going operation, conducted on Friday, works by discharging water at a volume of 2,600 cubic meters per second from the reservoir to clear up the sediment in the Yellow River, the country’s second-longest waterway. Speeding currents would carry tons of sand into the sea. The Yellow River has been plagued by an increasing amount of mud and sand. Each year, the river bed rises as silt deposits build up, slowing the water flow in the lower reaches.

Xinhua
Pyu BEHS No (1) holds prize presentation ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Together with Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Transport, Communications and Construction Committee U Thein Swe, Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win, Bago Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Tin and Hluttaw representatives, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee U Khin Maung Tan and departmental officials, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet attended a prize presentation ceremony of Basic Education High School No (1) in Pyu Township of Bago Region this morning.

First, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivered an opening address. Next, Hluttaw Hluttaw committee Chairman U Thein Swe, the Bago region chief minister, the region Hluttaw speaker and officials awarded outstanding students in Pyu Township for 2012-2013 academic year.

On behalf of school heads in Pyu Township and distinction-winning students, Headmistress Daw Tin Hsint and Maung Yay Gan, five distinction winner spoke words of thanks. Next, Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win spoke on the occasion.

The ceremony came to an end with concluding remarks by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker. — MNA

Cooperative remains strong in time of crisis

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Ministry of Cooperatives celebrated the International Co-operative Day at the ministry here today.

In his speech, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan said the ministry has a plan to disburse loans to people in over 60,000 villages across the country at the end of 2015 and the project would need from K600 billion to K3,000 billion.

The minister also invited international cooperation to assist in implementing the project.

He also called on UN, International Cooperative Alliance, United Nation Development Programme-UNDP and Food and Agriculture Organization-FAO for further participation and assisting in promoting the cooperative activities.

During the ceremony, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan awarded outstanding children of the employees of the ministry who passed the matriculation examination of the 2012-13 academic year with distinctions and presented cash assistance to 2,521 students of the ministry.

Union Ministers U Tin Naing Thein, U Myint Hlaing, U Win Myint, Dr Pe Thein Khin and U Win Shein and officials presented prizes to outstanding students of universities and colleges under the ministry.

MNA

Stake driven for shopping mall, hotel

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—A ceremony to drive stake for construction of Shopping Mall of Dawei Development Public Co was held on Seikkantha Street in Dawei yesterday.

Similar ceremony was held for Budget Hotel at Msungmagam Beach in Launglon Township.

Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko and officials drove stakes for construction of the buildings.

MNA

Homeless old man brought to Home for the Aged

An aged and homeless Muslim man who slept at night under a shrine in Mingala Taungnyunt Township has been sent to “Hsi-sar yekk” Home for the Aged on 2 July.

The 88-year-old man had taken shelter at night under the shrine in Kandawgalay (South) Ward since one month ago and it seems that he is deaf as he can’t reply to answer and his left eye is swollen and closed.

Residents of the ward donated food and water to him when he arrived at the shrine.

As he was not able to stand or move about one week ago and he could not clean and wash himself, residents contacted the Home for the Aged in Ward 12 in Dagon Myothit (East) Township to bring the helpless to the home.

“He will die from cold in this rainy season if he stays under the shrine,” said U Than Lynn Kywe who contacted the Home for the Aged on 1 July.

“We heard that he was a carpenter and mason. He does not beg money but some people donate money to him. We contacted the Home for the Aged as we found that he does not move these days,” said U Khin Maung Maung, head of ward ten households.

They found his citizenship scrutiny card in his pocket. It is found that the card number is 12/Da-Pa Na (Naing) 042682 and it includes Name: Mohamed Karsin; Father Name: U Nu Larkin, Religion: Islam; Date of Birth: 1287.

“We will have him cleaned at the Home for the Aged first, and will provide medical check-up and treatment at Thakha Clinic of the Free Funeral Service Society,” said Treasurer Daw Hway Myint of the Home for the Aged.

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