President: climate change threatens developing countries with extreme weather patterns

World Environment Day marked with president of FREDA calling for reforestation

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—The impact of climate change is leaving developing countries more vulnerable to serious challenges. President U Thein Sein said at a ceremony to mark World Environment Day at Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 here on Thursday morning.

In his address, U Thein Sein said statistics show that the annual carbon dioxide emission by Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) combined is less than one percent of the world’s total emission, adding that these countries suffer most from climate change.

The capital cost of sea-level rise in Caribbean countries alone is estimated to reach US$ 187 billion by 2080 unless the amount of annual carbon emission drops, the president quoted the UNDP as saying.

Regarding global action against climate change, U Thein Sein said Paris will host a conference on climate change in 2015, at which world’s leaders and scientists will negotiate and adopt a new climate change deal.

The new deal is expected to touch on a global commitment to reducing greenhouse effects rapidly enough to prevent the temperature from rising more than 2 degrees Celsius, in an attempt to meet the Climate Change World Vision.

“Forty percent of the world population lives within 95 miles of coastal regions which are susceptible to devastating impacts of extreme weather conditions such as storms and tidal surges”, the president said, citing Cyclone Nargis that hit Myanmar on 2 May, 2008.

As an answer to climate change, the Myanmar president mentioned a shift from brown economy to green economy, saying “If we do business as usual, the carbon emission will go up and accordingly the sea level will rise”.

The president called green economy one of the paramount tools in stabilizing climate, reducing (See page 3)

Rules enforcement for bus drivers to be tightened

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 5 June —The Yangon Region All-bus Lines Control Committee will tighten its enforcement of rules for bus drivers in Yangon as part of efforts to prevent more crashes in Yangon.

“We will take effective actions against bus drivers without license in Yangon and if we find bus drivers without license in accordance with existing laws we will deal with them accordingly,” said U Hla Aung, Chairman of Yangon Region All Bus-line Control (See page 3)

Drivers and pedestrians should change their mindset over traffic rules to prevent crashes and traffic congestion.—Photo: AYE MIN SOE
Myanmar, Korea to open a polytechnic university in Myanmar, deputy minister tells Upper House

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Aung Kyaw Myat said the union government has approved a draft MoU between Myanmar and South Korea to open a polytechnic university in Myanmar. The Korea Polytechnic University and the Ministry of Science and Technology of Myanmar are conducting a feasibility study, with further discussions on subjects and curriculaums planned, the union deputy minister told the Upper House.

Speaking at the ninth session of the Upper House in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday, the deputy minister said Myanmar was not only cooperating with South Korea, but also with ASEAN regional countries on technology development.

The ninth session of the Lower House continued in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday, with rainy season flooding in North Okkalapa Township topping the agenda, as well as arrangements for assigning newly graduated medical doctors to hospitals, and formation of a service and complaint center for ADSL internet access.

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Myanmar, Korea take action to mark demarcation line

Myanmar and China jointly conducted a survey from 27 to 31 May in an attempt to mark the line of demarcation between Boundary Pillars S 78-1 and S 79 in Muse and Boundary Pillars S 62-1 and S 63 in Namkham in northern Shan State.

The joint conduct was carried out based on the boundary demarcation agreements made in 1960 and 1995 in an attempt to identify the border line between the two countries, not to redraw it, officials said. In the process, 29 wooden pillars were erected between pillars S 62-1 and S 63 and 33 between pillars S 78-1 and S 79.

The purpose of erecting the pillars is to enable local people of both countries to notice the border line and enable local authorities to perform necessary management. Many years have passed since the agreement and the map of 1996 and the second verification of demarcation lines by both countries was completed.

MNA

Floating hotel near Botahtaung Pagoda to open

YANGON, 5 June—A floating hotel with the name Vintage Luxury Yacht Hotel is preparing to open its doors at the bank of Yangon River near Botahtaung Pagoda in Seikkan Township, officials said.

On Tuesday, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Tin Soe inspected preparations for the inauguration of the hotel and its services.

The hotel structure was built in Finland, and will have a total of 128 staff, according to a hotel manager.

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Poverty and finally achieving sustainable development in future, emphasizing that his government is taking measures to reduce carbon emission and pollution, enhance energy and resource efficiency, and prevent the loss of biodiversity and ecosystems.

Speaking of sustainable consumption and production, the president urged for disciplined use of natural resources, warning that lavish consumption of natural resources would lead to unsustainable production, thereby hurting not only us but also future generations.

He also talked of Myanmar’s attempts in environmental conservation, stating that it is mentioned in the State Constitution that ‘State shall protect and conserve the natural environment and every citizen has the responsibility to help the State in protection and conservation of natural environment’.

“Seeking social and economic development should not be through a destructive way to natural resources,” U Thein Sein warned.

In his explanation of the link between poverty and environment, the president said the poor are more vulnerable to such natural disasters as flood and drought, in part because poverty reduces their capacity to use natural resources in a sustainable manner.

He commented that an improved environment will increase the resilience of the poor to environmental risks and natural disasters as well as sensible management of environmental resources through equitable access and distribution.

At the ceremony, Country Director of UNDP in Myanmar Mr Toily Kurbanov read out UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s message for World Environment Day, and FAO Country Representative in Myanmar Ms Bu Thi Lan, the message from Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The ceremony concluded, following awards given to winners of an article competition held in commemoration of World Environment Day.

President U Thein Sein held talks with two delegations led by Ms Penny Pritzker, Secretary of U.S. Department of Commerce and Mr Yun Byung-se, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, on Tuesday at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting with the U.S. delegation, they discussed further foreign direct investments in Myanmar, cooperation in the energy sector, opening a foreign trade service branch in Yangon and mutual cooperation in the agriculture sector in Myanmar.

With the Korean delegates, they discussed promotion relations between the two countries, trade and investment matters and technical and monetary assistance of the ROK for the development of Myanmar, including the agriculture and rural development sectors.

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Vice President U Nyan Tun attends working luncheon

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Vice President U Nyan Tun delivered an address at a working luncheon hosted by entrepreneurs from the US-ASEAN Business Council at Hotel Amara in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone on Thursday afternoon.

On the occasion, Secretary of the US Department of Commerce Ms Penny Pritzker said they visited to discuss investment in Myanmar and cooperation in the economic sector. They would assist in the economic and political reform processes of the nation, she said.

Vice President U Nyan Tun extended greetings and held talks with the participants. —MNA

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Committee on Wednesday.

Forty-one people died and 358 were injured in 122 crashes from January to May 2014, committee officials said.

Currently, 352 bus lines and over 6,600 vehicles are involved in transportation services in Yangon which has a population of around 7.8 million, according to the latest data from the committee.

Over 400 buses are owned by private Bandoola Transportation Company and the remaining buses are owned by private owners.

“There is weak coordination in enforcing traffic rules, because the transport services are running based on private-owned vehicles,” the chairman of the committee told reporters.

Nine traffic rules enforcement groups are patrolling Yangon to check the vehicles and there are 136 rules for buses and bus drivers, U Hla Aung said.

According to statistics, the number of cars imported for private use under the government’s swap program, to provide treatments.

He also focused on the implementation of an effective patient referral system, professional conduct of staff and the appointment of specialists in private hospitals.

The workshop continued on Friday.—MNA

Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham greets attendees at workshop on health care capacity enhancement.—MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates King of Sweden, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden and His Excellency Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Sweden, which falls on 6 June, 2014.—MNA

Workshop on health care capacity improvement held

Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham urged officials to improve international level health care centers in Myanmar at the workshop on health care capacity enhancement on Thursday at Royal Kumudra Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Vice President talked about arrangements made for providing better health care services to rural people, promotion of the private health sector, giving proficiency training to staff and adopting health policies to provide treatments.

He also focused on the implementation of an effective patient referral system, professional conduct of staff and the appointment of specialists in private hospitals.

The workshop continued on Friday.—MNA

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Measures against bank erosion taken in Katha Township

KATHA, 5 June—Local authorities supervised straightening the water course of the creek as part of efforts to prevent bank erosion and to supply sufficient water to the farmlands. The task of straightening the water course was conducted with heavy machinery by Sagaing Region government and Township Development and Land Management Department.

Mobile library service given to locals in Pyinmana Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Head of the Pyinmana Township Information and Public Relations Department and other officials on Wednesday conducted mobile library services to the rural people in KanU Village.

The mobile library allowed the residents to borrow over 200 books per week.

The IPRD sets an aim of broadening the horizon of the people and creating opportunity for people to have easy reading access.

--Shwe Kokko

Natogyi residents to enjoy sufficient water supply through meter system

NATOGYI, 5 June—Natogyi Township Department of Rural Development and UNICEF are jointly implementing the supply of water through pipelines to the residents in the township.

The project period is designated from 1 January to 31 December 2014, with engineers of the department supervising the construction of the water pipeline networks for villages.

Sibin Village has completed 50 per cent of building the water tank.

The water will be supplied to the dwellers through a meter system.

Than Aung Zaw
(Natogyi)

Capacity enhanced for administrators, staff for land management

NATOGYI, 5 June—A proficiency course for members of ward/village farmlands management committees kicked off at the hall of the General Administration Department in Natogyi, Mandalay Region, on 2 June.

Head of Township Settlement and Land Re-
cords U Tun Tun Hlaing gave lectures on matters related to vacant and virgin land management law and farmlands rules.

The course was attended by ward/village administrators and departmental staff on 2 and 3 June.

--Than Aung Zaw
(Natogyi)

Former rest house at monastery now opened as school in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 5 June—Over 800 students now have access to education at the No 1 Basic Education Middle School in Ward 4 of Meiktila in Mandalay Region, which used to be a rest house on the grounds of a monastery.

The school was established at a four-room public rest house by two monks in 1920 and then upgraded by successive governments. In recent years, however, the abbot of Yayle monastery did not allow officials to use the rest house as a school because it is located in the precinct of the monastery.

On Tuesday, the Mandalay Region minister and officials requested the abbot to use the rest house as the school temporarily. So, the abbot allowed them to use it as school from 6 June to 4 August.

Development tasks undertaken on eastern part of Ayeyawady River

KATHA, 5 June—A rural earthen road is under construction to link Inywa Village and a strategic road aimed at improving infrastructure among villages on the eastern bank of Ayeyawady River in Katha Township of Sagaing Region.

The Department of Rural Development allocated K60 million for construction of a 137 feet long bridge on the road.

At present, the approaches on both sides and earthen works for the bridge are being undertaken.

Village lake dredged to improve storage of water

KYAUKPADAUNG, 5 June—Villagers of Ywalat Village in Kyaukpadaung Township of Mandalay Region have started dredging Nyaunggan Lake.

“Dredging the lake started on 30 April. The lake benefitted four villages. Residents of Ywalat Village carry out the dredging tasks without participation of residents from other villages and we expect
to complete the dredging work before the rainy season is in full swing,” said a local.

Ywalat villages are four miles from Kyaukpadaung.

Ko Nay (Kyaupadaung)
Regional

Ex-Chinese State Councilor Tang eager to improve ties with Japan

NAGASAKI, 5 June — Former Chinese State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan expressed his willingness on Thursday to improve ties between Beijing and Tokyo at an informal meeting of experts in bilateral diplomacy in southwestern Japan.

“The Japan-China relationship is facing hardship and difficulties...but I came here with a passion to propel its improvement,” Tang said at the two-day meeting of the New Japan-China Friendship Committee for the 21st Century which opened in Nagasaki.

“Persistent efforts are necessary,” said Tang, head of the China-Japan Friendship Association, in his address at the outset of the meeting, in a remark believed to reflect the intention of his government to formally resume diplomatic ties with Japan.

Indonesia’s Modi to meet Obama in Washington in September

NEW DELHI, 5 June — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Washington to meet President Barack Obama in September, two Indian newspapers reported on Thursday, signaling a new start in ties after casting her ballot in a general election last month, has accepted an invitation from Obama for two-way talks in Washington, the Times of India and the Hindustan Times said.

No comment was immediately available from the Indian government press office or from the US Embassy.

Both countries are keen to boost security and economic ties — the Obama administration has set a goal of quintupling annual trade to $500 billion.

Scheduling has still to be finalised, but the summit would represent an upgrade from earlier expectations that Modi, 63, would meet Obama on the sidelines of the annual United Nations general assembly in New York, Modi, a former chief minister of Gujarat, had been refused a US visa over sectarian strife in the western Indian state in 2002, in which more than 1,000 people, mainly Muslims, were killed. He has denied any wrongdoing and an Indian Supreme Court inquiry found no case to answer.

The US ambassador to India met Modi earlier this year, as opinion polls showed his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on course for an election victory. US officials had said a visa and an invitation to meet would probably be forthcoming if Modi won.

Modi wants to cautiously open up the Indian economy to foreign investment to boost growth and job creation.

His government may announce as soon as next month that it will allow foreign online retailers to sell their own products in India, creating a major business opportunity for players such as Amazon. —Reuters

South Korea ruling party strong at polls despite ferry disaster

SEOUL, 5 June — South Korean President Park Geun-hye’s conservative party posted a strong showing in mayoral and provincial elections on Wednesday despite sharp criticism for the government’s handling of a ferry disaster that killed more than 300 people in April.

The sinking of the Sewol has sidelined traditional regional campaign issues such as jobs, education and welfare and focused attention on the perceived failure by Asia’s fourth-largest economy on such basics as enforcing safety standards.

But the solid results for Park’s Saenuri Party indicated voters were willing to let her right-of-centre government move on from the country’s deadliest maritime disaster in 20 years and seek a fresh chance to reform bureaucracy and boost the economy.

“I’m giving them my support once again, and given what has happened, it’ll firm things up and continue on with development,” said Hwang Ok-hee after casting her ballot in Seoul. “We need to believe in them.” Park’s Saenuri Party candidates won eight of the 17 offices for major city mayors and provincial governors, including key battleground races in the city of Incheon and in Gyeonggi province near the capital, the National Election Commission said.

Liberal Seoul Mayor Park Won-soon retained his post — seen by some as a springboard to the presidency — by more than 10 percentage points over his conservative rival. Voters also elected other mayors, county officials and local council members throughout the country.

Park’s approval ratings fell sharply from 61 percent to 46 percent in the days after the 16 April ferry disaster — her lowest approval level since coming to power in February 2013 — and show little sign of improving. But polls by Gallup Korea in late May suggested more than 40 percent of voters still support the Saenuri Party. Only 28 percent said they supported the main opposition New Politics Alliance for Democracy (NPAD). —Reuters

Indonesia presidential candidate Jokowi says he’d have market-friendly policies

JAKARTA, 5 June — The front-runner to become Indonesia’s new president, Joko “Jokowi” Widodo, has told investors that he will pursue market-friendly policies and make bureaucratic reform and infrastructure-building his priorities.

Jokowi presented a pro-reform platform for Southeast Asia’s largest economy as investment cools and the country faces hefty budget and current account deficits.

“Investors should be given enough room to broaden their investments,” Jokowi told a crowd of domestic and foreign investors at an event late on Wednesday in Jakarta’s business district.

The event, held on the day the presidential campaign officially began, was the first time Jokowi presented his economic program in public. He spoke with fund managers at a closed-door meeting last month.

On 9 July, Indonesians will choose either Jokowi, the Jakarta governor, or ex-general Prabowo Subianto as president, to succeed Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who completed the allowed two, five-year terms in October.

Jokowi’s rise to become Jakarta governor and common touch made him an early favourite. But he faces a formidable challenge from Prabowo, who emerged as a serious contender after securing the backing of the country’s second biggest party Gerindra last month.

Opinion polls show Jokowi is still ahead, but one recent survey indicated up to 40 percent of voters remain undecided.

Prabowo is seen as presenting a more nationalist vision of the Indonesian economy. Indonesia’s stock market and the rupiah fell on news that parties backing Prabowo won a slightly bigger share of votes in the 9 April parliamentary poll than pro-Jokowi parties. —Reuters


Jakarta’s Governor Joko Widodo
Vucic: Ambitious agenda set out for Serbia

VIENNA, 5 June — Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said at the “Business Bridge” business forum in Vienna on Wednesday that the government of Serbia set out an ambitious agenda that includes major reforms crucial for the creation of a more favourable business environment.

Serbia is looking at wholesale structural reforms, Vucic said at the forum, charged, others, were Economic Senate of Austria and Serbia, adding that new laws on labour, privatization, bankruptcy, and permit issuance, vital for a favourable business climate, will be adopted over the next month and a half.

“We made an effort to create the best incentive package for all these people who want to invest in Serbia with tax reliefs,” said Vucic. Under the law coming into effect on 1 July, a company that creates 10 jobs in Serbia will only pay the first three years of the workers’ wages, while the state will be paying for the remaining 7, he explained.

If 100 jobs are created, the company will only pay 25 percent of the costs, and the rest will be covered by the state.

This fiscally neutral measure is intended to boost employment, Vucic stressed, adding that Serbia is about to face difficult fiscal consolidation measures in order to reduce the fiscal deficit and public debt.

Serbia is committed to the European path, said Vucic.

“Our goal is to meet the obligations related to the EU accession by 2019, and then we expect the EU to decide whether Serbia will be accepted as a full-fledged EU member,” Vucic underlined.

He said that Serbia wants a closer cooperation with Austria and expressed his belief that the two countries will belong to the same sphere of influence.

“One hundred years since the outbreak of World War I, the Serbs and the Austrians have rarely been on the same side, but today we have the best possible relations and it is time for us to want to be on the same side with Austria and Germany,” Serbian PM said.

Iran awaits IAEA document on its alleged nuke weapon programme

VIENNA, 5 June — At the IAEA board meeting, Reza Najafi said his country is waiting to see IAEA’s documents regarding to the so-called “Possible Military Dimensions” of Iran’s nuclear programme.

“It’s one of our concerns. ... We haven’t seen any substantiated documents with regard to the so-called PMD, so we are waiting to see to hear from the agency with regard to the information the agency has,” Najafi said.

An IAEA report said that based on the “credible information” the agency got, there might be 12 items of activities in Iran’s nuclear programme relevant to the nuclear bomb research.

The constraints placed by some Member States on the availability of information to Iran are making it more difficult for the agency to conduct detailed discussions with Iran on this matter, Iran said in the statement to the board members.

Based on the deal made last November, Iran and IAEA agree to cooperate to resolve all the past controversial issues.

Iran has repeatedly said that the information concerning the alleged PMD issues IAEA got was forged and came from western spy agency, asking the agency to provide the documents to Iran, while IAEA demanded Iran to open access to its suspected elements of atomic plan.

“The constraints placed by some Member States on the availability of information to Iran are making it more difficult for the agency to conduct detailed discussions with Iran on this matter,” Iran said in the statement to the board members.

Both sides also agreed to implement the next five measures by 15 August, exchanging information about another PMD issue, “initiation of high explosives, including the conduct of large scale high explosive experiments” in Iran’s nuclear plan.

Iran hospital bombing kills 14

HILLA (Iraq), 5 June — A car bomb exploded near a hospital in the southern Iraqi city of Hilla late on Wednesday, killing at least 14 people, police and medical sources said.

No-one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but Shi'ites are often a target for Sunni Islamist insurgents who have been regaining ground and momentum in Iraq over the past year.

The blast occurred around 20 meters from the main gate of Hilla General Hospital, outside a busy coffee shop where patients’ relatives often sit to rest and have coffee, patients there said. I saw many dead and wounded people, I saw severed heads and limbs. The bodies of two policemen who had been guarding the area were on the ground, both with their legs ripped off.

A further 58 people were wounded in the blast, and bodies nearby were severely damaged, the sources said.

A senior security official who spoke to Reuters on condition of anonymity blamed the attack on the Sunni militant Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), which is also active across the border in Syria.

The official suspected the attack was in retaliation for recent security operations and airstrikes launched by the army against ISIL’s strongholds in northern Hilla and other areas like Jurf al-Sakhar and Iskandariya.

ROME, 5 June — Italy announced plans to give citizenship to children born of refugees who have been granted asylum, as the government faces growing anti-immigrant sentiment over an influx of migrant arrivals by sea.

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Italy to grant citizenship to children born to asylum holders

Migrants walk after they disembarked from a nary ship in the Sicilian harbour of Augusta on 1 June, 2014.—REUTERS

Senators ask Obama for more fund to restore troubled nuke site

HOUSTON, 5 June — Two US Senators from Texas have written to President Barack Obama, urging additional funding for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) during fiscal year 2015 and possibly into the future, the New Mexican reported.

“WIPP is likely to require recovery spending in fiscal year 2016 and we urge you to give consideration to the extra amounts needed to restore full operations at WIPP,” the senators wrote.

WIPP, an underground nuclear waste dump located in southeastern New Mexico, stores transuranic waste leftover from nuclear weapons research and testing from the nation’s past defense activities. The waste includes clothing, tools, rags and other debris contaminated with radioactive elements, largely plutonium.

Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic

Reza Najafi, Iranian envoy to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Domenico Manzione, the Italian ambassador to the US
G7 willing to step up sanctions on Russia over Ukraine

BRUSSELS, 5 June — The world’s leading industrialised nations threatened on Wednesday to impose harder-hitting sanctions on Russia if it does not help restore stability to eastern Ukraine, where pro-Russian militias continue to operate at will.

While Ukraine was able to hold a largely peaceful presidential election last month, the situation in the east near the Russian border remains volatile, with armed groups attacking Ukrainian government forces and occupying state buildings.

“We stand ready to intensify targeted sanctions and to consider significant additional restrictive measures to impose further costs on Russia should events so require,” the G7 said in a statement after evening talks in Brussels.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Western powers would check “again and again” to verify that Russia was doing what it could to stabilise the situation, which erupted in March after Russia seized Crimea from Ukraine and annexed it.

“We cannot afford a further destabilisation in Ukraine,” Merkel told reporters.

“If we do not have progress in the questions we have to solve there is the possibility of sanctions, even heavy sanctions of phase 3 on the table,” she said, referring to restrictions on trade, finance and energy. So far, the United States and European Union have imposed relatively minor travel bans and asset freezes on dozens of Russian officials in reaction to the seizure of Crimea.

Further steps were threatened if the 25 May elections were affected. However, they went smoothly and new President Petro Poroshenko will be sworn in on Saturday.

Some saw that as an indication that Russia was being more cooperative, reducing the threat of further sanctions. But Wednesday’s statement suggests the West is not yet satisfied that Russia was doing enough to calm the situation.

Russia denies it is behind the revolt in eastern Ukraine, where militias allied to Moscow have seized buildings, attacked Ukrainian troops and declared independence. Putin has also defended his right to protect Russian-speaking people.

While Putin has been cut out of the G7 — this is the first meeting without Russia since it joined the club in 1997 — he will hold face-to-face meetings with Merkel, French President Francois Hollande and Britain’s David Cameron at a D-Day anniversary gathering in France later this week. Asked about those bilateral meetings and whether they raised any concerns for President Barack Obama, who has pointedly avoided any contact with Putin, a US official said it wasn’t important who Putin met but “what people say in those meetings”. Ahead of the G7 summit, Obama met Poroshenko for talks in Warsaw and declared him a “wise choice” to lead Ukraine, part of efforts by the EU and the United States to provide moral and financial support to the new leadership.

Fighting rages in eastern Ukraine town, residents flee

NEAR SLOVIAŃSK, (Ukraine) 5 June — Ukrainian government forces battled separatists with artillery and automatic weapons on Wednesday in a second day of fighting in and around Slaviansk, forcing many residents to flee.

The Kiev government, trying to break rebellions by pro-Russian militias, said over 300 rebels had been killed in the past 24 hours in the “anti-terrorist operation” centered on the eastern town, a strategically located separatist stronghold.

Rebels denied this, saying losses among the Ukrainian forces during an offensive began on Tuesday exceeded theirs.

At an army checkpoint on the edge of town, heavy artillery shelling could be heard while a plume of black smoke rose above the outskirts. Automatic gunfire rattled out from nearby fields.

Families fled the fighting through a barbed-wire checkpoint with only as much as they could carry. “It’s a mess,” sobbed a young woman as she clasped her husband’s arm. “It’s war.” Andrei Bander left with his four-year-old daughter. “We are going. We don’t even know where. We will head to Russia though because it’s clear we need to leave Ukraine,” he said, waiting for a taxi in a small a man’s land between the two sides.

In support for the Ukrainian forces, acting President Oleksander Turchinov and Interior Minister Arsen Avakov paid an impromptu visit, clad in flak jackets, to another army roadblock on the far side of the encircled town on Wednesday.

A spokesman for government forces said two soldiers had been killed and 45 wounded since Kiev launched its offensive near Slaviansk with aircraft, helicopters and artillery.

Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe poses with European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso (L) and European Council President Herman Van Rompuy (R) at the European Council building in Brussels on 4 June, 2014.—REUTERS

Reuters

Kerry says US to work with, monitor new Palestinian government

BEIRUT, 5 June — Secretary of State John Kerry said on Wednesday the United States would work with the new Palestinian unity government “as we need to” but would be monitoring its commitment to continued cooperation with Israel.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas swore in a government of technocrats on Monday in a reconciliation deal between his Fatah movement and the Islamist Hamas, which advocates Israel’s destruction.

“We are going to be watching (the government) very closely, as we said from day one, to absolutely ensure that it upholds each of those things it has talked about, that it doesn’t cross the line,” Kerry said. Kerry said Abbas had told him that the new government would be committed to principles of non-violence, negotiations with Israel and existing accords including cooperation on security. Kerry, who oversaw peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians that stalled in April, said he had spoken over the last few days with both Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who warned on Sunday against any international rush to recognise the new Palestinian government. Netanyahu has condemned Washington’s decision to work with the unity government. But Kerry stressed that Washington did not recognise the new Palestinian government.
A better legal framework for workers needed

By Myint Win Thein

Labour strikes are common in industrial zones, although workers’ organizations, government officials concerned and activists have been trying to negotiate between employers and employees whenever disputes break out. Problems in industrial zones are mainly caused due to benefits due to the lack of social security benefits. According to a study on industrial zones in Yangon Region, most workers earn from K45,000 to K50,000 (about US$ 50) per month, including basic salary, overtime pay and bonus. Only 7 percent of them get from K60,000 to K80,000. If absent from work, even for health reasons, they lose their bonuses and salaries are cut substantially.

Work in most factories is from 7:20 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with some having to work until 11 p.m. In addition, they have to work about 100 hours of overtime every month, but only get K60 per hour for overtime work. Employers hire fewer workers than needed, forcing their workers to work overtime. They cannot have days-off on public holidays, too.

Although they are eligible to social security benefits under the existing labour law, most workers do not get these benefits due to the lack of law enforcement. As some female workers are not allowed to take maternity leave, they are discouraged from having babies. There are no childcare centers in factories, with most workers being female. Similarly, sick workers have to rely on roadside drugstores due to the lack of medical care at factories.

As we have known the root cause of the problems at industrial zones, at some time, we should have come closer by now to finding solutions. Instead of trying to negotiate solutions between employer and employees in one factory after another, a better legal framework should be adopted for all workers in the entire country and law enforcement with regular checks of factories should be conducted.

Water supply in Tatkon Township improved

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 June—In the Tatkon Township in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area now has better access to water as one tube-well and two water tanks were put into service, officials said on Tuesday.

A new primary school building was also opened which will accommodate 70 students, with the President of Myanmar Women and Child Development Federation Dr Daw Wai Wai Htay as the guest school equipment to school officials.

The school building, tube-well and water tank cost over Ky 9 million.
Golden umbrella hoisted atop pagoda in Zeyathiri Tsp

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 June — A golden umbrella, pennant-shaped vane and diamond orb were hoisted atop Aungmingala Pagoda in the precinct of TatU monastery in Chaungphya Village in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Wednesday. The abbot of Heinbukyuyun Yeiktha monastery of Wegyi Village led the hoisting of three religious objects.

The pagoda is about 20 feet high. The golden umbrella, pennant-shaped vane and diamond orb were donated by U Ba Kywe, wife Daw Ahmar and family of Padeetan Ward in Mahaungmye Township.

Aye Thant

Large trees in Inwa to be preserved to provide protection from heat

Inwa, 5 June — As daytime temperature have been reaching above 40 degree centigrade in various parts of central Myanmar, many people have been suffering from heat exhaustion with only trees providing shelter. “Large trees that are over 100 years old can help from the impact of the hot season. Local people understand the importance of preserving forests and trees,” said U Hein Thant, a resident of Inwa.

Tamarind plants and other big trees give shelter to local people in ancient Inwa city in Sagaing Township, as almost none of the residents is in possession of fans or air conditioners.

Inwa was built about 400 years ago, located between the Ayeyawady and Dokhtawady rivers. Although deforestation is a major issue across the nation, people of Inwa said old trees will not be felled.

— Nanda Min Lwin

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Zeyathiri Township

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 June — The government has given agricultural loans to farmers in time for cultivation of crops in the rainy season, authorities said.

Nay Pyi Taw Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank disbursed agricultural loans to local farmers of Maudaw Village-tract in Zeyathiri Township on Wednesday, supervised by Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Shwe and other officials.

The bank plans to disburse K62.4 million for 624 acres of farmlands to 132 farmers from eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area including Zeyathiri Township.

Farmers must pay back loans to the bank after harvesting, no later than 31 March 2015, officials said.

Shwe Kokko

14 human trafficking victims sent home

Myawady, 5 June — A total of 14 Myanmar citizens fell victims to human trafficking in September 2013.

They were sold for baht30,000 each by Mon national Ko Soe Aung and his wife Daw Hsan Kyi from Mahachiang of Bangkok in Thailand to No 2 Offshore trawler of Indonesia.

After working on board 11 days, they were arrested by the Indonesian naval vessel as the trawler was operating without licence. They were detained at the Frofil naval base over three months.

They were then sent to Mekong port of Thailand where the Thai immigration bureau jailed them in Mekong Prison for about 45 days and then moved them to IDC cells in Bangkok for five more days. On 2 June 2014, they were sent to Mae Sot from Bangkok, with the Thai immigration bureau extraditing them to No 10 gate of Myanmar. Officials of the Anti-Human Trafficking Squad (Myawady) provided shelter to them, before transporting them back home.

Thuzar (Myawady)

Self-reliant dam commissioned into service

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 June—A ceremony to inaugurate Gadinmyo dam has been held in Okkhithline Village in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, officials said.

The embankment of the dam is the gravel-filled and has a 113 feet long drain and will be of benefit to 50 acres of farmlands.

Ko Pauk (Okkar Myay)
China's Xi repeats call for political resolution for Syria

BEIJING, 5 June — Chinese President Xi Jinping repeated on Thursday a call for a political resolution to the Syrian crisis and his country’s support for an inclusive political transition on Thursday, and offered to boost aid for Syrian refugees.

China and its ally, Russia, have both vetoed Western efforts to set UN penalties on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, though China has been keen to show it is not taking sides and has urged the Syrian government to talk to the opposition.

China has also said a transitional government should be formed.

“China respects the reasonable demands of the Syrian people, and supports the early adoption of the Geneva communiqué and the opening of an inclusive political process to bring about a political resolution to the Syrian issue,” Xi told a China-Arab forum in Beijing, in a speech broadcast live on state television.

The first round of Syrian peace talks in Geneva in 2012 stipulated the establishment of a transition government, though subsequent peace talks have floundered.

Assad won a landslide victory in a wartime election on Tuesday that opponents condemned as a sham, which demonstrated his tenacious hold on power after three years of brutal civil war.

Assad’s foes have ridiculed the election, saying the two relatively unknown and state-approved challengers offered no real alternative to Assad.

The United States and European Union also condemned the election.

Xi made no mention of the vote. China has played host to both opposition and government delegations, though to little apparent effect. China is paying great attention to the humanitarian situation of the Syrian people, and would give further aid to refugees in Lebanon and Jordan, Xi added, but gave no details.

The crisis has stretched the capacity of the blue-helmeted forces, who were originally deployed to help the government stabilize the country after it acquired independence from Britain in 1947.

As a result, the UN peacekeeping department has had to boost the number of troops and police and alter its mandate to make protecting civilians a top priority for the UN mission in South Sudan, known as UNMISS.

China continues to push for a political resolution through Geneva talks on negotiations with the opposition. China has praised the early adoption of the Geneva communiqué, which calls for a ceasefire to halt all military operations in line with the 23 January Agreement on the Cessation of Hostilities and the 5 May Agreement between President Kiir and former Vice-President Riek Machar.

The situation in South Sudan has deteriorated since late May, after President Kiir fired Vice-President Machar and dismissed the cabinet, triggering a series of fighting since mid-December, agreed a second ceasefire agreement on 9 June.

Activists, with their mouths taped up as a form of protest against the ongoing military rule in Thailand, hold placards during a picket in front of the Thai embassy in Manila on 5 June, 2014.—Reuters

UN voices 'grave concern' at persistent South Sudan violence

A senior UN official said on Tuesday that South Sudan can only avoid famine if the shaky ceasefire holds and people displaced by more than five months of fighting are able to return home in the next few weeks to plant crops before the rains.

Tens of thousands of civilians have been seeking protection for months at UN peacekeeping bases around the country.

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Reuters

Group of Thai politicians plan overseas movement to resist coup

BANGKOK, 5 June — Around 15 Thai political leaders allied to the ousted government plan to establish a movement outside Thailand to lead a campaign of civil disobedience to military rule, two members of the group said on Thursday.

General Prayuth Chan-ocha seized power on May 22 and has since led a crackdown that has stifled dissent and silenced the “red shirt” supporters of former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and her brother, billionaire former premier Thaksin Shinawatra.

The military has detained many politicians and activists and demanded as a condition of release that they sign documents stating they would avoid politics and halt anti-coup activities. If the plan proceeds, the group would represent the first attempt to mount organised opposition to military rule. The two activists said they had yet to formulate exactly what measures the group would use, but said they would be peaceful and would aim to fill the leadership vacuum among anti-coup elements.

“We believe democracy in Thailand has been systematically destroyed,” said former government minister and red-shirt founding member Jakrapob Penkair in a telephone interview from Phnom Penh, the capital of neighbouring Cambodia.

“People have been chastened, hunted and bullied with no sense of fairness, justice or decency. We aim to create an organisation for all groups protest-
New York, 5 June — Programmes focused on both diet and exercise may help people who have lost weight keep the pounds from creeping back on, according to a new analysis of past studies.

Orlistat, an obesity drug, may also be effective when taken at higher doses, researchers found.

More than one third of US adults are obese, and obesity raises the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some types of cancer. Losing weight — and keeping it off — can reduce those risks.

“Long term weight loss through changes in eating and physical activity is possible, even in adults who have already acquired obesity related illness, and effective weight loss programs are now available,” researchers led by Stephan Dombrowski of Newcastle University in the UK write.

They pooled data from 45 studies that included a total of 7,788 adults who had lost at least five percent of their body weight. The studies looked at people’s ability to keep the weight off for a minimum of one year. Forty-two of the studies included an initial phase of dieting led by dietary advice, before people were randomly assigned to one of three treatment groups: dieting alone, dieting with medication, or dieting with exercise.

Those who were dieted and exercised were most successful in maintaining weight loss, losing an average of about 24 pounds. The participants in those studies lost an average of about 24 pounds.

The researchers found that people participating in programs that combined diet and exercise gained back 3.4 fewer pounds after one year compared to people receiving no extra help with weight maintenance or standard treatment only.

Orlistat, a medication used to treat obesity, reduced weight gain by an average of 5.9 pounds. But the drug also came with gastrointestinal side effects.

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**Yunnan police offers reward for terror clues**

S KOREA ARMY TO HOLD 1ST MILITARY EXERCISE IN US NEXT WEEK

SOUTH KOREA'S army will hold its first joint war exercise in the mainland United States next week, involving some 170 South Korean soldiers, the country's Defense Ministry said on Thursday.

"The upcoming exercise aims at enhancing capabilities to carry out joint operations through holding joint exercises in a real combat-like environment," the ministry said in a statement. The United States last year requested South Korea's participation in the exercise, which is scheduled to last from Monday to July at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California.

The statement said the South Korean soldiers, mainly with a mechanized infantry company, will join the exercise, which will also be participated in by special forces units.

The NTC, encompassing some 2,400 square kilometres of isolated land in the High Mojave Desert midway between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, is a key US military training centre that conducts tough, realistic training aimed at preparing units for combat, focused at the battalion task and brigade levels.

"The coming war exercise is expected to help (our military) attain combined small-unit combat skills and review (the allies') ability to perform joint missions, bringing the joint operation capabilities one step further," an unidentified army official was quoted as saying.

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**Brazil homeless group in peaceful march on World Cup arena**

**REUTERS**

SÃO PAULO, 5 June—Thousands of homeless workers on Wednesday marched peacefully on Brasil’s Arena Corinthians stadium, which is to host the opening game of the soccer World Cup next week, pressing their cause under the spotlight of the global sporting event.

The Workers Without Homes Movement, which police estimated mobilized more than 10,000 people to demand more government spending on transport, health, education and low-income housing, shut down one of São Paulo’s main highways to the stadium, which is fighting the clock to get ready for the June 12 event.

The notorious transport infrastructure constraints of South America’s largest city won’t ease soon, as foreigners start to struggle in ahead of the month-long tournament to catch some of the friendly matches now going on between national squads.

Brazil’s decisive 4-to-nil victory over Panama on Tuesday does not seem to have diffused the social tensions ahead of the official Cup.

Union workers of São Paulo’s Metrô subway system are set to go on strike from midnight. The city’s traffic police also plan a strike on Thursday.

The frequency and intensity of protests in Brazil have picked up over the past month but it is still unclear in what direction the tide of civil disobedience is now headed.

While Wednesday’s protest has been without violence, the May protest outside the Maracanã stadium in Brazil’s capital, involved clashes between riot police and Indians armed with clubs, spears and bows and arrows. Some 600,000 to 850,000 foreign soccer fans are expected to travel to Brazil for the World Cup.

Brazil’s next friendly is scheduled for Friday against Serbia at the Morumbi stadium, nestled in one of São Paulo’s wealthiest neighborhoods. And the homeless workers’ group, also known by its Portuguese acronym MTST, is threatening to crash the event—Reuters

**Speed, driver’s actions caused Spanish train disaster**

**REUTERS**

MADRID, 5 June—Spain’s worst train disaster in decades, which killed 79 people last year, was caused by excessive speed and the driver’s failure to brake in time, according to a report by the country’s Public Works Ministry.

The train derailed and smashed into a wall on the outskirts of the northern city of Santiago de Compostela on 24 July last year, after approaching a curve at more than twice the speed allowed on that stretch of track.

The ministry’s report, published on its website on Wednesday, will be taken into account by the regional court in Galicia which is leading the investigation.

The train’s driver, Francisco Garzon, has been charged with 79 counts of homicide, while 11 former high-ranking officials from state railway company Adif have also been charged in connection with the case, for potentially failing to adequately ensure passengers’ safety.

"The accident was caused by the train’s excessive speed (...) and because the driving personnel did not respect the rules,” the final report by a train accident investigation commission, which is part of the ministry, said.

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**Assad wins Syria election with 88.7 percent of votes**

BEIRUT, 5 June—Bashar al-Assad won 88.7 percent of the vote in Syria's presidential election, parliament speaker Mohammad al-Laham said on Wednesday, securing a third term in office despite a raging civil war which grew out of protests against his rule. Assad’s foes had dismissed the election as a charade, saying the two relatively unknown challengers offered no real alternative and that no poll held in the midst of civil war could be considered credible.

"I declare the victory of Dr Bashar Hafez al-Assad as president of the Syrian Arab Republic with an absolute majority of the votes cast in the election,” Laham said in a televised address from his office in the Syrian parliament—Reuters
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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
Dated: 1st June, 2014
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO
CONDUCT JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS IN MYANMAR ONSHORE DRILLING OPERATIONS
1. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE), under Ministry of Energy, is interested to establish Joint Venture Project(s) for Drilling Service using its own four Drilling Rigs with well experienced international drilling companies for mutual interest to participate in future onshore drilling activities in Myanmar. MOGE hereby invites all interested drilling companies to submit the letter of expression of interest for joint venture project(s) using the following four drilling rigs in single or multiple basis:-
(1) Continental Ensco (2000 HP Deep Rig)
(2) USS Crimson (1200 HP Deep Rig)
(3) D-3 Type-2 Sr1 (1000 HP Medium Rig) and (4) National 55 Sr1 (700 HP Medium Rig).

2. All interested foreign drilling companies are cordially invited to submit the Letter of Expression of Interest, together with the following documents endorsed by Myanmar Embassy in the respective country,
(a) Certificate of Incorporation
(b) Memorandum of Association
(c) Articles of Association
(d) Latest Annual Report
(e) Latest Financial Statements or financial reports for the last five years
(f) Detailed Track Record

3. The application letter shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and sent to the following address not later than 16:30 pm on 30th June, 2014:-
Managing Director
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
PO Box 1049
Building No. 44, Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

4. The potential bidders will be short listed and presented with general overview of each Drilling Rig consisting of representative data and information by teams from Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise. The potential bidders who passed Pre-Qualification process will be invited to submit tender proposal.

5. For more information, please contact the followings:-
(1) Director (Planning), Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Tel: 95-67 411055 / 411056
Fax: 95-67 411125 / 411178
Email: thierry.min@gmail.com
(2) Director (Drilling), Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Tel: 95-67 411129
Fax: 95-67 411128, email: dd.moge.npt@gmail.com

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
Dated: 1st June, 2014
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICE IN
ESTABLISHING JOINT VENTURES
1. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, under Ministry of Energy, is interested to establish Joint Venture / Alliance projects for the following services with any potential partner who is reputable and internationally recognized in the related field.
(a) Drilling Service
(b) Seismic Acquisition Service
(c) Pipeline Construction and Maintenance Services

2. The scope of this assignment, which is to commence on around 1st day of August 2014, is to help in legal and technical assessment as required in JV processes, tender document preparation, inspection and prequalification of bidders, JV agreement and contract preparation. Duration of the assignment will be 6 months or may be extended.

3. Interested consultants or consultancy firms are invited to express their interest in undertaking the above consultancy not later than 16:30 pm on 30th June, 2014 by submitting (3) sets of documents containing the following information as a minimum.
(a) Broad approach to the assignment and appreciation of the requirements
(b) Job reference for consultancy service of establishing Joint Venture work with similar nature for the last five years
(c) Background and organization of the company
(d) An indication of key staff likely to be employed for the assignment (together with their curriculum vitae)
(e) An indication of sub-consultants to be employed if any
(f) Provisional Quotation

4. The letter of expression of interest together with above documents shall be submitted in a sealed envelope to the following address:-
Managing Director
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Building No. 44, Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Tel: 95-67 411055 / 411056
Fax: 95-67 411125 / 411178
Email: ed.moge.npt@gmail.com

5. For further inquiry for information, please contact the followings:-
(1) Managing Director
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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
Dated: 1st June, 2014
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MYANMAR ONSHORE PIPELINE JOINT VENTURE
1. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE), a state owned enterprise under the Ministry of Energy, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is planning to establish Joint Venture project between MOGE and interested party for onshore pipeline construction and maintenance works.

2. All interested foreign pipeline companies are cordially invited to submit the “Letter of Expression of Interest” together with the following documents endorsed by the respective Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the place of Company’s registration or establishment for authenticity.
(a) Article of Association
(b) Memorandum of Association
(c) Certificate of Incorporation
(d) Latest Annual Report
(e) Financial Statement for the Last Five Years
(f) Detail Track Records

3. All documents shall be submitted in a sealed envelope superscripted “Confidential” “Myanmar Onshore Pipeline Construction and Maintenance Services” to the following address not later than 16:30 pm, by 30th June, 2014.
Managing Director
Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE)
Ministry of Energy
Building No. 44, Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

4. The potential bidder who passed the Pre-Qualification shall be invited to discuss with MOGE and to inspect MOGE’s own onshore pipeline construction unit.

5. For more information, please contact:-
(1) Managing Director
Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise
Tel: 95-67 411055 / 411056
Fax: 95-67 411125 / 411178
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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
MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS G LINK EXPRESS PTE LTD
Phone No: 2301191, 2301178, 2301177

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DYNAMIC OCEAN 02 VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DYNAMIC OCEAN 02 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.6.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-5 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
MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS G LINK EXPRESS PTE LTD
Phone No: 2301191, 2301178, 2301177

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ESM CREMONA VOY NO (099)

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS ORINET OVERSEAS CONTAINER LINES
Phone No: 2301085

MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER
DEPARTMENT OF HYDROPOWER
IMPLEMENTATION INVITATION TO TENDER

1. Qualified Contractors and/or Joint Venture are invited to submit Tender Proposals in United State Dollars for the 132 kV Transmission Line and Substation, Shwe Li (3) HPP Contract:

2. Closing Date of Tender Acquisition - 26.6.2014 (16:00) pm

Tender Submission Date - 24.7.2014 (12:00) pm

Tender Invitation Letter and Documents with detail informations shall be available at the following address.

Tender Invitation Committee
Department of Hydropower Implementation
Office No. (27), Nay Pyi Taw
Phone: 067 413531, 09250345349, 09 450539248
Fax : 067413531

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Beastie Boys seek $2 million from Monster for copyright infringement

NEW YORK, 5 June — A lawyer for the Beastie Boys on Wednesday urged jurors to make Monster Beverage Corp pay at least $2 million for copyright infringement, saying the energy drink maker used their songs without a license in an online video.

Kevin Puvhalowski, the Brooklyn-born band’s lawyer, said in closing arguments in a trial in Manhattan federal court that Monster’s unauthorized use of its music in a 2012 promotional video was “absolutely egregious.”

Beastie Boys members Michael Diamond, or “Mike D,” and Adam Horovitz, or “Ad-Rock,” sat as spectators in the courtroom as Puvhalowski told jurors Monster had hoped to benefit from how “cool” his clients had become, without their permission.

“They didn’t care if their employees were stealing from the Beastie Boys,” he said.

Reid Kahn, Monster’s lawyer, acknowledged the energy drink maker had infringed the Beastie Boys’ copyrights but said it was because an employee thought the company had permission to use the music.

Reuters
UN aid chief to re-elected Assad: Put Syria’s people first

On Wednesday, she cited specific council action taken to gain access for aid in Bosnia and Libya.

“If you look at situations where there have been Chapter 7 resolutions to enable humanitarian aid, they have tended to be resolutions that have been about the establishment of no-fly zones or the use of force to enable humanitarian operations,” Amos told reporters. — Reuters

Gervinho and Drogba fire Ivory Coast to friendly win

2-1 win over El Salvador in a friendly in Frisco, Texas on Wednesday.

Ivory Coast, who will face Colombia, Greece and Japan in Group C at the World Cup, moved the ball with confidence and purpose and grabbed an early lead in the ninth minute.

Drogba, dropping deep, threaded the ball through to Gervinho who coolly rounded El Salvador keeper Derby Carrillo and slotted home.

The roles reversed for Ivory Coast’s second goal, three minutes before the interval, when the impressive Gervinho burst down the left flank and crossed low to Drogba who slid the ball home.

With the game firmly in hand, Sabri Lamouchi’s team were content to play possession football while El Salvador struggled to create chances.

It was not until the 73rd minute that Ivory Coast keeper Boubacar Barry was truly tested when Darwin Cerén unleashed a left foot drive which was pushed wide. Two minutes later, El Salvador were awarded a penalty after Kolo Touré recklessly charged into Jonathan Aguila as they challenged for a header and substitute Arturo Alvarez converted the spot kick. — Reuters
**Nadal and Murray beat fading light to set up semi-final**

Paris, 5 June — There is not much that spooks Rafa Nadal at the French Open but David Ferrer managed to do just that — for 49 bewitching minutes — before watching in despair as his fellow Spaniard turned into a man possessed to set up a semi-final with Andy Murray.

Facing a rival who had beaten him the last time they had met, Nadal could barely believe his eyes on Wednesday when he dropped his first set of the tournament at 7:36 pm local time.

If that gave Ferrer hope that he could join Roger Federer and Andy Murray as the only men to have beaten the eight-times champion at Roland Garros, Nadal quickly squashed those dreams into the red dust as he went on a 10-game rampage en route to inflicting a 6-4, 6-4, 6-0, 6-1 defeat on his countryman.

While Nadal improved his mindboggling French Open win-loss record to 64-1, Murray was relieved to silence the pantheon of fans that gathered at Roland Garros to see him in action of the first half and set up an unlikely semi-final showdown with Romanian Simona Halep.

The 28th seeded German came close to turning her back on tennis a year ago after being hobbled by back, ankle and knee injuries but 12 months on she was getting up close and personal with her racket after blowing Italy’s Sara Errani out of court with a 6-2, 6-2 win. “I never kissed my racket before in my life. I don’t know what happened to me.”

While celebrations were kept to a minimum among the men who were simply glad to finish their matches under fading light, Andrea Petkovic joyously planted a kiss on her racket frame after she battled through drizzle and swirling winds to complete the win in the 64th minute. Prolific for 10 breaks and 32 unforced errors was never going to be pretty and a three-hour rain delay left Roland Garros feeling more like a winter wonderland as temperatures dipped to a chilly 10 degrees Celsius. But Petkovic won the points that mattered. A contest that started with spectators huddled under blankets on Philippe Chatrier Court ended with delight as Errani slapped a backhand winner after becoming the first German woman to reach the last four in Paris since Steffi Graf in 1999, a player who is influenced by the writings of a number of philosophers said she would now “like to call Freud and ask him what he thinks about... my twisted soul.” Such a thought is unlikely to trouble Halep, who will be more interested in concentrating on Petkovic’s tennis skills after she too reached her first major semi-final with an equally scrappy 6-2, 6-2 win over 2009 champion Svetlana Kuznetsova.

“Maybe it was wasn’t her best day today, but for me it was the best,” added fourth seed Halep after becoming the only woman to reach the last four without dropping a set.

**Messi kept scoreless in Argentina warmup win**

Buenos Aires, 5 June — Lionel Messi, looking to score his first World Cup goals since 2006 in Brazil this month, went scoreless as Argentina cruised to a 3-0 win over Trinidad and Tobago in a World Cup warmup on Friday.

Messi missed several chances in the first half, was repeatedly fouled and hit the post with a free kick from which midfielder Javier Mascherano tapped in Argentina’s second goal. Striker Rodrigo Palacio, replacing the injured Gonzalo Higuain, headed the opener in the last action of the first half and substitute Maxi Rodriguez completed the win in the 64th minute. Prolific for Barcelone, Messi has only one goal to his name at two World Cups, scored in a 6-0 rout of Serbia & Montenegro on his tournament debut at the 2006 finals in Germany.

He went goalless in five matches at the 2010 finals in South Africa: “We finished strongly, Trinidad and Tobago were opponents who closed up at the back like some teams in the group will do (at the World Cup),” Messi told reporters. Argentina, looking to win their third world title at the 12 June - 13 July finals in Brazil, cruised to victory after squandering a string of first-half chances with Ezequiel Lavezzi, replacing Sergio Agüero who was unwell earlier this week.

The trigger was a good opening of the first-half stoppage time when Palacio finally made the breakthrough, heading in an Angel Di Maria corner at the near post in the second minute of the World Cup, in Buenos Aires on 4 June, 2014. —Reuters

Argentina’s Lionel Messi (L) controls the ball in front of Trinidad and Tobago’s Yohance Marshall during their friendly soccer match ahead of the World Cup, in Buenos Aires on 4 June, 2014. —Reuters

**Spain’s dominance faces ultimate test in Brazil**

Madrid, 5 June — Spain’s desire for glory on the international stage is as strong as ever but the champions will need something special if they are to become the first Europeans to win the World Cup in the Americas.

The only nation from the continent to triumph in football’s global showcase outside Europe, thanks to their triumph in South America four years ago, La Roja got an indication of the task facing them when they were humbled 3-0 by hosts Brazil in last year’s Confederations Cup final.

The pressure of the occasion at an intimidating Maracana Stadium in Rio De Janeiro, where July’s World Cup final will be held, was too much for them.

They were unable to match Brazil’s intensity as they fell to what is one of three defeats under coach Vicente Del Bosque in competitive games since he took over nearly six years ago.

That Brazil were able to dominate a Spain team used to having the lion’s share of possession was partly due to the absence of the injured Xabi Alonso, whose partnership with Sergio Busquets in midfield creates a stable platform for more creative team mates such as Xavi, Andres Iniesta and Cesc Fabregas to weave their magic.

Del Bosque, who mastered Spain’s campaign in South Africa and led them to a second straight European title two years ago, will have learned from the reverse.

**Spain’s Rafael Nadal returns a shot during the men’s quarterfinal match against his compatriot David Ferrer at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, on 4 June, 2014. Nadal won 3-1. —Xinhua**

**Andy Murray of Britain reacts during his men’s quarter-final match against Gael Monfils of France at the French Open Tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 4 June, 2014. — Reuters**

“I won in two sets and was very fast. I’m happy, and I really want to look forward for the next round because it’s my first semi-final at grand slam, and I have to be very focused, very calm, and to try to do everything better.”

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