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Union ministers discuss education and job creation on visit to Rakhine State

By Ye Myint

Yangon, 13 June—Three union ministers visited Rakhine State on Friday to discuss regional development tasks with local authorities, including the improvement of school education and the creation of jobs.

At a meeting with faculty members and students of Sittway University, Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein urged school officials to implement reforms of the education sector to change the management system at universities and produce “more outstanding intellectuals” who will in future manage the resources of the state in a responsible manner.

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Myanmar Railways to fence Yangon circle line to keep squatters out and avoid accidents

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Yangon, 13 June—Myanmar Railways will build brick walls along the tracks of the Yangon circle line to put an end to squating on railway property, reduce the number of accidents and keep the area clean, according to the MR’s civil engineering department.

“We are hoping to complete the project this fiscal year,” U Maung Maung Than, assistance general manager of the department, told the NLM in a phone interview on Friday.

A budget of K 636.2 million has been allocated to fence the 45.9-kilometre Yangon circle line and its 39 stations. According to the department, tenders for erecting fences at the three sections of the loop network have been invited.

“A tender winner for fencing along the rail-road between Hledan and Kamayut stations will be announced soon and construction work is expected to start before the end of this month,” said the official.

As erection of boundary marks for building fences has been completed at three sections, fencing along the section between Kamayut and Thiri Myaing and the section between Tadagale and Kyaukyedwin railway stations will follow, he added.

Upon completion of the project that will seal off rail property from residential areas, U Maung Maung Than said the number of accidents should be reduced substantially as people won’t be able to cross the tracks anymore, but will have to use bridges.

A phone interview on Friday of U Maung Maung Than, assistant general manager of the MR’s civil engineering department, with the NLM.

Statement of the Ministry of Health concerning food poisoning case in Zeyathiri orphanage in Toungoo

In the Street View Journal Vol-3, No-19 published on 26-5-2014, Sandi Tun and Phyu Phyu Khaing, based on an interview with Chairman U Ba Oak Khaing of the Consumer Protection Association, who said that food poisoning was caused by Deedo soft drinks, wrote the cover story “Ministry of Health and FDA responsible for food poisoning from imported Deedo soft drinks”.

The food poisoning case broke out in Zeyathiri female orphanage in Toungoo Township, Bago Region, on 19-5-2014. A total of 68 people suffered from food poisoning, with no fatalities. Forty-six of them were treated as outpatients and 22 as inpatients at Toungoo Hospital.

It was found that Deedo soft drinks (pineapple and lychee) were contaminated with E.coli bacteria. The hands and nostrils of the people who had prepared the food were also examined, and tests conducted at the Public Health Laboratory.

According to the test results, the rice noodles containing a bacterium that caused the food poisoning and no bacteria were found in Deedo soft drinks, the water used in making the drinks and other things tested.

Therefore, it is announced that the cause of the food poisoning in the orphanage was the contaminated rice noodle dish and not Deedo soft drinks.

The Ministry of Health
Union minister inspects construction of roads, bridge in Thaton

NAI PYI TAW, 13 June—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win visited the site for construction of the Border Region National Youths Development School in Thaton of Mon State on 7 June.

On 9 June, the Union minister inspected mainte-
nance of Kawtkaw Bridge linking the Mepale-Htiwa-
gale-Tarlay road and the Hokawko-Kyawkho-Ka-
wtkaw road. The bridge is financed through the border region development fund.

The Ministry of Border Affairs built the 17 miles long Mepale-Htiwagale road section as the gravel road in 2012-13 fiscal year. The Ministry is building the 30-mile long Htiwagale-tarlay road section in 2013-14 fiscal year. It plans to construct the 20-mile long Tarlay-Showhta road section in 2014-15 fiscal year.—MNA

Villagers in Mandalay receive permission to set up firewood plantations

Union Minister U Win Tun presents earthen stove to a local in NyaungU Township.

NAI PYI TAW, 13 June—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun presented documents to locals of Kabani and Yedwin-nyaungbin villages in NyaungU Township of Mandalay Region on Thursday, allowing them to set up five firewood plantations.

So far, a total of 300 acres in Kabani Village have been used for planting firewood, financed by the Japan International Forestry Promotion & Co-
operation Center-JIFPRO.

During the event, the Union Minister also donated stationery to students of Maythintwin Village before he attended the Chaukkan-ZeO Ywathaaye connecting road opening ceremony in ZeO village in Mandalay Region.

On his tours of Mandalay, U Win Tun also urged residents of several villages to participate in the maintenance of forests.

Confiscated farmlands handed over to local owners

ZIGON, 13 June—A ceremony to hand over confiscated farmland to farmers took place at the hall of the General Administration Department in Zigon Township of Bago Region on Thursday.

Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Tin Ko Oo explained rules and regulations for farming rights, with departmental officials and local authorities returning farmland to their rightful owners.—Township IPRD

Economic policies of the State discussed

Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw holds talks with Lt General (Rtd) Sir David Bill of the Royal College of Defence of Britain.—MNA

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Students can now receive exam result documents to apply for college

By Khanga Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 13 June—Matriculation students who have passed the examination in the 2013-2014 academic year can now start applying for their exam result documents earlier in order to be able to enroll at university, with officials saying they should send their application to the Myanmar Information and Communication Technology-MICT in Kamayut Township in Yangon, which is responsible for the whole country. According to an official, the department started issuing on 10 June 2012 and 2013 exam result documents to students who can pick up the forms at the MICT, with students requiring to buy a K400-stamp to be able to receive their mark sheets.

Many students in Yangon have expressed their wish to attend the University of Distance Education as they want to receive international diplomas from non-government schools. According to figures by the examination board, more than 480,000 students took the 2013 exam across the country, with over 170,000 students passing the exam. Most distinct holders came from the Yangon Region.—NLM
Request to allow representatives to take off turban during Hluttaw sessions rejected

NAV PYI TAW, 13 June — A Lower House representative’s request to allow male representatives to take off their turbans after the speaker has taken his seat at the Hluttaw sessions was rejected by a member of the health promotion committee on Friday. The lower house representative said that wearing turbans for a long time during Hluttaw sessions is harmful to health.

World Bank supports Myanmar with agricultural growth

NAV PYI TAW, 13 June—With the cooperation of World Bank, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Myanmar will be able to increase the agricultural sector by means of World Bank’s loans, as part of World Bank’s initiatives to boost the agricultural sector in Myanmar.

Sergyi Zorya, senior agricultural economist at the Sustainable Development Unit, at his office here on Thursday, officials said. They discussed matters related to agricultural development projects to be initiated in Myanmar as part of World Bank’s low-interest loans designed to help boost the agricultural sector.

The World Bank officials briefed the union ministers on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals dedicated to fight poverty and prioritize projects that ensure long-term and immediate benefits.

U Myint Hlaing expressed his thanks to the World Bank, saying that he appreciated WB’s generous offer by placing trust in his government’s reform process for agricultural development.

In line with the UN Millennium Development Goals, steps are being taken to reduce the percentage of poverty in Myanmar from 26 to 16, as formerly agreed by experts from the World Bank and the ministry.

He continued that under the UN Food Security Goal, experts from both sides have listed areas with dams in order of priority to ensure the cultivation of major crops, deal with possible food shortages resulting from changes in weather patterns, and meet the food demand for the increasing population.

World Bank’s loans will help farm produce grow, thereby ensuring food security and improving the living standards of farmers with low incomes, the union minister said.

The WB officials stressed the importance of transparency in the use of loans for agricultural development. — MNA

Media training course with U.S. experts starts in Nay Pyi Taw

NAV PYI TAW, 13 June—With the cooperation of the Ministry of Information and the U.S. Embassy, a three-day media training course began in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Ministers meet with UN agencies and NGOs

NAV PYI TAW, 13 June—Union Ministers U Soe Thane, U Tin Naing Thein, Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Aung Kyi, U Khin Yi and Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin met with UN officials on Friday in Nay Pyi Taw, with an opening speech by Director-General U Ye Tint of the Information and Public Relations Department. On Friday, Trainer Ms. Marquese Hope Sulivan conducted a course on press releases and press statement to 16 trainees from the ministries.

According to an official, the trainer will also give lectures on camera, interview methods and conducting press conferences for spokespersons on 16 June and media management for international meetings on 17 June. The course is supported by the United States Agency for International Development-USAID. — MNA

Stability and development of Rakhine State discussed by union ministers during visit

NAV PYI TAW, 13 June—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win and Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi met officials from Sittway Township in Rakhine State on Friday to discuss plans to restore peace and stability and the development of the state.

At the meeting in Sittway, Union Minister U Khin Yi elaborated on the definition of “citizen”, the census-taking process in Rakhine State, and citizenship security tasks in Myeik Township.

He also “clarified” other issues, including issuing visas on arrival under government policy, the national reconciliation process for Myanmar, and implementation of Moe Pwint-6 plan of the Ministry of Immigration and Population to issue citizenship security cards to eligible persons in the state. — MNA
Talks on consumer protection issues to be held in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 13 June—A talk on consumer protection, jointly organized by the Department of Commercial and Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Commerce and Mandalay City Development Committee, will be held at the hall of Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry on the fourth floor of Ya-danabon Super Centre in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Thursday, officials said.

Director of Food and Drug Administration Dr Tun Zaw gave talks on tests of foods at food and drug administration branches in border areas, and taking sample foods from the market, the director of Department of Commercial and Consumer Affairs on consumer protection and head of the Mandalay Region department U Swe Tin Kyu, on educative works being undertaken at markets, department stores, food production factories and oil mills for production of safety and quality products.

Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)

Nawnhkio’s rural people get easy access to reading dailies

Nawnghkio, 13 June—People from 10 villages in Nawnghkio Township of northern Shan State can now read newspapers namely the Myanmar Alinn, the Morning Star newspapers namely the Shan Herald and Shan Star, and the New Light of Myanmar, as newspaper agent U Zaw Myo Lwin of Nilar Pwint fuel station delivers dailies to local readers in the morning.

“We live in rural areas, too far from Nawnghkio. So we missed out on the chance to read newspapers due to the poor transport system,” said local Ko Thant Sin of Bantbwe village.

Min Htet Aung
(Mandalay Sub-printing House)

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Bago Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Kyaw Myint presented copy books and one set of computer, Town Planning Administrator U Win Zaw Htwe, school uniforms and Kyaw Soe Linn (Singapore Land Authority) K1.8 million and four sets of computer to the school officials.—Aung Myint

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Yangon Region government

TAIKKYI, 13 June—Taikkyi Township Forest Department of Yangon Region nurtures saplings at the nurseries to distribute them to the local people in the 2014 monsoon season to establish village-owned firewood plantations.

The department grows 150,000 saplings at Lathagon, Okkan and Phalon nurseries. So far, the department has distributed over 8,000 saplings to local people against the target of 118,794 saplings. Moreover, about 37,500 saplings are being nurtured under the arrangement of Yangon Region government.

Taikkyi Township has grown 256,200 saplings near 85,400 households and 398,400 hardwood saplings near 19,200 households from the 2009-2010 to 2013-14 fiscal year, officials said.

The Forest Department has urged locals to green their environments as part of efforts for environmental conservation, said Staff Officer U Thein Naing Kywe of the department.

Tun Hlaing
(Myawaddy)
Interim Thai government by August: military leader

Bangkok, 13 June — The head of the junta that seized power in Thailand last month said on Friday that an interim government would be set up by August, the first time he has given a clear date on delegating any sort of power in the country.

General Prayuth Chan-ocha, in an address to senior military officials, announced the date as part of a three-phase plan of reconciliation, formation of a government and elections to be rolled out by the ruling National Council for Peace and Order.

“A government will be set up by August, or at the very latest September,” Prayuth told a meeting devoted to the 2015 national budget.

The army took power on 22 May in a bloodless coup after six months of sometimes violent street protests pitting mainly rural supporters of ousted Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra against her Bangkok-based, royalist opponents.

Prayuth repeated in his address that a temporary constitution would be drafted within three months. It would take at least a year until a new general election could take place.

“In the next three months we must do everything properly, whether it is the constitution or other matters. Everything for the first phase should be complete by August,” Prayuth said.

Since taking power, the military has silenced dissent and rounded up at least 300 politicians, activists and journalists. Many are linked to exiled former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, alleged by his opponents to have directed the country's deadliest sea accident.

Thailand has been polarized for nearly a decade between supporters of Yingluck Shinawatra and her brother, former telecommunications tycoon Thaksin who was ousted by a 2006 coup. The country remains split broadly between supporters of Thaksin in the north and northeast and the Bangkok-based royalist groups that see Thaksin and his policies of benefits to disadvantaged voters as a threat to the old order.

A court found Yingluck guilty of abuse of power on 7 May, for transferring the country’s security chief to another post so that a relative could benefit from related job moves, and ordered her to step down after months of street protests aimed at toppling her government.

Military leader Prayuth says he stepped in to restore order and has made the economy and the welfare of farmers a priority. The army has begun payments to hundreds of thousands of farmers under a costly rice-buying scheme, one of the key policies that brought Yingluck to power in 2011.

Prayuth told Friday’s meeting that the military had no plans to maintain the scheme. “Today, if you ask me, there will definitely be no rice pledging scheme, but whether we have one in the future or not is a different matter,” he said.

Opponents said the scheme ran up huge losses. Farmers are owed more than $2.5 billion under the programme, a key ele- ment in a court ruling that removed Yingluck from office.—Reuters

Passenger ferry crash injures 70 in Macao

Hong Kong, 13 June — At least 70 passengers were injured after a Turbojet ferry hit a breakwater near Macao on Friday, according to authorities and media reports.

Most of the injured — 45 men and 25 women — suffered minor injuries, the Macao government said in a statement. Hong Kong’s TVB said one crew member was seriously injured.

The catamaran Cacilhas, run by Shun Tak-China Travel Ship Management Ltd, left Hong Kong at around 8:30 am for Macao and was carrying 220 passengers and 13 crew members when it crashed shortly before reaching the pier in Macao, Macao’s Marine and Water Bureau spokesman Eric Lam said.

The cause of crash was being investigated, he added.

A spokesman for Shun Tak-China said among the injured people are two South Korean and one Japanese visitor.

“There were a few bumps and the boat dipped and tilted, some passengers were bumped off their seats,” Hong Kong’s ATV quoted a passenger as saying.

The company operates passenger ferries between the two ports at a 15-minute frequency in peak hours. Another catamaran, Universal MK 2013, collided last month with a freighter 30 minutes after departing Hong Kong. The accident left 35 people injured.

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Choi inherits a tough role of designing the government’s three-year economic revival plan to shifting the focus of economic policy away from backing big exporting industries to strengthening domestic business.

“I will try hard to help revive the livelihoods of economic players,” Choi told reporters after the nomination, but declined to discuss details such as his view of foreign exchange and interest rate policies. “I think it’s important (for me) to produce achievements in the government’s efforts to further reform,” he said.

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Women with breast cancer don’t get enough exercise: study

New York, 13 June —

Only one in three women living with breast cancer is meeting current physical activity guidelines, suggests a new study.

African American women, who tend to have higher rates of death from breast cancer than white women, were less likely to meet the guidelines.

“Physical activity is thought to lower the risk of other diseases among breast cancer survivors, increase their overall quality of life and reduce their mortality from breast cancer and other diseases,” says Andrew Olshan who led the study.

He worked on the study at the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

About one in eight US women will develop breast cancer at some point in her life.

Olshan and his colleagues used data from the Carolina Breast Cancer Study to see how physical activity levels change after a breast cancer diagnosis.

The study included 1,135 women ages 20 to 74 who were diagnosed with invasive breast cancer between 2008 and 2011 in North Carolina. The women were an average of 56 years old when they were diagnosed.

The research team found that 65 percent of breast cancer survivors fell short of meeting the US Department of Health and Human Services recommendations of at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week.— Reuters

Apps for gay, bisexual men tied to STI risk

New York, 13 June —

Gay and bisexual men who use smartphone apps to meet other men for sex are at an increased risk of some sexually transmitted infections, suggests a new study.

Men who used the apps were more likely to be diagnosed with gonorrhea and Chlamydia than men who met potential partners in other ways, researchers report in the journal Sexually Transmitted Infections.

“We want to make people aware of the risks and benefits with any new technology,” Matthew Beymer said. “We just want gay and bisexual men to love safely and love carefully.”

Beymer is the study’s lead author and an epidemiologist at the Los Angeles LGBT Centre.

He and his colleagues write that apps such as Grindr and SCRUFF have become increasingly popular among members of the gay and bisexual community since their introduction in 2009. The apps, which are marketed toward men who have sex with men, use the GPS capabilities of smartphones to find other people nearby using the same apps. Similar products exist for people seeking opposite-sex partners, and for women looking for other women.

While people may use the apps for various purposes, many use them to find sexual partners.

In August 2011, the Los Angeles LGBT Centre began asking its clients—specifically men who have sex with men—about their use of these types of apps on hook-up and prostiutes.

For the new study, the researchers compared rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among men who reported different types of networking, such as with apps, websites and in-person meetings.

They had data on 7,174 men who visited the clinic between August 2011 and January 2013.

About 34 percent of the men said they only met sexual partners through in-person methods, such as at bars or the gym.

They had data on 22 percent of the men who only used smartphone apps to find sexual partners.

About 47 percent of the men who used apps were more likely to be diagnosed with STIs than men who met partners in other ways. The apps, which are popular on both coasts, are currently used by 7 percent of the gay and bisexual population in the United States.

The rest used a combination of methods. — Reuters

Brain Scans detect early signs of Parkinson’s

London, 13 June —

British researchers have developed a simple and quick brain-scanning technique that offers promise for early diagnosis of Parkinson’s disease, providing hope of tackling the disease before it starts to cause symptoms, it was announced on Thursday.

The research team demonstrated that their new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) approach can detect people who have early-stage Parkinson’s disease with nearly 90 percent accuracy, according to their paper published in US scientific journal Neurology.

The team compared 19 people with early-stage Parkinson’s disease and 19 healthy people, matched for age and gender. They found that Parkinson’s patients had much lower connectivity in the basal ganglia.

The researchers were able to define a threshold level of connectivity. Falling below this level was able to predict who had Parkinson’s disease with 89.5 percent specificity, meaning only a few healthy people were wrongly diagnosed.

“At the moment we have no way to predict who is at risk of Parkinson’s disease in the vast majority of cases,” Clare Mackay, one of the joint lead researchers at Oxford University, said.

“We are excited that this MRI technique might prove to be a good marker for the earliest signs of Parkinson’s. The results are very promising,” she added.

Parkinson’s disease is characterised by tremor, slow movement, and stiff muscles. It’s thought to affect around 1 in 500 people in Britain. There is currently no cure for the disease, although there are treatments that can reduce symptoms and maintain a good quality of life for as long as possible.

Xinhua
Tourism industry has huge potential

By KyawThu

Most Southeast Asian countries make tourism a mainstay of their economy. Sadly, Myanmar used to be an exception. Nevertheless, as the saying goes ‘It’s never too late to mend’, Myanmar is preparing to catch up with other countries in attracting more tourists to earn more foreign currency.

In other words, tourism is the best of all foreign income generators. Take two Asian countries.

For most of the tourists visiting Cambodia, cultural heritage sites such as Angkor Wat are top tourist destinations. Cambodia announced that it welcomed more than 4.2 million tourists in 2013, a 17% increase from the previous year, earning US$ 2.5 billion, which constituted 6% of GDP, and created 400,000 jobs for people. This enormous revenue almost equals the total foreign income Myanmar earns from a year’s sale of natural gas, which is estimated at around $3 billion.

Another country earning a lot of US dollars from the tourism sector is Thailand. Bangkok alone, Mount Everest, the world’s highest peak, and other ice-capped tall mountains act as magnets to tourists and mountaineers from all over the world.

With eight of the highest mountains in the world in Myanmar, the country is a paradise for people seeking adventure. It earns US$ 500 million every year. Again, that huge amount of foreign income equals Myanmar’s total income generated from a year-long export of fishery products.

One thing for sure is that these countries do not boast as many tourist attractions as Myanmar. Aside from the countless ancient sites here, Myanmar’s scenery is breathtaking, and offers great trekking opportunities for all fitness levels.

For example, Mount Kkhabo and Mount Gmanglang in Kachin State are said to be the highest in Southeast Asia. According to a survey back in 1925, Khakabo was measured at 5,881 meters and Gmanglang at 5,834 meters. However, as shown by satellite data, this data of US civil service peak is now controversial. This controversy will itself be of great interest to trekkers from all over the world.

With this in mind, it is never too early to breathe new life into the tourism industry in Myanmar.

Long Lasting old Capital Inwa Part III
Second Inwa under Nyaung Yan dynasty

Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja
Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

(Continued from 11-6-2014)

Both Rakhine and Inwa Kings held royal monopoly on rice and trade. Particularly with regard to rice, they wanted to prevent shortage of food supply in their kingdoms. Through revenue inquests carried out under their orders from time to time, the Kings had a fairly correct estimate of annual yield of paddy. They knew rice production and surplus. After enough supply had been stored in granaries for any eventualities—war, floods, pestilence, fire and famine, surpluses were sold to foreign buyers by the royal brokers at the price fixed by the kings. They knew exactly when to lower or raise the price because by their agents they were well informed of the situation in foreign markets. Kings Thiri Thudhamma of Rakhine Kingdom and Tha Lun of Inwa sent their envoys to Batavia to gather information there. They knew that the Dutch were badly in need of rice. Their envoys reported the political situation in the East Indies. The Dutch were starting the last Portuguese stronghold and Malacca was being blocked by the Dutch with that knowledge both Rakhine and Inwa Kings knew that their rice had the seller’s market. The Dutch Governor General at Batavia instructed the Dutch merchants in Rakhine and Inwa to buy up all rice even at royal monopoly rate. Besides, private merchants also competed to buy up all rice of rice trade abroad. Hindu, Armenian and Mohamadan merchants were only too happy to supply Myanmar kings with news about the Dutch who were their commercial rivals. They called at seaports of South-east Asia and gathered all available news there to bring Bodawpaya. There could have been previous inquests by previous kings, but they might have been lost. Revenue inquests are research and review of revenues and taxes of the kingdom particularly agricultural lands of three types: royal lands, lands donated to religion [temples, pagodas and monasteries] called globe lands and public lands belonging to the farmers. These 3 types of lands were recorded by inscribing on stone slabs, palm leaf or folding parchments [parabike]. In course of time, some were lost, destroyed or facts and figures were altered. So revenue and taxes began to decline. King Tha Lun sent out his men to compile Revenue Inquests. Rev- enue Inquest not only compiled economic data but also carried out demographic census. These two Revenue Inquests by Tha Lun and Bodawpaya were much credited and used by the Dutch East India govern- ment. Mr. J.S Furnival, I.C.S., Settlement officer made references to these Inquests in his ‘Notes on In- wa’s economy. Because of his Revenue Inquest Tha Lun recovered lost revenues and taxes and his kingdom’s agriculture and trade grew.

King Tha Lun’s thrift and parsimony.

Tha Lun was noticed for his thrift and parsimony. Two events of his reign were often mentioned to prove that. During one of his incognito visits to the rice trade, he made public opinion, he punished a village girl for wasting boiled water from her rice cooking pot in the street by beating and blaming her and telling her to feed nutritious boiled water from the rice pot to children or animals. He gave her some money because she was poor. The second event was that on seeing his daughter learning against a daily post, publicly reprimanded her saying that she should not spoil her dress that was made out of public taxation.

A successful business man

Second Inwa was an international emporium in South East Asian peninsula that its king, Tha Lun annually held royal rice sale and royal auction in the country and he personally participated. Envoy and merchants from Java (Bata- via) Ache, Penang, Ceylon, Bengal and the Netherland were warmly received at the royal audience. A grand royal banquet was held at which the buyer and the seller privately. The Dutch merchants were so impressed with Tha Lun’s business acumen that they stopped bargaining and bought all they wanted. In their report to headquarters, they remarked that Inwa King was a shrewd businessman.

Second Inwa boomed

Religious monuments we see till to-day and around this old capital bear witness to peace, prosperity and order and to send information to the King. This stone inscription is a brief history of Second Inwa in its heyday.

The decline of Second Inwa

Not all successors of Tha Lun were his equals. They failed in their statesmanship, administration or economy. Besides changes of circumstances at home and abroad, Tha Lun could not avoid the trouble to his successor. Inwa King to surrender to the Manchu dy- noasty. The Last Ming emperor Yong Li took political opportunism, the Manchu authorities asked Inwa King to surrender Yong Li to them. Not only, China-Myanmar border was as before as well as Second Inwa was no longer peaceful. Although King Pyew of Second Inwa [1661-1697] was one of the successors of Tha Lun, he was not accorded red carpet treatment. Not all successors of Tha Lun were his equals. They failed in their statesmanship, administration or economy. Besides changes of circumstances at home and abroad, Tha Lun could not avoid the trouble to his successor. Inwa King to surrender to the Manchu dynasty.

The declaration of Second Inwa

It was King Mahalhama Tha Lun [1713-1752 A.D] the last king of Second Inwa, who had to account for all mistakes of his predecessors and in the end, he left it all at the hands of the invading Mon of Pegu. The invaders besieged Second Inwa, burnt it down, after any resistance and with all war booties they took him to Pegu and put him to death. So he was given a derogatory name in Myanmar history, “Hanthawaddy par Min” “The King who was taken captive to Hanthawaddy”.

Thus Second Inwa. (to be continued)
Monks, nun honoured in Mandalay

Mandala, 13 June—A ceremony to honour 14 religious title winners, including nine monks, one nun and four lay persons was held at Maha Atulawpayan (Atumashi) monastery in Mandalay on Thursday.

Chief Minister of the region U Ye Myint and his wife offered alms to the monks and presented certificates to the nun and lay persons. The region government, departmental personnel, military station families and social organizations donated rice and alms worth about K 11 million to the title winners.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

UNWTO International Conference on Tourism & Heritage Protection commences

At present, Myanmar is practicing responsible tourism policy for sustainable development of the tourism industry, he added.

Mr Zhu Shanshong, Executive Officer of Technological Cooperation and Services and Mr Mason Florence, Executive Officer of MTCO gave speeches.

The Union minister and his delegation visited souvenir shops and food-stuff shops of the tourism ministries of Mekong countries.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Post at Taungthaman Lake Bridge catches fire

Amarapura, 13 June—A fire broke out at No 48 post of Taungthaman Lake Bridge (U Bein Bridge) in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region on 4 June, according to the Department of Archaeology and Museum. According to officials, local vendors saw smoke come from post No 48 and informed the bridge maintenance squad at Taungmingyi Monastery. Although the squad arrived quickly and poured water over the post the fire, severe damage was done, said an official of the Department of Archaeology and Museum.

“We have now assigned duty to security personnel to watch and maintain the bridge. We have asked people not to smoke. But we do not have enough staff at our department to maintain this ancient cultural heritage. We need the help of local people and vendors at the bridge to help the department,” he explained.

U Bein Bridge was last maintained in April, with a cost of K13 million, officials said.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Specialists give health care free of charge to people in Mandalay Region

Mandala, 13 June—A specialist team provided healthcare services to people at Kyauktada Basic Education Primary School in Laming Village-tract of Madaya Township in Mandalay Region on Wednesday.

They gave talks about heart attacks, dengue haemorrhagic fever, the need to use mosquito nets, the dangers of smoking, AIDS and ART therapy to the local people.

The medical team provided health care and medicines free of charge to 733 people from the villages and donated 154 pairs of glasses to eye patients.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Roads, residences inundated in Dagon East Tsp

Yangon, 13 June—Local authorities in Dagon Myothit (East) Township of Yangon Region began to dredge drains along Shwaypadelha Road and Saya Tin Road in Ward 9 for proper flow of water on 9 June—one month after the project was supposed to have started.

Locals complained to authorities about the lack of action taken as rainy season has led to floods in many parts of Yangon, with residents voicing their concern about a spread of dengue haemorrhagic fever and other infectious diseases that are especially dangerous for children.

In many parts of town, rainwater cannot flow in the drains properly due to blocks of soil from late dredging works.

Nay Win Tun
Russia holds military exercises in Baltic in response to NATO

MOSCOW, 13 June — Russia has begun military exercises in its Baltic enclave of Kaliningrad in what the Defence Ministry said was a response to drills by NATO allies in parts of eastern Europe that were launched after Moscow’s intervention in Ukraine.

In a further sign of friction between Russia and NATO, Latvia said on Thursday that NATO fighters that carry out air patrols over the Baltic scrambled a record four times on Thursday after a total of 16 Russian military planes were spotted close to Latvia’s air space.

Russia’s annexation of Ukraine’s Crimea region and a pro-Russian separatist revolt in the country’s east after its Moscow-backed president was ousted by protesters have led to the worst East-West crisis since the end of the Cold War.

The Defence Ministry did not reveal the scale of the Russian exercises but said the equipment and number of troops involved “correspond” to the size of the NATO manoeuvres.

“The training of the army’s group in the Kaliningrad operational (theatre) is being held simultaneously with the international (NATO) exercises of Saber Strike-2014 and BALTOPS-2014 launched in Europe,” its statement said.

Kaliningrad is a sliver of territory that is unconnected to the rest of Russia and sandwiched between NATO member states Lithuania and Poland.

NATO countries responded to the annexation of Crimea by sending fighter planes and ships to eastern Europe to reassure allies alarmed by Russia’s action. The US-led alliance and its member states have also stepped up military exercises in eastern Europe, including the three former Soviet republics in the Baltics — Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — that now belong to the Western alliance.

Two large US-led military exercises are under way in the Baltic region, US-led exercises, named “Saber Strike”, involving around 4,700 soldiers from 10 countries, is taking place in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Forces from 13 countries are participating in a US-led naval exercise in the Baltic Sea, dubbed BALTOPS.

Russia’s Defence Ministry said that 24 ships from Moscow’s Baltic Sea Fleet were patrolling Russian territorial waters while its regional air force had been beefed up with extra Sa-27 fighter jets. —Reuters

Ukrainian forces surround rebel-held port city

KIEV, 13 June — Ukrainian forces surrounded the strategic rebel-held port city of Mariupol on Friday in a dawn attack launched as part of a broader military operation to reclaim control of eastern Ukraine.

The rebel forces, who oppose the pro-European leadership in the capital Kiev and want to be part of Russia, said five of their fighters had been killed in the battle for Mariupol, Ukraine’s largest Azov Sea port. Mariupol, which has changed hands several times in weeks of conflict, is strategically important because steel is exported through the port and the city lies on major roads from the southeastern border with Russia into the rest of Ukraine. —Reuters

Wave of crime against women continues in India’s biggest state

LUCKNOW, (India), 13 June — A woman was hanged from a tree in India’s state of Uttar Pradesh on Thursday and another was allegedly raped in a police station, police said, the latest incidents in a wave of crimes against women reported in the country’s most populous region over the past two weeks.

Police suspect the hanged woman was raped before being murdered, bringing to five the number of rapes reported in the past 36 hours in the state, including two women who were then killed.

The sub-inspector accused of committing the rape of the woman has been put under arrest while we have launched a manhunt for the three constables accused of being party to the crime, a spokesman at state police headquarters said.

The latest reports came over two girls, aged 12 and 14, were gang-raped and hanged from a tree on 27 May, the day after Nandita, one of Modi’s was seen in prime minister.

The two cousins, from a low-caste community, went missing from their home in Uttar Pradesh when they went to an outdoor toilet. The next morning, villagers found their bodies hanging from a mango tree in a nearby orchard.

Workers from Modi’s party clashed with police when they tried to march on the office of Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav to protest against the violence, and opposition parties have demanded Yadav’s dismissal.

Yadav has asked the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the country’s top crime-fighting agency, to investigate the case. The CBI on Thursday said it registered a case against three people and two police officials.

Uttar Pradesh is one of the world’s poorest regions and has largely missed out on the economic boom that swept much of India over the past decade. Its population of 208 million is larger than that of Russia, and it has endured a string of revolving door governments that have pandered to narrow caste interests.

Yadav met businessmen in New Delhi on Thursday to drum up investment and said reports of lawlessness were exaggerated.

“Uttar Pradesh, not only is the atmosphere good but law and order, compared with many other states, is also better,” Yadav told reporters.

His government later issued a press release that some of India’s most prominent companies, including Reliance Industries Ltd and ITC Ltd, had pledged $9.2 billion (5.4 billion pounds) in investment in the state at the meeting.

Italy’s Prime Minister Matteo Renzi gestures as he speaks during a meeting with businessmen at the Shanghai Italy Centre in Shanghai on 10 June, 2014. REUTERS

Renzi faces party revolt over constitutional reform

ROMA, 13 June — Prime Minister Matteo Renzi’s reform agenda for Italy suffered a setback on Thursday when 13 senators from his centre-left Democratic Party (PD) withdrew their backing in protest against his moves for constitutional change.

The 39-year-old former mayor of Florence will not be assured of a majority in the Senate without the 13 defectors and their absence will make it extremely difficult for him to push through legislation.

Renzi’s plan to abolish the Senate as an elected chamber in order to streamline the passage of legislation, set out when he took office in February, has been held up in the Senate Constitutional Affairs Committee. This week, Renzi removed two PD opponents of the plan from the committee. In a shock response on Thursday, 13 PD senators said they were “suspending themselves” from the party, accused Renzi of authoritarian tactics at odds with the constitution and said they wanted an open discussion with the prime minister. Giuseppe Civati, a PD deputy frequently critical of Renzi, said he had been accused of “political error” and rebuked him for trying to “eliminate dissent” in the party.

The senators did not say they would leave the PD itself and their action was seen more of a warning shot to Renzi than an immediate threat to his government’s survival. —Reuters
Startup launches ‘first wearable health record’ for Google Glass

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 June — Google Inc’s futuristic eyeglasses are finding their way into hospitals and clinics throughout the United States.

To meet the growing demand for Google Glass from physicians, Dchronos, a Mountain View, California-based electronic medical record company has developed a new application for the device it claims is the first “wearable health record.”

Doctors who register for the Dchronos app for Glass can use it to record a consultation or surgery with the patient’s permission. Videos, photos and notes are stored in the patient’s electronic medical record or in Box, a cloud-based storage and collaboration service and can be shared with the patient on request.

A woman wears Google glasses after a media presentation of a Google apartment in Prague on 15 May, 2014. — Reuters

Dr Bill J Metaxas, a podiatrist based in San Francisco, warned fellow physicians to take precautions before using Glass, such as obtaining patient consent and “locking down security settings.” He also said Glass is no more or less secure than tablet devices such as the iPad, which are routinely used in clinical practices.

Some 15 million years ago, they ranged across the continent with saber tooth tigers, giant sloths and American camels, before becoming extinct about 10,000 years ago.

The revelers who made the discovery first contacted a partygoer at Elephant Butte State Park, an area of arid hills surrounding a reservoir about 155 miles (250 km) south of Albuquerque.

He said the museum’s head paleontologist was amazed by the find, calling it “the most complete mastodon skull with attached tusks he has seen in 20 years.”

Mastodons were Ice Age relatives of the elephant that stood 10 feet (3 meters) tall and migrated to North America.

China put FY-3C into operation to improve earth observation

BEIJING, 13 June — On 10 June, the meteorological satellite Fengyun-3C has been put into operation officially which replaced FY-3A to observe in a morning orbit with FY-2B in an afternoon orbit. The operation of FY-3C will realize all-weather, multi-spectral, quantitative and 3D observation of global atmosphere and Geophysical factors to insure stable operation of polar-orbit meteorological satellites, provide better observation data for monitoring disasters, environment and addressing climate change, and further improve the monitoring capabilities.

As FY-3C started to operate, the four ground stations in Guangzhou, Urumqi, Jianmou of China and Kiruma of Sweden have begun to accept observing data and Beijing station became to backup. Meanwhile, the FY-3C will provide users with various data products, such as global atmosphere and Geophysical data on atmosphere, clouds, earth surface, sea surface and space environment, grid data of climate and so on. In addition, it will disseminate products automatically to CMACast network, FTP real-time data areas or other special service lines, and offer data services for users in many ways.

A 200 keeper offers eucalyptus leaves to a Koala joey called ‘Boonda’ in its enclosure at Wildlife World in Sydney on 28 June, 2011 file photo. — Reuters

WASHINGTON, 13 June — Eucalyptus leaves are the dietary supply for Australia’s koalas, but there is a lot more to the tree than that. It is native to Australia but has become the world’s most widely planted hard-wood tree. The eucalyptus tree is a source of timber, fuel, cellulose and medicinal products and timber, pulp and paper production.” — Reuters
When Priyanka, Salman and SRK ‘Avoided’ bumping into eachother

MUMBAI, 13 June — Priyanka Chopra, Salman Khan and Shah Rukh Khan may have all come to Mehboob studios on Monday for their respective projects but what’s interesting is that they didn’t get a chance to meet each other.

An onlooker says, “Salman Khan and Randeep Hooda have been on the sets and all this while, Salman was present in the same vicinity. They never came face-to-face with each other.” says the source. — PTI

New musical shines spotlight on forgotten composer Bert Berns

Cassandra Berns and Brett Berns, the children of songwriter Bert Berns, speak before a rehearsal for the play “Piece of My Heart: The Bert Berns Story” at the Pershing Square Signature Centre in Manhattan, New York on 11 June, 2014.— Reuters

New York, 13 June — Hits such as “Brown Eyed Girl,” “Twist and Shout” and “Hang on Sloopy” made Bert Berns one of his era’s most successful songwriters and producers before he died in 1968, yet few people outside the music industry ever knew about him. That could change with a new musical, “Piece of My Heart: The Bert Berns Story” which begins previews on 25 June and opens Off-Broadway on 21 July. Rolling Stone magazine described the songwriter’s life as “one of the great untold stories of rock and roll.”

Denis Jones, the director and choreographer of “Piece of My Heart,” believes new is the time to tell it.

“He was not supposed to live past 30,” Jones said during sneak preview of the show that includes more than 20 of the songwriter’s hits. “Interestingly, the entire body of work that he generated was between his 30th birthday and his passing.”

As a teenager Berns suffered from rheumatic fever, which damaged his heart. He died from a heart attack at the age of 38.— Reuters

Winner crowned in 10th annual New York toilet paper wedding dress contest

NEW YORK, 13 June — There was something old, something new, something borrowed and something double-ply for 10 designers who battled it out on Thursday for $10,000 and the top prize in the 10th annual toilet paper wedding dress contest held in New York City. The elaborate gowns, headpieces, purses and lacey veils showed off at the competition could be made of nothing but rolls of Charmin Ultra Soft toilet paper, and materials like glue, tape and thread, organizers of the event by Cheap-Chic-Weddings.com said. “I am blown away,” said Kate Pankoke, a contest judge who also owns Elaya Vaughn Bridal and was a contestant on season 11 and 12 of the reality television show Project Runway.— Reuters

Mila Kunis warns future dads: Stop saying ‘We are pregnant’

LOS ANGELES, 13 June — Actress Mila Kunis warns all future dads not to call themselves pregnant when their wives are expecting. The pregnant 30-year-old actress appeared on Jimmy Kimmel Live! on 10 June evening, and started speaking about preparing to welcome their children into the world.

But the chat show host angered Mila when he harmlessly insinuated that he and his wife are with (expecting a) child, reports contactmusic.com. “My wife and I are pregnant,” Kimmel said, whose wife Molly McNearney is carrying the couple’s first child. “We are having a baby very soon, as well,” he added. An angered Mila quickly replied: “Oh, you’re both having a baby?” in a sarcastic manner. “You and your wife are pregnant?” At this moment, the Jupiter Ascending actress abruptly stood up, grabbed a microphone and began a passionate rant. “Hello, I’m Mila Kunis with a very special message for all you soon-to-be fathers,” she stated while dramatic music suddenly started playing in the background.

“Stop saying, ‘We are pregnant’. You’re not pregnant. When you wake up and throw up is it because you’re nurturing a human life? No. It’s because you had too many shots of tequila. Do you know how many shots of tequila. We can’t have anything!”

Harrison Ford injured on set of ‘Star Wars: Episode VII’

LONDON, 13 June — Actor Harrison Ford was injured on the set of “Star Wars: Episode VII” on Thursday and taken to a hospital for treatment, a Disney representative said. Ford, 71, hurt his ankle while filming at Pinewood Studios, on the outskirts of London, Disney spokesman Paul Roeder said. Filming will continue on schedule while Ford recovers. The actor was taken to nearby John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. Thames Valley Police said on its official Twitter feed that police responded to an incident where “a 71-year-old man was airlifted to hospital with injuries not believed to be life-threatening.” A second tweet said the mishap “is believed to have involved a garage door.”— Reuters
**Claims Day Notice**

**Mv Nang Jiao Voy No (206)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN NING JIANG VOY NO (206) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.6.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**Shipping Agency Department**

**Myanmar Port Authority**

Agent for: M/S Cosco Shipping Co Ltd.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGSAKAO VOY NO (22) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.6.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**China unveils pavilion, event programme for Expo Milano 2015**

Milan, Italy, 13 June — The China Pavilion design and programme was unveiled on Thursday in a joint Press conference held in the heart of Milan, the Italian business capital set to host the next world exposition between 1 May and 31 October 2015.

As the second-largest global economy and an important agricultural country, China attached great importance to Expo Milano 2015, Vice-Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and Commissioner General of China Pavilion Wang Jianzhen said.

In the upcoming expo themed “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life,” for the first time China will present to the world “the history, present condition and especially the idea of sustainable development for the future of its agriculture,” Wang highlighted.

Not only China for the first time will participate in an overseas expo with a self-built pavilion, but two Chinese enterprises will also be present with their own pavilions, making China one of the participants in the Expo Milano 2015 with the most diverse forms and the most abundant contents, he said. With a surface area of 4,590 square meters second only to Germany in size, China Pavilion will be inspired by the values of harmonious coexistence, Wang explained in the presence of local authorities.

The traditional lines of Chinese architecture, he noted, will be enhanced with the use of technology also reducing energy consumption, in line with sustainability promoted by Expo Milano 2015. Five areas will guide visitors around a journey into China’s traditions, spectacular landscapes and great progress, all tied together by the search for balance between man and nature, he added. “I am certain that China will be one of the most successful participants at Expo Milano 2015,” Commissioner of Italian Government for Expo Milano 2015 Giuseppe Sala said.

The world exposition, he stressed, will be a precious opportunity for people to “discover the Chinese culture and contribution of this country to the great challenge of sustainable development for the next generations.” The organizers’ goal was bringing Expo Milano 2015 around one million Chinese visitors, Sala said noting that 500,000 expo tickets have already been sold to Chinese tour operators.

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**Nicaragua modernizes military fleet with Russia’s help**

Managua, 13 June — The Nicaraguan Army (EN) is modernizing its military fleet with Russia’s help, state news website El 19 Digital quoted a senior military officer as saying on Thursday. The head of the army, Gen. Cesar Aviles, made the statement on Wednesday during the inauguration of a mechanics workshop belonging to the army’s Mechanized Infantry Brigade. The Russian government donated the workshop’s machinery to help Nicaragua upgrade its facilities. Aviles has been committed to the modernization of the Special Operations Command (COEs), located in the city of Jinotepe, 13 km west of the capital Managua. The overhauled mechanics workshop, built for repair and maintenance of armored vehicles, will allow the army to extend the life of fleet units, and lower operational costs, said Aviles. “This workshop endows Nicaraguans and the EN with capacities we didn’t have before, such as the optimal and controlled readiness of our means of transportation, so we can fulfill all the missions and tasks assigned to us,” said Aviles. Russian Ambassador to Nicaragua Nikolai Vladimir said Russia was pleased to be able to cooperate with Nicaragua in this field and numerous others, including education, culture, trade, economy and fight against drug trafficking, as well as in handling natural disasters.
Beaten Murray can’t be King of Queen's again

“I didn’t win that many points when he made his first serve. Normally that’s quite a strong part of my game. “I’ll need to practice that a little bit over the next few days. I have played well on grass over the last few years so I would have hoped to have done a bit better,” said Murray.

A year after completing Queen’s Club-Wimbledon double, Murray was strangely off colour as he allowed Stepanek to steal the opening set with a delightful crosscourt volley.

Any hopes of a revival fell flat early in the second set when he surrendered the opening game with a forehand error and Stepanek made sure he made the most of his chances.

The wily Czech, who at times gave Murray the runaround, sealed an impressive victory when his opponent sliced a backhand into the net on match point, leaving the crowd stunned and the home favourite frustrated.

When you play the best in the world you have to come up with the best … they bring the best out of you and it was a great win for me,” Stepanek said Murray.

The manner of Murray’s 7-6 (10), 6-2 defeat by Stepanek will do nothing to boost the British number one’s confidence as he squandered eight set points in the opener before tamely surrendering the second.

The result snapped the world number five’s 19-match winning streak on grass, a sequence that started in 2012 with his run to Olympic gold in London.

“I have only got myself to blame that I lost the first set. I don’t know how many set points I had but quite a lot of them were on my serve,” defending champion Murray told reporters.

“On this surface especially you shouldn’t really be losing sets like that. That’s what is disappointing really about the match.”

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PREVIEW — Greece out to clip Colombia’s attacking wings

by becoming European champions, have forged a reputation as a hard-working defensive team, conceding just four goals in their ten qualifiers. “They have a high quality attack but everyone of us is experienced. We will only play to win,” said Greece defender Kostas Manolas. “We are a good team and we will prove it on Saturday.” Greece will need to at their well-organized best with Colombia, despite the absence of talismanic striker Falcao as a result of a serious injury. Colombia coach Jose Pekerman any result other than victory would be a disappointment and he will be banking on his European mercenaries to deliver, with 15 of his 23 players plying their trade across the Atlantic. “Colombia cannot simply change its playing style,” captain Mario Yepes told reporters. “Throughout the qualifiers we relied on possession of the ball and that is what makes us strong.” That possession game includes counter-attacks and the ability to launch rapid counter-attacks.

Scolari defends penalty, praises Neymar after win

Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 13 June —Containing Colombia’s potent attacking game, even without injured striker Radamel Falcao, will be key to defensive-minded Greece’s attempt to upset the World Cup Group C favourites on Saturday.

The Greeks, who also play Japan and Ivory Coast in the group, have long said their first game will be the most crucial one with Colombia, who finished second in the South American qualifiers after a superb campaign, seen as the team to beat.

“We have it in our own hands to beat them,” said Greece’s versatile defender Giorgos Travellas. “Colombia will have to find a way to score against us and that will be very difficult and I hopeful we will win this game. This first game is extremely important.”

Greece, who 10 years ago staged a major upset on their 10 qualifiers. “Colombia cannot simply change its playing

Japanese ref Nishimura “out of his depth,” Croatia coach says

SAO PAULO, 13 June — Croatia manager Niko Kovac blasted Japanese referee Yuichi Nishimura for awarding Brazil the deciding penalty in the 3-1 defeat to the World Cup hosts on Thursday.

Croatia were penalized in the 69th minute, when Nishimura pointed to the spot after Brazil’s Fred went down, booking defender Dejan Lovren in the process. Neymar was fortunate to convert, making it 2-1 for Brazil but off the palms of goalkeeper Stipe Pletikosa who had read the Barcelona striker well.

Nishimura’s decision did not sit well at all with former Croatia star Kovac, who tore into the former Asian referee of the year after the match.

“If anybody saw the penalty, raise your hands,” Kovac said. “I didn’t. If that is a penalty then we will have 100 penalties during this World Cup. It’s ridiculous.”

The referee was totally out of his depth. We fought for two years to qualify and to be faced with such a decision...But I am proud of my team. We are still capable of progressing through the group stage.” Kovac went on to say the 42-year-old Nishimura had no business refereeing the opening match of football’s flagship competition. He also said Brazil’s players routinely dive, and that Thursday’s game needed someone capable of seeing through it.

In Kovac’s eyes, that person was not Nishimura.

“I should have mentioned it in yesterday’s Press conference,” he said. “This was expected. At FIFA workshops, we were shown many times how players fall to the ground without fouls.” “If this goes on, we will have a circus. Hope the standard improves,” Nishimura was not up to scratch. Not just the penalty, but there was a foul against my player before their third goal.” “In hindsight, this referee was a bad solution. The World Cup demands a top-notch referee.” — Kyodo News

Japanese referee Yuichi Nishimura (far L) awards Brazil a penalty, judging Dejan Lovren (6) of Croatia to have fouled Brazil’s Fred in the second half of the opening match of the FIFA World Cup at Arena de Sao Paulo in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 12 June, 2014. Brazil beat Colombia 3-1. — Kyodo News

Brazil’s coach Luiz Felipe Scolari shakes the hand of player Neymar as the latter leaves the pitch during the 2014 World Cup opening match against Croatia at the Corinthians arena in Sao Paulo on 12 June, 2014.—REUTERS

Sao Paulo, 13 June — Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari rejected claims they were favoured by the referee and heaped praise on Neymar after the forward scored twice in a 3-1 win over Croatia in the World Cup opening game on Thursday.

Scolari said his team showed character after dropping two points to South America’s best qualifier for his man of the match performance.

“The only thing we want is that Neymar is happy playing ball. He’s a special player,” Scolari told reporters after the win gave Brazil a great start in their bid for a record-extending sixth World Cup title. Brazil fell behind after 11 minutes through Marcellozinho goal, but Neymar led the comeback, scoring with a left-footed shot from outside the area and then with a controversial penalty awarded by Japanese referee Yuichi Nishimura.

Colombia’s coach Niko Kovac was furious about the award of the soft 71st-minute spot kick and said the World Cup could become a “circus” if Brazil continued to get favourable calls. Scolari, who said he agreed with the call, congratulated the faith, Scolari also heaped praise on the Brazil supporters in the 62,103 crowd in Sao Paulo, a city with notoriously fickle fans who booted the team in their first World Cup warmup match for the tournament.

“Our players were excellent, they showed determination to be able to come from behind. They were fantastic,” Scolari said.

But really deserve praise are the fans. It was wonderful, the support we received here in Sao Paulo. If there’s still any notion out there Sao Paulo doesn’t root for the national team effusively enough, that was put to rest today.”

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