Golden Myanmar airline to launch Imphal-Mandalay flights this week

The A-320 airplane of Golden Myanmar airlines at Tulihal International Airport in Imphal of Manipur State.

MANDALAY, 23 June—With the aim of developing cooperation in tourism services and trade between the north east region of India and Myanmar, Golden Myanmar airlines will launch its new Imphal-Mandalay route on 27 June 2014, officials said.

The chartered flight of Golden Myanmar Airlines will fly the new route twice a week, said an official of the airlines.

The A-320 airplane landed for the first time at the Tulihal International Airport in Imphal of Manipur State in India from Mandalay on 21 November 2013. After a seven-month trial period, the airline implemented regular flights for the Imphal-Mandalay route.

The Golden Myanmar ART-72-690 airplane manufactured by France will be used for the foreign flight schedules, giving seats to 69 passengers. On 3 July, the second flight will commence, according to the Transport Ministry of Manipur State of India.

The deputy chief commercial officer of Golden Myanmar Airlines and officials of KB Enterprises of Manipur held a meeting in Mandalay on 3 June and inked the agreement for flying regular flights between Imphal and Mandalay.

The 237 miles long Imphal-Mandalay flight, the chief minister of Manipur State said, “We relaxed the Protected Area Permit (PAP) system for Myanmar citizens. It will be two-year valid for Myanmar citizens. We have arranged issuance of visa on arrival (VoA) to them smoothly.”

In Manipur State, 20% value-added tax is charged over aviation turbine fuel. For the new flight schedule, the Authority Airport of India is making arrangements to reduce the value-added tax as much as they can. According to the observation conducted by the KB Enterprises, at least 100 passengers from Manipur State travel to Thailand by flights every month. At present, over 300 women students are pursuing medical education in China.

With regard to the Imphal-Mandalay flight transport, the secretary of the Transport Ministry of Manipur State said that helicopter/chopper transport service will be given to passengers from Tamenglong, Jiribam, Ukhrul, Jessami and Moreh of India, centering at Imphal, and the plan has been submitted to the state government.

Implementation of the new flight schedule will contribute towards the ASEAN-India Trade in service and investment agreement.—NLM-005

Thai Army to reduce restrictions on immigrant workers

By Aung Khin

YANGON, 23 June—The Thai military on Sunday announced to reduce some restriction on immigrant workers in the Kingdom, according to the report of Thai PBS News.

However, business firms that are facing a shortage of workers will have to submit applications to hire migrant workers to the Ministry of Labour, commencing 23 June.

The meeting of officials from military and Ministry of Labour also decided that registration for immigrant workers will start in Samut Sakhon or Mahachai in Bangkok from 1 July, and this programme will be extended to other 22 provinces, the report said.

Thai officials believe that this new plan will benefit an estimated two million migrant workers.

The report also mentioned that applications for registration will be submitted to the Ministry of Labour, and the ministry will issue permits within 60 days, saying the application process will not need the role of brokers, and reduce the cost.

Some sources in Thailand said that employers will have to report the number of their illegal immigrant workers to the Ministry of Labour, and then submit application to hire them.

The workers will have to take medical checkup to be able to receive medical treatment.

The United States ranked Thailand third place for human trafficking cases, with the abuse of children and forced laborers in a range of industries.—NLM
Myanmar sees rise in tax revenue

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 June—Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo attended the signing ceremony on Monday of a MoU on the establishment of an Asia Specialty Education Center between the Department of Technical and Vocational Education under the ministry and the Institute for Environmental Technology Promotion in Asia of Non-Profit Organization (NPO) of Japan at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.

President of Institute for Environmental Technology Promotion in Asia Mr Tashiki Naito and Director-General Dr Zaw Win of the department signed the MoU, which is aimed at promoting cooperation in technological training between Myanmar and Japan.

Nay Pyi Taw women’s organizations to get their own buildings

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 June—Union Minister for Basic Education and Construction Dr Win Myint and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Hnyu discussed supply of power, technical assistance and invitation to open tender for soonest renovation of the hospital.

Medical Superintendent Dr Hla Myint reported to the Medical Superintendent of the school in Yamethin that 1,000 patients die yearly. In Mandalay, the data from malaria and of them, eight patients lost their life there. Thirty-three malaria patients received medical treatment at the hospitals and clinics till 18 June 2014, with no fatalities reported.

Thida Ko Ko (Mandalay)

High season for Malaria, DHF

Mandalay, 23 June—Malaria and dengue hemorrhagic fever are mosquito-borne diseases. According to the statistics compiled by hospitals and clinics of Myanmar, about 500,000 people are suffering from malaria and about 1,000 patients die yearly. In Mandalay, data from hospitals and clinics states there are 14,026 malaria patients.

In general, malaria is an issue from June to November in Mandalay. In 2013, 2,288 people suffered from malaria and of them, eight patients lost their life there.

Thida Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Desks, copy books worth K3 million donated to Yamethin BEHS No 1

Yamethin, 23 June—A ceremony to donate 100 sets of desks and 250 dozens of copy books to No 1 Basic Education High School was held at the hall of the school in Yamethin of Mandalay Region on Sunday.

Chairman of Mandalay Industries Association U Maung Maung Oo presented the desks and books worth K3 million to Headmistress Daw Than Win who returned a certificate of honour to the association.

Htoo Nyunt (Yamethin)

Renovation and extension of Yangon General Hospital discussed

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 June—Union Minister U Khin Yi said the contribution of ethnic armed forces in this process.

He also acknowledged the importance of transparency in collecting tax revenue.

Removal of obstacles and red tape in tax collection.

U Khin Yi said the ministry is working out to formulate preliminary statistics of the population soon before the release of the final and official record.

The event was attended by foreign diplomats from the missions of Laos, Cambodia, the United Kingdom, Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Norway, Finland, Switzerland, Sweden and Thailand. Myanmar had an estimated population of 60.89 million in 2012.
President U Thein Sein and wife to pay goodwill visit to China

Naypyitaw, 24 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and wife Daw Khin Khin Win will be paying a goodwill visit to the People’s Republic of China in the near future, and will be subsequently attending the Commemorative Ceremony of the 60th Anniversary of the Announcement of the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence by Myanmar, China and India to be held in Beijing, the People’s Republic of China.—MNA

No plan to rename Armed Forces Day: Lower House

Naypyitaw, 23 June—To honor the Myanmar Armed Forces, 27 March was designated as Armed Forces Day, Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung told the Lower House on Monday.

The union minister was responding to a question on whether to change the Myanmar Armed Forces Day into its previous name “the Resistant Day”.

On 27 March 1945, the Myanmar Armed Forces led the people to fight against fascist Japan and the day was later designated as the Resistance Day, according to the union minister.

On the 10th Resistance Day in 1955, General Ne Win changed the name into Armed Forces Day, the union minister continued to say.

The union minister pointed out the designation of armed forces days around the world and said that the government has no plan to rename the anniversary.

Another question responded at the Lower House session today was drafting the prison bill.

At the Upper House session on Monday, officials answered questions concerned with establishing 7 national universities, construction of mobile communication towers, soil testing and allocation of farmland for peasants. MNA

Upper House Speaker receives WB Group guests

Naypyitaw, 23 June—Speaker of the Upper House U Khin Aung Myint received Mr. Vikram Kumar and delegation of International Finance Cooperation (IFC) of the World Bank Group at the hall of the Upper House in Naypyitaw on Monday.

They focused on investment in education sector. MNA

Preparations to hold free and fair mid-term elections and 2015 general elections discussed

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye welcomes Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Yang Houlan.—MNA

Naypyitaw, 23 June—Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Yang Houlan at the commission office in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday to hold talks about cooperation between Myanmar and China and the political reform process in Myanmar.

They also discussed historical issues between the two countries, further strengthening bilateral ties between Myanmar and China, development, peace and stability of Myanmar, goodwill visits of political parties of Myanmar to China, preparations to hold free and fair mid-term elections and the 2015 general election under the law and constitutional issues. MNA

Myanmar, AIPA to promote bilateral relations

Naypyitaw, 23 June—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Lower House Thura U Shwe Mann receives Secretary General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Mr. Periowsamy Otharam.—MNA

Naypyitaw, 23 June—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Lower House Thura U Shwe Mann received Secretary General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Mr. Periowsamy Otharam at the hall of the Lower House at Hluttaw on Monday morning to discuss bilateral cooperation between AIPA and Myanmar Hluttaws.—MNA

The course is being conducted to train coaches for athletes participating in the 28th SEA Games in Singapore.

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the course. In his speech, he said Myanmar is preparing for the SEA Games by hiring foreign coaches.

A total of 166 trainees are attending the course. MNA
Ambulance donated to social association in Pyuntaza

NYAUNGLEBIN, 23 June—A ceremony to mark the fifth anniversary of Shwezarmyay social association took place at Za-buaya Tawya monastery in Pyuntaza of Nyangulebin Township in Bago Region on Sunday.

Abbot of the monastery Agga Maha Suddhamma Kotkadha Bhaddanta Vijaya and wellwishers donated a Toyota Hiace Ambulance worth K18 million to the association for smooth transport of patients.

Audit U Than Win of the association explained the financial report and use of vehicle.

At the ceremony, the merit was shared for collective donations of the local people worth K400 million in social, funeral service, regional development, health, education, religious affairs, natural disaster and philanthropic affairs.

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

War Veterans Organization holds annual general meeting in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 23 June—Aungmyethazan Township War Veterans Organization of Mandalay Region held the annual meeting for the 2013-14 fiscal year and a cash assistance presentation ceremony at the hall of No 8 Basic Education High School in the township of Mandalay on Sunday.

Members of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee and Chair-Man of Mandalay Region WVO Supervisory Committee (Municipal Area) Col Khin Maung Tin (Rtd) presented cash assistance to elderly members, reserved members and disabled members.

Officials gave cash assistance to offspring of members from primary to university levels for 2014-15 academic year and outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2013-14 fiscal year. The cash assistance delivered to the members and students amounted to over K24 million.

After that, the annual meeting was held on the second part of agenda, followed by submitting and discussing the annual report and adopting the future plans.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Nyi Nyi Phyu (Black Pearl), Khaing Wai Lwin (Bahtoo Club) secure Mr. and Ms. Golden Mandalay awards

MANDALAY, 23 June—In commemoration of International Olympic Day, the Golden Mandalay body-building & physical culture contest, organized by Mandalay Region Body-building and Physical Culture Subcommittee, took place at the City Hall in Mandalay on Sunday.

Aung Soe Min (Mylife) secured the first prize, Arkar Hein (Hollywood) the second and Khin Maung Tun (Bahtoo Club) in the men’s junior body-building event.

Nyi Nyi Phyu (Black Pearl) won the first prize, Aung Soe Min (Mylife) the second and Arkar Hein (Hollywood) the third in the men’s open event. Nang Loung Kham (Laurel) stood first in the women’s junior physical culture event, followed by Hsa Myint Win (Mylife Gym) the second and Win Win Huay (Bahtoo Club) the third.

The first prize in the women’s senior event went to Khaing Wai Lwin (Bahtoo Club), the second to Cherry Maung (Flora) and the third to Nyaygi Tint Wai (Bahtoo Club).

Officials of Sports and Physical Education Department and Mandalay region Sports and Physical Education Committee presented the championship trophies, medals and cash awards to the first prize winners and consolation prizes to the respective winners.
Minister apologizes for remark on Fukushima nuclear soil storage

FUKUSHIMA (Japan), 23 June — Environment Minister Nobuteru Ishihara apologized on Monday for a remark suggesting the issue of where to store contaminated soil from the disaster-hit Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant was a matter of money. Ishihara made the apology to Toshitsuna Watanabe, the mayor of the town of Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, one of the candidate sites for the construction of temporary storage facilities for the waste. On 16 June, Ishihara told reporters that protect ed negotiations between the central and local governments would ultimately be settled by the “administrative value” of accepting interim storage facilities, such as grants to local authorities hosting them. He suggested that money would ultimately decide whether local authorities accept the central government’s proposal for building facilities in the prefecture to store contaminated soil after the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster. Watanabe told Ishihara in Monday’s meeting that many residents of the town were hurt by his remark but that the town would accept his apology, noting that Ishihara came to Fukushima Prefecture to apologize.

South Korea troops corner young soldier who killed five comrades — military

SEOUL, 23 June — South Korean troops cornered a conscript soldier who killed five comrades near the heavily militarized border with North Korea on Monday, and were trying to negotiate a peaceful end to a manhunt that started two days earlier with a grenade attack. The Defence Ministry said officials were trying to persuade the 22-year-old to surrender in a densely forested area near a small town in Goseong county, a mountainous region on the eastern coast of the peninsula.

Late on Saturday night the soldier threw a grenade and opened fire, killing five members of his unit and wounding seven at a base outpost in Goseong county. The soldier, surnamed Lim, was described by an official as an “introvert” and said there had been earlier concerns over his psychological health, but he was deemed fit to be deployed to the outpost after passing a test in November. A massive manhunt saw troops, who had orders to “shoot to kill” if the soldier failed to surrender, exchange gunfire with him on Sunday. A platoon leader was wounded in a gunfire. “The idea is to capture him, but we are trying to get him to surrender,” Defence Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok told a briefing. “We are tightening the circle around him.”

The soldier was allowed to speak to his father by telephone and officials are working with his parents to try to convince him to turn himself in, Kim said. Another soldier was wounded on Monday in a friendly fire incident during the pursuit for the rogue soldier, Kim said.

The military has been criticized before for lax discipline in some units and failure to prevent previous cases where soldiers, suffering personal problems, have shot fellow soldiers. In a similar incident in 2011, a South Korean marine went on a shooting spree at a base near the tense maritime border with North Korea, killing four fellow soldiers before trying to blow himself up with a hand grenade. Kim, the defence ministry spokesman, said a large number of conscript soldiers, most of whom are in their early 20s, are classified as “of interest” and are under supervision by the command for concerns over potential disciplinary or mental health issues.

India can export combat aircraft, missiles

NEW DELHI, 23 June — India has the potential to export combat aircraft and missiles, but needs a “policy mechanism,” a top defence official has said. “We have a list of equipment that includes the Light Combat Aircraft Tejas, Akash air defence system, Prahar class of missiles and BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles along with a number of systems that can be exported,” Avinash Chander, the head of state-owned Defence Research and Development Organization, told the media.

“We are discussing the methodology for developing the export potential as well as a policy mechanism for export of weapon systems,” he added. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had earlier asserted the need for producing and exporting arms to friendly countries.

Bangladesh sentences 14 militants to death or life sentence for bomb attack

DHAKA, 23 June — A court in Bangladesh’s capital Dhaka on Monday awarded death penalty to eight militants of a banned Islamist outfit, including its ringleader for their involvement in a bomb blast at an open Bengali New Year concert in 2001. The court also awarded life sentences to six other militants for the attack, which left at least eight people killed and many more others injured.

According to Public Prosecutor of the case Abdullah Shah, the banned Harkat-ul-Jehad-al-Islami (HUJI) members led by its chief Mufti Abdul Hannan planned and carried out the attack in Rampa Park in Dhaka where thousands of people gathered to celebrate Bengali New Year on 14 April, 2001.

The country’s Criminal Investigation Department on 30 Dec last year pressed charges against HUJI chief Hannan, who is now under custody, and 13 others for committing the tragic incident.
China detains 380 in month-long Xinjiang terror sweep

BEIJING, 23 June — Authorities in China’s far-flung western region of Xinjiang have detained 380 people and busted 32 terror cells in a month-long crackdown on violence, state media said on Monday, following an upsurge in attacks blamed on Islamist militants.

China has been toughening its response after a spate of bloody incidents nationwide centred on Xinjiang, the traditional home of the Muslim Uighurs.

China has blamed previous attacks on Islamist separatists in the region, who, it says, want to establish an independent state there called East Turkestan.

The official Legal Daily said 315 people had been tried for terror-related offences, at least 13 of whom have been executed, an announcement made last week. Six police officers had died on the job as well, the report added.

Police also seized 264 explosive devices, 357 weapons, 101 computers with extremist contents on them and books and DVDs offering training at terror attacks, the newspaper said.

It gave instances of some cases, from the seizures of bows and arrows in the city of Aksu to the testing of bombs in the Gobi desert.

Authorities praised public support for the campaign, including reports about suspicious people, the paper said.

Exiled Uighur groups and human rights activists say the government’s own repressive policies in Xinjiang, including controls on Islam, have provoked unrest.

Around 200 people have died in unrest in Xinjiang in the past year or so, the government says, including 13 people shot dead by police in a weekend attack on a police station.

India allows easier access to its nuclear facilities

NEW DELHI, 23 June — The Indian government has allowed greater and easier access of all its nuclear facilities to global watchdog International Atomic Energy Agency, highly placed sources said on Monday.

“The granting of easier inspection to IAEA through ratification of India-US civil nuclear deal, will facilitate India’s entry as a full member of the 45-member Nuclear Suppliers Group.

This will also indicate this country’s seriousness about being a responsible nuclear weapons state,” the sources said.

The Bharatiya Janata Party government recently made the decision, despite expressing some reservations, under the nuclear deal sealed by the previous Congress-led government.

The move came ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to the United States in September this year.

India has already placed several nuclear facilities under the IAEA’s watch.

This includes a part of the nuclear fuel complex in the southern city of Hyderabad, the nuclear reactors in the western state of Rajasthan, the older reactors at Tarapur, and India’s largest nuclear reactors at Kudankulam in the southern state of Tamil Nadu.

Indonesian presidential candidates debate int’l policy, defence

JAKARTA, 23 June — Indonesian presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto strongly stresses Indonesia’s sovereignty cannot be bargained, while rival Joko Widodo wants to avoid war with other countries if conflict occurs, they said at a televised debate late Sunday.

The presidential hopefuls expressed their opinions on international policy and national defence during the two-hour debate, the third of five planned debates during the monthlong campaign before the 9 July election for the country’s top job.

President Susiljo Bam-bang Yudhoyono, who is barred from seeking re-election by term limits, will step down Oct. 20 after two five-year terms.

Many had expected Prabowo, a former army general, would perform better than Widodo, popularly known as Jokowi, because the topics for debate focusing on international policy and national defense might be better known to Prabowo.

Some political analysts said, however, Jokowi won the debate for presenting detailed, more concrete ideas than Prabowo, who proposed concepts but few details.

“Jokowi wants to avoid war at all costs, but he repeated his principle: a thousand friends is too few, a single enemy is too many. We need to always conduct dialogues. We need to establish friendly relations with everyone and respect every nation.”

He stressed, however, there is a principle interest he “will not compromise: the sovereignty of Indonesia. I will not let any single inch of our country be taken.”

Asked if he would involve “military diplomacy” to deal with various international problems such as border issues, overlapping territorial claims and asylum seekers, Prabowo, 62, answered, “My principle: a thousand friends is too few, one single enemy is too many. We need to always conduct dialogues. We need to establish friendly relations with everyone and respect every nation.”

On the other hand, he said, the public had low expectations for Jokowi, but they saw he was not less knowledgeable than Prabowo.

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Fighting strains Ukraine ceasefire, Putin urges dialogue

MOSCOW/KIEV, 23 June — Fighting flared between Ukrainian and pro-Moscow separatist forces, both sides reported on Sunday, further straining a unilateral ceasefire declared by Ukraine as Russian President Vladimir Putin pressed Kiev to talk to the rebels. Putin and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, at separate ceremonies marking the anniversary of Nazi Germany’s invasion of the Soviet Union, both stressed the need to bring peace to Ukraine’s rebellious east.

The seven-day ceasefire came under pressure almost as soon as it began on Friday night, with the government accusing the separatists of attacking its military bases and posts on the Russian border. The violence continued for a second night into Sunday.

"Unfortunately, what we are seeing... tells us that the fighting is still going on and last night we saw some active use of artillery from the Ukrainian side," Putin said after laying flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow.

He said it was not clear whether artillery was used by the Ukrainian army or the "so-called paramilitary of the right-wing forces" supporting the government. He appeared to attack no blame to separatist forces.

Poroshenko wants Putin’s unqualified backing for a 15-point peace plan he announced on Friday, before meetings with the European Union in the coming week. These will include the signing on 27 June of an association agreement with the bloc which includes a free trade deal.

In his comments published on the Kremlin website, Putin repeated his support for the ceasefire and peace plan in only general terms. "We need to ensure that all fighting is stopped," he said. "Ultimately the political process is the most important. It is important that this ceasefire lead to dialogue between all opposing sides in order to find compromises acceptable for all."

Poroshenko told US Vice President Joe Biden during a phone call on Sunday that Russian separatists continue to attack Ukrainian forces, including with artillery, despite the ceasefire, the White House said.

The vice president reiterated that the United States was working closely with its G-7 partners to prepare further economic sanctions against Russia if Moscow did not take actions ... to stop the flow of arms and migrants across the border and use its influence to publicly call on the separatists to lay down their arms," the White House added.

"The insurgency in the large Russian-speaking east erupted in April after street protests in the capital Kiev toppled the Moscow-backed leader Viktor Yanukovych. Russia subsequently annexed Ukraine’s Crimean peninsula and the West has accused Russia of supporting the insurgents. French President Francois Hollande and German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged Putin by telephone on Sunday to work for the resumption of talks to end the conflict, Hollande’s office said. The two leaders “reiterated the importance of ensuring full control of the Russia-Ukraine border to prevent the infiltration of gunmen and military equipment”, the statement said. In Kiev, Poroshenko stressed the need for dialogue, saying his plan “was specifically put together to ensure peace, the laying down of weapons and to establish, through talks, a single united state”, news agency Interfax Ukraine quoted him as saying. Ukraine’s state border service reported further rebel attacks on its posts in Luhansk region on Sunday, while a separatist spokesman said Ukrainian forces were firing mortars at a village near the Russian frontier. In Donetsk region, which like Luhansk was seized by a “people’s republic”, rebels reported a morning shootout with Ukrainian troops in Siversk, north of the city of Donetsk.

Kerry arrives Baghdad for talks with Iraqi leaders

BAGHDAD, 23 June — US Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad on Monday for talks with Iraqi leaders on the Iraq crisis as the country is trying to curb a Sunni blitzkrieg, an official television reported.

While in Baghdad, Kerry will meet with the outgoing Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, and discuss with him the political and security situations in the country, the state-run channel of Iraqiya said.

Kerry is also expected to meet with the Parliament Speaker Osama al-Nujaifi, a Sunni, and the leading Shiite cleric Ammar al-Hakim, as well as other Iraqi officials, before he travels to Arbil, capital of the semi-autonomous region of Kurdistan to meet with the Kurdish leader Masoud Barzani, according to local media reports.

Kerry’s visit is part of a tour in the Middle East to consult with US partners and allies on measures to support security, stability, and the formation of an inclusive government in Iraq, as well as development in the region.

The top US diplomat’s visit to the country came amid a worsening security conditions that began less than two weeks ago when armed Sunni insurgents, spearheaded by an al-Qaeda splinter group the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, launched a surprise offensive that led to the debacle of Iraqi security forces, and the fallen of a large part of the country’s northern and western territories.

Kerry would discuss US actions to assist Iraq as it confronts the security threat, and urge Iraqi leaders to move forward as quickly as possible with its government formation process to forge a government that “represents the interests of Iraqis,” State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said.

Attack from Syria kills Israeli teen on Golan, Israel says

JERUSALEM, 23 June — An attack from inside Syria on Sunday killed a 13-year-old Israeli boy on the occupied Golan Heights, the first fatality on Israel’s side of the frontier since the Syrian civil war began, relatives and the military said.

Israeli tanks fired at Syrian army positions in response to what an Israeli military spokesman described as an intentional attack. Israel launched more strikes later from the air and land at nine Syrian army positions, including a military headquarters, the army said. It confirmed direct hits on the targets. The Defence Ministry said the teenager, an Arab citizen of Israel from a village in the Galilee, had accompanied his father, one of the ministry’s civilian contractors, to the Golan, and that two other people were wounded in the incident.

Israeli officials initially said the boy, Mohammed Qaraqara, was 15. Relatives said he was 13. “He was an excellent student, everyone loved him,” his cousin, Salah Qaraqara, 52, told Reuters.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused the attackers of indiscriminate killing of Israeli citizens. “The enemies of the state of Israel use all means, they don’t hesitate to attack civilians and kill children... they do not differentiate between Israel’s Jewish and non-Jewish citizens,” he said. A military spokeswoman said an anti-tank missile fired from Syria across the frontier fence on the Golan had struck the water tanker in which Qaraqara had been traveling.

“This is the most substantial event that we have had on the border with Syria since the beginning of the (Syrian civil) war,” a military spokesman said.

REUTERS
Does FIFA World Cup Tournaments cause consequences of sleep deprivation—Controversy

**By Dr Aung Soe (a) Aung Kyaw Moe Retired State Medical Superintendent**

Physical exercise, no doubt is a major component of life style modification for good health and to keep fit. Non Communicable Diseases, along with healthy diet, cessation of smoking, moderation of alcohol, avoiding stress and strain, adequate sleep and relaxation, are important for conservation of energy and growth.

Insomnia is a condition of inadequate quantity or quality of sleep. It may be a symptom of a depressive illness, an anxiety disorder, or some other psychological condition. More commonly it arises at a time of increased life stress; some people then become preoccupied with lack of sleep and fear trying to get to sleep. This establishes a vicious circle which perpetuates the problem.

Disturbances of sleep are common, may include watching FIFA World Cup. Apart from insomnia, patients may complain of excessive day-time sleepiness or disturbed sleep. Let the parasomnias (sleep walking and talking, or nightmares) or disturbing subjective experiences during sleep and/or its onset (nightmares, hypnagogic hallucinations, and sleep paralysis). Let me share some fundamentals regarding sleep. Normal sleep is controlled by the reticular activating system in the upper brain stem and diencephalon. During overnight sleep, a series of repeated cycles of EEG patterns can be recorded. As dreaming occurs, alpha rhythm disappears after 60-80 minutes superimposed rapid eye movements (REM) occurs. A few minutes of REM sleep is followed by another slow wave sleep, and the cycle repeats several times throughout the night. The REM periods tend to become longer as the sleep period progresses. Dreaming takes place during REM sleep, which is accompanied by muscle relaxation, penile erection and loss of tendon reflexes. REM sleep seems to be the most important part of the sleep cycle for refreshing cognitive processes. Depivation of REM sleep may lead to soreness, irritability and impaired judgment.

Overnight TV watching may be one example. Excessive sleepiness in the middle of the night to watch games broadcast from midnight to 6 a.m. Beijing Time, Xinhua News Agency says.

In Myanmar, World Cup games attract large audiences, some may be the first face delay in the accident, and even the loss of life in serious accidents. Likewise, politicians at the crossroads of politics should have strategic plans and wise decisions to accomplish their mission. Being overconfident on something does not guarantee success.

All the crossroads should be free from accidents by taking serious care with far-sighted decisions.
**Prevention of head injuries lectured in Mandalay**

Mandalay, 23 June—The Neurosurgical Department of Mandalay General Hospital and Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay) jointly conducted the prevention against head injury at the MMA (Mandalay)’s hall at the corner of 31st and 71st streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Sunday.

Neurosurgeons Professor Dr Khin Maung Lwin and Professor Dr Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay) lectured in Mandalay, according to statistics.

**Empowering Democratic Change Course conducted in Mandalay**

Mandalay, 23 June—Organized by the Myanmar Egress, the Empowering Democratic Change Agents Regional Capacity Building Course was conducted at the Zaygyo Hotel on 84th street in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Sunday.

The course was aimed at encouraging political, social and economic reforms and was supported with financial assistance from the European Union.

According to the agenda, U Kyaw Lin Oo gave lectures on the review of the present reform process in Myanmar and the democratic aspiration for the constitution.

The course is being conducted from 22 to 25 June, attended by 101 trainees. A similar course opened in Myitkyina of Kachin State in May. A plan is underway to conduct one more course in Monywa of Sagaing in July.

**Outstanding students honoured at Langkho District GAD**

Langkho, 23 June—Deputy Commissioner U Soe Myint of Langkho District General Administration Department presented certificates of honour, medals and K50,000 each to Ma Yi Wai Mon (Langkho Township), Maung Zin Lin Htet and Nang Thet Hsu Hlaing (Mongnai Township) and Sai Zaw Naung Lin (Maungmai Township) for their excellent performance in 2013-14 academic year matriculation examination.

The prize presentation ceremony was held at the District GAD in Langkho of southern Shan State on Friday.

Those outstanding students are offspring of staff from the district GAD. It was the first ceremony of its kind in honouring students, said the deputy commissioner.

**Schools, buildings sprayed in Myingyan Tsp to prevent dengue fever**

Myingyan, 23 June—The spraying of classrooms and buildings was conducted at basic education primary schools in Myingyan Township (Monywa), and post-primary schools in Ward 4 in cooperation with the school heads and teachers of respective schools.

**Theatrical drama professionals need to prevent alien culture**

Kyaunkpadaung, 23 June—A meeting of theatrical drama professionals was held at the hall of Township Thabin Association in Kyaunkpadaung of Mandalay Region, on 20 June.

Secretary of the association (Central) Sithu Aung PhD said that the meeting was to take wishes and attitudes of the theatrical drama professionals across the nation so as to amend the disciplines of the association. She noted that the theatrical drama professionals are to preserve Myanmar culture and traditional music and prevent alien culture from taking over. She stressed the need to establish theatrical drama troupes in line with the rules.

Responsible persons of the association explained the establishment of the troupes, formation of the artists foundation and micro-credit cooperative society.

Executive committee member U Win Maung of the association (central) discussed the reports submitted by the township association.

Kyaw (Kyaunkpadaung)
Egypt court to rule in case of three Al Jazeera journalists

CAIRO, 23 June — An Egyptian court will rule on Monday in the case of three Al Jazeera journalists on trial for aiding members of a “terrorist organization” in a case that has raised questions over Egypt’s respect for freedoms of expression.

The hearing began on Monday morning.

Australian Peter Greste, Al Jazeera’s Kenya-based correspondent, and Canadian-Egyptian national Mohamed Fahmy, bureau chief of Al Jazeera English in Egypt were detained on 29 December at the Marriott hotel room where they were working.

Abdel Mohamed, an Egyptian producer was detained at his home a day later. All three have been held at Egypt’s notorious Tora Prison for six months, in a case that has drawn criticism from Western governments and human rights groups.

The journalists are accused of publishing lies that harmed the national interest and supplying money, equipment and information to 16 Egyptians. The foreigners were also accused of using unlicensed broadcasting and communications equipment.

The 16 Egyptians are to face trial for belonging to a “terrorist organization”, an apparent reference to the Muslim Brotherhood, which has been protesting against the government since the army toppled Islamist president Mohamed Mursi in July.

Fahmy’s brother Adel, who was at the hearing, said this was “the perfect chance” for the new Egyptian authorities to show their respect for freedom of expression with an acquittal.

“It’s an opportunity for Egypt to prove to the international community that they encourage and welcome freedom of expression in this new era,” he said. “There’s no evidence against them. After 12 hearings there is nothing to condemn them with.”

Al Jazeera’s Cairo offices have been closed since 3 July when security forces raided them hours after the army ousted Mursi following mass protests against his rule.

Western governments have voiced concern over freedom of expression and Press freedom in Egypt since Mursi’s ouster and the crackdown has raised questions about Egypt’s democratic credentials three years after an uprising toppled Hosni Mubarak after 30 years in power and raised hopes of greater freedoms.

Anti-government cleric returns to Pakistan, supporters clash with police

RAWALPINDI, (Pakistan), 23 June — A plane carrying a prominent Pakistani cleric was diverted from the capital Islamabad on Monday where his supporters clashed with police amid government concerns about the return of a man who describes himself as a revolutionary.

The aircraft carrying Raja Tahir Qadri, who is usually based in Canada, circled above Benazir Bhutto International Airport for hours before it was diverted to Lahore, an airport official said.

A Reuters reporter outside the airport said police fired tear gas and fought running battles with 2,000 Qadri supporters, in chaotic scenes rarely seen in the usually quiet Pakistani capital.

Police had cordoned off major roads leading to the airport with cargo containers, and blocked mobile phone services to prevent protesters from communicating with each other.

At least eight people including a policeman were killed in Lahore last week when protesters clashed with police in a standoff over Qadri.

In remarks issued ahead of his return, Qadri said he was ready to lead a “revolution” against the government and praised the army.

Qadri, who championed religious tolerance and once issued a fatwa against the Taliban, is a divisive figure in Pakistan where he made headlines last year when he led mass rallies against the previous government.

At least 20 killed in tribal clashes in Kenya

NAIROBI, 23 June — At least 20 people were killed in inter-clan violence in northern Kenya on Sunday, the police said, further destabilising one of Kenya’s most volatile regions.

The clashes between the Degodia and Gare communities started in mid-May and has led to more than 40 deaths in Wajir county that borders Somalia, local media reported.

The fighting was the latest in a series of tit-for-tat killings that are ostensibly part of a longstanding grazing land and water dispute between the two tribes.

“I can confirm that 20 people have been killed in the fighting between militia from the Degodia and Gare. Nine people were also injured” Masoud Mwinyi, a police spokesman, told Reuters.

Wajir area is widely seen one of the least stable parts of Kenya, with bandits roaming vast tracts of arid land and Somali al Shabaab Islamist militants staging cross border raids.

Mwinyi said the police had launched an investigation to establish whether the latest Degodia and Gare clashes were politically motivated. Wajir county has few roads in rural areas and many of the details about the clashes were unclear.

Last year more than 100 people were killed in Kenya’s Tana River area when two rival communities fought each other for weeks over land and water resources. The police said the clashes were incited by local politicians.

Equipped with Humvees, ISIL clashes with rivals in Syria

BERUIT, 23 June — The Islamic State of Iraq in the Levant (ISIL) battled with rival opposition fighters in northern Syria on Sunday, using US-made military vehicles captured from neighbouring Iraq for the first time, a monitoring group said.

ISIL, a splinter group of al-Qaeda which wants to set up an Islamic caliphate encompassing both Iraq and Syria, has made rapid gains in Iraq in the past two weeks, taking control of the northern city of Mosul and major border crossings with Syria.

Its advances in Iraq appear to have spurred on the Syrian branch, which is fighting both the army of President Bashar al-Assad and also rival opposition groups such as the Western-backed Free Syrian Army, a more moderate force.

The Sunni Muslim ISIL fighters seized strategic Syrian towns near the Iraqi border from rivals last week.

For the first time, ISIL combatants have been using US-made Humvees — four-wheel drive military vehicles — in fighting in northern areas of Syria’s Aleppo Province, the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The vehicles, which appear to have been seized during ISIL’s recent Iraqi offensive, were used to gain control of villages outside the town of Azaz, close to the Turkish border, it said.

The Observatory, an anti-Assad group which tracks events on the ground through activists, said ISIL in Syria had been supplied with dozens of the vehicles from Iraq.

The United States has long supplied Humvees to the Iraqi army, which has been fighting an increasing violent insurgency since US forces withdrew at the end of 2011. ISIL fighters in Iraq have often seized abandoned military equipment from Iraqi forces, including armored vehicles.

A Kurdish security forces convoy travels during clashes with Sunni militant group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) on the outskirts of Diyaful on 14 June, 2014. —AFP
Global infrastructure, capital spending to hit $9 trillion by 2025

WASHINGTON, 23 June — Global spending on capital projects and infrastructure will shift from West to East, and jump to more than $9 trillion a year by 2025, according to a forecast released on Monday by accounting firm Pricewaterhouse-Coopers.

The growth will be driven by China, which overtook the United States as the top spender on capital and infrastructure in 2009, Pricewaterhouse said. Globally, this investment spending stood at just $4 trillion in 2012.

“Emerging markets, especially China and other countries in Asia, without the burden of recovering from a financial crisis, will see much faster growth in infrastructure spending,” Richard Abadie, global capital projects and infrastructure leader at Pricewaterhouse, said in a prepared statement.

About $78 trillion is expected to be spent on capital projects and infrastructure globally between now and 2025, according to the study.

Availability of funding and government finances, demographic factors, urbanization and natural resource endowments will all drive future infrastructure spending, Pricewaterhouse said.

In the United States, capital projects and infrastructure spending is expected to reach $1 trillion annually by 2025, growing an average of 3.5 percent a year, according to the firm.

US infrastructure spending will face constraints from relatively tight government finances, but capital spending elsewhere will get a lift from the nation’s shale oil boom and investment in telecommunications, it said. — Reuters

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 June — For decades, medical technology firms have searched for ways to let diabetics check blood sugar easily, with scant success. Now, the world’s largest mobile technology firms are getting in on the act.

Apple Inc, Samsung Electronics Co and Google Inc, searching for applications that could turn nascent wearable technology like smartwatches and bracelets from curiosities into must-have items, have all set their sites on monitoring blood sugar, several people familiar with the plans say. These firms are variously hiring medical scientists and engineers, asking US regulators about oversight and developing glucose-measuring features in future wearable devices, the sources said.

The first round of technology may be limited, but eventually the companies could compete in a global blood-sugar tracking market worth over $12 billion by 2017, according to research firm GlobalData.

Diabetes afflicts 29 million Americans and costs the economy some $245 billion in 2012, a 41 percent rise in five years. Many diabetics prick their fingers as much as 10 times daily in order to check levels of a type of sugar called glucose. Non-invasive technology could take many forms. Electricity or ultrasound could pull glucose through the skin for measurement, for instance, or a light could be shined through the skin so that a spectroscopy could measure for indications of glucose.

All the biggies want glucose on their phone,” said John Smith, former chief scientific officer of Johnson & Johnson’s LifeScan, which makes blood glucose monitoring supplies. “Get it right, and there’s an enormous payoff.” Apple, Google and Samsung declined to comment, butCourtesy. Liu, director at the US Food and Drug Administration’s chemistry and toxicology devices division, told Reuters a marriage between mobile devices and glucose-sensing is “made in heaven.” In a December meeting with Apple executives, the FDA described how it may regulate a glucometer that measures blood sugar, according to an FDA summary of the discussion. Such a device could avoid regulation if used for nutrition, but if marketed to diabetics, it likely would be regulated as a medical device, according to the summary, first reported by the Apple Toolbox blog.

The tech companies are likely to start off focusing on non-medical applications, such as fitness and education. Even an educational device would need a breakthrough from current technology, though, and in the medical industry say the tech firms, new to the medical world, don’t understand the core challenges. “There is a cemetery full of efforts” to measure glucose in a non-invasive way, said Deyson chief executive Terrance Gregg, whose firm is known for minimally invasive techniques. To succeed would require “several hundred million dollars or even a billion dollars,” he said.

Silicon Valley is already opening its vast wallet. Medtronic Inc Senior Vice President of Medicine and Technology Stephen Oesterle recently said he now considers Google to be the medical device firm’s next great rival, thanks to its funding for research and development, or R&D. “We spend $1.5 billion a year on R&D at Medtronic — and it’s mostly,” he told the audience at a recent conference. — Reuters

KINDAI Holdings Inc President Shinichiro Ito

ANAL chief denies public stock offering to buy 70 new aircraft

TOYKO, 23 June — ANA Holdings Inc President Shinichi Ito said on Monday his company is not planning a public stock offering to fund 70 new Boeing and Airbus aircraft, whose list prices amount to more than 1.7 trillion yen.

“We are not short of funds,” Ito said at a general shareholders’ meeting in Tokyo, shrugging off concerns about dilution after a possible stock offering.

The company will secure funds by utilizing its internal reserves and financial loans, he added.

Ito said ANA is planning to invest about 150 billion yen annually for the 70 aircraft to be delivered by 2027, together with more than 60 other planes for which it has made orders.

In March, ANA Holdings said it would buy 20 Boeing 777-9Xs, large twin-aisle aircraft, as well as six Boeing 777-300 ERs and 14 Boeing 787-9s from Boeing Co of the United States and smaller single-aisle jets from the A320 family — seven A320neo and 23 A321neo from Europe’s Airbus SAS, representing the biggest purchase by ANA both in terms of number of aircraft and cost.

Kyodo News

Lauders work at a construction site of a railway station in Hefei, Anhui Province, on 28 March, 2014. — Reuters

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PARIS, 23 June — The French government on Sunday announced the acquisition of 20 percent stake in Alstom, making it the major shareholder in the country’s main engineering group and paving the way for a tie-up with American General Electric (GE).

“The agreement with Bouygues gives the state the means to acquire with certainty 20 percent stake in Alstom. It preserves the heritage interest of the state while guaranteeing the rights of governance that sought to ensure the long-term interest of Alstom,” Economy Minister Arnaud Montebourg said. — Xinhua

French gov’t wins Alstom stake deal

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Okinawa marks 69th anniversary of end of WWII battle

WASHINGTON, 23 June — The US missile defence system managed by Boeing Co on Sunday hit a simulated enemy missile over the Pacific in the first successful intercept test of the programme since 2008, the US Defence Department said. The successful intercept will help validate the troubled Boeing-run Ground-based Midcourse Defence (GMD) system which provides the sole US defence against long-range ballistic missiles, and the Raytheon Co kill vehicle that separates from the rocket and hits an incoming warhead.

“This is a very important step in our continuing efforts to improve and increase the reliability of our homeland ballistic missile defence system,” said Missile Defence Agency (MDA) Director Vice Adm. James Syring. He said the agency would continue its ongoing drive to ensure that the ground-based interceptors and overall homeland defence system were effective and dependable. Reuters reported on Friday that the Pentagon is restructuring its $3.48 billion contract with Boeing for management of the missile defence system to put more emphasis on maintenance and reliability. Sunday’s high-stakes test came after the system had failed to hit a dummy missile in five of eight previous tests since the Bush administration rushed to deploy the system in 2004 to counter growing threats by North Korea. Eleven months later, Syring said that another test failure would have forced the Pentagon to reassess its plans to add 14 more interceptors to the 30 already in place.

Opposition remains strong among residents to the Japan-US plan to relocate the Futemna base within Okinawa’s main island despite the governor’s decision late last year to allow landfill work to proceed for a replacement facility in the Henoko coastal area of Nago. Antipathy toward US bases has grown strong among residents, mostly because of crime committed by US service members on Okinawa and crashes involving US military aircraft.

In her prepared remarks, Kennedy said, “Built on the devastation of war by countless acts of courage, reconciliation, perseverance and friendship, our two countries work together to ensure peace and prosperity around the world.” Visiting this place, on this day, we renew our commitment to that cause,” she added. The US ambassador’s presence at the ceremony marks the second visit to Okinawa by Kennedy, who assumed the diplomatic post last November. She also visited in February. Last year, her predecessor John Roos became the first US ambassador to attend a memorial ceremony since Walter Mondale in 1995. This year, the names of 50 war dead were newly inscribed on the Cornerstone of Peace in the park, bringing the total to 241,281, irrespective of nationality or civilian status.

The Battle of Okinawa started in the spring of 1945, when US forces landed on the main island of Okinawa and other islands in the area. Some 60,000 civilians, about a quarter of the residents in the prefecture, died in the three-month battle between Japanese and US troops. Organised largely by the Japanese military in the battle is said to have ended 23 June, 1945, with the surrender of commander Mitsuru Ushijima, although sporadic clashes continued for some time.

The total death toll exceeded 200,000, including Americans. — Kyodo News

US Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy offers flowers at the Peace Memorial Park in Itoman, Japan, on 23 June, 2014, to mark the anniversary of the end of the Battle of Okinawa in 1945. — Kyodo News

Britain to consider east-west high-speed rail link

LONDON, 23 June — Britain will consider building an east-west high-speed railway between cities in northern England to help boost economic growth outside London, finance minister George Osborne will say on Monday.

Less than a year away from a national election and with his Conservatives trailing by six points in the polls, Osborne’s call to build a “northern powerhouse” will be seen as an attempt to boost the party’s appeal in the opposition Labour party’s northern heartlands.

“The cities of the north are individually powerful, but collectively not strong enough ... So the powerhouse of London dominates more and more. And that’s not healthy for our economy. It’s not good for our country,” Osborne will say in a speech in Manchester, according to extracts released in advance.

“We need an ambitious plan to make the cities and towns here in this northern belt radically more connected from east to west ... That means considering a new high-speed rail link.”

Osborne will say the potential link between Manchester and Leeds could be based on the existing rail route, but with trains running faster and with new stations and infrastructure.

A connected network of northern cities will provide bigger jobs and opportunities, Osborne will say.

“In the modern knowledge economy, businesses and entrepreneurial types won’t stay together more than ever. To form clusters where they can learn from and spark off each other.”

Reuters

Britain’s Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne.
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**MV Kota Restu**

VOY NO (391)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (391) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.6.2014 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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**MV GSS Yangon**

VOY NO (1017)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GSS YANGON VOY NO (1017) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.6.2014 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.

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AGENT FOR: MS CHINA SHIPPING LINES

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**MV Nashico-06**

VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NASHICO-06 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.6.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T-3 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Danubio**

VOY NO (370N)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DANUBIO VOY NO (370N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.6.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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AGENT FOR: MS REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

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**MV giant HAI**

VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GIANT HAI VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.6.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-4 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**Shipping Agency Department**

MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: MS RM SHIPPING & TRADING PTE LTD

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Thai Binh**

VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV THAI BINH VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.6.2014 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.

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Free Hero**

VOY NO (CAM037)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV FREE HERO VOY NO (CAM037) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.6.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**Shipping Agency Department**

MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: MS CAM SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 2301186

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**Extension of the Invitation for Letter of Expression of Interest (LEO)**

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) is inviting interested foreign companies to submit Expression of Interest for Joint Venture project in Myanmar Onshore Drilling Operations, Joint Venture/Alliance in Seismic Acquisition Services and Onshore Pipeline Construction and Maintenance services from 2.06.2014 to 7.06.2014 in Kyaukmyaung, Myanma Alin and the New Light of Myanmar newspapers, with the submission deadline by 30th June 2014.

Now, by the requests, MOGE hereby announces that the submission deadline for LEO for all three projects is extended up to 31st July, 2014.

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**Venezuela facing severe drought: environment minister**

CARACAS, 23 June — Venezuela is suffering the seventh worst drought in the last 60 years, which has forced the government and people to take extreme clean water saving measures, Environment Minister Miguel Leonardo Rodriguez said on Sunday.

The minister urged the people to join the campaign for the rational use of clean water and to “carry out the water supply plans until the rain season arrives and the dams will be filled again.”

Rodriguez told a Press conference that the dams’ water levels are low due to a lack of rain. He added that the November-April dry season has been prolonged, especially affecting the northeastern region, where the the country’s main dams are located.

Rodriguez said the most affected dams are Manuato, Tres Ríos and Tule in Zulia state, on the border with Colombia. Their water levels have lowered more than 10 metres. The minister added that the situation might worsen if Venezuela is affected by El Nino, the prolonged warming in the Pacific Ocean sea surface temperature.

“El Nino has not affected yet, but it is possible that it might appear during the year’s second half. This will mean more droughts and we should be prepared if that happens,” said Rodriguez.

If the weather conditions do not improve, restrictive measures for the use of water would emerge based on consulting the people and listening to their opinions, the minister said.

The government needs the support of the people and the media to extend and guarantee clean water service, he stressed.—Xinhua
Batman solo film with Ben Affleck in the offing

LOS ANGELES, 23 June — Ben Affleck will get to wear his cape again amid buzz that there will be a standalone movie on Batman following Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice.

Mr Affleck will return as Batman for a film due in 2019, Ace Showbiz reported quoting Latino Review.

The only officially-announced project so far is Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice which is scheduled for 6 May, 2016.

Henry Cavill and Amy Adams are returning as Clark Kent and Lois Lane respectively. Gal Gadot is cast as Wonder Woman, and Jason Momoa is expected to play Aquaman. —PTI

Selena Gomez, Justin Bieber enjoy romantic date

Think Like A Man. Gomez was spotted wrapping her arm around Bieber’s back, as they followed two bodyguards out of the theatre after the screening.

The newly-reunited couple are said to have been inseparable over the past few days, spending time in a recording studio together and at a bible study class on 18 June.

“They were very lovey dovey and cute. They came and left together with a few friends. They sat next to each other and listened to the sermon and were smitten with each other,” said a source. —PTI

Harrison Ford healing after surgery on broken leg

NEW DELHI, 23 June — Harrison Ford is recuperating after surgery to heal a broken leg suffered during production on Star Wars: Episode VII.

The actor’s publicist said on Thursday that Ford is doing well after surgery and will soon begin rehab. Ford was injured a week ago during filming of the much-anticipated sequel at Pinewood Studios outside of London.

The accident involved a spacecraft door falling on the 71-year-old actor’s leg. Mr Ford’s Han Solo pilots the Millennium Falcon, which is returning in Episode VII. Disney has said that shooting is continuing while Ford recuperates. He is expected to be sidelined up to two months.

Mr Ford is one of several original Star Wars stars returning to the JJ Abrams-directed sequel. He is joined by fellow actors Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher and Peter Mayhew. —PTI

Ella Henderson tops British singles chart for second week

LONDON, 23 June — Former TV talent show contestant Ella Henderson retained the top spot in the British singles chart on Sunday with her debut track “Ghost”, the Official Charts Company said.

The 18-year-old pipped Australian boyband 5 Seconds Of Summer’s “Don’t Stop” by nearby 3,000 copies to stay at number one for a second week running, while Ed Sheeran slid one spot to number three with his former chart topper “Sing”.

In the album chart, Lana Del Rey went straight to number one with her third album, “Ultraviolence”, outselling second placed “The Hunting Party” by Linkin Park by almost two copies to one, the Official Charts Company said.

Sam Smith held on to the number three spot with his album “In The Lonely Hour”, while Coldplay’s “Ghost Stories” slid two places to number four. Last week’s number one album, Kasabian’s “48:13”, dropped to fifth place. —Reuters

‘Man’ beats ‘22 Jump Street,’ ‘Dragon’ to win weekend box office

LOS ANGELES / NEW YORK, 23 June — “Think Like A Man Too”, a sequel to the 2012 comedy based on Steve Harvey’s book “Act Like A Lady, Think Like a Man”, collected $30 million in ticket sales to lead the weekend box office, outdistancing last weekend’s top film, “22 Jump Street”.

In a rare summer week with no big-budget movie openings, “22 Jump Street”, starring Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum, took the No 2 spot with $29 million at US and Canadian theaters for the three days ending on Sunday. —Reuters

Actresses (L-R) La La Anthony, Gabrielle Union, and Regina Hall pose during a photocall for the film ‘Think Like A Man Too’ in Beverly Hills, California on 7 June, 2014. —REUTERS
Michelle Wie wins US Women’s Open by two stroke

CARY, (North Carolina), 23 June — Michelle Wie finally lived up to the burden of expectation when she won her first major title with an impressive victory at the US Women’s Open in Pinehurst, North Carolina, on Sunday.

More than a decade after becoming famous when she almost made the cut against the men in a PGA Tour event, the 24-year-old from Hawaii was emotionally moved after winning the biggest prize in women’s golf. “I’m just unbelievably happy,” she told reporters after shooting even-par 70 to hold off fellow American Stacy Lewis (66) at Pinehurst No 2.

“I’m so honoured to have my name on the trophy, just so grateful for everything,” Wie seemed poised to win in style until she double-bogeyed the 16th hole after almost losing her ball in a thick clump of wire grass after a poor second shot. It took almost two minutes to locate the ball and she subsequently chose to take a penalty stroke, eventually sinking a five-foot putt to avoid dropping three shots. “I definitely gave myself a heart attack when I couldn’t find that ball,” she said. “I was really nervous about it before breaking out in a huge smile. Wie, who previously had twice led into the final round at the Women’s Open, collected $720,000, small change for a woman who has made millions in endorsements.

It has been a long and winding journey for someone who was barely a teenager when she saddled herself with huge expectations by saying she thought she belonged on the PGA Tour (as well as the LPGA circuit) and wanted to play with the Masters. She earned fame in 2004 when she came within one stroke of making the cut at the Sony Open in Hawaii on the PGA Tour, but flopped in subsequent appearances in men’s tournaments and has since stuck with women’s events.—Reuters

Returning hero Murray ready for business as usual

Andy Murray of Britain returns after a training session ahead of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on 22 June, 2014.

LONDON, 23 June — Wimbledon welcomes back a British man’s singles champion for the first time in 78 years on Monday but Andy Murray says he will allow himself only a brief moment to milk the adulation before getting down to business.

Not since Fred Perry’s return as defending champion in 1936, when he went on to win retain the title in his last appearance at the tournament, has the All England Club been able to celebrate the achievements of a home favourite on the opening day of the championships.

After his momentous defeat of Serbia’s Novak Djokovic on the final Sunday last July, Murray has the honour of opening proceedings on Centre Court against Belgium David Goffin in what he hopes will be the first step to retaining his title. “I think tomorrow, I need to enjoy that moment when I walk back on the court,” the world number five told reporters.

“But as soon as I start playing the match it’s about trying to win. I enjoy winning. That’s it. I mean I don’t really want to go out on the court tomorrow and enjoy playing and then lose.”—Reuters

Who’ll make it? World Cup scenarios before group finales

According to FIFA regulations, the ranking of teams in each group is based, in this order, on:

- Points in all group matches, with three points awarded for a win, one point for a draw and none for a loss.

- Goal difference in all group matches.

- Goals scored in all group matches.

- Points in matches between tied teams.

- Goal difference in matches between tied teams.

- Goals scored in matches between tied teams.

- Drawing of lots.
WHO’LL MAKE IT?

World Cup scenarios before group finales

Belo Horizonte, (Brazil), 23 June — With the final round of games about to start in the World Cup groups, there is plenty to play for and a plethora of permutations for many of the 32 teams competing for glory in Brazil. Here are the main possibilities based on the latest standings (here).

GROUP A
Qualified: No-one
Eliminated: Cameroon
Still at stake: Brazil and Mexico are joint top of the group on four points. They will both qualify if they beat Cameroon and Croatia respectively on Monday.

GROUP B
Qualified: Netherlands, Chile
Eliminated: Australia, Spain
Still at stake: Having secured maximum points in their first two games, the Netherlands and Chile play each other on Monday looking for a victory they hope will enable them to avoid facing Brazil in the next round assuming the hosts top Group A. A draw would be enough to give the high-scoring Dutch top spot due to a goal difference of +5 versus Chile’s +4.

GROUP C
Qualified: Colombia
Eliminated: No-one
Still at stake: Colombia are top of Group C with six points from two wins, but need at least a draw against Japan on Tuesday to ensure top spot and the reward of a knockout game in the last eight.

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Still at stake: Nigeria and Iran are battling for the second qualifying berth in Group F, with Nigeria on four points and Iran one.

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