Hitachi discusses investment in Myanmar industry, infrastructure

Myanmar to return boat people rescued by Navy

Nay Pyi Taw, 1 June — The Myanmar government will send 727 Bangladeshi boat people recently rescued at sea near Hainggyikyun, Ayeyawady Region, to the place where they recently departed, officials said Monday.

A Myanmar Navy patrol found the boat people adrift on 29 May and provided them with humanitarian aid, including food and drinking water.

Arrangements are under way to return the boat people to the place where they recently departed, in accordance with their wishes, after they were unable to reach their intended target countries, the officials said.—MNA

Rotavirus vaccine set for distribution in Myanmar

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

Yangon, 1 June — The Health Ministry is planning to add rotavirus vaccine to the country’s childhood vaccination programme, according to Dr Than Tun Aung, director of the Department of Health’s Central Epidemiology Unit.

The new oral vaccine is expected to be distributed to infants under one year of age across the country in 2017, he told the local media at a health communication forum Saturday in Yangon.

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Basic education schools commence new academic year

Yangon 1 June — Schools throughout Myanmar commenced the 2015-2016 academic year on Monday, which also marked the start of the fee-free system across all basic education levels.

While thankful for the government’s free education policy, a mother of schoolchildren said there were many other costs throughout the academic year.

U Maung Aye, a father of a schoolboy, said it was important for teachers to not only provide academic instruction, but also educate students on proper behaviour.

A teacher said educators will continue to instruct children as best they can despite changes in the education system.

Myanmar has 2,351 basic education high schools, 3,121 basic education middle schools, 6,553 basic education post-primary schools and 28,967 basic education primary schools, with a total of 273,516 teachers and 8,200,595 students.

Some 21 private schools have already opened for the year.

UNICEF estimates more than 1 million children in Myanmar are still out of the school.

Myanmar’s Quality Basic Education Programme is due to run until the end of 2015 with the support of UNICEF, with the aim of improving access to school and the quality of education for all children.

Thirty-four core townships identified as having the greatest level of need have been selected for the QBEP.

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Children in the country under 5 currently receive eight kinds of vaccinations for diseases. Rotavirus is the most common cause of severe diarrhoea among infants aged below five and young children. Diarrhoea remains a major health problem in the country. “One-fourth of cases in children are caused by the virus,” said the director, adding contaminated water was a major cause of outbreaks, common in the rainy season in heavily populated areas such as Yangon, Mandalay and Ayeyawady regions.

According to the ministry’s data, seven of 1,000 patients suffered from diarrhoea in 2013. “The Health Department has informed people to receive early treatment of diarrhoea as half of the diarrhoea deaths in the country are due to late hospitalization,” Dr Than Tun Aung said.

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**MRTV News Channel to change news broadcasting time on schedules of football matches**

Nay Pyi Taw, 1 June— MRTV News, Entertainment Channel and Myanmar Radio will broadcast the group matches between Myanmar and Indonesia live on 2 June, Myanmar and Singapore on 4 June and Myanmar Ayeyawady, Mandalay and Yangon regions.

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Nay Pyi Taw, 1 June— Daw Khin Saw Wai, MP of Yathedaung Township constituency, asked the Union government on Monday about a possible plan of Myanmar Police Force to protect government witnesses on the major crimes.

Regarding the query of U Khin Maung Yi, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs, MP of Bago region constituency, the deputy minister said that the ministry has conducted courses on auxiliary nurse midwives in Kyunsu Township beginning 1 October 2014 with the support of GAVI and the Rakhine state’s government, turning out 30 trainees.

She also said the Department of Medical Science has established a school in Myeik and Dawei townships for labor and delivery nurses, adding that no plan for this school in Kyunsu Township yet.

MP of Yesagyo Township constituency U Tin Htay Aung asked the substitutions for the transferred healthcare staff at the villages of his constituency.

The deputy minister answered that the ministry has assigned Dr Linn Hnin from Palokku People’s Hospital for additional duty to take over Kyatsukyin village dispensary beginning 1 January 2015.

Pyithu Hluttaw also invited representatives for discussion on the boil-er bill.

The Lower House then approved the amendment bill on Amyotha Hluttaw Law 2012 passed by the Upper House together with amendments. MNA

**Pyithu Hluttaw**

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Union Election Commission
President U Thein Sein sends messages of felicitations to Italy

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Sergio Mattarella, President of the Republic of Italy and His Excellency Mr. Matteo Renzi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2015.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Russian Commander-in-Chief of the Land Forces

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — Myanmar values endeavours of the Russian Federation over peace and stability of the world, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, told Colonel General Oleg I. Salyukov, Commander-in-Chief of the Land Forces of the Russian Federation at the Zeyathiri Beckman, here, on Monday. The senior general said that as Myanmar is upholding the peaceful co-existence principles, Myanmar armed forces is strengthening friendly relations with armed forces of countries across the world as well as Russia. They discussed further cementing friendly ties between two armed forces of Myanmar and Vietnam and the 6th Meeting of the Ayyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy, incorporating the four countries and Thailand, commenced Monday at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw. The summits will take place jointly at the Myanmar International Convention Centre (1) in Nay Pyi Taw on 22 and 23 June. Although CLMV and ACMECS summits were held separately in the past, the two summits have been held together since 2008 in Vietnam, the vice president said. The vice president concluded by urging officials to do their utmost to ensure successful summits before committee vice chairman and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and officials presented progress reports.

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Civic group trainees visit Union Election Commission office

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — Members of the Union Election Commission including chairman U Tin Aye on Monday met officials and trainees from a Mawlamyne-based civic group who observed the tasks of the UEC here. UEC members Dr Daw Myint Kyi, U Win Kyi and U Win Ko explained the organizational setup of the UEC, commission-related laws, and completion of electoral rolls to the five officials and 30 trainees from the National Enlightenment Institute, which aims to “upgrade knowledge” and “social responsibility for state building,” according to the group. The trainees asked questions about establishment and registration of political parties and matters related to the upcoming general election.

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U Cho Tun Aung presents Credentials to sultan of Brunei

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — U Cho Tun Aung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Brunei Darussalam, presented his Credentials to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu’izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar’ Ali Saifuddien Sa’adul Khairi Waddien, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, on 21 May 2015, in Bandar Seri Begawan.

MNA
Police distribute stipends to children of officers

NAO PYI TAW, 1 June — Dekkhina District Police Force held a ceremony to present stipends for the 2015-16 academic year to children of servicemen on 30 May. Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force Col Ko Ko Aung presented stationery and cash to 146 students ranging from primary school to university. Also present were Commander of Dekkhina District Police Force Police Lt-Col Win Chun, Commander of Ottara District Police Force Police Lt-Col Hla Win, officers, servicemen and families.—Zaw Myo Naing

Businessmen exchange views on development of SME industries

MANDALAY, 1 June — Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry held its SME Business Networking (B2B) event aboard the ship Pyigyi Dagun on the Ayeyawady River on 31 May.

The meeting brought together entrepreneurs and those wishing to start businesses with representatives of the Ministry of Electricity and Industry, under the Mandalay Region government, and the MRCCI. Mandalay Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Kyaw Myint spoke about policies of small- and medium-scale enterprises, the Mandalay Region Small-Scale Industry Development Law, and assistance for development of industries. Chairman of Mandalay Region CCI U Aung Than, Vice Chairman U Win Htay and officials also addressed the meeting. Thiha Ko Ko addressed the meeting. Thiha Ko Ko

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Myingyan-Yaywun-Mandalay Rd set for expansion

Natogyi, 1 June — Natogyi Township Public Works is preparing to widen the Myingyan to Mandalay section of Myingyan-Yaywun-Mandalay Road in Natogyi Township from 12 to 18 feet engineer Daw Theint Theint Tun said. She said Public Works this year will also erect kilometre and mile posts along the 57-mile-long road. Htay Myint Maung

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Park hopes Abe’s war anniversary statement advances Japan-S Korea ties

SEOUL, 1 June — South Korean President Park Geun-hye expressed hope on Monday that a statement by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is scheduled to deliver on the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II would help advance relations between the two countries.

In her meeting with former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori in Seoul, Park also urged Japan to make prompt efforts to restore the honour of former “comfort women” who were forced to work in Japanese military brothels before and during the war. According to a senior Japanese lawmaker who attended the talks, the South Korean leader said she will make efforts to improve ties with Japan, but made no mention of a possible meeting with Abe, former Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Taeo Kawamura told reporters.

Amid strained bilateral relations over issues related to differences in historical perception and a territorial dispute, the two leaders have yet to hold formal bilateral summit talks since they took office — Abe in 2012 and Park in 2013.

Regarding Abe’s war anniversary statement, countries such as South Korea and China are concerned that Abe may water down Tokyo’s past apologies. Mori was in Seoul to attend a two-day meeting of a consultative group of senior political and economic representatives from Japan and South Korea through Monday.

He said during Monday’s session, “History has proven that Japan and South Korea must help each other. Political leaders should have the recognition that a new era in which people of young generations interact with each other has come.”

From the South Korean side, former Prime Minister Lee Hong-koo expressed hope that the “closest neighbours” will share their experiences on how to deal with the challenges posed in the new era. The consultative group was created this spring to discuss ways to improve ties and met for the second round after its first gathering in late March in Tokyo. Members of the visiting Japanese delegation also met with South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se on Monday.

Two Indian warships reach Indonesia

NEW DELHI, 1 June — Two Indian warships have reached Indonesia as part of their four-day deployment, sources said on Monday.

“INS Ranvir, a guided missile destroyer, and INS Shakti, a fleet tanker and support ship, have reached Jakarta. During their visit, both the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy will conduct regular coordinated patrols,” the sources said.

The visit by the Indian naval ships is aimed at bolstering the naval ties between the two countries, they said, adding that an annual naval exercise is also planned this year.

At least 64 Abu Sayyaf members killed in Philippines this year: military

MANILA, 1 June — A total of 64 Abu Sayyaf members were killed and 104 others were reportedly injured in the continuing military operations against the terrorist group in Sulu province since January this year, Philippine military said on Monday.

“The due to our relentless operations, we’ve been looking for their hideouts. We’ve also gotten good intelligence information,” Col Allan Arrojado, commander of Joint Task Group Sulu said when asked to which he attributes their feat during the first five months of the year.

“We have coordinated, focused military operations involving the Marines, Army with the Navy, Air Force and the artillery units. Because of that, we were able to achieve this feat,” he added.

However, 9 soldiers died and 69 others were injured in the campaign against the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) from January to May.

When asked how many Abu Sayyaf men are still operating in Sulu, Arrojado said the number could reach as much as 400. However, he said: “We have identified around 200, based on pictures and revelations of those captured.”

Founded in the early 1990s by Islamic extremists, the ASG is a violent Muslim terrorist group operating in the southern Philippines. The ASG is notorious for a series of kidnappings, bombings and even beheadings in southern Philippines over the past decades. — Xinhua

Vietnam, US sign Joint Vision Statement on Defence Relations

HANOI, 1 June — The Vietnamese Ministry of National Defence and the US Department of Defence inked a Joint Vision Statement on Defence Relations here on Monday.

The statement was signed by Vietnamese Defence Minister Phung Quang Thanh and the US Secretary of Defence Ashton Carter.

Speaking at the press conference after the signing ceremony, the Vietnamese defence minister said the statement will guide defence relationship on the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding for Advancing Bilateral Defence Co-operation signed by the two parties in 2011, including cooperating in dealing with war legacies, sharing experience in search and rescue, and launching bilateral dialogues and discussions.

The joint vision statement will enhance friendship, understanding and confidence building between the two countries, deepen the comprehensive partnership for the interests of the two peoples, and contribute to the maintenance of peace and stability in the South-east Asia and Asia-Pacific region, Phung said.

Carter, for his part, claimed that the statement is to further strengthen the defence relationship between the two countries for the years to come, adding that the US will support the operation of UN peacekeeping center established in Hanoi and the participation of Vietnam in UN peacekeeping activities.

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Tsipras says Greece not intransigent, urges EU leaders to reach deal

PARIS, June 1 — Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said Greece should not be blamed for not yet reaching a deal with its creditors and called on fellow European leaders to bypass technical talks and come to a political solution.

Athens and its creditors were continuing talks on a cash-for-reforms deal but were expected to miss a self-imposed on Sunday deadline for reaching an agreement to unlock aid, sources close to the talks said.

“If we have not reached an agreement with our partners, it’s not because of our intransigence or incomprehensible positions from the Greek side,” Tsipras said in a column published on French daily Le Monde’s website on Sunday.

“It is rather because of the obsession of some institutional representatives who insist on unreasonable solutions and are being indifferent to the democratic result of recent Greek elections,” he said.

Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

The talks will resume on Wednesday after a break from Wednesday and China will hold two-day talks from Wednesday and the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.

Currently, 44.5 percent of pensioners receive a pension under the fixed threshold of retirement while approximately 23.1 percent of pensioners, according to data from the National Social Security Agency, live in danger of poverty and social exclusion,” he said.

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S Korea, Japan preparing talks on sharing military intelligence

SEOUL, June 1 — South Korea and Japan are preparing to hold talks this year on sharing military intelligence, South Korea’s Defence Ministry spokesman said on Monday.

“It’s my understanding that talks on sharing military intelligence between South Korea and Japan are being prepared,” Nah Seung Yong said during a press briefing.

Annual talks between military authorities of Japan and South Korea could not be held last year due to various situations, he said, without providing further details as to when such talks will be held.

His comment was made in response to a news report on Monday that Japan has sent out a signal to South Korea on the possible visit of Tadashi Miyagawa, chief of the intelligence bureau at the Japanese Defence Ministry, to South Korea in mid-June.

The Hankook Ilbo newspaper quoted a South Korean government source as saying, “It will be rare for a chief of the Japanese military intelligence unit to make a visit to South Korea at this time, so bilateral military talks remain virtually suspended.”

The report said South Korea sees no particular reason to reject Japan’s such offer as it is deemed necessary to review the process of the trilateral military pact signed along with the United States last December.

In the latest development, Japanese and South Korean defence ministers on Saturday held their first bilateral talks in four years on the sidelines of a regional security forum in Singapore and agreed to continue dialogue to improve strained relations.

The report also said that relations between South Korea and Japan have deteriorated to their lowest level in recent years due to conflicting views on their bitter shared history and a territorial dispute.

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Abe says SDF could give US forces logistical support in Mideast

TOKYO, June 1 — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Monday the Japanese Self-Defence Forces could provide US or other foreign troops logistical support in the Middle East and the Indian Ocean under new security bills.

Abe for the first time clarified that the SDF can engage in rear-area support such as provision of ammunition and refueling operation for foreign troops involved in combat activity in these regions far away from Japan and its vicinity under the envisioned bills that would remove geographical restrictions on SDF operations.

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“If a serious military
US Senate lets NSA spy programme lapse, at least for now

WASHINGTON, 1 June — The legal authority for US spy agencies’ collection of Americans’ phone records and other data expired at midnight (0400 GMT on Monday) when key provisions of a post-9/11 September, 2001, law known as the USA Patriot Act expired.

In addition, US law enforcement and security agencies will lose authority to conduct other programmes. Those allow for “roving wiretaps” aimed at terrorism suspects who use multiple disposable cell phones; permit authorities to target “lone wolf” suspects with no connection to specific terrorist groups, and make it easier to seize personal and business records of suspects and their associates.

Still, eventual resumption of the phone records programme in another form, and the other government powers, appeared likely after the Senate voted 77-17 to take up the reform legislation, called the USA Free Dom Act.

That bill will ultimately pass, Paul acknowledged after the procedural vote. The Senate abruptly reverted course during a rare Sunday session to let the bill go ahead, after Republi- can Majority Leader Mitch McConnell reluctantly acknowledged that Paul had stymied his efforts to end the Patriot Act provisions.

Intelligence experts say a lapse of only a few days would have little immediate effect. The government is allowed to continue collecting information related to any foreign intelligence investi- gation that began before the deadline.

Obama strongly backed the Freedom Act, as have Most Democrats. It passed the House of Representa- tives on 13 May by 338-88. After the Senate ad- journed, the White House issued a statement calling on the Senate to “put aside partisan motivations and act swiftly.”

The measure could face more debate in Congress. Republican Senator Richard Burr offered several amend- ments, including one to ex- tend the existing programme for 12 months to provide more time to adopt changes mandated by the Freedom Act.

That could be a prob- lem for some House mem- bers, because it doubles the transition period in their ver- sion of the bill.

Republicans have been deeply divided on the issue. Security hawks wanted the NSA programme to contin- ue as is, and libertarians like Paul want to kill it altogether. The Senate debate was angry.

Paul said the Patriot Act provisions wasted resources better spent targeting those planning attacks. He even accused some of his critics of wanting an attack on the United States “so they can blame it on me.”

McConnell accused Paul, his fellow Kentucky Republican, and other Patri- ot Act opponents of waging “a campaign of demagogu- ery and disinformation” based on revelations from Snowden “who was last seen in Russia.”

McConnell has en- dorsed Paul for president. Bush-backed Republican Patriot Act provisions, un- changed, for five years, and agreed only reluctantly to allow a vote on the Freedom Act despite what he called its “serious flaws.”

Several senators ac- cused Paul of using the issue to raise money for his presi- dential campaign.

“He obviously has a higher priority for his fundrais- ing and political ambi- tions than for the security of the nation,” Senator John McCain, the 2008 Republic- an presidential nominee, told reporters.

The Senate resumed consideration of the legis- lation at 4 pm EST (2000 GMT). Intelligence officials said they had to begin shutting down the NSA pro- gramme to meet the deadline.

Sen John McCain (R-AZ), (C), is questioned by reporters as he departs a meeting of GOP senators on a rare working on Sunday, on Capitol Hill, in Washington on 31 May, 2015.—REUTERS

The Freedom Act would end spy agencies’ bulk collection of domestic telephone “metadata” and replace it with a more target- ed system.

The records would be held by telecommunications companies, not the govern- ment, and the NSA would have to get court approval to gain access to specific data. Neither the current nor pro- posed new system gives the government access to the content of phone conversations.

Many civil liberties groups feel the Freedom Act does not go far enough in protecting privacy.

“Congress should take advantage of this sunset to pass far reaching surveil- lance reform, instead of the weak bill currently under consider- ation,” Michael Macleod-Ball, acting director of the American Civil Lib- erties Union’s Washington Legislative Office, said in a statement. A review panel Obama established in 2013 concluded that the metadata collection programme had not been essential to pre- venting any terrorist attack.

Security officials coun- ter that it provides important data they can combine with other intelligence to help stop attacks.—Reuters

Italy’s Renzi faces tight battles in local election — exit poll

ROME, 1 June — Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi faces close races in two key regions at stake in local elections held on Sunday, according an exit poll, with his centre-left party leading narrowly in one and trailing in the other.

Renzi’s Democratic Party (PD) candidate was estimated to win 35.5 per- cent to 39.5 percent in the southern region of Campania, ahead of the cen- tre-right candidate on 33.5 percent to 37.5 percent, according to the poll conduct- ed by the EMG agency and published on private TV station La7.

In the north-western region of Liguria the cen- tre-left was seen trailing in third place with 21.5 percent to 25.5 percent, be- hind the candidate from the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement with 25 to 29 percent and the centre-right candidate with 28 percent to 32 percent.

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Tet for tat, vendetta and retaliation entrap humans into vicious circle

By: Tommy Pauk

There is no society or place that does not have problem on earth. Problems among human beings originate in temperamental nature. Basically, intolerance, greed, insult, anger, grudge, jealousy and animosity lead to fighting, conflicts and wars in the human society. They do not try to find the root causes and choose the vengeful way only. As a result, there are numerous tensions, conflicts, gun battles, undeclared wars, killings and atrocities happening in various societies in the world. These acts have been handed down from ancient civilizations to modern civilizations known as descending from the monarchy to democracy. We can make the deductions or inference about the wars which ruin the human lives and human settlements, i.e. we, humans hardly ever compromise and find the correct solutions on the issues or the problems among ourselves. Problems occur among different races, different tribes, different groups and different nations. The worst thing is that there are some unsolved problems even within the same race. The clashes between ethnic minorities cause a great concern for the specific nation. Whoever wages the war or battle or military intervention, we should not support or ally them. Neutrality and the policies of non-align ment are the best solution for the issues. There should be more and more pacifists and peace-loving people in the world because they would pacify the hostile nations. Besides, the respective leaders of the world societies must be able to tackle the problems wisely and willingly.

Tit for tat has been practiced from time immemorial in human society. In human history, genocidal events, massacre, invasions, assassinations of state leaders and holocaust etc. have been recorded. Even among private individuals, tit for tat is practiced. A situation in which you do something is bad to somebody, because they have done the same to you. For instance, If you hit me, I will hit you back; tit for tat. Therefore ‘tit for tat’ means equivalent retribution or having the characteristics of returning of bad for bad e.g. ‘an eye for an eye.’ These lawless acts make prolonged retaliation or violence among themselves. However, in some society this act is accepted or practiced as acode or judicial determination. Here, root causes and solutions to the problems are missing. The mindset of majority of people are based on the practice of tit for tat as they do not hold tolerance and forgiveness in dealing with each other nowadays. Modern people are striving for material gain rather than spiritual gain or enlightenment.

Vendetta is a long and violent disagreement between two families or groups, in which people are murdered in return for previous murders. Justice is absent under these circumstances. Animosity and bitter feelings push the person or family member concerned to take revenge on the person or the other family member who treated the avenger’s family or family member brutally. Thus, the reciprocal killings take place in human society lawlessly. The violent crimes pertaining to vendetta are prevalent in the world. No one can stop such practice in the world. Love and reconciliation do not prevail there. Only the bloodshed and destruction are the results or solutions for the certain problem. However, both sides have to pay for their commission of the crimes in accordance with the prescribed laws in the certain society. In the olden days, respective monarchical rulers were cruel, aggressive and arrogant. In addition, they had waged wars for expanding their reign or power as well as occupying new land or soil. They did establish their empire as much as they could. The reigns of terror had been prevalent for many years. Consequently, vendetta was conducted against the hated rulers. Retaliation between two persons or two countries is often seen or heard in the world. Assault or insult is the fundamental cause for retaliation indeed. Retaliatory action is derived from human nature. Human nature acts the equal action towards the initiator of the action. However, we, humans should react calmly and reasonably whenever we encounter any issues. Actually, the act of retaliation occurs everywhere in the world. Aggression, hostility and inequality cause the problem between the initiative actor and the retaliator. Both sides achieve nothing but harm. The person who is very good, kind and patient can control his or her mind to avoid act of retaliation.

Without effort, one’s achievements will only be the result of other people’s labour. Without honesty, one’s accomplishment will only be things cheated from others. Without sacrifice, one’s success will only reflect selfishness and opportunism. In the absence of these ingredients, one’s achievements do not have any admirable qualities for others, and are in fact indicative of failure in life.

Absence of these qualities changes the direction of a person with lofty aims by bringing him or her down to the lowest depth in life instead of lifting them to the heights of their potential. That is why there are only a few people at the top of their field, although there are many people who try to ascend the ladder. Knowing where the top is located is not enough for success. Indeed, there may be vital ingredients other than those listed above. Please bring all of them when you climb your career ladder.

Myanmar athletes leave for Singapore to participate in 28th SEA Games

Yangon, 1 June—A Myanmar sport team comprising athletes of traditional rowing, international rowing, canoe/kayak, triathlon and fencing events left here for Singapore on Monday to take part in the 28th SEA Games. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Principal of Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) U Soe Aung and officials. Athletes from remaining sports events will leave for Singapore daily.—SPED
Dengue fever campaign targets Thanlyin Tsp schools

Thanlyin, 1 June — Health workers sprayed for mosquitoes around schools in Thanlyin Township on 30 May as part of a campaign to prevent the spread of dengue haemorrhagic fever.

They fumigated Basic Education High School Nos. 1-4, Baho Basic Education Post-Primary School in Thanlyin and schools in Aungmingala Ward.

Thanlyin Township Public Health Department plans to chlorinate water tanks and pots at the schools weekly.

Than Win (Thanlyin)

Mandalay Region MADB to disburse K75 billion in farm loans

Mandalay, 1 June — Myanma Agriculture Development Bank in Mandalay Region will disburse loans at 5 percent interest to farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops in 2015. Mandalay Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myint Than told banking officials on 30 May.

At the coordination meeting among branches of MADB on 63rd Street in Ma-haungmye Township, the region minister said banking staff are to deliver loans to farmers who cultivate monsoon paddy in time.

Banking officers Daw Othna Kyaw and Daw Khin Pyone Yi reported on a plan set for disbursement of K75.292 billion to farmers from 23 townships of the region in the 2015 cultivation season. Also present at the meeting were heads of region Agriculture Department, and Farmland Management and Statistics Department, as well as district and township managers of MADB.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Poultry farming resumes in Monywa

Monywa, 1 June — Poultry farming resumed in Monywa Poultry Farming Special Zone near Kyauksiptaung village, Monywa Township, Sagaing Region, following its suspension due to an outbreak of avian influenza disease that killed chicken and quails in the zone in February.

Officials and skilled workers cleared the area until 3 March, an official of the breeding zone said.

“After that, rehabilitation of the zone was undertaken over two and-a-half months,” the official said.

Quail breeding has not resumed, as a separate zone will be established from the main area, he added. Monywa Poultry Farming Zone is located on a 123.45-acre plot where breeders run 360 chicken farms and 120 quail farms.

Due to loss of breeding farms in the outbreak of bird flu disease in February this year, the government provided K602.335 million to 136 chicken breeders and 52 quail breeders.

Po Chan (Monywa)

Tatkon Tsp IPRD displays wall magazine, photos on activities of combating narcotic drugs

Tatkon, 1 June — Tatkon Township Information and Public Relations Department showcased wall magazine and photos on activities of combating narcotic drugs at the hall of Basic Education High School Branch in Taungpohtha Village, Tatkon Township, on 30 May.

Deputy Director Daw Thin Thin Zin of the Nay Pyi Taw IPRD spoke about activities of combating narcotic drugs with public participation in commemoration of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June while Staff Officer Daw Swe Swe Mo of District IPRD explained dangers of the narcotic drugs and Head of Township IPRD Daw Tint Tint Khang, reading in spare time.

It was attended by more than 90 local people who also viewed round the wall magazine and photos.

The deputy director donated books on various subjects to the headmaster of the BEHS branch and distributed pamphlets on danger of narcotic drugs.

Tin Soe Lwin (Tatkon IPRD)
Arab air strikes pound Houthi strongholds across Yemen

SANAA, 1 June—Warplanes from a Saudi-led coalition launched air attacks on Monday against Yemen’s Houthi militia positions in the north, centre and south of the country, residents said.

Saudi planes and artillery bombarded the Iran-allied group’s northern stronghold of Saada, which borders the Kingdom, and air strikes hit suburbs of the southern port of Aden on the Arabian Sea.

An Arab alliance has been bombing the fighters for more than two months in a bid to restore Yemen’s exiled president Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, currently in exile in Saudi Arabia, to power.

The Sunni Muslim states are also concerned that the Shi’ite rebels are a proxy for the influence of their arch rival Iran in impoverished Yemen.

The Houthis, who swept into Yemen’s capital Sanaa in September and fanned out across the country, say they are winning a revolution against corrupt officials and hardline Sunni militia leaders. Air strikes pounded military positions aligned with the Houthis in Sanaa on Sunday, and residents reported the sounds of constant explosions and anti-aircraft fire continuing into Monday.

Warplanes dropped bombs on groups of Houthi fighters on the outskirts of Aden, a bastion of support for President Hadi and scene of heavy street fighting between the militiamen and local fighters for over two months.—Reuters

A convoy of Kurdish People’s Protection Units (YPG) fighters enter the village of Tel Khanzir, after they took control of the area from Islamic State fighters, in the western countryside of Ras al-Ain in this file photo taken on 28 May, 2015. (Reuters)

A Houthi militiaman stands in front of a court building, which was damaged in a Saudi-led air strike in Sanaa on 31 May, 2015.—Reuters

Islamic State drives back Syria insurgents near Turkey

AMMAN/BEIRUT, 1 June—Islamic State fighters advanced against rival insurgents in northern Syria on Sunday, capturing areas close to a border crossing with Turkey and threatening their supply route to Aleppo city, fighters and a group monitoring the war said.

Islamic State captured the town of Soran Azaz and two nearby villages after clashes with fighters from a northern rebel alliance, which includes both Western-backed rebels and Islamist fighters.

Islamic State will now be able to move along a road leading north to the Bab al-Salam crossing between the Syrian province of Aleppo and the Turkish province of Kilis, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The town’s loss is a blow to rebels grouped in the east since losing control of the capital in 2014 at the hands of an armed faction which set up a rival administration and parliament.

Workers clean the ground after a suicide car bomber blew himself up at a checkpoint in Dajnayf outside Mistrata, Libya on 31 May, 2015. (Reuters)

A suicide bombing claimed by Islamic State in western Libyan city kills five

MISRATA, Libya, 1 June—Five people were killed and eight wounded in a suicide bombing claimed by Islamic State outside the Libyan city of Misrata on Sunday, security officials said. A suicide bomber rammed a car laden with explosives into the main security checkpoint west of Misrata, the officials said. Several cars and nearby shops were damaged by the blast. Islamic State claimed the attack, which it said had been carried out by a Tunisian, according to a state—ment on the group’s Facebook page.

Islamic State militants have carried out several attacks in the Misrata area as well as other parts of Libya, exploiting a security vacuum as two rival governments battle for control of the oil-producing nation.

Misrata, located to the east of Tripoli, is allied with the unofficial government that controls Tripoli. The internationally recognized government operates out of east Libya since losing control of the capital last August. “We will support all army, police and revolutionar—y forces to fight and chase those apostates who have come to Libya claiming they are representing Islam,” Libya’s rival prime minister, Khalifa Gowlwi, told Reuters at the scene of the blast.

“Islam disowns them,” he said. Separately, a member of a rival parliament in Tripoli, Salim al-Hama—li, who had been missing, was found dead south of the capital, Tripoli-based al-Nabaa television said. Parliament’s spokesman could not be reached for comment.

Libya’s official government has been based in the east since losing control of the capital in 2014 at the hands of an armed faction which set up a rival administration and parliament.
Jaguar Land Rover appoints new China sales head after Q1 drop

An employee works at the production line inside the Chery Jaguar Land Rover plant before the plant opening ceremony in Changshu, Jiangsu Province, on 21 Oct, 2014. Reuters

ERBEI, 1 June — Jaguar Land Rover has appointed a former Porsche executive as its new China head of sales, the automaker owned by India’s Tata Motors Ltd (TAMO.NS) said on Monday, amid a slowdown in one of its key markets.

Mark Bishop, former managing director of Porsche China, will oversee sales and marketing for Jaguar, Land Rover and cars made through JLR’s joint venture with China’s Chery Automobile in the country, the automaker said in a statement.

JLR’s sales fell by a fifth year-on-year in China, the world’s largest car market, for the first three months of the year as an economic slowdown weighs on the auto industry. Bishop succeeds Yi Lu, who resigned as president in mid-April citing personal reasons after serving in the position for roughly a year. James Hu, a current sales and customer services executive at JLR, will become deputy president of sales and marketing.

Survey shows Australian adults experience more hangovers, often pressured to drink

Canberra, 1 June — Australia’s affliction with alcohol sees its adults spending 91.5 million hours of every month hung-over, according to data released on Monday.

A survey of 1,030 Australian drinkers by fundraiser group Dry July, which encourages Australians to give up alcohol consumption for a month, showed Australians are being pressured to drink, and many considered alcohol integral to social gatherings.

More than half (52 percent) of the survey’s respondents admitted they have felt pressure to drink alcohol in social situations, including with friends, at family gatherings and on public holidays. Half of drinkers considered it “un-Australian” not to drink at these occasions. Five in six find it easy to resist peer pressure when they have a legitimate excuse not to drink, such as driving, being pregnant, training for a fitness event or being sick, but those who did pick up the bottle could affect the nation’s productivity.

The figures showed Australian adults have 11 hangovers a year and one in five have taken multiple sick days to nurse a sore head. Three in five admitted they have experienced low productivity at work due to being hung-over.

Nearly half (44 percent) have skipped significant social events as a result of being hung over, including dates, birthday celebrations and even weddings. Brett Macdonald, co-founder of Dry July, which encourages Australians to give up alcohol consumption for a month, said the research had uncovered some sobering facts about social pressures faced by Australians when it comes to drinking.

“Also found that 21 percent of Australians have not gone for more than a week without drinking in the last five years,” he said. This is why we’re encouraging everyone to take the Dry July challenge and see what can be achieved without a hangover.”

Food inspectors file case against Nestle over Maggi noodles

LUCKNOW, 1 June — Food safety inspectors in Uttar Pradesh have filed a criminal complaint against Nestle’s Indian arm, after spot checks earlier this year found excess lead in some packets of Maggi instant noodles.

A court hearing has been set for 1 July, an official at the local Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said.

The Uttar Pradesh FDA had ordered a recall of a 200,000-pack batch of noodles at the end of April, after a spot check which said showed elevated levels of monosodium glutamate (MSG), a flavour enhancer, and lead 17 times above the permissible limit.

Nestle, which says it does not add MSG to the noodles, disputes the order and has said the noodles are safe to eat.

The FDA official confirmed on Monday that the complaint included Nestle India, as well as the manufacturing unit, the retailer selling the tainted packs, two Nestle managers and even Bollywood stars who promoted the 2-minute snack.

Nestle has said the batch in question was manufactured in February 2014, so was already past its sell-by date in April this year, and automatically collected from retailers by the time the recall was announced.

A spokesperson for Nestle, which is now carrying out independent tests, said on Monday the company has not yet been notified of the complaint, and had no further comment.

The noodles, which sell at roughly a dozen rupees ($0.20) per single-serving packet, are a hugely popular “homemade” snack in India, and Maggi has long been the market leader.—Reuters

China HSBC PMI at 49.2 in May, contracts third month, export orders near two-year low

An employee welds the exterior of a vehicle along a production line at a factory in Qingdao, Shandong Province on 1 Dec, 2014. Reuters

BEIJING, 1 June — Activity in China vast factory sector shrank for a third consecutive month in May as export orders contracted at the sharpest rate in nearly two years, a private survey showed on Monday, suggesting China remains locked in an economic cooldown.

The final HSBC/Markit Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) stood at 49.2 in May, below the 50-point level that separates an expansion from a contraction in activity on a monthly basis. That is little changed from a preliminary reading of 49.1, and up a touch from April’s 48.9.

In a sign that China’s stuttering economy could face bigger headwinds in the short-term, a sub-index for new exports skidded to 46.7, a low unseen since June 2013, and well below April’s 50.3. Factory output also shrunk for the first time this year as the sub-index slipped under 50.

“A solid fall in new export work contributed to fewer new orders, which in turn led to the first contrac- tion of output in nearly two years,” said Qu Hongbin, an economist at HSBC in Hong Kong. Add to that persistent job losses and reduced factory purchases, Qu said the data called for more stimulus measures to stoke domestic demand and economic growth.

China’s economy has foun- dered this year as a cooling housing market and slowing growth in ex- ports, domestic investment and consumption knocked growth to a six-year low of 7 percent in the first three months of the year.

Cooling inflationary pressure is especially prob- lematic for China as it rais- es the real cost of borrow- ing for private firms, the biggest employers in the country but which are often denied of credit by banks.

Many analysts expect China’s economy to grow 7 percent this year compared to 2014, the weakest rate in a quarter of a century and down from a 7.4 percent expansion last year. That has fuelled speculation that China’s central bank, which has cut interest rates three times in six months, is likely to lower rates again this year.—Reuters

Japan’s May new auto sales down 7.6% as minicar sales sluggish

Tokyo, 1 June — Japan’s new auto sales fell 7.6 percent in May from a year earlier to 335,644 units, with April’s auto tax increase on minivehicles continued to weigh on demand, industry bodies said on Monday.

Sales of minicars plummeted 19.6 percent to 125,755 units for the fifth consecutive month, according to the Japan Light Motor Vehicle and Motorcycle Association.

Minivehicles, which have an engine displacement of up to 660 cc, account for around 40 percent of new car sales in Japan.

Sales of cars other than minicars, meanwhile, rose 1.4 percent to 209,889 units, up for the second straight month, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association said, indicating the negative impact of the consumption tax hike in April last year has waned.

Demand for cars was sluggish in Japan during the previous fiscal year ended 31 March, against a backdrop of a 3 percent age-point consumption tax increase to 8 percent — the first tax hike in 17 years.—Kyodo News
Seven dead, one missing after central China gas leak

CHANGSHA, 1 June — Seven people have died and another is missing after a gas leak at a coal mine in central China’s Hunan Province on Saturday, local authorities said on Monday.

The accident happened at about 2:10 am at Qisi Coal Mine Co Ltd in Xinhua County, Shaoyang City while 11 people were working underground to improve the mine’s productivity. Three managed to escape and seven died, the city government said. Rescuers are still searching for the missing person.

Xinhua

G-7 to strengthen efforts to tackle plastic pollution in oceans

TOKYO, 1 June — Group of Seven leaders gathering in Germany next week are set to strengthen joint efforts to tackle plastic pollution in oceans amid concerns about the impact on ecosystems.

—KYODO NEWS

Ministry of Finance, International Revenue Department

1. This is to notify that any persons chargeable under the Commercial Tax Law within the financial year from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015, including the economic enterprises of the Union Government, State-owned mills and factories, trading and service enterprises, development committees, cooperative societies, individuals, organizations or associations formed by individuals, companies, partnerships and joint-ventures, carrying out the following economic activities are required to furnish their annual returns of production or services, properly filled in and signed, in accordance with the instructions mentioned in the returns to the respective Township Revenue Offices or the Companies Circle Tax Office (Medium Taxpayer Office) or Large Taxpayer Office in person or by registered mail. A receipt will be issued by the respective offices in the case of returns being filed in person.

2. The total proceeds of sale or the total receipts from service, which are not chargeable to commercial tax, of goods and services in the Cooperative and Private Sectors, other than exempted goods and services under the Union Taxes Law, 2014, are as follows:

(a) The total sale proceeds of Kyat 15,000,000 for the domestic production of goods in a financial year.
(b) The total receipt from service of Kyat 15,000,000 for the rendering of services in a financial year.
(c) The total sale proceeds of Kyat 15,000,000 for the trading business in a financial year.

3. Deadline for furnishing of returns - 30th June 2015 (Tuesday.)

4. Penalty for late filing and non-filing of returns - A penalty of 10% on the tax due shall be charged if there is a failure to furnish the return without a sufficient cause within the stipulated time.

5. How to get return forms - The forms are available free of charge at the respective Township Revenue Offices or Companies Circle Tax Office (Medium Taxpayer Office) or Large Taxpayer Office or on the IRD website http://www.ird.myanmar.gov.mm.

6. Enquiries - Enquiries may be made at the respective Township Revenue Offices or Companies Circle Tax Office (Medium Taxpayer Office) or Large Taxpayer Office or Tax Service Unit, 65th Street, between 22nd and 23rd Streets, Mandalay.

Director
TAX COLLECTION SUPERVISION DIRECTORATE

Ministry of Finance, Internal Revenue Department

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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY
FOREST DEPARTMENT
NAY PYITAW

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EoI) in Submission of OPEN TENDER to invest in Private Forest Plantation Program

1. Express of Interest is invited to the interested individuals, organizations and companies form both local and abroad for investment in Private Forest Plantation Program large block with an area of over 1000 acres in the (89,640) acres of Permanent Forest Estates stretching over 6 States and Regions of the country.

2. EoI must be submitted to the Director General’s Office (Office No.39, Forest Department, Nay Pyi Taw) not later than 16.30 hrs of 16th June 2015.

3. On the date of 17th June 2015 at 09:30 hrs, orientation meeting on submission of OPEN TENDER for Private Forest Plantation Program will be held at the above-mentioned place.

4. EoI Form can be either downloaded at www.fdmocaf.gov.mm or acquired from DG’s office, Director’s Office at Nay Pyi Taw Council and all States and Regions of the Forest Department.

5. For more information, please contact phones at the DG’s office: 067-405111, 067-405119, 067-405399, 067-405019 and Director’s office of the Forest Department at Nay Pyi Taw Council and all States and Regions during the office hours.

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UNION OF MYANMAR
TAX COLLECTION SUPERVISION DIRECTORATE
INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE FOR FILING RETURN OF INCOME

1. All taxpayers chargeable under the Income Tax Law within the financial year from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015, including companies, partnerships and joint-ventures, association of collective farming individuals (excluding salary-earners), associations formed by individuals, organizations or associations registered and formed under any existing law, are required to file their returns of income, properly filled in and signed in accordance with the instructions mentioned in the returns, to the respective Township Revenue Offices or the Companies Circle Tax Office (Medium Taxpayer Office) or Large Taxpayer Office in person or by registered mail. A receipt will be issued by the respective offices in the case of returns being filed in person.

2. Those taxpayers who earned income from “Salary” within the income year are not required to file a return of income. However, their employers are required to file the Annual Salary Statement to the respective Township Revenue Office.

3. Requirement For Attachment - Taxpayers are also required to submit, together with the return, a financial report prepared in connection with taxpayers’ books of account kept in accordance with the Income Tax Regulations for the relevant income year.

4. Deadline for Filing of Returns - 30th June 2015, (Tuesday.)

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Director of the movie Brad Peyton poses at the premiere of “San Andreas” in Hollywood, California on 26 May, 2015.—Reuters

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Tsonga lights up Paris to reach last eight, Cornet out

Paris, 1 June — Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga illuminated a grey day in Paris with a thrilling win over Tomas Berdych to reach the French Open quarter-finals on Sunday, but Maria’s Sharapova’s title defence was put on hold by the rain.

Roger Federer, the 2009 men’s champion, was another player kept waiting by the weather and although the Swiss did get on court, he walked off in the gathering gloom unsure about his last eight prospects, locked at one-set all with Gael Monfils.

After home favourite Alize Cornet’s run petered out in a bitter 6-2, 7-6(9) defeat by Ukraine’s 19th seed Elina Svitolina in a match held up for three hours by the rain, home eyes turned to Tsonga on Court Philippe Chatrier.

All seemed to be going well when the local favourite led by two sets against bad-tempered Czech fourth seed Berdych, but the defending champion was not unhappy in being on-and-off drizzle, but when he served for the match at 5-4 in the third the dampness seemed to get into his circuitry and he fluffed his chance.

Berdych pounced to take the third set on a tie-break and, as French cheers from fans huddled under colourful umbrellas in the stands turned to near silence, the Czech moved a break ahead in the fourth and looked favourite to go on and win.

Out of nowhere, however, the spring returned to Tsonga’s step and with an onslaught of heavy hitting he reeled off five games in a row to win 6-3, 6-2, 6(7)-5, 6-3.

The injury-plagued Tsonga sealed victory when Berdych wafted a backhand longhand and the Frenchman danced for joy before conducting the crowd’s “Oles” with his towel.

It was only the third time in nine meetings that Tsonga, seeded 14, had beaten Berdych and his reward is a quarter-final against Japan’s Kei Nishikori.

Title tip Nishikori had not struck a ball in anger since his second-round win over Brazil’s Thomaz Bellucci on Wednesday after his third-round opponent Benjamin Becker of Germany pulled out with an injury. If there was any rust, however, he soon shook it off to outclass Russian Teymuraz Gabashvili 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 and reach the quarter-finals at Roland Garros for the first time.

He also became the first Japanese man to get this far at the French Open for more than 80 years and he sounded like he had no intention of stopping yet.

“I think quarter-final that’s the first goal for this week,” the 2014 US Open runner-up said. “I hope it’s just the start of my journey, and I hope I can keep going.”

Eight seed Stan Wawrinka made up for lost time as he blew away Frenchman Gilles Simon 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 to set up a last eight encounter with either Swiss Federer or Monfils.

Two of the scheduled women’s fourth-round matches were postponed last night with Spain’s Garbine Muguruza’s clash against Czech 13th seed Lucie Safarova and Italian Flavia Pennetta’s meeting with Spain’s Garbine Muguruza. Those matches will be wedged into Monday’s schedule when better weather is expected in the French capital.— Reuters

Lazio survive missed penalty to take Champions League place

Rome, 1 June — Lazio survived a storming Napoli fightback, including a missed penalty, as they won 4-2 on Sunday to finish third in Serie A and qualify for the Champions League playoff round after both teams finished with 10 men.

Gonzalo Higuain scored twice as Napoli, needing to win to pip Lazio to third spot in coach Ra- fael Benitez’s last game in charge, hit back from 2-0 down at halftime to equalise in a game in which both teams finished with 10 men.

Argentine Higuain then had a golden chance to send his team into the Champions League when they were awarded a penalty with 15 minutes left but he fired a wild effort over the bar.

Lazio took full advantage as Ogenyi Onazi and Mi- rosav Klose scored in the last five minutes before the silenced Stadio San Paolo erupted with astonishing speed.

Lazio finished their campaign on 69 points, with Fiorentina fourth after a 3-0 win over Chievo and Napoli on 63.

The final weekend produced 47 goals in 10 games, with Cagliari beating Udinese 4-3, Inter Milan overcoming Empoli by the same score and Torino thrashing Cesena 5-0.

Lazio appeared to be cruising after Marco Paro- lo scored with a deflected shot and Antonio Candreva pounced on Kalidou Kouli- baby’s mistake to send the visitors to 2-0 at halftime.

But Napoli suddenly found belief after Higuain tapped in Jose Callejon’s low cross 10 minutes after the restart.

As the hosts increased the pressure, Lazio’s Ste- fan de Vrij denied Dries Mertens an equaliser with a goal-line clearance and the visitors then had Parolo sent off for a second bookable offence in the 62nd minute.

When Mertens cleverly set up Higuain to level two minutes later the momentum was clearly with Napol- li but they self-destructed in a manner painfully familiar to their fans.— Reuters

Japanese govt’s begins “Super Cool Biz” campaign

Tokyo, 1 June — The Japanese government be- gan its annual “Super Cool Biz” campaign on Monday, encouraging employees to dress casually to help reduce use of air conditioners for energy saving.

The campaign, which allows workers to wear polo shirts, sneakers and even Hawaiian aloha shirts in the office, began in 2011 following the 11 March earthquake and tsunami that triggered the Fukushima nuclear crisis and caused power shortage concerns amid the halt of nuclear power generation in the country.

The campaign running through September is an enhanced version of the “Cool Biz” initiative, which started 11 years ago to allow workers at central government ministries and agencies to work without their usual ties and jackets.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his Cabinet mem- bers will wear “kariyushi” — a summer shirt, similar to a Hawaiian shirt, from Okinawa, southern Japan — at a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday to promote the campaign.

Kentaro Ogita, an Envi- ronment Ministry official, said in a blue aloha shirt that he felt somewhat em- barrassed on his commuter train. “But I admit it is very comfortable and cooler. I recommend this style to everyone,” he said.

The ministry will also hold “Super Cool Biz” fashion shows and talk shows across the country as part of efforts to promote the initiative.

The mercury has risen in Japan recently, with the Japan Meteorological Agen- cy forecasting usual summer heat this year.

Kyodo News
Enthusiasts to enjoy Myanmar traditional boxing challenges in Kawlin 13-14 June

KAWLIN, 1 June — Min Thiha Kyaw Oo of Min Thiha Club will organize a Myanmar traditional boxing challenges with participation of renowned boxers from upper and lower Myanmar areas as well as famous boxers from Kawlin Township at the Township Gymnasium in Kawlin, Sagaing Region, on 13 and 14 June.

Marc Stendera of Germany scores a goal during the Group E FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015 match between Germany and Fiji at AMI Stadium on 1 June, 2015 in Christchurch, New Zealand.—FIFA

Mighty Mervo sinks Korea DPR

NEW PLYMOUTH, 1 June — Hungary shot to the top of Group E FIFA U-20 World Cup E thanks to a fabulous showing from hat-trick hero Bence Mervo, seeing his side beat Korea DPR 5-1. The powerful forward was unplayable all night as he tore in the Koreans’ back-line, and while An Ye Gun’s side briefly drew level they were always second best, with the Europeans pulling out of sight with three second-half goals.

The game began as something of a slow burner, with Hungary in charge but with little penetration, Atilla Osvath was first to test Cha Jong Hun in the Korea DPR goal, but the breakthrough came just six minutes later for the Magyars. A poor clearance by captain Kim Suk Chol allowed Donat Zsolt to swing in a sumptuous cross which Mervo only had to glance into the far corner.

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Rampant Germany smash eight past Fiji

CHRISTCHURCH, 1 June — Germany cruised to the most impressive footwork from Grischa Promel saw him fire in the near post to make it three in five minutes, before Frank Wormuth’s side were already guaranteed victory.

For the Magyars, a poor showing from hat-trick marker, with his header back across goal giving him an unexpected consolation strike. Only the half would continue.

With only pride to play for, Fiji returned emboldened and following a tortuous first 45 minutes for the Pacific fans, they were given something to cheer about when Iosefo Verevou claimed an unexpected consolation strike. As soon as Stark had converted Marc Kampf’s spot-kick, this time handed to Mukhtar so he could fire in.

Stefaniak pulled an effort out of the top drawer. After thanks to a fine goal-line clearance, substitute Marvin Kapf finished with a half-a-dozen to their name, impressively, saw the 1981 winners storm into an unassailable lead, though possession was all Germany’s.

However, with the islanders unable to retain possession, it was little surprise when the deadlock was quickly broken, and those first 18 minutes were not reflective of how the half would continue.

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