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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Sharing of information, mutual trust and respect between government and people, key to success in e-Government system Seminar for expediting e-Government processes held



Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa attends seminar for expediting e-Government processes where Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun delivers an address.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Representatives from related ministries at the seminar are to work out how to accelerate e-Government system with IT, lay down necessary policies and procedures and surmount the challenges, said Chairman of the Myanmar Computer Development Council Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun at the seminar for expediting e-Government processes held at the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs here this morning.

Responsibilities are on the shoulders of staff members at all levels to deal with the people in accord with laws for ensuring good governance, and that will provide impetus to the practice of e-Government system, he said, adding that the processes will go faster if e-Government system based on online system is accelerated.

He said that e-Government applications between governments, departments, companies and corporations such as Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) are used in related

ministries. Other ministries' processes such as e-D Form and National Single Windows, which is a customs procedure, including applications for export and import licenses in the Ministry of Commerce are e-Government processes of governmental departments. At that meeting, officials in charge from relevant ministries and local and foreign e-Government experts will hold talks to review the accomplishments in the e-Government project and seek ways to speed up the tasks.

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Shwegyin Hydropower Project nearing completion

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min yesterday inspected Shwegyin Hydropower Project being implemented by damming Shwegyin Creek, about six miles northeast of Shwegyin.

Of the four turbines of the project, three are now supplying 56.75 megawatt.

He inspected the power plant and called for paying more attention to environmental conservation, growing trees, and improving the natural ecology in the inundated areas. On completion, the power plant will be able to generate 262 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year.

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Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min at Shwegyin Hydropower Project.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Maintain stability, peace and development momentum

Being convinced of the fact that only with stability and peace across the nation, can the people enjoy high socio-economic life, the government gives top priority to stability and peace. National development relies on that of each citizen. So, the government is in pursuance of a large number of projects in various fields to shape the future of the people. In particular, it is implementing tasks for development of rural folks who make up the majority of the nation's population, and alleviation of poverty.

On his inspection tour around Kawhmu and Kungyangon townships in Yangon South District on 12 June, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended to the needs of residents. In meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations, townsenders and local people during the trip, the Vice-President highlighted the importance of State stability and peace in improving the social-economic life of the people, and called on them to keep maintaining State stability and peace with political awareness and vigilance.

About 80% of the dwellers of Kawhmu and Kungyangon townships live in rural areas, engaging in rice farming as the main source of their incomes. The educational and health buildings in the townships leveled by the cyclone "Nargis" three years ago have been reconstructed with the aegis of the government and contributions of donors. Now, the townships have got cyclone shelters and emergency food warehouses.

The task of building a modern, developed nation is so onerous that the government alone is not capable of accomplishing it. To help materialize the huge task, service personnel are to show kind heart to the people and protect and serving public interest. A notable point in that regard is that they should take care in shouldering duties so as to avert wrong decisions due to excessive goodwill.

Now, the process of transforming the nation from old to new system is picking up momentum. It is, therefore, mandatory for the people to keep maintaining stability, peace and the rule of law, which are fruits of their consolidated unity.

Cash donated for Anti-narcotics Association

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June – Taungkoelon Co Managing Director U Khin Maung Thet and family donated K 420,000 for awarding the winners of the fourth anti-narcotics poem recitation contest in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which falls on 26 June at the office of Myanmar Anti-narcotics Association (Head Office) in Kamayut Township here this morning.

Those wishing to make cash donations can contact Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association (Ph: 502893 and 532229).—MNA

People's Distrust

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Home Affairs Ministry provides educational assistance for staff's offspring

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko attended a ceremony to provide educational assistance for offspring of staff members of Home Affairs Ministry and unit/department at the ministry here today.

The Union Minister presented stipends and note books for this academic year through responsible persons.

Ministry of Home Affairs provided school uniforms and stationery worth K 13,432,000. The Union Minister and family



also donated 1,000 dozens of note books.

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Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko addresses ceremony to provide educational assistance for offspring of staff members.—MNA

UNESCO officials visit Education Ministry



Union Minister Dr Mya Aye receives Deputy Director Mr Etienne Clement of UNESCO office in Bangkok and Programme Officer Mr Sardar Umar Alam of UNESCO (Myanmar).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Deputy Director Mr Etienne Clement of UNESCO office in Bangkok and Programme Officer Mr Sardar Umar

Alam of UNESCO (Myanmar) called on Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye at his office here this morning.

They discussed matters related to activities of UNESCO. Also present at the call were Deputy Education Ministers U Aye Kyu and U Ba Shwe, Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department and Director-General U Zaw Htay of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar).—MNA

Natural Disaster Preparedness Course No. 5/2011 opens in Kachin State



Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai making address at Natural Disaster Preparedness Course No. 5/2011.—MNA

explained the purpose of conducting the course. The Chief Minister watched video clip of victory over Nargis and viewed the booths. A total of 70 trainees are attending the course that will take six days.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Natural Disaster Preparedness Course No. 5/2011 aiming at mitigating loss of lives and properties of the people caused by natural disasters opened at Myitkyina Town Hall in Kachin State yesterday.

Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai stressed the needs for preparation before, during and after disaster so as to ease lives and properties of people.

Deputy Director-General U Soe Htwe of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Department

Gunmen storm Baquba council, killing eight



BAGHDAD, 14 June—Gunmen and suicide bombers have stormed an Iraqi provincial council building in the city of Baquba, killing at least eight people on Tuesday.

A car bomb and a suicide bomber opened the attack the main gate. At least five gunmen then stormed the compound, and a second suicide bomber blew himself up in fighting with troops.

The incident followed a pattern similar to that used by al-Qaeda in attacks

earlier in the year.

The council of Diyala province, north-east of Baghdad, was due to meet in Baquba when the building was attacked.

Witnesses spoke of clashes inside the compound between the insurgents, armed with machine guns, and Iraqi security forces.

At least three of the attackers were thought to be among the dead. At least 17 people were wounded.

The US military said in a statement that its forces had provided "observation support" from helicopters.

Violence remains routine but is now at a much lower level. The US is planning to withdraw its remaining 45,000 troops from Iraq by the end of this year.

Internet

Car bomb, gunfire at gov't building in Iraq's Diyala

BAQUBA, 14 June—Car bomb and gunfire attacks were reported at government compound in Baquba City, the capital of Iraq's eastern province of Diyala on Tuesday, local police told *Xinhua*.

Unidentified gunmen blew up a booby-trapped car at the entrance of Diyala's provincial government compound while dozens of them traded fire with the guards in an attempt to seize the building, a source from Diyala's operations command said on condition of anonymity.

"Many employees inside the compound have been surrounded and there was no communication with them so far," the source said.

There is no immediate reports about casualties, the source said.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border east of the country, has long been a stronghold for al-Qaeda militants and other militant groups since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 despite repeated US and Iraqi military operations against them.—*Xinhua*

40 years after leak, the Pentagon Papers are out



In this 30 June, 1971 file picture, workers in the New York Times composing room in New York look at a proof sheet of a page containing the secret Pentagon report on Vietnam. Forty years after the explosive leak of the Pentagon Papers, a secret government study chronicling deception and misadventure in US conduct of the Vietnam War, the report is coming out in its entirety on 13 June, 2011.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 14 June—Call it the granddaddy of WikiLeaks. Four decades ago, a young defence analyst leaked a top-secret study packed with damaging revelations about America's conduct of the Vietnam War.

On Monday, that study, dubbed the

Pentagon Papers, finally came out in complete form. It's a touchstone for whistleblowers everywhere and just the sort of leak that gives presidents fits to this day.

The documents show that almost from the opening lines, it was apparent that the authors knew they had produced

a hornet's nest.

In his 15 Jan, 1969, confidential memorandum introducing the report to the defence chief, the chairman of the task force that produced the study hinted at the explosive nature of the contents. "Writing history, especially where it blends into current events, especially where that current event is Vietnam, is a treacherous exercise," Leslie H Gelb wrote.

Asked by Defence Secretary Robert S McNamara to do an "encyclopedic and objective" study of US involvement in Vietnam from World War II to 1967, the team of three dozen analysts pored over a trove of Pentagon, CIA and State Department documents with "ant-like diligence," he wrote.

Internet



Pakistani police officers stand at the site of an explosion in Peshawar, Pakistan, on 12 June, 2011. Two explosions went off minutes apart in the northwest Pakistani city of Peshawar Sunday, killing more than 34 people and injuring nearly 100 in one of the deadliest attacks.

INTERNET

Taleban key commander killed in W Afghanistan

HERAT, 14 June—Afghan police in an operation against militants killed a Taleban key commander in Herat province 640 km west of capital city of Kabul, deputy to provincial police chief said on Tuesday.

"Based on intelligence information Afghan National Police (ANP) launched a special operation to capture a militant commander in Chisht district Monday night but upon arrival of police forces in the area a gun fight broke out. As a result a Taleban key commander named Sayed Mirza was killed," Dilawar Shah Dilawar told *Xinhua*. According to Dilawar, after the killing of Mirza, who is responsible for coordinating and conducting subversive activities and attacks in the district, a total of 15 of his fighters laid down their arms and surrender to police.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Food poisoning hospitalizes 200 in Philippines

MANILA, 14 June — At least 200 people, mostly children, have been taken to hospitals after allegedly suffering from food poisoning at a birthday party in the northern Philippine Province of Bulacan, local newspaper *Manila Bulletin* reported Tuesday. Most of the victims suffered from stomach and chest pains, diarrhea and vomiting, local health officer Dr Rizalli Lucas was quoted as saying.

The victims claimed the cause of their food poisoning was the spaghetti served during a birthday celebration over the weekend in a village of Calumpit Town. James P de Jesus, mayor of Calumpit, said the situation is now contained and controlled but they still have to implement health measures and to determine the cause of the alleged food poisoning.

Police have started investigating the incident.

Xinhua

Iraqi security forces inspect the scene of a suicide car bomb attack in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 340 miles (550 kilometres) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 13 June, 2011. A suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden vehicle into a police building in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Monday, killing and wounding several people, officials said.

INTERNET



Billions of dollars for Iraq reconstruction unaccounted for

LOS ANGELES, 14 June—Despite years of audits and investigations, US Defence officials still cannot say what happened to 6.6 billion US dollars in cash set aside for Iraq reconstruction, a newspaper report said on Monday.

For the first time, federal auditors are suggesting that some or all of the cash may have been stolen, not just mislaid in an accounting error, *The Los Angeles Times* said.

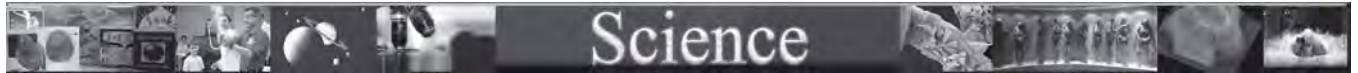
After the US-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003, the George W Bush administration flooded the conquered country with lots of cash to pay for reconstruction and other projects.

Pentagon officials determined that

one giant C-130 Hercules cargo plane could carry 2.4 billion dollars in shrink-wrapped bricks of 100-dollar bills. They sent an initial full planeload of cash, followed by 20 other flights to Iraq by May 2004 in a 12- billion-dollar haul that US officials believe to be the biggest international cash airlift of all time.

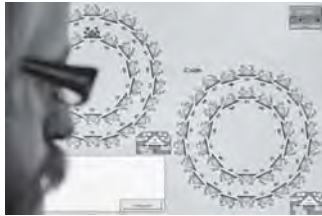
But years after the Iraq War, the money was nowhere to be found.

Stuart Bowen, special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, an office created by Congress, said the missing 6.6 billion dollars may be "the largest theft of funds in national history."—*Xinhua*



Science

No new particle from atom-smasher: US scientists



A scientist checks a monitor during a particle collision experiment. US physicists said they were unable to confirm the findings of an atom-smasher experiment that was touted in April as possibly having discovered a new force of nature.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 14 June—US physicists said Monday they were unable to confirm the findings of an atom-smasher experiment that was touted in April as possibly having discovered a new force of nature.

The initial findings caused a buzz in the scientific community and plenty of speculation over whether the elusive Higgs-Boson particle which could explain why objects have mass or another new elementary particle may have finally been detected.

But the DZero (D0) collaboration at the US Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory said the bump in the data found by its sister project, the Collider Detector at Fermilab (CDF), could not be replicated.

"We have looked among two hundred trillion particle collisions, and we don't see the excess reported by

CDF," said a statement by DZero spokesman Dmitri Denisov. For more than a year physicists have been studying what appears to be a "bump" in the data from the Illinois-based Fermi lab, which operates the powerful particle accelerator, or atom-smasher, Tevatron. "This is exactly how science works," said DZero spokesman Stefan Soldner-Rembold.

"Independent verification of any new observation is the key principle of scientific research. At the Tevatron, we have two experiments that, by design, can check each other." The Tevatron was once the most powerful machine in the world for such purposes until 2008 when the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) became operational at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, which goes by the acronym CERN.

INTERNET

Teen brain response 'linked to pop songs' success'

WASHINGTON, 14 June — When listening to certain pop songs, teenagers' brains may offer clues about what will or won't be a megahit, US researchers have said.

By studying the gray matter of adolescents using a functional magnetic resonance imaging machine, or MRI scan, researchers found that activity in a region called the ventral striatum was linked to the popularity of the music.

The small study, conducted in 2006 at Emory University in Georgia, involved 27 youths aged 12 to 17 who were asked to listen to a selection of little known pop songs from the social networking site MySpace.

The adolescents underwent MRI scans while listening and were also asked to rate the songs for likeability.

Three years later, lead

researcher Gregory Berns was watching an episode of the popular music show American Idol and recognized one of the songs that had featured in his study.

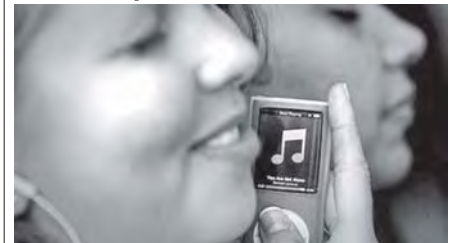
He began to wonder if his results may have been able to predict the pop song's success, so he revisited his research and compared it to the songs that had become popular in terms of sales from 2007 to 2010.

"It's not quite a hit

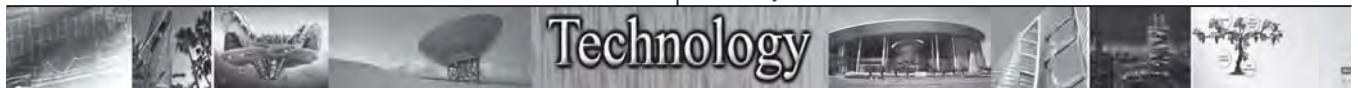
predictor, but we did find a significant correlation between the brain responses in this group of adolescents and the number of songs that were ultimately sold," said Bern.

Positive brain responses could predict close to one-third of popular songs, while about 90 percent of songs that drew little activity in the brain would go on to flop, the study said.

INTERNET



Two teenagers listen to an ipod in Los Angeles, California, 2009. When listening to certain pop songs, teenagers' brains may offer clues about what will or won't be a megahit, US researchers said.—INTERNET



Technology

Japan develops technology to stop standby waste

TOKYO, 14 June—Japanese researchers said Monday they had developed the technology to stop power being consumed by personal computers, televisions and other electronic devices when they are in standby mode.

NEC Corp and Tohoku University said they aim to bring the new semiconductor technology into practical use within five years, potentially reducing the estimated two percent of household electricity

wasted through the standby mode.

Currently, electronic devices that are plugged into power outlets receive a constant flow of electricity to hold data — even when switched off.

The new technology is based on "spintronics" which exploits the intrinsic spin of electrons and its associated magnetic moment. Electrons act as magnets that can read and write data.

INTERNET



Tohoku University professor Hideo Ohno with a silicon wafer featuring large scale integrated circuits (LSI's) in Tokyo, on 8 June, 2011.

INTERNET



Screen capture, courtesy of Bethesda Softworks in 2009, shows a scene out of the videogame "Fallout 3." US videogame studio Bethesda Softworks on Monday said its websites were hit with a cyberattack over the weekend and warned that hackers may have stolen some user data.

INTERNET

Samsung, Apple to end Nokia's smartphone reign

HELSINKI, 14 June—Samsung Electronics Co Ltd will become the world's largest smartphone maker this quarter, overtaking struggling Nokia Oyj which has led the market since 1996, Nomura said on Monday. In the next quarter Nomura sees Apple Inc also overtaking Nokia, pushing the Finnish company to No 3 in the rankings. "Nokia looks set to relinquish its smartphone crown to Samsung and Apple," Nomura analysts said in a research note. "Further emphasizing the shift in power to Asia is our forecast for HTC to almost match Nokia during 2012."

Research firms Gartner and Canalys both said they saw Nokia which created the smartphone market with its 1996 launch of the Communicator model losing smartphone volume leadership later this year.

Reuters

Hackers target Bethesda videogame studio

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 June—US videogame studio Bethesda Softworks on Monday said its websites were hit with a cyberattack over the weekend and warned that hackers may have stolen some user data. "A hacker group attempted an unlawful intrusion of our websites to gain access to data," the studio behind hot videogames including "Fallout" and "Rage" said in a blog post.

"We believe we have taken appropriate action to protect our data against these attacks," the message continued. Bethesda said no personal financial information or credit card data was swiped but that hackers may have gained access to some user names, email addresses, or passwords.

The videogame maker advised fans to change passwords at its websites, including online pages for community forums and a statistics site for "Brink" videogame players. "We regret any inconvenience that these attacks on us cause for you," Bethesda said.—INTERNET



Models pose with Samsung Electronics' new smartphone Galaxy S II at the company's headquarters in Seoul in this 28 April, 2011.—INTERNET

Health



An Indian boy receives anti-polio vaccination drops by an Indian Health worker as part of a Polio vaccination campaign in Amritsar on 23 January, 2011.
INTERNET

Donors pledge \$4.3 b for child vaccines

LONDON, 14 June—International donors pledged \$4.3 billion to vaccinate nearly 250 million children against life-threatening diseases such as pneumonia and diarrhoea, at a London conference Monday.

GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation), the group backed by Microsoft tycoon Bill Gates, said the funding would save more than four million lives over the next four years. Britain pledged £814 million (\$1.3 billion, 920 million euros) in additional funding and Gates said his charitable foundation would add another \$1 billion over five years. The pledges surpassed the \$3.7 billion (\$5.3 billion euro) target set by GAVI.

"We have exceeded the figure that we set ourselves and we have received firm pledges for a sum of \$4.3 billion," Britain's International Development

Secretary Andrew Mitchell announced.

Among other donors, Norway gave \$677 million and the United States pledged \$450 million, while Brazil and Japan donated to GAVI for the first time. Brazil said it would give \$12 million from 2011 to 2015 and Japan pledged \$9 million.

British Prime Minister David Cameron told the conference: "Frankly, the idea of children dying from pneumonia and diarrhoea should be absolutely unthinkable in 2011."

"But for many parents in the developing world it is a devastating reality." GAVI is aiming to immunise 243 million more children by 2015.

It has already vaccinated 288 million children in 19 countries and now wants to extend the programme of jabs to another 26 countries.

Internet

Breastfeeding linked to lower risk of SIDS

NEW YORK, 14 June—Babies who are breastfed—especially those only fed breast milk, and not formula as well—are less likely to die of sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, suggests a new analysis of past studies.

While the findings can't prove that breastfeeding causes the lower risk of SIDS, the authors write in *Pediatrics* that other explanations seem unlikely.

"Breastfeeding is the best method of feeding infants," said Dr Fern Hauck, the study's lead author from the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville.

SIDS, also known as "crib death," is defined as a sudden and unexplained death—usually during sleep—in a baby less than one year old. It's most common in infants between two and four

months old, according to the National Institutes of Health, and kills about 2,500 infants in the US each year. Researchers aren't sure what causes SIDS, but they know that African American and male babies are more likely to die from SIDS, and that parents can cut down on their baby's risk by making sure infants sleep on their backs and don't get too hot.

Reuters

Test detects main tumour of spread cancer

REDWOOD CITY, 14 June—Officials of a diagnostics company say Palmetto GBA, the contractor that administers Medicare in California will cover a test to detect metastatic cancer. Pathwork Diagnostics Inc officials say the Tissue of Origin Test helps identify the primary tumour in difficult to diagnose cancer cases such as those that are metastatic—having spread from one organ or part to another non-adjacent organ—or with a complex clinical history. "Cancers are best treated according to their respective sites of origin and tissue type," Dr Karo K Arzoo, an oncologist at the Roy and

Patricia Disney Family Cancer Centre and Chair of Hematology and Providence Saint Joseph Medical Centre in Burbank, Calif, says in a statement. "This is true even when the disease is metastatic at the time of diagnosis."

An accurate diagnosis of the primary tumour site helps the physician choose the best treatment and because all Tissue of Origin test specimens are processed in the Pathwork Diagnostics Laboratory in California, the decision by Palmetto means that the test will be covered for Medicare patients across the United States, officials at Pathwork say.—Internet



Airlines collected \$3.4b in bag fees in 2010

NEW YORK, 14 June—Passengers hate them, but airlines can't afford to give them up—those aggravating bag fees. US airlines collected \$3.4 billion for checked luggage last year, according to a government report issued Monday. That's up 24 percent from 2009 and a big reason the industry made money again after three years of losses.

In 2010, the major airlines made a combined \$2.6 billion in profits, less than they collected in bag fees. The fees—typically \$50 round-trip for the first piece of checked luggage and \$70 for the second—allow the industry to navigate between rising fuel costs and customers who expect rock-bottom airfares. "If it weren't for the fees, the airlines would most likely be losing money," said Jim Corridore, airline analyst with Standard & Poor's. That's little comfort to fliers who have increasingly felt nickel-and-dimed by the airlines and now face a summer of higher airfares and packed planes.

"I feel like I am constantly being hit by little things by the airlines," said Lauren DiMarco, a stay-at-home mother from Wenham, Mass.

"We're already paying so much money."

Internet



Christian Noriega of Hayward Calif., with an umbrella on his side checks in at the Philadelphia International Airport on 13 June, 2011, in Philadelphia. Noriega said he spent about \$163 to check three bags with American Airlines.

INTERNET

Business

China's May consumer inflation at near 3-year high

BEIJING, 14 June—China's politically sensitive inflation rate hit its highest level in nearly three years in May, the government said Tuesday, despite persistent official efforts to tame food and property costs.

The consumer price index rose 5.5 percent year-on-year in May, up from 5.3 percent in April and far above Beijing's annual target of 4.0 percent, as food prices soared following power shortages and crippling droughts in some regions.

It was the highest rate since July 2008, when the index rose 6.3 percent. The data has fuelled expectations for



China's consumer price index rose 5.5 percent in May from a year earlier—the highest inflation rate in nearly three years, the government said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

further monetary tightening in the coming weeks as authorities—eager about inflation's potential to spark social unrest—try to stem a flood of credit in the economy. The world's second-largest economy is "still facing significant inflationary pressures" and must implement measures to contain prices, National Bureau of Statistics spokesman Sheng Laiyun told a news conference. Royal Bank of Canada senior strategist Brian Jackson said another interest rate hike was likely before the end of June, which would take the number of increases to five since October, followed by another move in the third quarter.—Internet

S&P downgrades Greece on higher default risks

PARIS, 14 June—Standard and Poor's slashed its credit rating for Greece on Monday by three notches to CCC, saying there was a significantly higher probability of a default in the struggling eurozone member.

"The downgrade reflects our view that there is a significantly higher likelihood of one or more defaults, as defined by our criteria relating to full and timely payment, linked to efforts by official creditors to close an emerging financing gap in Greece," said the rating agency. It said its estimate of a 30 to 50 percent recovery upon default remained unchanged.

"In our view Greece is increasingly likely to restructure its debt in a manner that, under the conditions of any package of additional funding provided by Greece's official creditors, would result in one or more defaults under our criteria," said S&P's Mark Tierney.—Internet

Britain cannot defend Falklands: 1982 commander



File photo of a field artillery battery firing during a military exercise at Mount Pleasant British base, Falklands.—INTERNET

LONDON, 14 June—Military cuts mean Britain would be hard put to defend the Falkland Islands from another Argentine attack, the commander of the naval task force that recaptured them exactly 29 years ago said Tuesday.

"As things currently

stand, we'd have serious trouble defending anything much further than the other side of the English Channel," he added, in an article in the *Daily Mail* newspaper.

Woodward cited the lack of an aircraft carrier and weakening US support for British

sovereignty.

"Twenty-nine years ago today, we reclaimed the Falklands for Britain in one of the most remarkable campaigns since the Second World War," Woodward wrote.

"The simple truth is without aircraft carriers and without the Americans, we would not have any hope of doing the same again today." The Falklands "are now perilously close to being indefensible".

Britain, which has held the windswept Falklands islands since 1833, won a short but bloody war in 1982 after Argentina's military junta invaded the islands.—*Internet*

A boy looks at corn, rice and millet at the food market in Maradi, Niger in 2005. Subsaharan Africa could double or triple rice yields and one day even export to Asia where urban sprawl and rising sea levels threaten paddies, a global research chief said.

INTERNET



Global research chief sees rice boom in Africa

MADRID, 14 June—Subsaharan Africa could double or triple rice yields and one day even export to Asia where urban sprawl and rising sea levels threaten paddies, a global research chief said Monday.

Large parts of Subsaharan Africa, in the Sudan, for example, have vast tracts of land suitable for paddy rice production, said International Rice Research Institute director general Robert Zeigler.

But these lands have yet to be

harnessed. As a result, Africa now imports about 40 percent of its rice needs from Asia.

In 2009, paddy production rose 3.44 percent to 24.43 million tonnes in African countries, UN Food and Agriculture Organization data showed. But demand grew 4.2 percent in the same year, said the Africa Rice Centre's annual report, forcing the continent to import 10 million tonnes of rice at a cost of \$4 billion (\$2.8 billion euros).—*Internet*

Dead Sea threatened both by shrinking and flooding

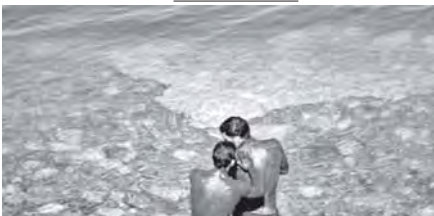
EIN BOKEK, (Israel), 14 June—The Dead Sea is dying, goes the conventional wisdom: The water level of the fabled salty lake is dropping nearly 4 feet (1.2 metres) a year. Less well known: Part of the lake is actually overflowing, threatening one of Israel's key tourism destinations.

Israel is feverishly campaigning to have the Dead Sea — the lowest point on earth and repository of precious minerals — named one of the natural wonders of the world. At the same time, it's racing to stabilize what

it calls "the world's largest natural spa" so hotels on its southern end aren't swamped and tourists can continue to soak in the lake's therapeutic waters.

Without intervention, "in five to 10 years, (the water) would flood the hotel lobbies, no question," said Alon Tal, one of the researchers the government has commissioned to find a solution. The Dead Sea is divided into a northern and southern basin, which are located at different elevations, largely disconnected and miles (kilometres) apart.

Internet



In this 30 May, 2011 photo, bathers covered with mineral mud sit by the Dead Sea waters near Kibbutz Ein Gedi, Israel. Israel's tourism and environmental protection ministers are endorsing an expensive proposal - a complex \$2 billion plan to chip off the salt buildup on the part of the lake that's rising and send it by conveyor belt to the northern end that's dropping.

INTERNET



Israeli F-16 warplanes take part in a military parade marking Israel's 60th anniversary in 2008. Israel's military police have opened an inquiry into the theft of airplane parts, a spokeswoman said without confirming Press reports that eight fighter-jet engines had been stolen.

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Fighter-jet engines 'stolen from Israeli base'

JERUSALEM, 14 June—Israel's military police on Monday opened an inquiry into the theft of airplane parts, a spokeswoman said without confirming Press reports that eight fighter-jet engines had been stolen.

"The military police have opened an inquiry into the matter," she told AFP without giving further detail or confirming reports of the theft

from Tel Nof airbase near Tel Aviv. Air force officials quoted in the *Maariv* newspaper said the stolen parts were eight engines from F-15 and F-16 fighter jets which were taken from Tel Nof air base.

They said it was not immediately clear when the theft took place, but said the parts were no longer in use and had most likely been stolen for their

value as scrap metal, the paper said.

Investigators quoted by the paper said each engine weighed "several tonnes" and could only have been taken away on large trucks, prompting speculation that the thieves had help from inside the base. Military officials quoted by *Israel HaYom* newspaper described the theft as "very serious."—*Internet*

70 pct of arms seized in Mexico from US

MEXICO CITY, 14 June—About 70 percent of the guns seized in Mexico and submitted to a US guntracing programme came from the United States, according to a report released by three US senators Monday. Of the 29,284 firearms recovered by authorities in Mexico in 2009 and 2010, 20,504 came from the United States, according to figures provided to the senators by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Most of those weapons — 15,131 — were US made, while another 5,373 were of foreign manufacture but had moved through the United States into Mexico. The ATF said the remainder of the weapons total 8,780 arms were of "undetermined origin due to insufficient information provided."

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Hackers breach US Senate website

WASHINGTON, 14 June—A shadowy group of hackers behind a string of recent cyberattacks claimed to have breached the US Senate website and taken internal data.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, which is responsible for congressional security, confirmed there had been an intrusion into the server hosting the public website, *Se-nate.gov*, but said no sensitive information was compromised.

The hacker group, which goes by the name of "Lulz Security," published files online at *lulzsecurity.com* said to have been swiped from *Senate.gov*. "This is a small, just-for-kicks release of some internal data from *Senate.gov* — is this an act of war, gentlemen?" Lulz Security said in a statement. "We don't like the US government very much," the group added. "Their sites aren't very secure."—*Internet*

Yegu relay station to function well

YANGON, 14 June—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, accompanied by Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and personnel, visited Yegu retransmission station in Mayangon Township here yesterday.

Director U Myint Aung of Myanmar Radio and Television and officials reported to the Union minister on retransmission of radio programmes with



medium waves and short waves. The Union minister called officials concerned to have a

master plan for systematic operation of new transmission equipment, to organize a

checking group for regular maintenance of equipment every six months, to coordinate

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan inspects Yegu relay station of Myanmar Radio & Television.—MNA



with respective security organizations for security of the station, to check the wall and barbed wire

of the station and to take measures for proper flow of drainage.

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Works start for new Minhla power station



Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe inspects site chosen for construction of Switchyard of Minhla Sub-power Station.—MNA

YANGON, 14 June—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U

Khin Maung Soe visited the district and township electrical engineer offices

in Thayawady District, Bago Region yesterday morning.

The Union minister inspected the construction site of new Minhla power station in Minhla Township and left instructions concerning layout plan and switchyard layout plan of the power station, supply of building materials, construction of staff quarters, chosen alignments for 230 KV Thayagon-Minhla power grid, and 230 KV Shwetaung-Myaung-daga power grid. He then examined the site chosen for construction of switchyard and control room of the power station.—MNA

Physical training technique, coaching and refereeing course opens

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Organized by the Sports Ministry and Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, region and state level physical training technique, coaching and refereeing course 2011 was opened at the Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) this morning. Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U

Aye Myint Kyu addressed the opening ceremony.

Next, the deputy minister viewed the training of Zeya Shwemyay reserve football team and met with the coaches of the institute. In the afternoon, he attended a meeting on sending of the students from the institute to sports federations for training.

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Wheat farms successful in Taungni Village, ...

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Villagers have implemented the spring water supply project in cooperation with the Township Development Affairs Committee. The

village enjoys sufficient electric power with the self-help paddy-husk-fired power plant and TV programmes. So, its success can be emulated by surrounding villages.

Farmer U Ba Myint told *The Myanmar Alin* that previously he used seeds of local wheat species, and that year, he chose wheat seeds from the Township Myanmar Agriculture Service and ran test growing of wheat for 10 acres. When asked about paddy and per acre wheat



Some wheat seeds from the farms in Taungni Village.

yields, he said that he grew paddy of Hsin Ekari strain for over four acres and got per acre yield of 80 baskets; and that the per acre wheat yield was 20 baskets.

Farmer U Win Aung said that the per acre wheat yield of his farm was 20 baskets; and that he was getting on with wheat

farming and he thought he would grow wheat more.

Farmer U San Oo his wheat farm was successful and attracted attention from farmers from surrounding villages; that his farm was productive, and wheat was of good quality and was salable and wheat farming was cost-

effective; and that Taungni Village-tract planned to put over 100 acres under wheat the following year.

Manager of the Township Myanmar Agriculture Service Daw Htwe Than said that they provided local farmers with quality wheat strains and technical support; and that they were making arrangements in advance to supply adequate wheat seeds to local farmers to grow after that monsoon paddy season.

Wheat farming has become a lucrative business in Taungni Village. So, local farmers are enjoying better living standard.

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Farmers observing a wheat field in Taungni Village.

Sharing of information,...

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He urged the attendees to set out their opinions to overcome the challenges they have faced. According to the UN report on e-Government development, sharing of information and mutual trust and respect between the government and the people is the key to success in that regard. He warned them of cyber security that ensures regular flows of information between the government and the people.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, deputy ministers as well as members of the Myanmar Computer Development Council, advisers to the President Office, heads of department, CIOs from related ministries and NGOs and INGOs that are undertaking e-Government processes, and distinguished guests.

Union Minister U Soe Maung said that e-Government processes must get a move on to be able to keep abreast of the international community. Smooth office functions make direct contribution towards the nation's economic

development. Economic growth has a link with politics, and e-Government can ensure good governance and clean government, he said. He pointed out that e-Government system is to be implemented nationwide.

Senior Adviser Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet from Myanmar Resident Representatives Office of United Nations held preliminary talks about measures for quickening e-Government processes.

The attendees observed present e-Government situations of the Republic of the Union of

about Planning Template.

Dr Aung Tun Thet chaired the afternoon session. Director U Min Min of the Planning and Statistics Division of the Directorate of Trade of the Ministry of Commerce, Deputy Director U Ye Yint Thein of the Immigration and National Registration Department of the Ministry of Immigration and Population, Assistant Director U Maung Maung Htwe Swe of the Customs Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Director Daw Kyi Kyi Thein of the Ministry of Education, and Associate Professor Dr Mee Mee Su Thwin of the



Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung gives a speech at seminar.—MNA

Myanmar. The seminar resumed at 11 am. Principal U Kyaw Soe of the Telecommunications and Postal Training Centre and Managing Director U Thauang Su Nyein of the Inforithm Maze talked

Cyber Security Department of the Ministry of Science and Technology read papers on e-Government system.

The resource persons also replied to the queries raised by the attendees.

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Bago holds monsoon tree-planting activity

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe attended the monsoon tree-planting activity held in commemoration of International Year of Forests and World Environmental Conservation Day, at Basic Education High School No.5 in Oaatha of Bago

yesterday.

The chief minister and wife distributed saplings to departments and social organizations. A total of 743 saplings of various trees were planted by students, teachers, departmental staff and members of social organizations in the activity.

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Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe plants a tree at monsoon tree-planting ceremony.

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Union Minister encourages MBSF's and MCF's fighters



Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan views selected Myanmar billiard players in training.

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NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan viewed sport elites, who were undergoing training for 26th SEA Games, at Myanmar Billiard and Snooker Federation (MBSF) at Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs

Billiard and Snooker Hall in Zabuthiri Township here today.

A responsible person of MBSF gave account of game types to be shot by MBSF in the coming SEA Games. Selected Myanmar billiard players made demonstrations of their skills.

The Union Minister proceeded to Myanmar Chess Federation to view tentatively selected

chess players training to take part in 26th SEA Games.

The Union Minister heard a report presented by a responsible person on rules of ASEAN Chess which is first ever in the SEA Games' history.

Later, the Union Minister provided cash assistance for manager, coach and players.

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Union Religious Affairs Minister receives Saudi Ambassador



Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung receives Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Myanmar Mr Talal M S Abdul Salam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung received Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Myanmar Mr Talal M S Abdul Salam at the ministry here this afternoon. They exchanged views on

friendly ties between the two nations.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Htay, departmental heads, head of office and officials.

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Construction Ministry nurturing its staff

YANGON, 14 June—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint addressed the opening of refresher course on financial supervision—Grade (4), housing development management course and warehouse assistant-4 course

at Central Training School (Thuwunna) of Ministry of Construction yesterday morning. A total of 107 trainees, 48 in the first course, 20 in the second and 39 in the last, are attending the five-week courses.—MNA

Border Affairs and Myanmar Industrial Development Ministry plants 1,240 trees

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay showed up the mon-soon tree-

planting ceremonies of the ministries this morning.

Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Zaw Win, U Han Sein and U Chan Maung, directors-

general and staff of the ministries also appeared at the ceremonies where they planted over 1,240 saplings.

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Union Minister Maj-Gen Thein Htay plants trees at monsoon tree planting ceremony.

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Forestry Ministry, Daewoo discuss cooperation on afforestation

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June — Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun received CEO and Chairman of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Dong Hee Lee at the ministry here

today.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on cooperation on development of forestry sector including establishment of forest plantation.

Also present at the call were Director-General U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department and Acting Director-General of the Forest Department U Aye Myint Maung.

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Union Mines Minister receives Nobel Gold Ltd's Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June — Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Grigory Gurevich, Chairman of Nobel Gold Ltd, at the ministry here this afternoon.

At the meeting, they

discussed matters on mining. Also present at the meeting were the director-general of the Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration and the managing director of the No.2 Mining Enterprise.

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Union Minister U Win Tun receives Mr Dong Hee Lee, CEO and Chairman of Daewoo International Corporation.

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Union Minister U Thein Htaik receives Chairman Grigory Gurevich of Nobel Gold Ltd.

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77th Shan State Vinaya Dhinuggaha Exam held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June —Shan State Vinaya Dhinuggaha Examination was held in Nyaungshwe yesterday and a total of 2847 Members of the Sangha sat for the 77th examination.

Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat and wife, regional

ministers and officials concerned also attended the ceremony to start the examination at Myoma Yangon Monastery in Nyaungshwe. During the ceremony, they donated provisions to Sayadaws.

After the ceremony, the chief

minister and party visited the exhibition on environmental conservation at the Cultural Museum and Library in Nyaungshwe. The exhibition has been kept open as part of efforts for conservation of Inlay Lake and environment.

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Raising of traditional medicine quality, practitioners' skills underscored

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin called for raising the quality of traditional medicine and the skills of practitioners in meeting with the head of Yangon Region Traditional Medicine Department, medical

superintendent of Yangon Region Traditional Medicine Hospital and staff at the hospital on 9 June.

Next, she looked round the hospital, comforted the patients and inspected the traditional medicine factory, workshop and medical store. Then,

the deputy minister attended the meeting of Health Dhammayon Supervisory Committee at Yangon Region Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) and inspected project plans for anti-venom of viper made from chicken eggs. —MNA



Press conference on Yangon International Trade Exhibition in progress. (News Reported)

WWII bomber crashes in Chicago

CHICAGO, 14 June—A World War II bomber on Monday crashed and burned after it took off from Aurora Municipal Airport in the west of Chicago and all the seven people on board have escaped without injury, according to aviation officials.

The plane, a B-17 bomber, went down about three or four miles from Aurora 20 minutes after it took off, reported *Chicago Tribune* on Monday, quoting the

spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

"The plane is burning. We believe the seven people on board escaped without injury," said the spokeswoman.

The pilot made an emergency landing in a cornfield near a highway after reporting an engine fire, according to the local fire department.

The authorities are investigating the accident.

The plane was

manufactured in 1944 and is registered to the Liberty Foundation in Miami.

Xinhua

The wreckage of a World War II bomber is seen in the photo taken in the west of Chicago, the United States, on 13 June, 2011.
XINHUA



Confucius Institute celebrates 4th anniversary in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 14 June—Confucius Institute at the Kathmandu University in Nepal celebrated 4th anniversary on Monday.

A special programme was organized in the capital Kathmandu to mark the 4th Anniversary.

Addressing the function, Vice President of He Bei University of Economics and

Business Geng Yanjun congratulated the institution for its achievements.

He also said that the Confucius Institute has now developed into an important Chinese Language teaching institution which offers Chinese Language courses to students in Nepal.

He added that the two universities, jointly established by Hebei University of Economics and Business and Kathmandu University, will further cooperate on a larger scale and promote more in-depth exchanges in the future.

Talking to *Xinhua* at the celebration ceremony, Director of Confucius Institute at Kathmandu University Ms. Bao Deyuan said that in the past four years, Confucius Institute has been a bridge between China and Nepal.—*Xinhua*



A diver feeds fish to a male whale shark at the Hakkeijima Sea Paradise aquarium-amusement park complex in Yokohama near Tokyo, on 11 June, 2011.

INTERNET

Crews racing floodwaters to build up Iowa levee

HAMBURG, 14 June—Crews are trying to beat floodwaters expected to arrive in Hamburg on Tuesday by building up a secondary barrier to protect the small Iowa town after the swollen Missouri River punched a massive hole in the main levee. The river ruptured two levees in northwest Missouri on Monday, sending torrents of water over rural farmland

toward Hamburg in southwest Iowa and a Missouri resort community downriver. By Wednesday, water spilling through a nearly 300-foot hole in the levee near Hamburg was expected to top a secondary levee built last week to protect the town.

The Army Corps of Engineers said crews are working to increase that wall's height by 3 feet. If

it breaks, parts of Hamburg could be under as much as 10 feet of standing water, officials said. "For right now, we believe we'll be able to get that elevation raised in the time available as that water flows across in the next 48 hours," Col Bob Ruch, the corps' Omaha District commander, said Monday evening.

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Cambodia celebrates World Blood Donor Day

PHNOM PENH, 14 June—Cambodia on Tuesday marked the World Blood Donor Day, calling for more blood donations.

The event under the theme "more blood, more life" was presided over by Cambodian Minister of Health Mam Bunheng and attended by about 500 health officials, foreign embassy officials to Cambodia, non-governmental organization officials, and students.

Mam Bunheng appealed to the public to donate more blood as it is very important to save lives. "The blood transfusion will not damage your health; instead, it will save lives of the patients who are in urgent need of blood," he said. Hok Kim Cheng, director of National Blood Transfusion Centre, said that 3 out of 1,000 people donate blood in Cambodia; it's still low if compared with other developing countries that the blood donation rate is up to 5 among 1,000 people. Last year, the center has received voluntary donations of 40, 245 units of blood, up 12 percent from 35,895 units in a year earlier.—*Xinhua*

Maine man killed wife, 2 kids, self

DEXTER, 14 June—Amy Lake clearly feared her estranged husband. He was awaiting trial for holding the family at gunpoint, and he was barred from seeing her or their two children. She was in the process of divorcing him. A neighbour said police drove by every day to check on her.

Yet, even though Amy Lake was careful and took precautions, her efforts failed.

Her husband, Steven Lake, killed the 38-year-old kindergarten teacher and the couple's two children, 12-year-old Monica and 13-year-old Cote on Monday, police said. Then he took his own life with the same shotgun he used on his family in the living room of their tidy house.

Police said Amy Lake tried hard to protect herself.

"She took the appropriate court action. Her co-workers were aware of her situation, and one of them reported (Steven Lake's) vehicle in the driveway," said Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety. "It is frustrating when someone has taken the appropriate steps and we still end up with a despicable act of domestic violence."—*Internet*



Strong winds have carried the ash more than half way around the world, over the southern Atlantic and southern Indian Oceans to Australia and as far as New Zealand since Chile's Puyehue volcano erupted over a week ago.—INTERNET

More flight delays in Australia as ash plays havoc

SYDNEY, 14 June—Thousands of airline passengers endured a third day of delays in Australia on Tuesday as the ash cloud from Chile's volcanic eruptions kept planes grounded.

Qantas and Jetstar lifted a ban on flights to and from Melbourne but services by the two airlines in and out of the southern island of Tasmania, to and from Adelaide and New Zealand were cancelled for the day.

"Qantas will continue to monitor the movement of the ash cloud and assess its impact on flight operations as the situation develops," the airline said in a statement.

"The Qantas Group's approach to

flying is based on the highest standards of safety and risk assessment. Safety is always put before schedule."

Tiger Airways cancelled services between Adelaide and Melbourne and Perth and Melbourne.

While Qantas and Jetstar continue to take a conservative approach, Virgin resumed normal flights to Melbourne, Tasmania and New Zealand with its planes flying around or under the ash plume.

They are also flying in and out of Adelaide, as are international services by Singapore Airlines and Malaysia Airlines.

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Facebook 2012 IPO could top \$100 billion



Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook, speaks at the headquarters in Palo Alto, California in 2011.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 14 June— Social network Facebook is likely to go public in the first quarter of next year with a valuation of over \$100 billion, the *CNBC* business news network reported on Monday. Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg has repeatedly said he is in no hurry to take the social network public but *CNBC* said the company may be

forced to do so by Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations.

CNBC said Facebook's decision to conduct an initial public offering could be triggered by an SEC requirement that companies with more than 500 private investors must disclose financial information.

The network, citing "people familiar with the matter," said Facebook will likely report it has crossed that threshold at the end of this year. The so-called "500 rule" requires private companies to release quarterly financial reports like public companies.

Facebook is also facing pressure from employees who are not allowed to sell their shares on private exchanges such as SharesPost, where Facebook has been given a valuation of as high as \$85 billion, *CNBC* said.—*Internet*



In this 8 April, 2011 file photo, a model stands next to a display of various Honda car models as customers check out one of the models during the four-day Manila International Auto Show. Honda's profit for the fiscal year through March 2012 is expected to plunge 63.5 percent as vehicles sales slipped amid a parts shortage caused by the quake and tsunami in northeastern Japan. Honda Motor Co gave the forecast on 14 June, 2011, more than a month later than usual. Like other Japanese automakers, the maker of the Odyssey minivan and the Fit compact needed more time to assess the aftermath of the 11 March disaster.—INTERNET

Sri Lanka, India resume ferry links after 30 years

COLOMBO, 14 June— Sri Lanka and India resumed passenger services by ferry after more than 30 years with the arrival of a ferry from India's Tuticorin to the Colombo Port Tuesday, officials said.

A Sri Lankan navy spokesman told *Xinhua* that Scotia Prince from Tuticorin reached the Colombo Port carrying nearly 200 passengers including VIP guests after a 280 mile voyage.

Prior to the arrival of the ferry, the passenger terminal at the Colombo Port was also re-opened after being closed owing to Sri Lanka's conflict with Tamil Tiger rebels.

The Sri Lankan government said the resumption of the ferry service with India will improve cultural tourism and business relations between the two countries.—*Xinhua*



Aiming to win : A boy contorts his faces as he participates in a parlor game where he needs to slide a coin from his forehead to his mouth in order to win, during the annual Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia in Baclaran, Paranaque, suburban Manila.

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Malaysia's 2011 GDP growth expected to beat 6 pct goal

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 June— Malaysia's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to beat a 6-percent growth target for 2011 as its government-pushed Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) has shown remarkable results, said Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak.

Najib, who is also the Finance Minister, said when attending the 6th ETP Progress Update at the Securities Commission here on Monday that the ETP was the first-ever transformation project in Malaysia that could begin to bear so many fruits in such a short time since it was launched in post-crisis 2010. He said that the ETP has cumulatively brought into Malaysia 170.28 billion ringgit (some 56.76 billion US dollars) in investment, 220.15 billion ringgit (some 73.38 billion US dollars) in gross national income and 362,396 new jobs.

Malaysian government announced the ETP in 2010 as an effort to boost domestic economy so as to reach its goal of becoming a high-income nation in 2020. The government has to date launched 87 initiatives including nine new ones announced on Monday under the ETP, completing 50 percent to 65 percent of the programme's 131 Entry Point Projects.—*Xinhua*

New Zealand companies more optimistic about increasing hiring

WELLINGTON, 14 June— New Zealand employers are at their most optimistic level about the prospects of taking on new staff since the country went into recession in early 2008, according to a new survey.

The survey of more than 650 companies found 26 percent of them expected to increase hiring in the quarter to September, while 9 percent planned to cut staff numbers.

The optimism was being driven by the prospect of rebuilding the country's second city of Christchurch, which was devastated by an

earthquake on 22 Feb that left at least 181 people dead.

However, the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey was conducted by the Manpower recruitment company before a series of shocks caused further damage in the city Monday.

A strong demand for mining and construction workers was leading the figures said Michelle Visser, general manager of Manpower New Zealand.

"The Christchurch reconstruction project is shaping up to be one of the biggest construction projects that New

Zealand has ever seen. As we move from the clean-up to rebuilding stage, initial reconstruction workers particularly project managers and quantity surveyors will be in high demand."—*Xinhua*



Indonesia approve part of 2012 budget's macro economic assumptions

JAKARTA, 14 June— Indonesian government and parliament have agreed part of macro economic assumptions set for the country's state budget next year after long and serious discussions, local media reported here.

The meeting resulted in agreements on several macro economic assumptions that consisted of economic growth, national currency exchange rate and inflation.

During the meeting with legislators, the government was represented by Finance Minister Agus Martowardojo, National Development Agency (Bappenas) Chairperson Armida Alisjahbana, Head of Statistic Agency (BPS) Rusman Heriawan and cenral bank deputy governor Budi Mulya.

The parliament agreed to set economic growth target for 2012 state budget at 6.6-7 percent, or higher than the range proposed by the government at 6.5-6.9 percent. The two parties also agreed the currency exchange rate at between 8,600 to 9,100 rupiah per 1 US dollar. Inflation rate assumption was set at 4-5.3 percent. "If we set the maximum rate at 5.4 percent, it would be no different from 2011," Harry Azhar Aziz, a legislator from the Golkar party was quoted as saying by the tempointeraktif.com.—*Xinhua*

A policeman looks at a mass grave where human remains were recently found in the Ciudad Planeta neighborhood in La Lima on 10 June, 2011. Honduras' judicial authorities found human remains of four women in mass graves this week and are continuing their search for nine other bodies believed to be buried in Ciudad Planeta.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV SANG THAI OCEAN VOY NO (05)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI OCEAN VOY NO (05) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.6.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W(1) 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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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING
CO LTD**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV WAAL TRADER VOY NO (004)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV WAAL TRADER VOY NO (004) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.6.2011 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.

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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AGENT FOR: M/S STX PAN OCEAN PTE LTD**
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA RATU VOY NO (441)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RATU VOY NO (441) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.6.2011 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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China launches week-long campaign to publicize food safety knowledge

BEIJING, 14 June —The Chinese government on Monday launched a week-long campaign throughout



China launches week-long campaign to publicize food safety knowledge.—XINHUA

the country which aims to make the public think more about food safety. Vice Premier Li Keqiang relayed to the campaign's organizer that it is essential to publicize knowledge and regulations on food safety among the public.

Li, member of the Politburo Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, said that special operations and severe pun-

ishment should be adopted to decrease the likelihood of food safety scandals.

As part of the campaign, a food safety inspection team under the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee held a conclusive meeting in Beijing to review its two-month supervisory tour to Jiangsu, Hubei, Sichuan and other four provinces and regions in April and May.

Xinhua

WEDDING RECEPTION

Parents of both families cordially request. The honour of your presence at the wedding reception of

MG KYAW KHAING ZAW

Final Year (Physics)

Youngest son of U Phone Maw (Staff Officer-Prisons Department-Retd;) and Daw Khin Than Aye, residing at No. 115, 49th Street, Pazundaung Tsp, Yangon, brother of Major Thet Htoo San + Daw Lin Lin Htike (SAT. Retd:), U Aung Kyaw Thu (J/E)+ Daw Lai Lai Tint (Tutor: University of Education)

and

KIM MIN JUNG

Daughter of Lee Su Dot, residing at Seoul, Republic of Korea.

On 14th June 2011 at "Moehnyin Vipassana Teikthit" No. 185, Dhamma Zedi Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in the presence of both parents and elders.

Both parents and

Mg Kyaw Khaing Zaw & Kim Min Jung

UN chief's plane diverted due to volcanic ashes

BUENOS AIRES, 14 June — The plane of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday was diverted to land 700 kilometres west of Buenos Aires due to the ashes from the Puyehue Volcano eruption in Chile.

Ban told reporters that he was taken to the official residence of Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez in Buenos



United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon (L), his wife Yoo Soon-taek (R) and Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, have a toast during the official lunch at the Government Palace in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 13 June, 2011.
XINHUA

Aires overland from Cordoba's airport in a trip which took almost eight hours." It has been exhausting. Six hours from Bogota, Colombia to Cordoba and then eight hours by bus, but I do not regret my decision," said Ban. "It was a singular experience. This trip allowed me to see the landscape, relax and rest," he said. Ban, who celebrated his 67th birthday on Monday, arrived in Argentina as part of a tour to Latin America that also includes visits in Colombia, Uruguay and Brazil in a bid to seek support for a second term as the UN's secretary-general.

He held a meeting with Fernandez later on Monday. Argentina's air space continues to be affected by the ashes from the Puyehue Volcano which erupted on 6 June for the first time since 1960. — Xinhua

NJ "Housewives" stars sued over alleged attack

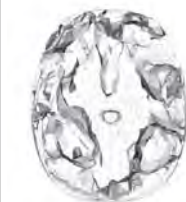
BEIJING, 14 June —A Chicago family filed a lawsuit against "Real Housewives of New Jersey" cast members following a trip to the Caribbean, media reported on Tuesday.

Yolanda Martinez and some of her relatives filed a lawsuit on Monday in New York City. They say Teresa Giudice from the "Bravo series" sprayed Champagne in Martinez' face, and then Giudice and others on the show beat up Martinez' son-in-law Adolfo Arreola and his cousin Jason Gomez in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, on 23 Feb.

The suit states that Arreola confronted Giudice, after which Joe, along with fellow "Housewives" regulars Albert and Christopher Manzo, came

to Teresa's side and then ended up flying off the handle. The court documents claim that the reality show stars "brutally and savagely beat, kicked, punched, scratched, jumped on and smashed glass" on the Chicago family. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

Xinhua



These images capture a patient's brain activity the moment they slip into unconsciousness.—INTERNET

Images capture moment brain goes unconscious

AMSTERDAM, 14 June — For the first time researchers have monitored the brain as it slips into unconsciousness.

The new imaging method detects the waxing and waning of electrical activity in the brain moments after an anaesthetic injection is administered. As the patient goes under, different parts of the brain seem to be "talking" to each other, a team told the European Anaesthesiology Congress in Amsterdam.

But they caution that more work is needed to understand what is going on. The technique could ultimately help doctors pinpoint damage in the brains of people suffering from stroke and head injury.

"Our jaws just hit the ground," said anaesthesiologist Professor Brian Pollard from Manchester Royal Infirmary on seeing the images for the first time. "I can't tell you the words we used as it wouldn't be polite over the phone."

Internet



In this photo taken on 10 June, 2011, residents waded through flood waters in a residential neighbourhood in Xianning City in central China's Hubei Province. Torrential rains from Thursday night until early Friday triggered floods and landslides that toppled homes and destroyed river embankments across central China.—INTERNET

Baboon adopts bush baby

Clinging to the under-belly of a baboon, Gakii, a 3-month-old orphaned bush baby has plumped for an unlikely surrogate-mother.

In the grounds of the Nairobi Animal Orphanage, the duo cavort around in each others' arms, drink milk out of the same bowl and poke mischievously at a Reuters television camera.

"This is not normal. It has not happened here and I guess it has not happened anywhere else," said Edward Kariuki, a warden at the animal home in the Kenyan Capital. Kenya, however, has a history of unlikely cases of fostering among orphaned

animals.

In 2004, a giant tortoise adopted and became an inseparable friend to a baby hippo washed out to sea off the coast of Kenya in the aftermath of the southeast Asia Tsunami. The pair became an



Internet sensation.

Two years earlier, a full-grown lioness baffled experts in the east African country

A seven-months-old yellow baboon (Papio cynocephalus) drinks milk as it plays with a Galagos (L) also known as a bushbaby at the Animal Orphanage in the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) headquarters in Nairobi, on 10 June, 2011.

when she adopted a baby oryx — a kind of antelope normally deemed a tasty morsel by the predators.

Woman, 104, gets baseball birthday wish

A 104-year-old Detroit area woman whose plans to celebrate at a Tigers game was foiled by rain had her birthday wish come true a month later.

Mary Johnson, whose plans to visit Comerica Park for the first time to celebrate her May birthday were ruined by the rain, was picked up from her Royal Oak nursing home by limousine Sunday and watched the game against the Seattle Mariners from a suite provided by the Tigers, the *Detroit Free Press* reported Monday.

Johnson was also treated to a visit from Al Kaline, one of her all-time favourite Detroit Tigers.

She said not even the team's 7-3 loss could dampen her mood.

"I've never had a celebration like this before in my life," Johnson said.



A giant pot model with 4-metre diameter is seen in front a mall in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 13 June, 2011.

News Album



Keanu Reeves

Keanu Reeves spotted dating 'mystery woman' in London!

LONDON, 14 June—Looks like 'Matrix' star Keanu Reeves may have finally found some love in his life. The 46-year-old actor was reportedly spotted enjoying a dinner date with a mystery woman in London recently, reports the *Daily Mail*. The actor managed to raise a smile as he left Nobu Berkley restaurant with the pretty brunette.

With his long hair and unshaven face, the star was his usual camera shy self but seemed to be happy being in the lady's company.

His date looked slender in a grey top, short denim skirt and had a large scarf wrapped around her neck.—*Internet*

Laura Ziskin had a hand in a wide range of films, including "Pretty Woman," "Now Way Out" and "As Good As It Gets."—INTERNET



"Spider-Man" producer Laura Ziskin dies of cancer

LOS ANGELES, 14 June—Laura Ziskin, the Hollywood producer who helped turn "Pretty Woman" heroine Julia Roberts into a star and brought "Spider-Man" to the big screen, died on Sunday after a public battle with breast cancer. She was 61.

According to a statement from Sony Pictures, where her production company was based, Ziskin died at her Los Angeles home after fighting the disease for seven years.

Reuters

Saxophonist Clemons suffers stroke

NEW YORK, 14 June—Saxophonist Clarence Clemons of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band has suffered a stroke.

A person who has worked with Clemons in the past confirmed Sunday night that Clemons had the stroke. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak on the matter. The person had no additional information on Clemons' condition.

Clemons is known as the Big Man in the E Street Band and his sax has been one of the most defining elements of the band's sound. He has suffered from numerous ailments over the last few years. He had double knee surgery and even had to perform from a wheelchair at one point. But his health seemed to be improving. Just last month, he performed with Lady Gaga on the season finale of "American Idol." He is 69 years old.—*Internet*

Saxophonist Clarence Clemons performs during halftime of the Tennessee Titans against the Miami Dolphins NFL football game in Miami. INTERNET



"It's kind of weird that we were (discouraging), in retrospect. I mean, I think for both of us we were afraid of subjecting our children to a lifetime of scrutiny and rejection," he added.—*Internet*

Kevin Bacon kept kids from acting to save them from 'lifetime of scrutiny'



Kevin Bacon

LONDON, 14 June—Hollywood couple Kevin Bacon and Kyra Sedgwick have discouraged their children to take up acting as a

profession in order to protect them from the 'lifetime of scrutiny and rejection' they have endured in the spotlight.

The 'Footloose star' and his actress wife Sedgwick were determined to dissuade their 21-year-old son Travis and 19-year-old daughter Sosie, from following in their footsteps and landing up in show business.

Moreover, he was glad that both the children had no interest in becoming movie stars like their parents.

"We were really so negative about (acting) when they were younger that neither one of them are interested and they're pretty much on their way to doing what it is that they want to do at this point," the *Daily Express* quoted him as saying.

Singer Jessie J hospitalised

LONDON, 14 June—Singer Jessie J has been hospitalised after falling from a stage while rehearsing for a show. She has been diagnosed with a ripped ligament in her foot.

The singer was practicing at Wembley Arena for Capital Summertime Ball concert, scheduled for Sunday, when she slipped and injured herself, reports *dailystar.co.uk*.

"Just want to let my heart beats (ones waiting outside wembley) know that I have been taken to hospital after falling of (sic) a platform. I have ripped a main ligament in my foot and have been put on crutches and told to rest.

I'm in a lot pain so please dont wait in the cold for me... sorry!" the 23-year-old posted on her Twitter page.

Internet



Jamaica Ryan Johnson drives against Honduras during their CONCACAF Gold Cup match at the Red Bull Arena in Harrison, New Jersey.—INTERNET

Jamaica top Gold Cup group, Guatemala advance

HARRISON, 14 June—Jamaica finished the first round of the Gold Cup on top of Group B after a 1-0 victory over Honduras on Monday, with both teams advancing to the quarter-finals along with Guatemala. Guatemala booked their berth with a 4-0 victory over Grenada, which was enough to put them through as one of the best two third-placed teams in group play.

The victory gave Jamaica the maximum nine points from their three group matches. Honduras finished second in Group B — ahead of Guatemala on goal difference — and will face Costa Rica, runners-up to Mexico in Group A. Guatemala needed to win by three goals to be assured of advancing.

Guatemala finished group play with four points and a goal difference of plus-two, enough to edge El Salvador as one of the top two third-placed teams. El Salvador, third in Group A, could yet advance, depending on the outcome of Tuesday's contests in Group C, when Panama take on Canada and the United States play Guadeloupe.—INTERNET

Man Utd sign Blackburn defender Jones

LONDON, 14 June—Blackburn Rovers said it was the lure of the Champions League that sealed the transfer of teenage defender Phil Jones to Premier League champions Manchester United. United announced on Monday that they had agreed terms with Rovers for Jones, with the 19-year-old due to sign a five-year contract upon his return from the ongoing European Under-21 Championship in Denmark.

United thought Jones was heading to Old Trafford last week, only for old foes Liverpool to intervene with a reported £20 million (\$33 million) offer. However, Jones is understood to have told Rovers he only wanted to move to United and that has left Blackburn having to accept an offer believed to be in the region of £16.5 million (\$27 million).

Blackburn manager Steve Kean said Rovers were prepared to make Jones the highest-paid player in the club's history but the prospect of playing in the Champions League meant that there was little they could do to prevent the defender making the short journey across Lancashire to Old Trafford.—INTERNET



Manchester United said on Monday that England Under-21 defender Phil Jones (L) was set to join the Premier League champions from top-flight rivals Blackburn Rovers on a five-year deal.—INTERNET

Villa seek clarity over McLeish status

BIRMINGHAM, 14 June—Aston Villa have reportedly approached city rivals Birmingham to ask about the precise status of Alex McLeish.

The Scot resigned as manager of Birmingham, relegated from the Premier League last season, on Sunday and was immediately

linked with a move to Villa, still in the top flight but without a boss after Gerard Houllier stepped down on health grounds.

Britain's Press Association reported Monday that Villa had sent an e-mail to Birmingham seeking clarification of McLeish's position. Peter Pannu, the acting chairman of Birmingham, is furious over McLeish's move and said: "He is still on our contracted staff and Birmingham City FC does not grant him any right to speak to any outsiders until the matter is resolved.



Alex McLeish

INTERNET

Funk heads a list of dreamers at US Open

BETHESDA, 14 June—Fred Funk felt as if he had won the US Open, his voice cracking when he tried to speak, the tears flowing moments later. He didn't earn a trophy that day, only a tee time. That's how much this major championship means to him. That's why he made the effort to go through 36 holes of qualifying when there are plenty of signs that he should sit this one out.

Funk turns 55 on Tuesday. He had knee replacement surgery more than a year ago, and now is dealing with tissue that connects the hip to the knee and is causing him great pain. That explains why he hasn't made it to the final two rounds in any of the six



Fred Funk

PGA Tour events he has played this year, and why he only had two top 10s on the 50-and-older Champions Tour. So why punish himself in a US Open qualifier against kids half his age? For starters, Funk grew up not far from Congressional, a course that at one time in life he could only dream of playing.

INTERNET

Venus returns with victory at Eastbourne

EASTBOURNE, 14 June—Venus Williams ended her five-month break with a three-set victory over Andrea Petkovic 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 at the Eastbourne WTA grass court on Monday. "It felt fitting, I guess," Williams, 30, said of playing Petkovic again.

"It was a great way to start it all off." Williams began the match with two double-faults and she made a series of unforced errors, particularly off the forehand side.

She wasted three match points in the final game and saved a break-back point before finally taking it when Petkovic went wide with a forehand.

In other matches, third-seeded Victoria Azarenka beat Peng Shuai of China 6-4, 7-6 (2), while fifth-seeded Petra Kvitova recovered from a slow start to defeat Anastasiya Sevastova of Latvia 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.

Williams' sister Serena will make her return to action after nearly a year out against Tsvetana Pironkova on Tuesday. She could then face top-seeded Vera Zvonareva.

XINHUA



Venus Williams

S P O R T S

'Vultures' circle over Lille's double-winners

PARIS, 14 June—At a time when they should be looking forward to next season's Champions League adventure, fans of French double-winners Lille are starting to worry whether their team will survive the summer intact. Lille ended a 56-year trophy drought last season by claiming victory in both Ligue 1 and the French Cup, but coach Rudi Garcia's history-making squad is already beginning to disintegrate.

France centre-back Adil Rami on Monday completed a move to Valencia agreed in January, while his international colleague Yohan Cabaye has joined Newcastle United in a cut-price transfer worth around five million euros (\$7.2m).

Lille moved quickly to replace Cabaye by setting up a deal for Auxerre midfielder Benoit Pedretti and negotiations are under way to soften the blow of Rami's departure by making Czech international David Rozehnal's loan move from Hamburg permanent.—INTERNET



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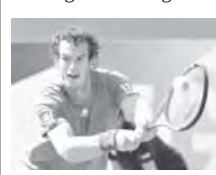
Queen's champ Murray in mood for Wimbledon glory

LONDON, 14 June—Andy Murray has set his sights on Wimbledon glory after winning his second Queen's title with a 3-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 victory over Jo-Wilfried Tsonga. Murray became the first Briton for 97 years to win the Wimbledon warm-up event twice thanks to a gutsy comeback against Tsonga and

the world number four will be among the favourites when the All England Club tournament gets underway next week.

The 24-year-old has endured three painful defeats in Grand Slam finals, including the Australian Open this year, but he believes he is in the perfect form to finally end his long wait to win a major. "I'm going to Wimbledon with the feeling I'm going to win the tournament. I don't think you can go in with any other attitude," Murray said.

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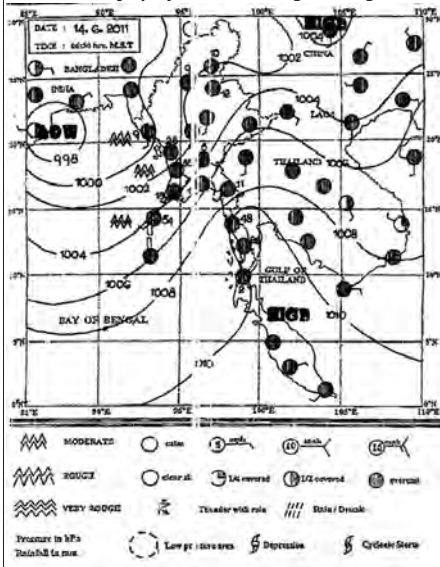
Britain's Andy Murray

Buffon to stay at Juventus

ROME, 14 June—Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon said on Monday that he will remain at the Turin giants next season. The 33-year-old made a total of 17 appearances at Juventus last season while the club only finished a disappointing seventh place in Serie A.

"I remain and I will return to be the Buffon I once was. I feel a lot of love for Juve. In the past year with the club there have been some misunderstandings but I don't want to blame anyone," he said.

"The club executives have learned to know me better and, I hope, to also appreciate me more. Hence, there's no doubt about my future. I will remain at Juve 100 percent," he added. Buffon is under contract with the Turin giants until June 2013. —XINHUA

WEATHER**Tuesday, 14th June, 2011***Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas*

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Mandalay Region, scattered in Lower Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Magway Region, Shan, Kayah and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Launglon (4.69) inches, Putao (2.75) inches, Manaung (2.64) inches, Gwa (2.48) inches, Cocogyun (2.20) inches, Myitkyina, Thandwe and Dawei (1.97) inches each and Myeik (1.93) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 13-6-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 14-6-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-6-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 14-6-2011 was (Tr).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 13-6-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 14-6-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-6-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 14-6-2011 was (0.08) inch.

Rainfall on 14-6-2011 was (Tr) at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.47) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (15.94) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (29.92) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (13.39) inches at Mandalay.

Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (25) mph from Southwest at (11:00) hours MST on 14-6-2011.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South and vigorous elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 15th June 2011: Rain will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway Regions, Kayah and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Ayeyawady and Thaninthayi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Squalls with rough seas will be experienced at time off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15th June 2011: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15th June 2011: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15th June 2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Serena struggles to 3-set win on return to play

EASTBOURNE, 14 June—Serena Williams recovered from a slow start to win her first match after being sidelined for nearly a year, defeating Tsvetana Pironkova 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 Tuesday in the first round at Eastbourne.

The 13-time Grand Slam champion started out looking nothing like the player who lifted the Wimbledon trophy last year in her last tournament. Her movement was uncertain, and she appeared not to trust her groundstrokes or her usually dominant serve.

She held for the first time at 5-0 down, with the help of her first ace of the match. Williams settled down and reeled off the first three games of the second set to take control. Despite squandering a 2-0 lead in the decider, she broke again to win in the third.—*Internet*



Serena Williams of the US plays a return to Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria during their singles tennis match at the Eastbourne International grass court tennis tournament in Eastbourne, England, on 14 June, 2011.
INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (15-6-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	-(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	-(15-6-11 09:30 am ~ 16-6-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Thiri Zeya Buhmi Bagan Golden Palace and Museum of King Anawrahta
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- * Myanmar Customs & Naming System
- * News
- * School Day... Charity Carnival (2011)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Seven Special Stops around Inlay Lake
- * News
- * Endless Wonders..... (Htukkant Thein Temple)
- * Myanmar Movies "Essence of Devotion"

Myanmar

TV

Wednesday,**15 June****View on today****7:00 am**

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Dhamma Puja Song

8:00 am

6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am

7. Health Programme

8:20 am

8. Cultural Dances

8:30 am

9. Myanmar

- Traditional

- Performing Arts

- Competition

8:40 am

10. International News 8:45

am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. Dance of National Races

4:25 pm

4. Joint Performance by State Traditional Orchestra

4:40 pm

5. University Of

- Distance Education

- (TV Lectures) - Third

- Year (Philosophy)

4:55 pm

6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Classical Songs

5:10 pm

8. Teleplay (Health)

5:20 pm

9. Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competition

5:35 pm

10. Documentary

5:45 pm

11. "ASEAN" Programme

6:00 pm

12. Evening News

6:15 pm

13. Weather Report

6:20 pm

14. Traditional Boxing

6:40 pm

15. Shwe Yin Chone Than

7:10 pm

16. Documentary

7:40 pm

17. Centenary of Alinga Kyawzwar Shwe Pyi Aye (Composer)

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International News

20. Weather Report

21. Korea NG Award

22. TV Drama Series

23. Fashion Show in honour of Myanmar Women's Day (2009)

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Wheat farms successful in Taungni Village, Mogaung Township

By Reporter Myo Aung (Mohnyin)



A thriving wheat field in Taungni Village, Mogaung Township.

Wheat farming in Taungni Village, Mogaung Township, Mohnyin District, Kachin State, has proved successful. Previously, local farmers of Kachin State grew groundnut, soya bean, sunflower and watermelon as multiple crops after monsoon paddy, and wheat was rarely grown.

Now, local farmers are running trial plots of

wheat with technical support and hybrid species of wheat from the Township Myanma Agriculture Service, and the wheat fields are economically successful.

Taungni Village has 515 houses and Min Yaza self-reliant library designed to broaden the horizons of the villagers.

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Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan inspects Yegu relay station of Myanma Radio & Television.

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Two explosions went off minutes apart in the northwest Pakistani city of Peshawar on Sunday, killing more than 34 people and injuring nearly 100.

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Man Utd sign Blackburn defender Jones



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Moderate earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar, (Northern Sumatra, Indonesia) about (1,100) miles south of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (09) hrs (35) min (24) sec M.S.T today, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

MNA