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President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to Croatian President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ivo Josipovic, President of the Republic of Croatia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Croatia, which falls on 25 June 2011. — MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura

U Tin Aung Myint Oo felicitates Croatian PM

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms Jadranka Kosor, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Croatia, which falls on 25 June 2011. — MNA

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

People's power reigns in Hluttaw as it is formed with people's representatives To ensure check and balance, delicacy and effectiveness are necessary

YANGON, 24 June — Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thura U Shwe Mann met with Hluttaw representatives in Yangon Region and responsible persons of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the meeting hall of Yangon Region Hluttaw on Pyay Road here this afternoon.

It was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and Yangon Region Hluttaw representatives in Yangon Region, RUMFCCI President and CEC members, media persons and guests.

In his speech, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said that today's meeting was to inform Hluttaw representatives, traders, industrialists and media persons about the tasks the Hluttaw and Hluttaw representatives implemented, are implementing and will implement. The RUMFCCI is formed with 59 associations. As it is known to all that members of RUMFCCI have much experience in educational and economic fields. They are influential in dealing with the matters of socio-economic, management and administration. Media persons represent the fourth estate. So they were invited to the meeting as they have the ability to analyze the ongoing tasks.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann cordially greets Hluttaw representatives in Yangon Region and responsible persons of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. — MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 25 June, 2011

Work in concert for agricultural sector development

The majority of Myanmar's population live in rural areas, depending mainly on agriculture for their livelihood. Seeing that the people's economy will improve only when agricultural tasks are met with success, the government is fulfilling the requirements of the agriculture sector.

In order to generate enough capital in the drive for development of the agricultural sector, a programme on cooperation between the farmers and crop-based companies has been launched. So, the farmers on their part are to work hard for boosting production.

Efforts are to be made to meet the target of 100-per acre yield of paddy by extending cultivation acreage. In doing so, it is important to consider agricultural inputs such as use of correct cultivation methods and high quality strains.

For rural development and poverty alleviation, such tasks as development of agricultural productivity, development of livestock breeding and fisheries, development of rural small-scale productivity, development of microcredit schemes, development of cooperative tasks, development of rural socio-economy, development of rural energy and environmental conservation will be implemented in an effective way.

Now as the government is creating necessary conditions to improve the socio-economic life of the rural people through the agricultural sector, the farmers, private companies and NGOs are urged to work in cooperation with the government for further boosting agricultural production so as to meet the set aims and targets.

Good deeds in Natogyi Township

YANGON, 24 June—Family of U Aung Chi, Daw Tin Hlaing and their son Managing Director U Thein Tun Aung of Thit San Academy Glass factory and Myanmar Chancellor Construction Co, Ltd of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone-3 in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Region on 18 June, donated a new school building at the primary school in Kyarkan Village, Natogyi Township, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region. The township administrator and the



Opening of new school building at BEPS in Kyarkan Village of Natogyi Township, in progress.

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People's Destiny

- * 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

Union Construction Minister meets district level superintending engineers

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on 22 June morning held a meeting with district level senior engineers from the Regions and States at the meeting hall of the ministry here.

After an opening speech of the Union Minister, Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin gave necessary instructions to the engineers.

Managing Director of the Public Works and the officials concerned



made a discussion on rules and regulations, procedures, bylaws plus

fiscal rules and regulations, and engineering works. The Union Minister heard reports presented by the superintending engineers on their ongoing construction works.—MNA

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint meets district senior engineers of 68 districts of regions and states.

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Science and Technology Ministry holds monsoon tree-growing and fingerling-releasing ceremonies

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint participated in monsoon activities of growing trees and releasing fingerlings at the ministry here this morning.

The Union Minister grew a teak tree, after distribution of varieties of saplings. He

encouraged departmental heads and staff collectively planting shady trees and perennial vegetations amounted about 3450 plants.

There have been a total of 28059 plants grown by the ministry including 24609 plants last year.

MNA



Union Minister U Aye Myint plants a teak sapling.—MNA

township education officer thanked the donors and presented certificate of honour to them.

With the length of 90 feet and width of 30 feet, the one-storey new school building is of RC type and built at a cost of K 15 million.

The donors are also the donors of 130 feet long and 30 feet wide RC type school building at Natogyi Myoma

BEMS (now a BEHS) which was built at a cost of 16 million kyats in 2003. They also donated an RC type school building worth K 15 million with the length of 110 feet and width of 30 feet at the affiliated BEMS in Kadaung Village in the same township in June 2009. Another donation they made on 18 July 2010

was also a school building in Buthukyin Village in Natogyi Township. The RC type one-storey school building was built at a cost of K 15 million with 90 feet in length and 30 feet in width. From 2003 to 2008, they donated 4000 dozens of note books each year to schools of villages in Natogyi Township.

NLM



A burned out car is seen among rubble at the site of a bombing in Baghdad, Iraq.—INTERNET

US contractor killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 June—A bomb attack in eastern Baghdad killed a US contractor and wounded another American civilian Thursday, hours after 33 people were killed in a market bombing.

Police said three powerful blasts left at least 33 dead and 82 injured at a market in a Shiite neighbourhood in the southwest of the Iraqi capital, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

“An American

civilian working with an implementing partner of the United States Agency for International Development in Iraq was killed in a terrorist attack today in Baghdad,” a spokesman for the US Embassy said. “Two additional civilians were wounded in the attack, including one American citizen.

The contractor was killed by a bomb that detonated as he left Baghdad University’s

Mustansiriya campus near the Shiite enclave of Sadr City. Initial reports said he had been the victim of a car bomb.

The independent Web site icasualties.org said at least nine US soldiers have been killed in Iraq in June as the Iraqi government considers whether to request a continued US military presence in the country past 2011.—*Internet*

New York Federal Reserve Bank silent on stolen 6.6 bln dollars cash aid to Iraq

WASHINGTON, 24 June—The Federal Reserve Bank of New York is refusing to disclose how much money it sent to Iraq during the first years of the US invasion. It said an official is investigating millions of dollars in missing funds.

A congressional auditor recently revealed that nearly 6.6 billion dollars flown by the Bush administration to post-war Iraq may have been stolen when it got there in “the largest theft of

funds in national history”. Stuart Bowen Jr, special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, however, said the bank would not give details as money in the New York bank came from an Iraqi account. The Iraq Government has said it won’t sign off on allowing access to the information, Politico reports. “My frustration is not with the New York Fed, it is with the Iraqis. They haven’t been sufficiently responsive,” said Bowen.—*Internet*



Mexican police and forensic experts examine the scene after a US border patrol agent shot and killed a man at the US-Mexico border in Tijuana, Mexico, late on 21 June, 2011.

INTERNET

Car bomb kills two, wounds ten in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 24 June—A car bombing rattled the Abu Dshir District of the Iraqi capital city of Baghdad Thursday evening, killing two people and injuring 10 others, an Iraqi police source said.

The police official, who insisted on anonymity, said the car, parked on the sidewalk of a road, was triggered by remote controller, causing casualties and damages to a number of residential buildings, cars and shops.

Abu Dshir is a Shiite neighbourhood in the southwestern district of the capital.

There is no immediate claim of responsibility. Sunni terror groups, such as the al-Qaeda, are prone to target Shiite neighbourhood.—*Internet*

E coli bacteria found in 70 percent of Jogjakarta, Indonesia wells

JOGJAKARTA, 24 June—Indonesian health officials have expressed concern as reports show that around 70 percent of wells in Java’s touristic city of Jogjakarta are contaminated by the E coli bacteria, officials said Thursday.

Jogjakarta’s Office of Environment Management (BLH) retrieved samples from 36 wells last year to conduct the study, which proved the existence of an E coli contamination in 70 percent of them, BLH supervising chief Ika Rostika told *Antara* news agency.

However, Ika noted that despite the alarming percentage of contamination, 2010’s study was considerably less than 2008’s research investigation, which discovered the E coli bacteria in 85 percent of the city’s wells.

BLH authorities are continuing their clean and healthy lifestyle campaign, as they believe healthy

habits can successfully prevent the spread of E coli. Ika agreed but also noted that changing a person’s lifestyle is “never easy.” Meanwhile, Director of Sustainable Community Self-Help Institution, Agus Hartana, said community residents commonly overlook simple healthy practices, further contaminating the city and its wells, and degrading the community’s health.

While contamination continues to spread, government officials are also trying to improve trash management. In addition, household waste deposit sites are close to city wells, contributing in the existence of the E coli bacteria, which is a major component in human feces.

The city of Jogjakara, which is Indonesia’s second most important tourist destination after the island of Bali, is scheduled to conduct another study at the end of the year.—*Internet*



An Iraqi policeman uses a dog to search a car at a checkpoint in Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 June, 2011.—INTERNET

NATO-led ISAF helicopter crashes in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 June— An International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) helicopter crashed in south Afghanistan on Thursday, a Press release from the NATO-led ISAF said on Friday.

The helicopter crashed in Zabul Province, some 340 km south of Afghan Capital Kabul. “The landing site has been secured and all personnel are accounted for. There are no casualties reported,” said the Press release, “the cause of the crash is under investigation.”

No more details of the helicopter crash was offered in the Press release. However, most of the ISAF based in Zabul Province is from the United States.

So far, there is no report from the Taliban militants who are active in south Afghanistan, or other militant groups, to claim the responsibility for the case.—*Xinhua*



A damaged vehicle is removed from the scene of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq recently.

INTERNET



UN puts two rainforests on 'danger' list

PARIS, 24 June — Illegal logging, poaching and other intrusions have put rainforests in Honduras and Indonesia on the UN List of World Heritage in Danger, a UN agency says.

The UN World Heritage Committee announced the decision at a meeting at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. The Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve in Honduras was put back on the endangered list four years after having the protective status lifted because of the Honduran government's previous success in controlling incursions, a UN release reported Wednesday. The committee said the Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra in Indonesia, "has been placed on the Danger List to help overcome threats posed by poaching, illegal logging, agricultural encroachment, and plans to build roads through the site."

The 2.5-million hectare Sumatran forest was designated a World Heritage site in 2004 for its biodiversity, while the Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve, home to an indigenous population that has preserved its traditional way of life in the rainforest, was designated in 1979. It had been previously place on the Danger List between 1996 and 2007. The danger list helps "focus the efforts of government departments, civil society and international cooperation" on the threatened areas, UNESCO said.—Internet

Image of ancient mammoth or mastodon found on bone

WASHINGTON, 24 June — Some of the earliest Americans turn out to have been artists.

A bone fragment at least 13,000 years old, with the carved image of a mammoth or mastodon, has been discovered in Florida, a new study reports.

While prehistoric art depicting animals with trunks has been found in Europe, this may be the first in the Western Hemisphere, re-



This undated handout photo provided by the Smithsonian Institution shows a carved image, at least 13,000 years old, found in Vero Beach, Fla.—INTERNET

'Super sand' could improve drinking water

WASHINGTON, 24 June — Australian scientists say ordinary sand, used to filter and purify drinking water around the world, can be made into a "super sand" five times more efficient.

Researchers writing in the journal *Applied Materials & Interfaces* say the material could be a low-cost benefit in developing countries where more than a billion people lack clean drinking water.

Sand has been used to purify water for more than 6,000 years, and sand or gravel water filtration is endorsed by the World Health Organization, researchers Mainak Majumder and his colleagues

write, but their study of a nanomaterial called graphite oxide suggests it could be used to improve sand filtration in a cost-effective way.

Sand grains coated with graphite oxide become a "super sand" that can successfully remove mercury and other contaminants from water. While ordinary sand was saturated with mercury after just 10 minutes of filtration, the super sand was capable of absorbing the heavy metal for more than 50 minutes, the researchers said.

Its filtration "performance is comparable to some commercially available activated carbon," at much less cost, the scientists said.—Internet

searchers report Wednesday in the *Journal of Archaeological Science*.

"It's pretty exciting, we haven't found anything like this in North America," said Dennis J Stanford, curator of North American Archaeology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, who was a co-author of the report.

Cave paintings showing animals have been found in Texas, but those were dated to about 4,000 years ago, much more recent than the newly found carved bone.

The bone fragment, discovered in Vero Beach, Fla., contains an incised image about 3 inches long from head to tail and about 1 3/4 inches from head to foot.—Internet



Facebook to launch music service in August

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 June — Facebook will launch new music service with a music tab and music dashboard in partnership with other online music services at its f8 annual developer conference in August, US media reported on Monday.

According to technology blog GigaOM, users will find a new tab called Music in the left-hand column on their pages, right where Facebook lists Photos, Friends, Deals and etc, and clicking on the new tab will open a page called Music Dashboard.

The dashboard will feature friends' recommended songs, top songs, top albums and a "happening now" ticker that shows songs friends are playing.



The blog said Facebook had reached partnership with Europe's popular music streaming service Spotify, which is gearing up to enter the US market, and other online music services.

Much of the attention at f8 should be focused on music, the blog quoted sources as saying.

Last month, Facebook CEO and co-founder Mark Zuckerberg said at the eG8 Forum in Paris that he believes Facebook will focus on streaming music next.

Xinhua

Twins drop Facebook lawsuit detailed in hit movie

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 June — The Harvard University classmates of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg are ending the legal battle made famous by the Hollywood movie "The Social Network."

In a one-paragraph court filing Wednesday, Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss said they would accept a settlement

that was worth \$65 million when agreed upon in 2008.

The twins had sought to undo the settlement of \$20 million cash and \$45 million in stock.

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the twins, saying they had been represented by a squadron of Silicon Valley lawyers and their father, a noted business professor.

The twins said Wednesday they would forgo a trip to the US Supreme Court.

Their stock is now worth more than \$100 million.—Internet

British author JK Rowling poses for photographers as she announces her new website project Pottermore at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, on 23 June, 2011.

INTERNET

Harry Potter wizard series to be sold as e-books

LONDON, 24 June — Author JK Rowling announced Thursday that her seven Potter novels will be sold as e-books starting in October — ending the boy wizard's status as one of the highest-profile holdouts against digital publishing.

"You can't hold back progress," Rowling said. "E-books are here and they are here to stay."

The magical stories that conquered the world in print form will be available as audiobooks and e-books in multiple languages exclusively through a new interactive website called "Pottermore" — an announcement that delighted fans but deeply disappointed booksellers. Rowling, one of the world's most powerful authors, is bypassing established online retailers like Amazon, although the creators of Pottermore say the books will be compatible with popular e-readers including Amazon's Kindle, Sony's Reader and Apple's iPad.—Internet





Health



Breast cancer drug can prevent 65pc of tumours in post-menopausal women



Breast Cancer Awareness ribbons. An anti-estrogen drug has shown a "promising" 65-percent reduction of breast cancer risk among post-menopausal women, according to the findings of a study released Saturday.

INTERNET

LONDON, 24 June — Exemestane, a drug already used to treat breast cancer, can reduce the risk of tumours by 65 percent among post-menopausal women prone to develop breast cancer.

This conclusion has been drawn by a three-year study in 4560

women in the US and Europe.

Importantly, there were no reports of lethal side effects like those caused by breast cancer drugs tamoxifen and raloxifene.

The team reporting the new results say that the lack of side effects with exemestane could

make it far more attractive as a preventative treatment, reports New Scientist.

"Our hope is that our trial results turn up the volume on the debate around breast cancer prevention," says Paul Goss of the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Centre in Boston, head of the research team.

He said that women might do well to take the drug for five years or so when they reach menopause, an age when the risk of breast cancer rises because of increases in the hormone oestrogen.

The trial results suggest that over three years, for every 94 women taking exemestane, a single case of breast cancer would be prevented.

Internet

Drinking two cans of soft drinks a day can damage your body in three weeks!

LONDON, 24 June—A new study has found that drinking two cans of fizzy pop a day could increase the chance of developing heart disease and diabetes in

three weeks.

In the study, volunteers who drank two sweet drinks saw a rapid rise in their blood sugar levels and a chemical linked to heart troubles.

It also said that even drinking moderate amounts of sugary beverages caused a potentially dangerous change in cholesterol.

The tests conducted on 29 healthy men aged from 20 to 50 found the drinks caused 'bad' cholesterol to break into smaller particles, making them more likely to suffer heart disease. "Only a few weeks of moderate consumption is sufficient to increase risk markers," the Sun quoted the US researchers as saying.

The study was published in the American *Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.—Internet



Health Tip: Calm a colicky baby

Babies that cry frequently for hours at a time and are fussy for reasons you or your doctor can't explain may have colic. While doctors don't know what causes colic, and there is no known cure, the Nemours Foundation offers these suggestions to help calm a colicky baby:

- * Walk with baby, rock in a chair or try other positions to see if any of them make baby happy.
- * Burp baby frequently during feedings.
- * Place baby across your lap, belly-down, and rub baby's back.
- * Place baby in a swing or seat that vibrates, or put baby in an infant carrier and go for a ride in the car.
- * Play soothing music.
- * Run the vacuum cleaner, hair dryer, clothes dryer or white noise device to see if this calms your baby.—Internet



Business



Oil above \$92 as traders mull IEA reserves release

SINGAPORE, 24 June —Oil prices rose to above \$92 a barrel Friday in Asia, clawing back some of the previous session's big losses as investors mulled the impact of the IEA's release of emergency crude supplies.

Benchmark oil for August delivery was up \$1.16 to \$92.18 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In London, Brent crude for August delivery was up 99 cents to \$108.25 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Crude fell \$4.39 to settle at \$91.02 on Thursday after the International Energy Agency said it will make 60 million barrels

available over a 30-day period, half of which will come from the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Analysts said the move likely reflected increasing concern that the global economy is slowing, and that high oil prices exacerbate quickening inflation and tepid consumer demand.

Earlier this week, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned that the US economy is weaker than previously forecast, and lowered this year's gross domestic product growth estimate to 2.9 percent from 3.3 percent.

The release of reserves also comes after OPEC declined to boost its production quotas at a meeting earlier this month.

"The IEA's announ-

cement appears to be nothing more than a well-timed public relations stunt designed to punish speculators," said Richard Soutanian of NUS Consulting.

"The impact will be short-lived and the markets will quickly revert back to the pattern they have been following for the past months, which is closely following movements in the US dollar."

When the dollar gains, crude tends to fall because a stronger US currency makes commodities such as oil more expensive for investors with other currencies.

When the dollar weakens, crude prices usually go up.

The euro was steady at \$1.4257 on Friday after dropping Thursday.

Internet



The Oracle Corp campus stands in Redwood City, California, US, on 23 June, 2011. Oracle Corp declined in late trading after an unexpected decline in hardware sales suggested the largest maker of database software may not be benefiting as much as predicted from its acquisition of Sun Microsystems Inc.—INTERNET

Oracle hardware sales drop, shares fall

BOSTON, 24 June—Oracle Corp posted disappointing quarterly results particularly in hardware sales, sparking concerns about a sharper-than-expected slowdown in tech spending and sending its shares down 6 percent.

Oracle's earnings came on the same day Micron Technology reported quarterly revenue below expectations, and the combination raised fears about how well the technology sector is holding up in the face of shaky economies, especially in Europe.

Tech investors pay attention to Oracle's earnings as its fiscal quarters are out of sync with most others and it is the first to give a glimpse of business conditions in the most recent months, in this case April and May.

Trip Chowdhry, an analyst with

Global Equities Research, said Oracle's results suggest spending on technology has slowed down. "Any company that is in technology is going to get impacted," he said.

While Oracle's quarterly profit, excluding items, rose to 75 cents a share and surpassed expectations by nearly 6 percent, investors had hoped for a more impressive beat. Over the past six quarters Oracle has exceeded profit estimates by an average of 10 percent.

Its fiscal fourth quarter revenue rose 13 percent from a year earlier to \$10.8 billion, in line with the average analyst forecast of \$10.75 billion. The world's No 3 software maker reported that fourth-quarter new software sales rose 19 percent from a year earlier to \$3.7 billion.—Reuters

Now, device that allows disabled to drive with one hand

WASHINGTON, 24 June—A team of Spanish researchers has created a device that lets a driver steer, accelerate, change gears and brake with just one hand.

Developed by Asociacion RUVID, a consortium of five Spanish research institutes and companies, the prototype is completely electronic.

Having no mechanics involved helps those who may have reduced strength in the device-operating hand.

As well, motors in the device are used to simulate the haptic feedback

and sensations of a traditional, mechanical steering wheel.

“When designing a new system we wanted to eliminate our concept of the mechanical technology and implement technology based on electronics, which offers more versatile solutions,” Discovery News quoted team leader Jose Solaz as saying in an RUVID news release.

The prototype was recently presented during the 13th EAEC European Automotive Congress in Valencia, Spain.—Internet



Mysteriously crooked trees in a forest in Gryfino, Poland. The reason for the curve is still unknown.
INTERNET

Giant Roman palace discovered in Egypt

CAIRO, 24 June—A giant palace from the Roman ages (31-395 BC) has been discovered in Egypt, the Ministry of Antiquities has announced.

An US expedition unearthed the palace in the New Valley Governorate in Upper Egypt. According to a state-

ment by the ministry, the palace belongs to a person named Sornius, *Al-Masry Al-Youm* reports. The ministry said the palace cannot be opened to the public due to erosion, but it said a copy would be constructed for visitors.

It added that the US team was able to translate

the inscriptions found in the palace, which helped elucidate ancient cultural and educational activities in the region.

The team's findings suggested that ancient Egyptian farmers might have worked in the region of the oases before coming to the Nile Valley.—Internet



A mask originated in Congo is displayed at an exhibition highlighting the ancient African culture in Luoyang museum in Luoyang, central China's Henan Province, on 22 June, 2011. More than 160 craftworks of ancient African culture, including the wood carving, the stone carving, masks and so on, were displayed at the exhibition. Some of the exhibits have the history of thousands of years.
XINHUA

British firm hired women by bra size

LONDON, 24 June—Bosses at a firm in Britain judged potential female recruits by their bra size rather than their abilities, a media report said Thursday. Manager Pete Smith and his deputy Kevin Ward discussed candidates' curves in front of the sales team before offering them jobs, an employment tribunal heard.

The crude banter was said to be part of a “male-dominated culture” at Chesterfield marine

supplies firm Cathelco, according to the *express.co.uk*.

Former sales executive Angelina Ashby, 41, claims she became an office outcast after objecting to bawdy antics. She has told how Smith chased a pretty female colleague around the office, put her over his knee and spanked her on the bottom.

On Wednesday, Alina Taylor told the *Sheffield tribunal* she left the firm after a 10-month

affair with Smith ended, claiming he became “completely unreasonable”. “Pete and Kevin would often talk about the girl's bra size as being criteria for employment.”

“It was also very apparent that pretty girls would always get jobs at Cathelco,” the report quoted her as saying.

Cathelco has rejected Ashby's claims. Smith insists she became “unmanageable” after he rebuffed her advances.

Internet

A tap of finger to charge your iPad

SYDNEY, 24 June—Thanks to a new discovery, a simple tap from your finger may be enough to charge portable devices like mobile phones and iPads.

Simon Ruffell from the Australian National University and Madhu Bhaskaran and Sharath Sriram from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University have used nanotechnology to convert mechanical pressure into electricity.

The breakthrough was made by combining piezoelectrics, materials capable of turning

pressure into electricity, with thin film technology — the basis of microchip manufacturing, according to a Melbourne Institute statement.

The use of piezoelectrics means that portable devices with touch screens like iPads and iPhones could be recharged through everyday activities like typing.

It also means that in future pacemakers could be powered by an individual wearer's blood pressure.

Internet



CRH 380 trains stop at Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station in Shanghai, east China, on 23 June, 2011. VIP waiting zone and automatic check-in machines of the Beijing-Shanghai High Speed Railway were ready at Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station on Thursday. The high speed railway line will be opened formally on 1 July.
XINHUA

200-yr-old cookery book's slimming recipes include beef tea, tongue pie

LONDON, 24 June—A 200-year-old cookery book that has recently been discovered in a charity shop includes recipes for tongue and udder pie, herb porridge and beef tea.

“Domestic Management; The Healthful Cookery book” was written in 1810 by authoress Arabella Plumptre, a doctor's daughter who promised readers she would “temper instead of pamper the appetite.” It offers healthy ‘slimming’ meals and ‘avoids

some of the most injurious refinements of modern cookery’.

In a 355-page book, she details a string of revolting recipes, including calve's feet jelly, green pudding, fried tripe and roasted eel with lemon juice, reports the *Daily Mail*.

Readers with constipation are advised to drink old sour milk known as “Boniclepper” to “powerfully open the breast and passages” whilst a beggar's pudding is made of old scraps of

bread soaked in hot water. Those tempted to serve wine with the meal are warned: “Wines should never be given to invalids without the expressed permission of their medical attendant - as they are dangerous medicines and do more harm than good.”

The book also gives tips on how to be the perfect housewife by boiling a horse head, making your own furniture polish, removing warts using silk thread and how to cure frozen limbs.—Internet



Photo taken on 23 June, 2011 shows the Solar Impulse, a Swiss solar-powered plane during the biennial International Paris Air Show in Paris. Solar Impulse, the Swiss solar-powered aircraft, finally arrived in Paris on Tuesday after three days' delay. Solar Impulse is the first aeroplane designed to fly day and night without requiring fuel and without producing carbon emission. —XINHUA

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue attends monsoon tree-growing, fingerling-releasing ceremonies



Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun puts fingerlings into a dam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun was present at the ceremony to grow trees and release fingerlings held at Myanmar Economic Bank's compound under the ministry here this morning.

The Union Minister

first grew a gum-kino tree, and then Deputy Minister U Win Than, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Directors-General, managing directors and staff of Myanmar Economic Bank planted perennial trees.

The Union Minister

released fingerlings into Aung Mingala Dam of the ministry and the dam of Pension Department, and so did those present. There have been a total of 1500 plants and 45000 fingerlings in the ministry's second tree-growing and fingerling-releasing ceremonies-2011.—MNA

Energy Ministry provides stipend, honours outstanding students and staff

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—The Ministry of Energy held a ceremony to provide stipend for offspring of staff for this academic year and to award outstanding students who passed matriculation exam in 2010-2011 academic year and outstanding trainees of

Central Institutes of Civil Service, at the ministry here today, attended by Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, the director-general, managing directors of department and enterprises.

The Union Minister

presented stipend for offspring of staff members and awarded matriculation-passed students with flying colours and outstanding staff who got achievement at CICS.

The Energy Ministry provided over K91 million for 2011-2012 academic year.—MNA

EP-1 Ministry awards staff's offspring scholarships



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min awards an outstanding student.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 held a ceremony to pay stipends to staff's offspring who have already passed the matriculation examination with flying colours in 2011-2012 academic years at Yeywa Hall of the ministry here yesterday morning in the presence of Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min.

The Union Minister presented stipends for a total of 2716 students studying at primary, middle

and high school levels through officials concerned of the ministry, and awarded the outstanding students.

It is learnt that there are a total of 80 students of the ministry's staff, who passed the last-year matriculation exam including one student with six distinctions, two with five distinctions, three with four, two with three, three with two, five with one, and 64 with no distinction.

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Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay addresses stipend-giving and prize presentation ceremony of the ministry.—MNA

CASH DONATED: In memory of late Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Myint Myint of Yangon, husband U Myat Thinn Aung and son U Zaw Moe Khaing and wife Dr Daw Saw Nay Nwe present K 10 million to Medical Superintendent Dr Ye Win through U Than Nyunt, a townselder, for medical fund of Kyaunggon Township.

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Three bombs blast in Zabuthiri, Chanayethazan, PyinOoLwin, Investigation made to expose outlaws

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Bomb blasts which occurred in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw and Chanayethazan and PyinOoLwin townships of Mandalay Region this morning destroyed two houses and a vehicle, and left three people injured.

It was learnt that a bomb went off in an empty house at 11.55 am in Thabyegon Ward, Zabuthiri Township of Nay

Pyi Taw, causing damage to the roofs with no casualties; that a bomb exploded in blue-colour Surf vehicle without license parking in front of Zegyo market between 27th and 28th streets on 84th street in Chanayethazan Ale Ward, Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Region at about 11.50 am, causing damage to the car body and leaving three people injured near the car

(not serious); and that a bomb which burst in an empty house in Ward No. 3 of PyinOoLwin Township caused minor damage to the house with no casualties.

The officials concerned rushed to the scenes to investigate bombers, and was providing necessary requirements for three patients from Chanayethazan Township.

Aiming to cause public panic and undermine already achieved peace and stability, insurgents have been committing terrorist acts persistently at crowded places. Now, they are recruiting bombers to commit destructive acts, providing incentives. Like previous events jointly exposed by duty-conscious people and officials, it is learnt that the public are requested to come forward with information if they found any suspected persons.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meeting with Hluttaw representatives in Yangon Region and those from RUMFCCI.
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We have been asked three questions. The first question is, what did the Hluttaws representatives and Hluttaws do at the first regular Hluttaw sessions. The answer is the first regular session of Hluttaws held from 31 January to 30 March 2011 was the session summoned by the State Peace and Development Council. Formation of Hluttaws, formation of Standing Committees and formation of Joint Committees were carried out at the session. Bill

Committee, Public Accounts Committee, Hluttaw Rights Committee and Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee were formed.

Elections of Hluttaw Speakers and Deputy Speakers, Vice-Presidents and President were performed. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw carried out appointments of 30 ministers for 34 ministries, Chairperson of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and eight members, Chairman of Union Election Commission and six

members, Chief Justice of the Union and six Judges of Supreme Court of the Union, Attorney-General of the Union and Auditor-General of the Union.

At the first regular session, the representatives put 106 questions and made 43 proposals. All the questions were answered and all the proposals could be discussed.

But the representatives and Hluttaw still have many tasks ahead. In reality, the people are originally vested with sovereign power. The representatives elected by the people came to their respective Hluttaws. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw car-

ried out the tasks for formation of Hluttaws, Hluttaw committees, election of President by Hluttaws and representatives and nomination of

hold discussions and workshops and exchange visits between Hluttaw representatives and MPs of other nations by summoning members of the

submit their bills, they will be discussed at the Hluttaws and measures will be taken for drafting bills.

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Hluttaw representatives are to draft bills if they are able to do so. But if they are not, responsible people and departments concerned will submit their bills. Similarly, if those responsible and departments come to submit their bills, they will be discussed at the Hluttaws and measures will be taken for drafting bills.

cabinet members and formation of judicial organizations and other Union level organizations by President.

So, it should be understood that the people's power reigns in the Hluttaw as it is formed with the people's representatives. After the Hluttaw has distributed power to the government and judicial bodies, the Union government shall implement administrative resolutions passed occasionally by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, states Section-228 of the constitution.

Question No.2 is, what are the Hluttaw, Hluttaw committees and representatives doing? To answer this question, they are trying for the Hluttaw to be qualified, strong and firm. It has two main tasks - legislation and reciprocal control of check and balance.

To shoulder such duties, the Hluttaw representatives are trying to build their capacity, especially that of the Hluttaw committees. In this regard, measures are being taken to conduct self-study,

four Hluttaw committees and speakers of Region and State Hluttaws in order to be able to perform the duty of legislation with their experience, wisdom, consideration and political will although they are not legal experts. The tasks also include revoking and amending the existing laws and promulgating new laws. These tasks are being carried out by reviewing the existing laws. In reviewing a law, the legislative task can be implemented only after considering whether it can protect the public interest, whether it can protect the national interest, whether it is in conformity with the constitution, whether it can work practically and whether it is in conformity with the international law and conventions and treaties signed by our country.

Hluttaw representatives are to draft bills if they are able to do so. But if they are not, responsible people and departments concerned will submit their bills. Similarly, if those responsible and departments come to

cussed at Amyotha Hluttaw or Pyithu Hluttaw, sent to the other Hluttaw and approved by that Hluttaw, it can be assumed that it is approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Then, the bill is to be sent to the President for his signature. If the President send it back after making a remark, it will be effective as law within 14 days when it is amended or is not amended by the Hluttaw.

Although the Hluttaws are responsible for legislation, it is also the duty of government organizations and departments concerned from the legislative field as well as people's representatives to submit bills.

If a bill submitted to the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw is approved by both Hluttaws, it is assumed that the bill is approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Talking about law, there can include laws, bylaws, rules, regulations, notifications, directives, procedures and manuals.

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In enacting laws, provisions are stated in the constitution to ensure check and balance between the Hluttaw and the President. To ensure check and balance, delicacy and effectiveness are necessary. So, the Hluttaws, Hluttaw committees and representatives are to perform their duties by correctly using their powers and rights.

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When the Pyidaungshu Hluttaw enacts a law, it may:

- (a) authorize to issue rules, regulations and bylaws concerning that law to any Union level organization formed under the constitution;
- (b) authorize to issue notifications, orders, directives and procedures to the respective organization or authority.

In doing so, it is necessary to conform to the provisions of related laws. These laws include the constitution, Hluttaw laws and bylaws, other existing laws and conventions and treaties signed by the country.

Hluttaw representatives are visiting their respective constituencies to clarify the tasks of the first Hluttaw regular session. In addition, they are presenting the people's voices, desires and stances to speakers of respective Hluttaws and informing the departments concerned in the constituencies about it. And they will have to continue to do so.

He explained the incident that happened in Kachin State recently. The skirmish between the Tatmadaw members and KIA caused panic among the local people as well as in the nation. At the time, U Thein Zaw, a representative of the Pyithu Hluttaw, while in Myitkyina, coordinated with authorities concerned and was able to put the situation under control. As a result, the region has restored peace and stability to nearly a full extent. Duty-conscious people and responsible and dutiful representatives of the people are required to act so in their regions.

People's representatives are to take precautionary measures if there is a likelihood of an attempt to harm peace and stability and to try to solve such problems without fail if they occur.

Since the formation of Hluttaws, representatives have been committed to working for the people, the nation and the Union and in the interests of the people, the nation and the Union without party's self-interest, ism, localism, racism and religionism.

In enacting laws, provisions are stated in the constitution to ensure check and balance between the Hluttaw and the President. To ensure check and balance, delicacy and effectiveness are necessary. So, the Hluttaws, Hluttaw committees and representatives are to perform their duties by correctly using their powers and rights. By comparing their duties, powers and rights with those of Hluttaws from other nations, Hluttaw

representatives need to carry out formational tasks, use rights and powers and have abilities suitable to their Hluttaws and nation.

To do so, workshops and discussions were held by summoning members of four standing committees each of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw and Hluttaw speakers of Regions and States. The Hluttaw representatives submitted 23 papers and those from universities 31 papers. Moreover, other experts held discussion three times.

The government is an administrative body that is serving the interests of the people and the nation. This is why the stances and aims of the Hluttaws and Hluttaw representatives are found to be the same with those of the government.

Overall, the President, Head of the Government, is to approve the laws enacted by the Hluttaws. Again, the people, Hluttaws comprising representatives, the Union Government, governments of Regions and States, leading bodies and members of self-administered regions and areas, departments and associations have to follow those enacted laws. As it is the policy-driven governing system, we have to follow laws only after they have been promulgated. No one is above the law. No one can stay beyond the law.

It is necessary to review the existing laws for serving the interests of the public and the nation and safeguarding the people and the State. The people, the government, legal organizations and departments are to do their works under the existing laws.

Thus, strengthening of Hluttaw is the most important. If there is no Hluttaw, the people would not have power; and if the people have no power, their life and State interest will face loss. We should not forget that the nation and the people were blamed and suppressed when the country did not have Hluttaw.

Nowadays, Hluttaws have reemerged and they are still alive winning interest of the people and the international community.

The Hluttaws must accept criticism of the people and assessment of the international community.

The people adore and value peace. They desire to build peace. The Hluttaw representing the people keep open the door to peace and restore it.

All the people must have nature of Dhamma for peace. The past events will not return, but lessons can be taken from them.

Taking lessons from the past events, it is necessary to consider circumstance of bad events and emergence of good events.

He urged the representatives to supervise their respective regions not to occur the behaviors of harm-

ing stability and peace. They are to prevent such behaviors with goodwill and loving-kindness.

Today, time has come to really flourish activities of loving the people and the nation.

Systematic democratization process is the most important for the present and the future so as to emerge a tranquil, peaceful, modern and developed nation which is the aspiration of the people.

We should be aware of the fact that over ambition and over expectation can deviate from the right way.

Although some countries are taking measures on grounds of democracy, human rights and responsible to protect civilians, it is regrettable that people are in dire straits in reality. So, the people of Myanmar must act correctly by taking lessons from the past events.

The third question was when the Hluttaw will be reconvened.

Before replying to it, he explained three types of Hluttaw sessions namely (a) regular session, (b) special session and (c) emergency session.

It is necessary to invite the representatives to attend the regular session at least 21 days ahead, the special session at least 15 days ahead and the emergency session at least three days ahead.

The provision stipulates that the duration between two regular sessions must not be longer than 12 months.

Therefore, he replied that the Hluttaw will be reconvened depending on acceptable reasons.

It must be understood that if invitation is sent at least 21 days ahead the schedule, it will be the regular session; the invitation is sent at least 15 days ahead, it will be the special session; and it is three-day ahead invitation, the session will be held as emergency one.

It is necessary to understand the reasons to summon the Hluttaws. If there are bills, the calling of Hluttaws will be very soon. Moreover, if there are good proposals, there will be the opportunity to reconvene Hluttaws. Emergence of proposals and bills to serve the interests of the people and the nation are the most important. The Hluttaws are to carry out their tasks through reciprocal control of check and balance system whether Hluttaws are reconvened or not. In this way, the Hluttaws can carry out their tasks to be able to realize the aspirations of the people.

Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win spoke words of thanks.

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann cordially greeted the attendees.

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Workshop on Myanmar and the International Community: the Way Forward held

YANGON, 24 June—The Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the German Foundation Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) jointly conducted a Workshop on Myanmar and the International Community: the Way Forward at 9 am this morning in Inya Lake Hotel, here.

The workshop aimed at assessing the opportunities and challenges Myanmar would face in foreign relations and development of its key economic and social sectors in the way forward. At the opening session, Daw Yin Yin Myint, Director-General of TRFL Department and Mr Jurgen Stetten, Head of Asia Department, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Germany, delivered welcoming remarks.

The key note speech of the workshop was delivered by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U



Wunna Maung Lwin.

The workshop was conducted from 24 to 25 June and attended by both Myanmar and international scholars from ASEAN, China, India, EU, the US and officials from relevant ministries.

Mr Jurgen Stetten, Head of Asia Department, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Germany, making speech at Workshop on Myanmar and the International Community: the Way Forward.—MNA

Resident ambassadors of some ASEAN members states, China, India, Germany, Australia, Norway as well as the resident representatives of the UNDP also attended the workshop.

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More jade, gems and pearl at Special...

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so as to successfully hold the special sales. In doing so, service personnel of Ministry of Mines and other ministries, the chairman, executives and members of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association and staff of gems companies in addition to staff of Myanmar Gems Enterprise are harmoniously participate in preparation tasks for the special sales."

He continued to say that officials concerned manage tasks of members of the Central Committee for the Special Sales and staff and gem merchants for the opening ceremony, accommodation and other facilities for merchants during the special sales and systematic displays of jade, gems and pearl lots.

Deputy Director U Thit Lwin further explained arrangements for supply of transportation, accommodation and meals for convenience of gem merchants in Nay Pyi Taw.

He said, "Now, gem merchants have made reservations for 1752 rooms of all hotels in Nay Pyi Taw. A total of 434 rooms at Sibin Guest House have been

reserved. Reservation has been made for four of 26 free standing houses. During the period of special sales, Bandoola Transport Company plans to run 100 Parami Taxis for convenient traveling of gem merchants. Moreover, arrangements have been made for opening about 70 food stalls."

Invitation cards have been sent to 6700 gem merchants from China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam and Canada. Likewise, advertisements have been inserted into daily newspapers for informing the gem merchants at home of their attendance to the special sales. Thus, the gem merchants enlisted to attend the sales, beginning 21 June.

I looked around the compound of Mani Yadana Jade Hall. Jade lots are displayed in pleasant sights. These jade lots comprise various kinds of jade including imperial, utility and commercial types.

"Jade lots are put on display at the car parking near the Jade Hall and in the compound of Gems Museum in addition to the compound of the hall," said Deputy Director U Ye Htut who is also discharging duty

of the Jade Subcommittee Secretary.

There are over 22,000 jade lots to be sold at the special sales. The 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium held in last March displayed 17,000 jade lots.

He continued, "Jade lots being displayed for the coming special sales are larger number and better quality. In addition to Myanmar Gems Enterprise, about 700 companies will participate in the special sales. At present, lots of jade are being displayed at harmonious locations for enabling gem merchants to check them conveniently."

Sales of jade lots can take six minutes for each lot through competitive bidding system. Therefore, about 80 lots of jade can be sold from 9 am to 5 pm. During four days of sales, 320 jade lots can be sold through competitive bidding system. Arrangements are being made for systematically keeping 30 tender boxes at which gem merchants can put tender proposals and a total of 100 jade lots can be put into one tender box each. With regard to tender proposals, for example, proposals of tender boxes must be checked the whole night of 2 July so as to announce the highest tender prices on 3 July after the members of the panel of chairmen have scrutinized them.



Photo shows a lot of ruby.

Thus, over 500 staff members are assigned duty to check proposals from tender boxes.

I headed for the Gems Museum where the jewellery and pearl plots will be sold. I saw officials of subcommittees are displaying jewellery lots systematically.

Secretary of Gems Subcommittee U Win Than Tin said that a total of 224 lots of gems will be sold at the special sales through tender and 60 lots through competitive bidding system, totaling 284; and that forty-two jewellery companies and six gems shops together with Myanmar Gems Enterprise will participate in the special sales. As the 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium put 206 gem lots and the Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 273 gems lots in November 2010, the number of gem lots at coming special sales will be larger than the past two emporiums.

Secretary of Gems Subcommittee U Win Than Tin, who is also Deputy Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise, further explained, "Jewellery items to be sold at the special sales are ruby, sapphire, Mogok colourful stones, Mongshu uncut ruby, Nantya uncut ruby, uncut quartz and topaz. In the previous emporiums, Thai gem merchants bought the largest lots of jewellery,

especially Mongshu uncut ruby. Chinese gem merchants purchased the largest number of uncut quartz."

It is sure that all the merchants may prefer best quality of jewellery including one piece of ruby weighing 14.93 carats and one feather ruby weighing 13.90 carats.

At the same time, private jewellery shops will sell ornaments made of jewellery, souvenirs and mosaic paintings.

At the place for sales of pearl, I saw various colours and quality of pearl lots. Some of them are white like cotton and some are golden.

"The sales will put 355 lots of pearl on display. Of them, 59,023 pieces of pearl at 313 lots will be sold through tender and 6225 pieces of pearl at 42 lots through competitive bidding system. A total of 31015.75 mommes of pearl will be sold through tender and 2493.70 mommes through competitive bidding system," explained Chairman of the Pearl Subcommittee U Sein Lwin.

One momme is equal to 3.75 grams or 20.625 rati or 18.75 carats.

South Sea Pearl is being cultured in Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Myanmar across the world.

The pearl of Australia is the largest as well as Myanmar pearl is the best luster.

U Sein Lwin, General Manager of Myanmar Pearls Enterprise, explained that in the previous emporiums, merchants of Japan bought the largest number of Myanmar pearl. At the 48th Emporium, one Japanese gem merchant purchased the largest number of pearl, followed by gem merchants from Hong Kong and India.

He said, "The 48th Emporium sold 255 lots of pearl. In the coming special sales, Myanmar Pearls Enterprise will display 269 lots of pearl plus that of four pearl companies, so the number of pearl lots for the coming sales will be larger. Moreover, forthcoming sales will display larger lots of pearl. Then, he conducted me around displays of quality Myanmar pearl lots.

The Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales will be held at Mani Yadana Jade Hall from 1 to 13 July. I witnessed activities of the Central Committee and subcommittees for providing all-round facilities to successfully hold the special sales. Jade, gems and pearl lots to be displayed at the sales are larger quantity and better quality than that of previous ones. As such, the special sales will be satisfactory for local and foreign gem merchants.

Translation: TTA



Photo shows lots of Myanmar quality pearls.

Rural Energy Development Subcommittee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—Rural Energy Development Subcommittee, which is formed for development of energy in rural regions, one of the eight tasks of Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Central Committee, met for the first time at Ministry of Industry-2 here this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, subcommittee chairman Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein said that rural regions would be developed by supplying electricity from national grid to villages without electricity; that it was the responsibility of the government, non-governmental organizations, cooperative syndicates

and the private sector to supply electricity to the country; and that measures were to be taken for supply of electricity according to prioritized list.

Members of the subcommittee Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Myo Aung elaborated on power-generating methods and solar power system for supply of electricity, Deputy Minister U Myint Zaw of Electric Power No. 1 on hydroelectricity and researches on supply of electricity with bio-gas were discussed.

The Union Minister called for acceleration of the works in cooperation with region and state government.—MNA



Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department delivered an address at ICIMOD Myanmar Day in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 June.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

KNU's mine seriously wounds one innocent civilian

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June— A mine exploded in Mon State at 10 am yesterday, and made a civilian lose his right ankle.

The mine blast occurred when U Hla Sein, 75, who lives in Shwe Aye Myein Village, Wawlae Township, Mawlamyine in Mon State, stepped on the mine planted by KNU insurgents while going to farmland. Officials concerned of the local battalion gave medical aids to the injured because he was in a critical condition.—MNA



A woman is seen here making a phonecall at a Telstra phone booth in Sydney. Australian telecoms major Telstra on Thursday inked an Aus\$11 billion (US\$11.6 billion) deal to switch off its national copper network and join the government's ambitious broadband rollout.—INTERNET

Exercise helps brain cancer patients live longer

NEW YORK, 24 June—Brain cancer patients who are able to exercise live significantly longer than patients who are not able to do so, says a new study.

The study by scientists at the Duke Cancer Institute in North Carolina, US, says exercise improves how cancer patients feel during and after treatment, and may also extend their lives, *Xinhua* reports. It enrolled 243 patients with advanced recurrent gliomas - lethal brain malignancies that typically result in a life expectancy of less than six months. The patients who participated in regular, brisk exercise five days a week for 30 minutes had significantly prolonged survival, living a median 21.84 months versus 13.03 months for the most sedentary patients.

"This provides some initial evidence that we need to look at the effects of exercise interventions, not only to ease symptoms but also to impact progression and survival," said Lee Jones, associate professor and senior author of the study.

The finding has been published online in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

Internet

"Meari" brings havoc in N Philippines

MANILA, 24 June—At least 11 people were reported missing and more than 40,000 people displaced in Metro Manila, after non-stop rains triggered by tropical storm Meari on Thursday, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management said Friday.

Ten fishermen were reported missing in Catanduanes, a coastal province in eastern Luzon Region, while a woman, Rose Belga Ordan, had been washed away by flashflood in Ligao City, Albay Province. The NDRRMC said a total of 32,118 families in 132 villages in the northern provinces of Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales, Rizal and Albay and the National Capital Region were affected by floods.

Meanwhile, 10,143 families were evacuated to 23 evacuation centres in Albay, Rizal, Zambales and NCR.

The estimated damage to agriculture and infrastructure in Zambales alone was 1.92 million pesos (44,421 US dollars), the NDRRMC said. The Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Geographical Administration

(Pagasa) said in its morning bulletin, Meari (local name of Falcon) has slightly become stronger as it was now moving in northwest direction. Storm signal No 1 has been raised over 11 provinces. In Metro Manila, all schools suspended classes on Friday.

Xinhua



A car moves in water on a street in Beijing, capital of China, on 23 June, 2011. Rainstorms pounded the Chinese capital Thursday afternoon. The storms delayed flights, slowed road traffic and disrupted the operation of two subway lines in the afternoon rush hours. —XINHUA

New HIV vaccine targets identified

CAMBRIDGE, 24 June— Scientists using powerful computational tools say they have identified an Achilles heel in HIV that could be a prime target for AIDS vaccines or drugs.

The research adds weight to a theory that a vaccine for the human immunodeficiency virus should avoid a broadside attack and instead home in on a few vulnerable targets within the virus, *The Wall Street Journal* reported Monday.

One of the great hurdles in HIV research is the virus' extreme mutability, but the researchers found there are some HIV sectors, or groups of amino acids, that rarely make multiple mutations. Scientists have come to suspect that the virus needs to keep such regions intact. Targeting these areas could trap HIV, researchers said. If it mutated those regions, it would disrupt its own internal machinery and die out, and if it didn't mutate them, it would be defenceless against a drug or vaccine attack targeted at those exact sectors.

Internet



Visitors view a sand table with wind power generating equipment during the Clean Energy Expo China (CEEC) at China National Convention Centre in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 June, 2011. The three-day Clean Energy Expo China kicked off here on Wednesday, involving nearly 400 enterprises from 20 countries and regions.—XINHUA

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ARRIVAL AND CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

Consignees of cargoes carried by M.V. MCP HAMBURG are hereby notified that the estimated arrival time of the vessels from Port Kelang are as follows:-

Voy-813	PKG	20-06-2011	YGN	24-06-2011
Voy-815	PKG	30-06-2011	YGN	04-07-2011

Cargoes will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the bye-law and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargoes will be surveyed daily from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM and Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No Claims against these vessels will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION
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THE MINISTRY OF MINES
MYANMAR EMPORIUM CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Nay Pyi Taw 1373 waning day of Na Yone (9)
2011 June (25)

1. Myanmar Emporium Central Committee with be held the Jade, Gem and Pearl Special Sale July 2011 at the Maniradana jade emporium hall in Nay Pyi Taw from 1st July to 13th July. Myanmar citizen gem entrepreneurs who got permit and had been producing precious stones in accordance with the gem stone Law of Myanmar and Myanmar citizen gem merchants who got license and had been carrying out the business of precious stones in accordance with the gem stone Law of Myanmar will be permitted in participating and be purchasing at the Jade, Gem and Pearl Special Sale July 2011 in compliance with the specified terms.
2. Myanmar citizen merchants who are interested in purchasing at the Jade, Gem and Pearl Special Sale July 2011 are informed to be contacted to the administration sub committee office that had been opened at the Myanma Gems Enterprise (Head office) Nay Pyi Taw from 1st June to 30th June 2011.

EMPORIUM CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Airbus and AirAsia announce record deal for 200 planes



Airbus chief executive Tom Enders said he was proud to be AirAsia's partner.— INTERNET

NASA's Mars rover arrives in Florida

WASHINGTON, 24 June—NASA's next Mars rover has completed the journey from its California birthplace to Florida in preparation for launch this fall, the US space agency said on Thursday in a statement. The Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) rover, also known as Curiosity, arrived Wednesday at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre aboard an Air Force C-17 transport plane. It was accompanied by the rocket-powered descent stage that will fly the rover during the final moments before landing on Mars.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV DELIGHT VOY NO (149)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DELIGHT VOY NO (149) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.6.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(4) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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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Common medicines for elderly linked to death

LONDON, 24 June — Commonly used drugs — for conditions such as heart disease, depression and allergies — have been linked to a greater risk of death and declining brain function by UK researchers. They said half of people over 65 were prescribed these drugs. The effect was greatest in pa-



Taking multiple common drugs has been linked to brain decline and death.—INTERNET

tients taking multiple courses of medication, according to the study in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. Experts said patients must not panic or stop taking their medicines.

The researchers were investigating medicines which affect a chemical in the brain — acetylcholine. The neurotransmitter is vital for passing messages from nerve cell to nerve cell, but many common drugs interfere with it as a side effect. Eighty drugs were rated for their "anti-cholinergic" activity: they were given a score of one for a mild effect, two for moderate and three for severe. Some were given by prescription only, while others were available over the counter.

Experts said patients must not panic or stop taking their medicines. The researchers were investigating medicines which affect a chemical in the brain — acetylcholine. The neurotransmitter is vital for passing messages from nerve cell to nerve cell, but many common drugs interfere with it as a side effect. —Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV BANGKACHAI VOY NO (105)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKACHAI VOY NO (105) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.6.2011 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.

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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Passengers buy tickets of the Beijing-Shanghai high speed railway at a ticket agency in Shanghai, east China, on 24 June, 2011.— XINHUA

Australia opens new centre to boost brain research

CANBERRA, 24 June — A new brain research centre opened in Melbourne, Australia Friday, providing a new home for some of the greatest brain researchers to carry out groundbreaking research into disorders such as epilepsy and Alzheimer's disease. Seven hundred brain experts will work at the 227 million US dollars Melbourne Brain Center, which opens on Friday as Australia's 'biggest neuroscience hub'.

The centre brings together scientists from major organizations including the Florey Neuroscience Institutes (FNI), one of the world's top 10 brain research centers, the Mental Health Research

Institute and University of Melbourne. They will have access to some of the most sophisticated brain imaging machines available, as well as the top science labs in the center. According to stroke expert and FNI director Professor Geoffrey Donnan, the centre would give researchers greater access to brain disorder patients being treated in public hospitals.

Many of those patients, including stroke victims, will be taken to the center for high resolution magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) brain scans with the results able to be shared by their doctors and the researchers.

Xinhua

Visitors appreciate a sculpture of the Han Dynasty (202 BC-220 AD) during a Heluo Civilization Exhibition at Luoyang museum in Luoyang, central China's Henan Province, on 22 June, 2011. More than 2,000 cultural relics were displayed on the exhibition.— XINHUA



Cow makes a break for freedom

Police in Pennsylvania said a cow headed for slaughter escaped while being moved from its cage and spent about an hour on the run.

Taj Burton, 20, an employee of Madina Live Poultry Co in Upper Darby, said he was moving the 750-pound cow Saturday when it made a break for freedom, the *Delaware County Times* reported Tuesday.

"I chased it, but it outran me. The cow was on the run for about an hour," Burton said. Police Superintendent Michael Chitwood said officers chased the cow in their cars.

"Sector 4 cars chased it," Chitwood said. "I have not trained my officers how



to use lassos. They have been trained in a lot of different ways, but not to lasso a cow. We have all kinds of strange things happen in Upper Darby. This was kind of funny." Chitwood said police were eventually able to corner the cow with their cars and Madina recaptured it using a lasso made from two dog leashes.

Burton said the cow ran into a car during its time on the loose, but neither the animal nor the driver was injured.

Man had stick in bowels for 25 years

A Swedish man who complained of stomach pains for 25 years was found to have a 2-inch wooden stick with sharp edges lodged in his bowels, doctors said.

Doctors say they suspect the object was left in the body of 65-year-old Ove Sohlberg after a surgical procedure for stomach ulcers 25 years ago, Swedish news agency IT reported Thursday.

"I have been admitted to hospital more

than 100 times over the years for the pain," Sohlberg told the *Vasterbottenskuriren* newspaper in Lycksele.

"I felt like there was something in there and I was in constant pain," Sohlberg said

Last weekend, a surgical team finally found and removed the object, 2.3 inches long and resembling a toothpick with sharp edges, from Sohlberg's abdomen.

Sohlberg said he was

relieved be rid of it after a quarter of a century of pain.

"But it seems a pity I had to live with it for so many years," he said.



Maria Gomes Valentim, 114, lies on her bed in Carangola in this 19 May, 2011 file photograph. Valentim, who was the world's oldest living person according to the Guinness World Records, passed away on 21 June, 2011, according to local media reports.

News Album

Class ring found after 50 years

A Georgia woman said she was happy to receive the high school ring her late husband was searching for on the day she met him in 1961.

Joan Anderson, 67, of Canton said her husband, George, who died in 1987, was searching for the ring at a Dublin swimming pool on the day she met him in June 1961 and he continued to look for

the item for two years, the *Canton Cherokee Tribune* reported Thursday.

Kelvin Foskey of Dublin said his son, Kelvin Jr, 13, recently discovered the ring near the pool and they used a 1960 Dublin High School yearbook to find George Anderson's name.

He said they tracked down Joan

Anderson with the help of her relatives in Dublin.

The ring was presented to Anderson at a ceremony earlier in the month.

"My husband spent two summers looking for that ring," she said. "We went in early and stayed late every day.

He even gridded off the area to make sure he searched everywhere."



Yoga enthusiasts practice yoga during the "Solstice in Times Square" event at Times Square in New York, the United States, 21 June, 2011. Thousands of yoga enthusiasts came here to do yoga in celebration of the longest day of the year.

Adele reschedules concert dates

NEW YORK, 24 June—British pop star Adele says she plans to resume her North American tour in August after she was forced to cancel several dates this month due to laryngitis.

The concert series is to support her second album "21," which spent 10 weeks at the top of the US album chart.

The new tour will include stops in six additional cities including Las Vegas; Atlantic City, NJ; Durham, NC; Orlando, Fla; Miami and Spring, Texas, Columbia Records said in a news release Thursday. The first round of rescheduled dates kicks off 9 Aug in Vancouver, British Columbia, and is to run through 24 Aug in St Paul, Minn.

The second round is to begin 7 Oct in Atlantic City and will wrap up 21 Oct in Grand Prairie, Texas.—Internet



British singer Adele attends the 'Brit Awards' at the O2 Arena in London on 15 February, 2011. INTERNET

'Mad Men' star Jon Hamm signs new 3-year contract

LOS ANGELES, 24 June—Don Draper is getting job security and a raise.

Jon Hamm, who plays 1960s advertising executive Draper on AMC's "Mad Men," has signed a new contract with series studio Lionsgate Television Group. Hamm's publicist, Slate PR, said Tuesday that the deal keeps him with the show for three more years.

The actor will receive a substantial raise for the upcoming fifth season. By the contract's final year, he'll earn more than \$250,000 an episode, *Variety.com* reported, citing unidentified sources. Hamm had been signed through season six of "Mad Men." The new deal keeps him on board through the seventh season. Series creator Matthew Weiner signed a contract in March for a sixth season and a possible seventh. Weiner's protracted negotiations delayed the show's return from this year to early 2012.—Internet



In this file photo, actor Jon Hamm poses for a photo at the inaugural Critics' Choice Television Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif. INTERNET

Uni of Sydney's Picasso sells at auction for \$22m

SYDNEY, 24 June—A Pablo Picasso painting given to the University of Sydney by an anonymous American donor has sold at a London auction for 13.5 million pounds (\$22 million), school officials said Wednesday.

The 1935 painting "Jeune fille endormie" was donated to the Australian school last year on the condition that it use proceeds from its sale to fund scientific research. The money will help pay for research into obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease, said the university's vice chancellor, Michael Spence.

There was fierce bidding at Christie's auction house on Tuesday for the painting, which depicts Picasso's lover, Marie-Therese Walter.

"We understand it was a British buyer," university spokesman Andrew Potter said. "We're not aware of the name. There is some suggestion the name will be released in the next few weeks."

The donor personally flew the painting to Sydney last year.

"The sale of this remarkable work is the result of one donor's extraordinary generosity who said, 'This painting is going to change the lives of many people,' Spence said in a statement. "They were right. We are grateful for their extraordinary generosity and delighted with the outcome of the auction."

Internet



In this file photo, the Pablo Picasso painting 'Jeune fille endormie' is on show during a Masterpieces exhibition at Christie's auction house in London.—INTERNET

Bad-boy Diego set for showdown talks with Wolves

BERLIN, 24 June—Brazil midfielder Diego has said he is unaware of the fine imposed on him by his German league club Wolfsburg, but expects to learn more in Friday's show-down meeting with Wolves' coach Felix Magath.

A club spokesman has confirmed the 2009 German champions have heavily fined the 26-year-old, but refused to state the exact amount with reports here suggesting it is 500,000 euros (720,262 US dollars).

Diego expects to learn whether he has a future at Wolfsburg when he meets Magath to discuss his behaviour on the last weekend of the season when he stormed out on his side after being dropped for their final game on 14 May.



Brazil midfielder Diego

"I don't know anything about a fine," Diego told German magazine *Kicker*. "I have to wait to speak to the club. The fact is I have a contract and everyone must respect that. 'Whatever we have to do, we will do it together.' Playmaker Diego stormed out of the team hotel after being dropped for the final game of the season against Hoffenheim and missed Wolfsburg's 3-1 victory, which ensured their German league survival.

Internet

Costa Rica defender Marshall dies in car smash



Dennis Marshall of Costa Rica

LOS ANGELES, 24 June—National team defender Dennis Marshall was one of two people killed Thursday in a two-vehicle smash in the mountains near San Jose, Costa Rica, the Red Cross reported on Thursday.

Marshall, and a female travelling with him, were killed when their car collided head on with a truck.

Marshall had recently returned to Costa Rica following the CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament in the United States. He scored a goal Saturday in a loss to Honduras. Marshall scored to make it 1-1 in regulation time before his squad lost 4-2 on penalties. Marshall played internationally for Danish club Aalborg.

Internet

Hosts Germany eager for World Cup to start

BERLIN, 24 June—With pressure mounting on the defending champions, hosts Germany are eager to get their women's world cup campaign underway on Sunday when they take on Canada. Germany are bidding for a third-straight title, having won the 2007 and 2003 tournaments, and are the hot favourites to lift the title following the final in Frankfurt on 17 July.

"We're going to give everything to lift the trophy again. Our goal is to be world champions," said Germany's star midfielder Fatmire Bajramaj. The team has been in camp for several weeks and as their opening game at Berlin's Olympic Stadium draws closer, tension is building inside the squad with fierce competition for places. "It has to start

soon, or we'll go a bit crazy," admitted midfielder Melanie Behringer. With training being tapered down, a scavenger hunt and a shopping trip in Germany's capital having been organised to keep the squad occupied, but all attention is on Sunday's Group A match.

"It's a bit like Christmas," said midfielder Celia Okoyina da Mabi, who turns 23 on Monday.

Internet



Germany's women's national football team take part in a training session on 22 June, in Berlin.—INTERNET

Survivor Robinho revels in elder statesman role

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 June—He may have failed to pull up many trees at Real Madrid or Manchester City while his return to Santos didn't last long before he fell back on his feet at Milan—but whatever his club record Robinho has become a fixture with the Boys from Brazil.

As Brazil head to the Copa America in Argentina seeking a third straight win in the world's oldest continental tournament Robinho appears to have exorcised the demons of inconsistency which marred his time first at the Bernabeu then with City in a somewhat ill-starred Premier League stint. He landed the title with Milan and scored almost a goal every other game and that has bolstered morale as he looks to net a second Copa

winners medal after 2007, in which he ended up tournament top scorer.

Now 27, Robinho—full name Robson de Souza—is entering what should be the peak of a career which has already yielded two league titles apiece with first Santos then Real before his Italian exploits.

At international level his 84 caps make him ostensibly the perfect candidate to take on the role of "big brother" to emerging talents such as Neymar, a teammate at Santos last year.

Internet



Brazil's forward Robinho

Villas-Boas gets backing of ex-Blues boss Grant

LONDON, 24 June—Former Chelsea manager Avram Grant believes new boss Andre Villas-Boas has what it takes to succeed at Stamford Bridge. At 33, the Portuguese Villas-Boas will be the youngest manager in the English Premier League when he succeeds Italian Carlo Ancelotti as soon as his release from Porto is agreed. Villas-Boas previously worked at Stamford Bridge as a scout under compatriot Jose Mourinho. Grant, director of football at Chelsea

before replacing Mourinho in 2007, said Villas-Boas's youth would not count against him.

"He is a very nice guy, is intelligent, a nice person and I enjoyed being with him, even if it was for only a short time," Grant told BBC Radio 5 Live. "Does he have the experience? No. But the authority? Time will say. I think yes," the Israeli added. "I know he is young, but Pep Guardiola when he went to Barcelona was young, without experience and he did a great job," former Portsmouth manager Grant, sacked as boss of West Ham within hours of their relegation from the Premier League last season, explained. "Football is a game of results, experience is important but more important is the quality and the authority to take a team and move it forwards."

Internet

S P O R T S

Serena Williams wonders why she, Venus get Court 2



Serena Williams

WIMBLEDON, 24 June—Serena Williams wonders why she and her older sister Venus have played once each on Court 2 at Wimbledon this year—instead of Centre Court or Court 1. After winning her second-round match Thursday on Court 2, four-time Wimbledon champion Serena was asked about being put in that venue, where five-time champion Venus won on Monday. Each

also has played one match on Centre Court this week. "They like to put us on Court 2—me and Venus—for whatever reason," Serena said. "I haven't figured it out yet. Maybe one day we'll figure it out."

Told of Serena's comments, tournament spokesman Johnny Perkins said there was no intentional snub, noting that several factors go into scheduling decisions, including TV broadcasting considerations, where players stand in the draw, and what ticket-buyers want to see. "I don't think it's anything deliberate, clearly," Perkins said.

Internet

Yani Tseng leads LPGA Championship

PITTSFORD, 24 June—No matter how hard she tried, Paula Creamer couldn't quite catch Yani Tseng. Neither could anyone else. Tseng, the top-ranked player in the world, shot a 6-under 66 on Thursday to take a one-shot lead over Creamer after the first round of the LPGA Championship.

The 22-year-old Tseng, already the youngest player to win three majors, made five birdies on the front nine and three more on the back to go

with a pair of bogeys as she began her quest for another major title.

"I tried to put it on the fairways as much as I could," said Tseng, who finished second to Stacy Lewis at the Kraft Nabisco Championship in March, the first major of the year.—Internet



Yani Tseng of Taipei

French Open champ Li upset by Lisicki at Wimbledon



China's Li Na reacts returns a shot to Germany's Sabine Lisicki at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, on 23 June, 2011.—INTERNET

WIMBLEDON, 24 June—After playing so well, so often, at this year's first two major tournaments, Li Na's run at Wimbledon came to an early end.

Only 2 1/2 weeks after giving China its first Grand Slam singles championship at the French Open, and five months after being the runner-up at the Australian Open, Li was knocked out in the second round at the All England Club on Thursday, the grass-court tournament's biggest upset so far.

The third-seeded Li wasted two match points and succumbed to the speedy serving of wildcard entry Sabine Lisicki of Germany in a 3-6, 6-4, 8-6 loss.—Internet

- ★ 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

Union Election Commission Office grows saplings in monsoon

NAY PYI TAW, 24 June—The office of the Union Election Commission held the monsoon tree growing ceremony at the office, here, this morning.

Chairman of the Commission U Tin Aye planted Seintalon mango and Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) saplings.

Members of the Commission, the director-general and staff participated in growing mahogany, Gangaw (Mesua ferrea), gold mohur, star-flower, mango, jack fruit, guava and Mezali (Cassia siamea) saplings at the ceremony.—MNA

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye plants a Gangaw tree (Mesua ferrea) at the tree-growing ceremony.

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More jade, gems and pearl at Special Sales

Article & Photos: Yan Gyi Aung

Recently Nay Pyi Taw was under the sullen sky. Sometimes, showers and heavy rains poured down alternatively. Despite unfavourable weather, Mani Yadana Jade Hall and its environs were bustling with life. They were staff and workers of Myanmar Gems Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines and jade, gems and pearl companies.

Those staff and workers were working for successfully holding of the Jade, Gems and Pearl

Special Sales day and night. Some of them arranged a large number of jade stones at designated places. Some checked lots of jade in designated places. Some of them decorated Mani Yadana Jade Hall where the special sales will be held through tender and competitive bidding system. Many were at their respective work for holding the opening ceremony of the special sales.

I had interviews with officials after viewing

round the preparations for the special sales. Deputy Director U Thit Lwin of Myanmar Gems Enterprise who is also Secretary of the Management Subcommittee explained, "Coming special sales will be first time of its kind after the new government has taken responsibility of the State. So, the Central Committee for Organizing the Myanmar Gems Emporium has assigned duties to subcommittees (See page 10)