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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one 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.

President U Thein Sein sends a message of felicitations to Italian Counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr. Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June, 2012.—MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates Italian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mario Monti, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June, 2012.—MNA

Union Information & Culture Minister attends 9th Asia Media Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attended the 9th Asia Media Summit held in Bangkok of Thailand on 29 May. It was attended by ministers from Asia and Pacific Region, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for the Asia and Pacific Region Dr Noeleen Heyzer, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Director Mr Yang Binyuan of Asia and Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), Managing Director Mr Thapchai Yong of Thai PBS, Deputy Secretary-General Mr Zhao Houlin of International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and high-ranking officials, heads,

experts, media men from government and private broadcasting corporations of 62 countries in Asia and Pacific Region totalling about 600.

At the ceremony, officials extended the greetings, and UNESCO Director-General Ms Irina Bokova's video speech was displayed. After that, Dr Noeleen Heyzer read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon to the 9th Asia Media Summit.

After the opening ceremony, those present discussed and exchanged views on "Media, Development and Conflict: Can Media Make a Difference?" paper and "Building a Media-Literate Public" paper. After that, the Union Minister looked

round Mediahub Market and Networking booths on show at Asia Media Summit. Government and private broadcasting corporations from Asia and Pacific Region



opened 37 booths at the Summit. MRTV-4 from Myanmar also opens booths there.—MNA

State visit to Thailand to be paid by President U Thein Sein postponed

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—The visit of U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to the Kingdom of Thailand from 4-5 June 2012 has been postponed to a mutually convenient date which would be coordinated by the two sides.—MNA



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attends the 9th Asia Media Summit held in Bangkok of Thailand.

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Union I&P Minister meets IOM guests

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi received Migration Expert Mr. Knight David Richard of International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Chief of Mission Ms. Mariko Tomiyama of Yangon-based IOM at his office here on 30 May.

Both sides discussed matters related to

immigration management and migration, making systematic inspection and management at sea ports, airports and border gates, capacity building of staff, providing technical assistance and conducting courses. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Directors-General and Head of Office.—MNA



Facebook users suffer service disruptions

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 June—Facebook has suffered a series of service disruptions which left many people unable to use the social network.

The problems meant that the site was unreachable for some people for almost two hours.

Sporadic disruptions were reported by many people and even those who could get through said pages were taking a long time to load.

Facebook apologised but said it had fixed the problem.

Stock slide

News of problems getting at and using Facebook spread quickly as people took to Twitter, news sites and blogs to express their frustration.

"Facebook is acting like its stock. It keeps going down," quipped one Twitter user.

Website watching sites such as Downrightnow and Downforeveryoneorjustme reported that the site was intermittently available for a period of several hours.

In a statement, Facebook said some users "briefly experienced issues loading the site" but these had been resolved and it should be working fine for everyone. It gave no details about what had caused the problems.

Facebook has a reputation for reliability and the problems come at a sensitive time for the company. It is under intense scrutiny given the poor performance of its stock following its flotation on the Nasdaq stock exchange 18 May. The stock has fallen almost 23% since its debut.

Internet



Facebook's debut on the stock market has put the social network under close scrutiny.

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Back to school

The very first day of June is the day all the basic education schools far and wide the country reopen after the summer break. Ahead of the day one of new education calendar, a series of school enrollment day ceremonies where chief ministers of respective regions and states repeated education policy of the incumbent government took place.

Pursuing the dream of free and compulsory primary education, the government thus provides all the text books and six exercise books free of charge to each and every student. The six free note books may be quite helpful for a student to start an academic year. Teachers are also called for cooperation with the government in its bid to lure all the school-age children into schools, distancing themselves from collecting extra fees.

These efforts deserve praises, but these alone could not make the education system much better. The education system of our country is prone to parrot-fashion learning method for years, rather than logical thinking the thing that basic education schools fail to deliver.

To be optimistic, many sweeping education reforms are tangible. We have already realized that it will take a long time to heal the old-fashioned system. But these reforms should not be long overdue because it is the matter that the future of the country largely rests on.

The government made a firm commitment to increasing spending on education which is increased by significant number than that of the preceding FY.

The 1 June is not only the day our children start an academic year but the day our future is back to school.

Application for registration as political party passed

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Election Commission is scrutinizing and passing the application of political parties for registration. Danu National Democracy Party including U Mya Than and 26 persons submitted the application for registration as political party to Union Election Commission. The UEC today allowed the party to set up political party as their application is in conformity with rules and regulations.—MNA



In memory of late U Pe Than Chit and Daw Khin Aye Than, Saw Hla Than and Ma Thiri Pa Pa Min family (London) today donated cash donation amounted K 0.5 million for a general fund of Hninzigon Home For The Aged through CEC Acting Secretary U Maung Maung Gyi.—NLM

Myanmar-Russian hold Foreign Ministries Sixth Bilateral Consultation



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint meets Deputy Minister Mr Igor V Morgulov of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.—MNA

YANGON, 1 June—According to the agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the regular consultations have been held at the respective capitals alternatively. For the year 2012, at the invitation of holding the Sixth Bilateral Consultation in Moscow on 29 May 2012, Myanmar Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint led a delegation to Moscow from 28 to 30 May 2012. The Sixth Bilateral Consultation was held on 29 May 2012 at the Small Mansion of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow.

Frankly discussions

were made between the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador in Moscow U Min Thein and Russian Delegation of Third Asian Department led by Deputy Minister Mr Igor V Morgulov to review the current cooperation and to explore the possibility in new cooperation. They can also exchange views on issues of mutual interests. Myanmar Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister had an opportunity to brief the current political and social development and both Deputy Foreign Affairs Ministers expressed their satisfaction on current cooperation in regional organizations as well as in

Union Foreign Minister felicitates Italian Counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Giulio Terzi di Sant' Agata, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June, 2012.—MNA

Mother's Son Construction participates at Housing & Living 2012 including; Automobile Show 2012

YANGON, 1 June—Mother's Son Construction Co., Ltd participates at Housing & Living 2012 including; Automobile Show 2012, which holds at Tatmadaw Convention in Dagon Township, Yangon from 1 to 4 June. Items put on show are construction and sale of hotels, motels, schools, hospitals with PAE system, home decoration materials, wallpapers, steel door, mild steel door, Ms Interior door bath room, aluminum door. For more information, contact No.453/490, Theinbyu road, near Kandawlay post office, Mingala Taungnyunt Township and No.263, between Bargayar road and Bomoe road, Sangyoung Township in Yangon and No.25/A, Ngantay street, Kwin ward, Mawlamyine and dial 09-73044480 and 0973066680.

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the United Nations and pledged for continuation. Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister of the Russian Federation welcomed Myanmar's current reform and development and wished for continued success in international relations.

Discussions were also made on promotion of bilateral trade.

Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint arrived back from Moscow via Bangkok yesterday.

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English: how good is good enough on line?

Than Daing Kaung (Meiktila)

More people are trying to learn English than any other language in the world. In technology, business and diplomacy, a command of English is essential, as it turns from a mere useful skill into a prerequisite for access to the best jobs and highest incomes. Asian countries have long known the importance of being able to communicate in English. Now it becomes a fact that the demand for more and better. English is increasing very fast Myanmar has made a very conscious effort to improve proficiency in English throughout the education system since 1978 when Goodall was beginning to become world-known the New English Text for the Matriculation Examination has concluded Goodall's story of her life-long devotion to the chimpanzees in the first chapter. Myanmar education authorities were aware of what the school system required and training for English teachers emphasized to make a steady increase in influence in Standard English. With a view to see an increasing number of students admitted to higher education and more students competent to use English in international business, teaching English in primary schools was introduced in Myanmar.

The growing dominance of English is clearly seen in information technology where internet is the demi-god. The internet highlights the challenge as 80% of webpages are in English. The need for English was raised by the globalization of business before the IT boom. The ability to communicate grows increasingly important due to one factor that is Asian

countries becoming home to foreign investors.

Web browsers first appeared on computers in the early 1990s after the birth of the Internet in 1969. Despite their achievements, the network pioneers, the most talented computer scientists including JCR Licklider, Robert Taylor graduate students Vint Cerf, Steve Crocker and John Postel remain unknown outside the computer world. Over the next decade dozens of new networks were born, including the USENET news groups, an electronic forum now used by millions of people around the world to discuss everything from particle physics to Barney the dinosaur.

Eleanor Johnson is an English professor at Columbia University in New York. She suspects a strong link between the rise of instant and casual communication on line and an increasing writing mistakes. But she admits these may not be much scientific evidence, at least not yet.

The founder of an online dictionary of Internet and text messaging terms and a British linguist who has written more than 100 books agree with Professor Johnson at least one thing. Teachers need to make sure students understand the users and rules of the English language.

What is their message about the mistakes in the students' work?

"If it's helping the kids write more or communicate more in English that's great," they say. In fact that is what teachers teaching English should advocate that is my opinion.

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Tomato genome project bears fruit

LONDON, 1 June—An international team of scientists has cracked the genetic code of the domesticated tomato and its wild ancestor, an achievement which should help breeders identify the genes needed to develop tastier and more nutritious varieties.

The full genome sequence of a tomato breed known as Heinz 1706, and a draft sequence for its closest wild relative *Solanum pimpinellifolium*, were published in the journal *Nature* on Wednesday.

Researchers who carried out the work said that together the sequences provide the most detailed look yet at the functional parts of the tomato genome and show order, orientation, types and relative positions of all of its 35,000 genes.

The sequences should help researchers find the links between certain tomato

genes and the characteristics they determine, and will also extend scientists' understanding of how genetic and environmental factors affect the health of a crop.

"Tomatoes are one of the most important fruit crops in the world, both in terms of the volume that we eat and the vitamins, minerals and other phytochemicals that both fresh and processed tomato products provide to our diets," said Graham Seymour, a professor of biotechnology at Nottingham University, one of 300 scientists involved in the Tomato Genome Consortium (TGC).

Tomatoes are not the only fruit

The tomato is also a good model to investigate the process of fruit ripening, so understanding its genome should help reveal the molecular circuits that make fruits ripen and give them their health-promoting properties, the team said.

"For any characteristic of the tomato, whether it's taste, natural pest resistance or nutritional content, we've captured virtually all those genes," said James



Giovannoni from the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research at Cornell University, who was part of the US tomato sequencing team. Tomatoes represent a \$2 billion market in the United States alone, while in Britain the market for tomatoes is worth around 625 million pounds (\$980 million) a year.

Lead UK researchers Gerard Bishop (l) and Graham Seymour check plants in a tomato glasshouse at the University of Nottingham on 30 March, 2012.

REUTERS

during that expansion were involved in the development and control of ripening, making them particularly interesting to tomato breeders.

The TGC involved scientists in 14 countries including Argentina, China, France, Germany, India, Japan, South Korea, Britain, the United States and others.

Giovanni said the work has implications for other plant species.

Strawberries, apples, melons, bananas and other fleshy fruits share some characteristics with tomatoes, he explained, so knowledge about the genes involved in fruit ripening could potentially be applied to them, helping breeders and growers to improve food quality and cut costs. "Now we can start asking a lot more interesting questions about fruit biology, disease resistance, root development and nutritional qualities," he said in a statement.

Reuters

Oracle plans new cloud-based products, first Ellison tweet

REDWOOD CITY, 1 June—Larry Ellison, the billionaire chief executive of software maker Oracle Corp, said his company will launch a new suite of cloud-based software products and computing services the first week of June and he plans to send out his first tweet to announce the event.

Oracle, which gets most of its revenue by selling software that companies install in their own data centres, is far behind smaller software vendor Salesforce.com Inc in the business of distributing its products via the Internet.



Oracle CEO Larry Ellison delivers the keynote address at the 29th Oracle OpenWorld in San Francisco on 2 October, 2011.

REUTERS

Oracle generates about \$1 billion in annual revenue from Web-based software, Ellison said on Wednesday at a conference organized by All Things Digital. That is about a third what Salesforce.com projects it will pull in during the current year.

The new cloud, or Web-based, products include a platform for building and running applications, databases and business management software, Ellison said.

He is scheduled to provide more details at an event for customers and analysts on 6 June at Oracle's headquarters in Redwood City, California.—Reuters

aloft. This movement was monitored by tracking the GPS signals between satellites and ground receivers.

Scientists have seen this phenomenon before, for tsunamis in Samoa in 2009 and Chile in 2010. The Japanese event, however, occurred in a region more closely monitored by a dense network of GPS receivers, NASA said in a statement.—Reuters

Amazon streams video to Xbox 360 consoles

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 June—Online retail powerhouse Amazon.com on Tuesday announced a collaboration with Microsoft to begin streaming films and television shows to Xbox 360 videogame consoles. An "app" was made available for free download to let people with subscriptions to Xbox Live Gold view Amazon Prime video using Microsoft's popular videogame consoles linked to Internet. "Amazon Instant Video on the Xbox 360 console is among one of the most requested video features from our customers," said Amazon.com vice president for video Anthony Bay.

The Instant Video application for Xbox syncs with Kinect accessories to let users peruse and select content by speaking or gesturing, according to Bay.

Amazon technology also lets people switch between watching shows or films on Kindle Fire tablets and Xbox consoles without losing continuity. "Working with Amazon.com marks a

significant milestone in our mission to make the entertainment you love more amazing on Xbox," said Xbox Live entertainment and advertising general manager Ross Honey. "By bringing the Amazon Instant Video app to Xbox Live and adding voice search and voice control through the magic of Kinect, we're transforming the way people discover and experience entertainment."

Prime and Xbox Live Gold are both premium services, but there is no added charge for watching video on the videogame consoles, according to the companies.

Prime Instant Video boasts a vast library of movies

and television shows including "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol" and "Mad Men."

Xbox Live offers its own video rentals as well as applications for viewing content from online streaming services such as Netflix and Hulu. The Amazon Instant Video application was available in the Xbox Live Marketplace. More information was available online at amazon.com/instantvideo/xbox. Annual subscriptions to Amazon Prime cost US\$79 while Microsoft has a variety of Xbox Live Gold accounts starting about US\$60 annually, according to the companies' websites.—Internet



A visitor samples games on the XBOX 360 at an electronics show in Las Vegas.—INTERNET

Fukushima quake, tsunami disturbed upper atmosphere: NASA

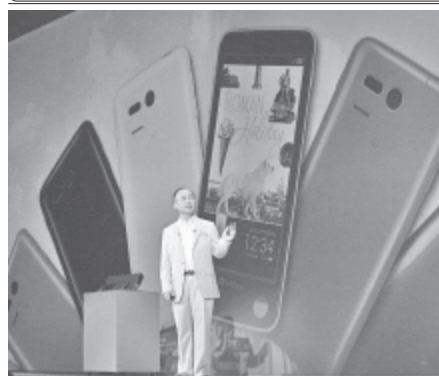
WASHINGTON, 1 June—The massive earthquake and tsunami that hit Fukushima, Japan, last year wreaked havoc in the skies above as well, disturbing electrons in the upper atmosphere, NASA reported. The waves of energy from the quake and tsunami

that were so destructive on the ground reached into the ionosphere, a part of the upper atmosphere that stretches from about 50 to 500 miles above Earth's surface.

The ionosphere is the last, thinnest part of the atmosphere, where solar

ultraviolet radiation breaks up molecules and leaves a haze of electrons and ions.

In images released on Friday, NASA showed how the earthly disturbances from the 11 March, 2011, quake and tsunami were echoed in the movement of electrons far



Japan's Internet and mobile giant Softbank president Masayoshi Son introduces the world's first smartphone featuring a nuclear radiation detector, named 'Pantone5'.—INTERNET

Japan firm unveils radiation-gauging smartphone

TOKYO, 1 June—Mobile phone operator Softbank on Tuesday unveiled a smartphone that can measure radiation as consumers in Japan clamour for reassurance following last year's Fukushima nuclear disaster. The latest model in the firm's Pantone series comes complete with a sensor that enables users to see at the touch of a button how much radiation they are being exposed to.

The phone, which the company is putting on general sale from July, can also keep a record of exposure in every location the phone has been to, Softbank said in a statement, adding that it can detect gamma rays in a range of 0.05-9.99 microsieverts per hour. Japan's top operator NTT DoCoMo at a tech fair last year showcased a smartphone with a changeable "jacket" that measures radiation levels. DoCoMo at that time said they were undecided on the product's commercial launch.

Many people in Japan remain concerned about radiation since the 9.0-magnitude quake and tsunami of March 2011 sparked the world's worst nuclear crisis in a generation at the Fukushima atomic plant. Worries over the health implications of the radioactive leak have sent demand for radiation-measuring devices soaring in Japan.—Internet

China, Japan, ROK and ASEAN to discuss disaster relief by armed forces

BEIJING, 1 June — Defence officers, military commanders and officials from ASEAN countries, China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) will gather in China from 24 to 28 June to discuss post-quake and disaster relief emergency operations by armed forces, said a spokesman with the Chinese Ministry of Defence on Thursday. Spokesman Yang Yujun of the ministry made the remarks at a Press briefing here.

Yang said the third Association of Southeast

Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China, Japan and ROK forum on armed forces unconventional security will focus on post-quake and disaster relief emergency response operations by armed forces. The forum, to be held in Shijiazhuang Army Command College of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), will gather defence officers and army commanders of ASEAN countries, China, Japan and ROK, as well as officials of the ASEAN Secretariat.

Also at Thursday's Press

briefing, Yang said that the National Defence University of the PLA will host a symposium on laws and rules regulating international relief efforts from 10 to 13 June in Beijing.

With the theme of "obligations and rights of armed forces participating in international disaster relief", the symposium will gather military officials and law experts from relevant parties of the ASEAN Regional Forum, as well as officials of the ASEAN Secretariat.

Xinhua



Sweden's Queen Silvia (C, back) visits the Bucheon Geriatric Medical Centre during her stay for the Sweden-Korea Dementia Forum in Bucheon City, South Korea, on 31 May, 2012. XINHUA

Chinese Navy training vessel "Zhenghe" pays goodwill visit to Italy

TARANTO, (Italy), 1 June — The Chinese Navy training vessel "Zhenghe" arrived in the southern Italian port city of Taranto on Thursday, starting a five-day goodwill visit to the country. Decorated both with the Italian and Chinese national flags, the People's Liberation Army (PLA)'s ocean-going training ship slowly entered Taranto, one of Italy's most important military ports, at around 10:30 am local time (0830 GMT).

The vessel, named after a famed Chinese maritime explorer who sailed overseas about 600 years ago, was warmly received by the charge d'affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Italy Chen Guoyou, representatives of overseas Chinese and representatives

from the Italian military.

The ship commander, Liao Shining, who is also deputy chief of staff of the PLA navy, said the main purpose of the visit is to promote the ideal of "a harmonious world and a harmonious ocean," as well as to strengthen the

friendship and cooperation between the two countries and the two navies.

Italy is the fifth stop of the vessel's five-month global voyage, which started from China's northeastern port city of Dalian in mid-April. During their stay in Italy, the Chinese sailors

aboard the ship will meet with provincial and municipal officials as well as those from the Taranto Naval Command. The Chinese officers and cadets will also participate in sports games with local navy officials, and visit Italian Navy vessels and training facilities.

The "Zhenghe," carrying a total of 308 sailors, including 110 students from the Dalian Naval Academy, will also hold a joint navigation and passage exercise with the DDG "Doria" of the Italian Navy.

The ship, with a scheduled route of more than 30,000 nautical miles, is expected to pay port calls to 11 countries and working visits to three countries during its global voyage.

Xinhua



The Chinese Navy training vessel "Zhenghe" arrives at Taranto, Italy, on 31 May, 2012. "Zhenghe" arrived at Italy's Taranto on Thursday, starting a five-day trip to the country to promote friendship. —XINHUA

Lukashenko, Putin praise Russia-Belarus integration

MINSK, 1 June — Visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko praised cooperation between the two countries while the two met in Minsk on Thursday evening during the Russian leader's first foreign trip since his return to the Kremlin. Putin praised the Russian-Belarusian integration, pointing to growing trade turnover between the two countries.

The Russian president stressed that bilateral trade increased by 40 percent to a record annual rate of 39 billion US dollars in 2011, while in the first four months of 2012 a 29-percent growth was registered. "The very fact of my first foreign visit to brotherly Belarus undoubtedly reflects the special nature of relations between Belarus and Russia," Putin said.

"Our meeting with

Alexander Lukashenko once again proved the mutual readiness to promote and fill our relations with new content. During the talks we discussed prospects of economic ties in detail," the Russian president said. Lukashenko also underlined the importance and significance of Putin's visit to Belarus. Belarus "has been and will always be Russia's closest and most reliable ally," he added. According to the Belarusian head of state, Belarus supports the idea of creating a single economic zone stretching from Lisbon to Vladivostok.

"If these integrations from Lisbon to Vladivostok are combined, we would get a single economic space. I think that taking into account the processes that have been going on recently the goal is quite achievable," the Belarusian leader said.

Xinhua

UN to hold summit of women leaders at Rio+20

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 June — The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) will hold a summit of top women leaders from around the globe during the UN Rio Conference on Sustainable Development in June.

The "Summit for the Future Women Want" will take place on 21 June, the second day of the so-called Rio+20 conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro, and will gather a number of female presidents and prime ministers who will call for concrete action toward the full integration of women in sustainable development.

Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff, the first woman to ever lead the South American giant, will attend the summit, as will Argentine President

Cristina Kirchner, Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla, Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė, and Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

Also taking part will be Kamla Persad-Bissessar, prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago, and Helle Thorning-Schmidt, the Danish prime minister.

The UN Women is headed by Michelle Bachelet, who served as president of Chile from 2006 to 2010.

The summit will be preceded by a three-day forum, at which participants will discuss and reaffirm the concepts of gender equality and the empowerment of women within the framework of sustainable development, according to the United Nations.

Xinhua

Israeli soldier, Gaza gunman killed in border clash

JERUSALEM, 1 June — An Israeli soldier and a gunman from the Gaza Strip were killed in a rare border clash on Friday, the army said in a statement. It said the gunman, who was not immediately identified, crossed the fortified boundary into Israel from the Palestinian enclave and opened fire on troops, who shot back.

Palestinian witnesses heard an explosion and shooting near Abbasan, a border village in southern Gaza that is also close to the Egyptian frontier. They said Israeli forces set off smoke bombs to obscure the view as helicopters circled. Gaza's

Islamist Hamas rulers and other militants are hostile to the Jewish state, and the enclave saw a surge in cross-border fighting in March. But violence had otherwise abated as rival Palestinian factions negotiate power-sharing deals and monitor political developments in Egypt.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the cross-border raid, but the Israeli army blamed Hamas. "The Hamas terror organization is solely responsible for any terrorist activity emanating from the Gaza Strip," it said.

Reuters



Working staff check the turret of Castello Estense as less visitors seen in the historical city of Ferrara, 68 kilometres northeast to the epicentre of the earthquake in northern Italy, on 30 May, 2012. Ferrara, City of the Renaissance, and its Po Delta which was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1995, were slightly affected in the earthquake with most of the historical sites in the city shut down and protective measures taken by the local authority. —XINHUA

US military liaison officers return to Pakistan

WASHINGTON, 1 June — US Department of Defence said on Thursday that two military liaison officers have returned to Pakistan at the request of the country's government, a sign that the relations between the two countries maybe improving. Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. John Kirby briefed reporters on Thursday that the posting is part of an effort to improve tactical and operational coordination

between NATO's International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan and the Pakistani military.

Based in Peshawar, Pakistan, the liaison officers are working with the headquarters staff of the Pakistani army's 11th Corps, Kirby said. The purpose of the posting is to "increase and improve communication between the two militaries along that border."

Xinhua

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Euro, European shares recover but Spain risks weigh

LONDON, 1 June—Demand for safe-haven assets kept German bond futures near record highs on Thursday, while European shares and the euro regained some stability although worries over Spain and its troubled banks are weighing on market sentiment.

The single currency and world shares are poised for their biggest monthly drops since September while the fall in oil prices in May is set to be the largest for two years as the escalation in the euro-zone crisis stokes fears of slower growth.

"There's a huge amount of flight-to-quality moves right now. Only a policy

coordination in Europe can stop this," said Ayako Sera, senior market economist at Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank.

German Bund futures steadied at 145.30, having hit a record high of 145.47 in the previous session when the two-year German bond yield fell to a record low of just 0.002 percent.

Ten-year cash yields were also little changed at 1.27 percent.

The euro was up 0.2 pct at \$1.2390, having dropped to a fresh near two-year low of \$1.2358 earlier in Asian trade, while the dollar index stood at 82.899, after it hit a 20-month high of 83.11.

A man looks at information screens at the Madrid stock exchange on 29 May, 2012.—REUTERS



Worries over the political crisis in Greece and the situation in Spain have sent the single currency down 6.6 percent against the US dollar this month.

European shares opened slightly higher after steep

losses on Wednesday, with the FTSEurofirst 300 up 0.4 percent at 979.65 points, on track for its biggest monthly loss since August when markets were similarly beset by fears over Europe's debt crisis.—Reuters

Sumitomo Mitsui faces fine for insider trading

TOKYO, 1 June—Japan's securities regulator asked the Financial Services Agency on Tuesday to fine Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank for insider trading.

Sumitomo Mitsui allegedly sold Mizuho Financial Group shares based on privileged information. Sumitomo Mitsui employees reportedly learned Mizuho would issue new stock to increase capital, resulting in a likely drop in share prices.

Sources close to the case told NHK that employees of Nomura Securities leaked the information.

The Nomura employees were in charge of helping Mizuho boost capital. They

reportedly asked Sumitomo Mitsui to buy Mizuho's newly issued stock in exchange for the information.

Through this process, Sumitomo Mitsui may have made about 20 million yen, or 250,000 dollars, in illegal profits.

This is the second time since March that Nomura Securities employees have been found to have engaged in insider trading with those at Sumitomo Mitsui.

The Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission is also probing suspected compliance problems at Nomura.

NHK

Kingfisher Airlines posts worst-ever quarter; no funding in sight



A Kingfisher Airlines aircraft taxis on the tarmac at Mumbai's domestic airport 20 March, 2012.—REUTERS

MUMBAI, 1 June—Shares in cash-strapped Kingfisher Airlines (KING NS) fell more than 4 percent to a record low, a day after saying net loss more than trebled in the January-March quarter because of higher fuel prices and a weaker rupee.

Kingfisher lost 11.5 billion rupees in the fiscal fourth quarter, compared to a loss of 3.6 billion rupees a year ago.

Reuters

Fewer food choices don't help weight loss

NEW YORK, 1 June—Reducing people's options for junk foods helps them to cut back on the amount of calories they take in, but it doesn't reduce their overall calorie load or help them lose weight, according to a US study.

"Limiting variety was helpful for reducing intake for that type of food group, but it appeared that compensation occurred in other parts of the diet," said Hollie Raynor, a professor at the University of Tennessee and lead author of the study.

The results of the study, which appeared in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, offer a cautionary note to dieters who may be limiting their food variety—such as by cutting out carbs—to be watchful of all calories coming in, not just those from the targeted food group.

Previous studies have shown that people with less variety in their diets tend to be more successful in losing weight and keeping it off, and Raynor said she wanted to see if restricting options for high-calorie, low-nutrition foods, such as ice

cream, cookies and chips, could help people lose weight.

Raynor's team asked 200 overweight and obese adults to make lifestyle changes aimed at losing weight. These included taking part in group meetings that discussed healthy behaviour, eating a calorie-reduced diet and increasing physical activity.

calories each day.

Both groups ate less total calories over the course of the study, and lost weight. But the overall reduction in calories and weight loss—around 4.5 kilograms (10 lbs.)—was the same in each group.

"It makes sense to try and reduce the amount of variety in the diet, but human beings enjoy eating, so they

A pulled pork and a pulled chicken sandwich are displayed during a media food tour at Yankee Stadium in New York on 15 April, 2009.—REUTERS



Half of the people were also told to limit the junk food in their diet to just two options with the idea that monotony in the menu leads to a lack of interest in the food.

Over the 18 months of the study, people in the limited junk food group ate fewer types of treats each day—two to three—than the other group, which ate about four. They also ate fewer daily calories from junk food.

At six and 12 months into the study, the people in the low-variety group ate about 100 fewer junk food calories each day than the other group. By the end of the study, they were eating 80 fewer junk food

will find other food components to consume than the ones that are being limited," said Alexandra Johnstone, a researcher at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, who was not involved in the research.

She added that to make a limited variety diet work, it will be important to also limit the portion sizes.

Raynor said that the message to dieters is that if they are trying to lose weight by restricting the variety in their food choices, they should be aware of their other food choices so it doesn't undermine their efforts.

Reuters

Fish fatty acid protects vision in seniors

EDMONTON, 1 June—An omega-3 fatty acid found in fish—DHA—prevented age-related vision loss in laboratory tests, researchers in Canada found.

Yves Sauve and his team at University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry discovered laboratory models fed DHA did not accumulate a toxic molecule at the back of the eyes. The toxin normally builds up in the retina with age and causes vision loss, Sauve said.

"This discovery could result in a very broad therapeutic use," Sauve said in a statement. "In normal aging, this toxin increases two-fold as we age.

But in lab tests, there was no increase in this toxin whatsoever. This has never been demonstrated before—that supplementing the diet with DHA could make this kind of difference."

Sauve's team recently started another study, looking at people who have age-

related macular degeneration, a condition that results in the loss of central vision and is the main cause of blindness in those age 50 and older.

The team said it wanted to determine whether participants with certain genetic markers will respond better to increasing amounts of DHA in their diet.

The findings were published in the journal *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science*.

Internet

Japanese scientists identify schizophrenia gene

TOKYO, 1 June—Scientists have identified a gene linked to schizophrenia in Japanese patients for the first time. A team led by Professor Nakao Iwata of Fujita Health University analyzed the genes of about 6,600 patients of the mental illness and 12,000 non-patients.

The team says people with mutations in the gene called Notch 4 have a slightly higher risk of developing the illness. Symptoms of schizophrenia include hallucinations, delusions and a loss of interest in general activities.

One in about 100 people is said to suffer from the illness, but its cause remains unknown. Doctors have believed that schizophrenia has many factors, including genetic mutations.

Professor Iwata says his team's discovery cannot explain everything because some non-patients have the mutated gene. But he says looking into how the gene works will help develop new ways to diagnose and treat schizophrenia.—NHK

Health Tip: Eat right during menopause

A natural drop in estrogen levels, combined with stress and lack of sleep, can take a physical and emotional toll on a woman entering menopause, leading to weight gain.

But the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics says weight gain and menopause don't have to go hand in hand. The academy offers this advice:

- * Get plenty of regular exercise, including both aerobic and strengthening exercises.
- * Limit caffeine and spicy foods to help control hot flashes, and drink plenty of water.
- * Load up on fruits, whole grains, omega-3-rich foods such as salmon, soy, calcium-rich foods such as yogurt, and dark, leafy green veggies.
- * Limit salt consumption, and don't have more than one alcoholic drink per day.

Internet



A woman holds her malnourished child at a therapeutic feeding centre at al-Sabyeen hospital in Sanaa, Yemen, on 28 May, 2012. INTERNET

Israeli defence minister suggests unilateral pullout from West Bank

JERUSALEM, 1 June—Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak said on Wednesday that Israel should consider a unilateral withdrawal from the West Bank if peace negotiations were to fail, sparking heavy criticism from the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), who said that unilateral pullout would only make things more complicated. Speaking at Tel Aviv University's Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) annual conference, Barak stressed the possibility of withdrawing from the West Bank was being studied in case

peace talks didn't bear fruits.

"If it turns out that it is not possible to reach an agreement, we need to consider an interim arrangement or alternatively a unilateral step," Barak said, "Israel cannot permit this to remain in deadlock." Former head of military intelligence and current INSS director Amos Yadlin, supported Barak's views on the grounds that the PNA did not compromise on refugees' right of return and refused to recognize Israel as a Jewish state.

Furthermore, Yadlin

explained that the INSS didn't view any solution to the peace stalemate in the near future, the *Jerusalem Post* reported. The PNA responded to Barak's comments immediately, saying that any unilateral withdrawal would only be a setback for peace, since the Palestinian state would only have provisional borders. The Palestinians view East Jerusalem as the capital of their future state, while Israel opposes to the division of the city on the grounds that it is the "indivisible capital of Israel."—Xinhua

File photo of an Australian soldier in Mirwais in the southern province of Uruzgan. Australia said on Thursday it would take leadership of security in Afghanistan's southern Uruzgan Province from the United States as it prepares to begin drawing down troops from the conflict.—INTERNET



Israel hands over Palestinian militants' remains

JERUSALEM, 1 June—Israel transferred to Palestinian authorities on Thursday the bodies of dozens of Palestinian militants, saying it hoped the move would help restart peace efforts. The militants had been buried, some of them for decades, in a desolate Israeli military cemetery for "enemy combatants" in the occupied West Bank. They included several suicide bombers.

The remains of 80 Palestinians were handed over to Western-backed President Mahmoud Abbas's Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and 11 bodies were slated for transfer to the Gaza Strip, controlled by rival Hamas Islamists. "It is our hope that this humanitarian gesture will serve both as a confidence-building measure

and help get the peace process back on track," said Mark Regev, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"Israel is ready for the immediate resumption of peace talks without any preconditions whatsoever," he said. Abbas has demanded a halt to Israeli settlement building in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem as a condition for returning to peace talks that collapsed over the settlement issue in 2010.

The Palestinian Authority and Hamas both planned official memorial ceremonies later in the day. The militants are regarded by Hamas Islamists as heroes in a struggle for statehood. Dozens of Israelis were killed in attacks they carried out.—Reuters

Two dead in Seattle shooting

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 June—Two people were killed and three others wounded in a shooting on Wednesday morning at a coffee shop in the US city of Seattle, local police said.

The two victims were male, and the three wounded included "one with life threatening injuries, and two seriously wounded," Seattle

Police Department said in its Twitter feeds.

The shooting happened at Cafe Racer, just north of the city's University District. Several local schools have been locked down after the incident, according to local media reports.

The shooting "could be a domestic violence situation," *The Seattle Times*



Local police work at the shooting scene in Seattle, the United States. Three people were killed and two others wounded in a shooting on Wednesday morning at a coffee shop in the US City of Seattle, local police said.—XINHUA

newspaper quoted a law enforcement source as saying. The suspect is still at large and was seen running away from the scene with a gun, police said, describing the shooter as a white male between 30 and 40 years of age.

Xinhua

A handout frame grab from a surveillance video camera shows the shooting suspect in a coffee shop in Seattle, the United States. Three people were killed and two others wounded in a shooting on Wednesday morning at a coffee shop in the US city of Seattle, local police said.—XINHUA

Truck hits students at Calif high school; eight hurt

Hemet, 1 June—A high school junior in a pickup truck sped through a red light and into dozens of teenagers who were crossing a street outside a California high school on Wednesday, leaving eight people injured, three of them critically, authorities said. Classes at Hemet High School had just ended for the day when Daniel Carrillo, 18, who was in a 1994 Ford Ranger with his twin brother and a friend, plowed through a crosswalk, California Highway Patrol Officer Darren Meyer said. About 30 people were in the crosswalk, headed toward the student parking lot and the school's football stadium, Meyer said.

"The kids were in the crosswalk doing everything right," said Hemet High School principal Emily Shaw. Eight people were hit: five female students, two male students and a 60-year-old woman whose ties to the school were not clear. Three of victims were in critical condition, and five more were taken to hospitals with

minor injuries, CHP and county fire officials said. None of the victims' names was released. Witnesses told the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* that the driver, whose truck was modified for off-road use, was in a right-turn-only lane that heads into the parking lot, but he accelerated into the intersection, running a red light and hitting the pedestrians.

"He revved the throttle like crazy. We heard the RPMs build," student Alex Bissett told the newspaper. "I'm still trying to wrap my head around it. I've seen a lot of crazy stuff, but this tops it." Backpacks and clothing were strewn throughout the intersection after the crash, television station NBC4 reported. The driver was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and he stopped immediately to help the victims, Meyer said. The CHP would decide whether to file criminal charges after a thorough investigation, including a mechanical inspection of the truck, Meyer said.—Internet

Indonesian team discovers Russian crashed plane's FDR

JAKARTA, 1 June—Indonesian team joining in National Search and Rescue (Basarnas) found the Flight Data Recorder (FDR) device of the crashed Russian passenger plane *Sukhoi Superjet 100* on Wednesday night, Basarnas Chairman Daryatmo said here on Thursday.

"The FDR was found buried by dirt 20 metres away from the tail part of the crashed plane," Daryatmo told a Press conference here, adding that the FDR is to be investigated by Indonesian

investigation team. Together with the Voice Data Recorder (VDR), the FDR was part of the plane's Black Box equipment that records pilot's conversation and plane's instruments during a plane's flight.

On 16 May The Indonesian team previously found the VDR device a few days after the crash in Mount Salak, West Java on 9 May that killed all 45 people onboard among which eight were Russian crews. Daryatmo said that results of the investigation over the devices would be announced 12 months later.—Xinhua



CASH DONATED: Wellwishers from China (Taipei) donates USD 4000 to medical funds of Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) through Chairman of the Hospital Administration Board U Maung Maung and Joint Secretary-3 U Aye Maung Than.—MNA

School enrollment day observed in Botahtaung Township

YANGON, 1 June—A school enrollment day ceremony was held at No. 6 Basic Education High School in Botahtaung Township, Yangon East District, on 29 May.

At the ceremony, chairperson of Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thauang Mya, chairperson of Yangon East District WAO Daw Moe Thu Tint, assistant director U Ohn Thwin of No. 3 Basic Education Department, the principal of National Management College, Township Administrator U



Thant Zaw Oo of Township General Administration Department, chairperson Daw Cho Zin Thant of Township WAO, the Township education officer,

Talks on formation of private companies and job opportunities on 3 June

YANGON, 1 June—Dr Maung Maung Thein will give talks on formation of private companies and job opportunities, at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) on Minyekyawswa road, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, on 3 June.

Those who want to set up private insurance companies and work in those companies. For more information, dial ph-095195350 and 09-73138839.—MNA

MCPA-certified exams on 17 June

YANGON, 1 June—Myanmar Computer

Professionals Association (MCPA)-Certified exams will be held simultaneously at MCPA and its branches in Shan State and Yangon, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Sagaing Regions on 17 June.

Those wishing to sit for MCPA-certified Fundamental Software Engineer (FSE) and MCPA-certified Network Associate (NA) exams, are to register at MCPA not later than 13 June. Examinees in Yangon Region are to sit at Myanmar Info-tech in Hline Township.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Annual meeting of Kyaukme Township CCI held

KYAUKME, 1 June—Second Annual Meeting of Kyaukme Township Chambers of Commerce and Industry was held in Kyaukme, Shan State (North) on 29 May.

Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Lay made a speech on the occasion. Afterwards, Association Chairman U Tin Maung Oo submitted annual reports for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Twenty seven executive members were elected at the ceremony.—Myanma Alin



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DAY OBSERVED: Township Administrator U Kyaw Naing Tun of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township General Administration Department, makes a speech at a ceremony to hold school enrollment day ceremony held at No. 2 Basic Education High School in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township on 29 May.

TOWNSHIP GAD

School enrollment day held in Thingangyun Township

YANGON, 1 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day was held at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Thingangyun township yesterday. It was

attended by chairperson of Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Thauang Mya, Yangon East District MCWSC

chairperson and members, Chairman of Township Education Supervisory Committee, administrator of Township General Administration Department, departmental officials, Township MCWA chairperson and members, social organizations, teachers and students.

At the ceremony, the Chairperson of District MCWSC, the Township MCWA Chairperson and officials provided the students with uniforms and stationery.—San San Kyi (Thingangyun)



SPOKEN ENGLISH COURSE CONCLUDES: Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association (Central) U Tha Tun makes a speech at the concluding of Basic English Spoken course, conducted by Ahlon Township Anti-Narcotics Association, at town hall in Ahlon, Yangon West District, on 26 May.—MNA

Cash donated for better drainage system in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 1 June—A meeting on better drainage system was held at Thakayta Township General Administration Department on 25 May. It was attended by Township GAD Administrator U San Min, region incharges from the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and ward administrators.

At the meeting, Green and Clean Foundation donated K 760,000 for 19 wards in Thakayta Township.—Kyemon



FIRE PREVENTIVE MEASURES INSPECTED: Township Fire Station Incharge U Saw Lwin Aye, market Administrator U Than Oo and members inspect preventive measures against fire at Mingalar Market in Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw on 26 May.—KYEMON



ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: Township Administrator U Thein Sint of Lanmadaw Township General Administration Department, provides cash assistance, uniform and stationery to an offspring of Township GAD's staff at the Township administrator office, on 30 May. TOWNSHIP IPRD

Monsoon tree-planting ceremony held in Kya-in-Seikkyi Township

KYA-IN-SEIKKYI, 1 June—A rainy season tree-planting ceremony was held in the compound of People's Hospital in Payathonesu sub-township, Kya-in-Seikkyi Township, Kayin State, on 25. At the ceremony, Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, state ministers, state/district/township/sub-township departmental officials and local people, grew a total 1200 saplings.—Township Forest Department



Union I & C Minister meets foreign new agencies, discusses development of media sector

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Information and Culture U Kyaw Hsan, who is in Bangkok, Thailand to attend the 9th ASIA Media Summit, received Director Mr Peter Horrocks of BBC and party, Information and Culture Attaché Ms Annette Se'very of German Embassy to Thailand and DW (Germany) news agency, Asia and Europe Coordinator Nicolas Sanson of CFI (France) news agency and party on 29 May.

At the meeting, they had a discussion on extended broadcasting of national race radio programmes, launching of a new TV channel for national races, establishment of Myanmar Media Development Centre



Union I & C Minister U Kyaw Hsan receives Asia and Europe Coordinator Nicolas Sanson of CFI (France) news agency and party.—MNA

for training of Radio and TV technicians, participation of foreign media in the process of transforming MRTV into public service broadcasting.—MNA

Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar meets foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue U Than Nyein received General Manager Mr. Guy Harvey-Samuel of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC) and party at his office here yesterday evening.

The meeting concentrated on matters related to cooperation of HSBC in banking services in Myanmar.

At the meeting with Managing Director Mr. Park Jeong Hwan and party of Myanmar Daewoo Ltd, they discussed financial matters in Myanmar. The Governor also held a meeting with Senior Executive Vice President Mr. Somkiat Sirichatchai of Kasikorn Bank Pcl in Thailand and party. Their meeting focused on opening of Kasikorn Bank's branches in Myanmar and cooperation in financial sector.—MNA



Governor of CB of Myanmar U Than Nyein holds discussion with a delegation led by HSBC General Manager Mr Guy Harvey-Samuel.—MNA

Japan company to make investment in Myanmar tourism industry

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Director-General U Aung Zaw Win of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism received a delegation led by Chairman Mr Katsuyuki Takeuchi of Asahi Shokuhin Co., Ltd of Japan and President Mr David William Yang of Green Earth Power Co., Ltd, accompanied by Managing Partner U Aung Thiha of AVA Capital Management, at the minister's office this morning.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on Myanmar Foreign Investment Laws and Regulations for making investments in tourism industry, shopping mall and other retail and whole sale rooms. After that, the Director-General explained facts about hotels, procedures and laws on commercial complex construction projects and plans underway for drafting tourism master plan with the help of the government of Norway and Asia Development Bank (ADB).—MNA



Union A&I Minister visits farmlands in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visited Farmers Educative Farm near Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township here this morning.

Myanmar and Chinese agriculturalists conducted the minister around 100-acre research farm under joint venture of Chinese CETC and Shwe Than Lwin Company in western Kyaku Village.

The minister also visited construction of irrigation facilities and production roads near Bawdigon Village in Lewe Township to reclaim 200-acre advanced farmland.

The minister and party then proceeded to 200-acre advanced farm in Dekkhinathiri Township.

In response to discussions of agriculturalists, the minister called for educating farmers to be able to choose correct crops and establish modal farms.—MNA

Shan State Chief Minister views farm equipments



Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat views farm equipments donated by Indian Government.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat today inspected a total of 15 tractors, 5 harvesters, power tillers and other farm equipments donated by Indian Government at No. 85 tractor camp in Shwenyaung.—MNA

Dy Health Minister inspects medical treatment in Maubin, Pyapon Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin on 28 May made an inspection tour of People's Hospitals in Maubin, Kyaiklat and Pyapon Districts.

On 29 May, the Deputy Minister continued her inspection tour of Kyatpamwezaung rural health care centre in Pyapon and encouraged field trip medical treatment being given by the specialists of

Pyapon District Hospital.

She attended the ceremony to review rural development tasks and poverty alleviation held at Thiri Annawa Hall in Pyapon on 30 May.

Then, the Deputy Minister fulfilled the needs for effectively medical treatment at Dedaye People's Hospital after donating publications to No. 2 Basic Education High School's Library.—MNA

Deputy Health Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin addresses ceremony to review rural development tasks and poverty alleviation.—MNA



Myanmar, Thailand to cooperate in banking, human resources development

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received Senior Executive Vice President Mr Somkiat Sirichatchai of Kasikorn Bank Plc of Thailand at his office here this afternoon.

At the meeting, they had a discussion on cooperation in banking, assistance of technology and human resource development.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Win Than, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials.—MNA



Commerce Ministry grants stipends to offspring of staff

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint addressed ceremony to grant stipends to offspring of staff for 2012-2013 academic years at the auditorium of the ministry here this morning.

The minister said the government is implementing a series of plans for development of national education standards so as to put in place a constantly learning society. Now the country sees international-standard infrastructures for higher education, he said.

The Union minister and the deputy minister presented stipends through directors-general, the head of office and the general manager.

The stipends provided at the ceremony for 853 students amounted to K 15.238 million and Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading also presented exercise books to students in region/state branches.—MNA



Ayeyawady Region marks World No Tobacco Day- 2012



NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—World No Tobacco Day-2012 was observed at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association in Patheingyi yesterday morning.

On the occasion, after Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung had delivered an address, he viewed commemorative photos displayed at the booth.

Afterwards, the Chief Minister visited No. 3 Basic Education High School, No. 1 BEMS and No. 6 BEHS in Patheingyi, where he inspected school enrollment process being carried out before giving advice to the students.

MNA

Committees of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw meet Chin State government, Hluttaw representatives and national races representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-Making Committee and Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee held a meeting with Chin State government, Hluttaw representatives and national races representatives, at the meeting hall of State Government Office yesterday morning. At the ceremony, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-Making Committee U Thein Zaw made an opening speech.

After that, Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai clarified State government's undertakings and State Hluttaw Speaker U Hauk Khin Kham, undertakings of State Hluttaw. Afterwards, the State ministers, the Hluttaw representatives, the national races representatives, National Races Literature and Culture Committee, political parties, townelders and social organizations participated in the discussion. Then, members of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission and of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-Making Committee reviewed the discussions. After that, Committee Chairman U Thein Zaw made a concluding remark.—MNA

World No Tobacco Day 2012 observed in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye inspected 30 New Holland brand power tillers donated by India at No.6 medium workshop of Agriculture Mechanization Department of Monywa, progress in construction of two-storey Chindwinyadana market and undertaking of Htanazaloke Creek drainage system and sanitation tasks near Kyawkkar village in Monywa Township, on 30 May.

The following day, the Region Chief Minister delivered a speech at World No Tobacco Day 2012 ceremony, at Monywa City Hall. At the ceremony, Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein read out message sent by the Union Minister for Health. Afterwards, the Chief Minister and officials looked round pamphlet and posters on show at the booth.—MNA

Kachin State Chief Minister inspects development tasks in Mohnyin District

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai held a meeting with officials and rural people at the briefing hall of Mohnyin-Nyaungkon-Natma-Myothitkalay-Hobin inter-village road in Myothitkalay Village-tract in Mohnyin District on 29 May.

Afterwards, he inspected the construction site of Kyawbinyepauk bridge whose width of 12 feet and length of 20 feet, being implemented on the inter-village road, and provided cash to the workers working the construction tasks. He looked around Natma Station Hospital in which he met doctors and medical staff, and gave encouragement to the patients receiving medical treatment.

Then, he met religious associations at the meeting hall of the General Administration Department in Mohnyin District in that evening.—MNA

School enrollment day observed in Waingmaw

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—A school enrollment day ceremony for 2012-2013 academic year of Waingmaw Township in Kachin State was held at Yadanal Hall of No.2 Basic Education High School on 30 May. Region Education Officer U Chit Swe explained the process of school enrollment day.

Next the well-wishers presented exercise books, middle-school text books, school uniforms, bags, stationery and cash assistance through responsible persons.

MNA





Iraqi policemen stand guard near the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Shula district on 31 May, 2012.—REUTERS

China factory surveys signal wider economic weakness

BEIJING, 1 June—China's economy betrayed signs of a broadening slowdown as surveys of its vast factory sector showed momentum eased in May, signaling a deeper-than-forecast deterioration in demand at home and abroad and the likelihood of more policy easing. The official purchasing managers' index — covering China's biggest, mainly state-backed firms — fell more than expected to 50.4 in May, the weakest reading this year and down from April's 13-month high, with output at its lowest since November 2011.

The HSBC China

manufacturing PMI, tracking smaller private sector firms, retreated to 48.4 from 49.3 in April — its seventh straight month below the 50-mark that demarcates expansion from contraction — with the employment sub-index falling to 48.1, its lowest level since March, 2009. "Growth in Q2 is likely to slow, probably below 7.5 percent year-on-year. That puts the annual growth target at risk and the risks continue to increase because the external environment is weakening," Dariusz Kowalczyk, senior economist and strategist at Credit Agricole CIB in Hong Kong, told

Reuters. "The government will still try to get by with targeted, selective measures



like the cash for clunkers programme, but we will get

An investor sleeps on chairs next to computers showing stock information at a brokerage house in Wuhan, Hubei Province in this 20 Feb, 2012 file photo.—REUTERS

more monetary measures as well.—Reuters

Railway giants eye cooperation on trans-Eurasian corridor

SOCHI, 1 June—Railway giants from Russia and other countries discussed the development of a trans-Eurasian railway network in Russia's Black Sea resort city of Sochi on Thursday, with an expectation that the network could boost the global and regional economy.

"Amid the global economic uncertainties, countries are all seeking ways to strengthen their competitiveness.

The trans-Eurasian corridor is one of the answers to these challenges," Vladimir Yakunin, president of the Russian Railways (RZD), told a railways forum named "Strategic Partnership 1520."

Vice President of the European Commission and EU Commissioner for Transport Siim Kallas also attended the forum, and stressed the development of trans-

Eurasian railways faces both challenges and opportunities. Over 95 percent of freight container traffic between Europe and Asia is made on the seas, though it takes twice more time than the current railway transport, Kallas noted.

Against such a backdrop, railways transport, especially a trans-Siberian railway, should become an alternative to the sea route, he said.

Kallas also urged international cooperation on transport security and coordination on different technical standards and legal systems, adding that the moves would not only intensify the cargo shipments across the continent, but also bolster the economic growth. During the forum, some 10 international documents on cooperation were signed.—Xinhua

Austrian, Pakistani diplomats appointed as senior UN officials

UNITED NATIONS, 1 June —United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed on Thursday diplomats from Austria and Pakistan as new under-secretary-general and assistant secretary-general respectively, a UN spokesman told reporters here. "For the position of under-secretary-general for communications and public

information, the secretary-general has selected Mr Peter Lausky-Tieffenthal of Austria," said Eduardo Del Buey, deputy spokesman for the UN chief, at the daily news briefing. Since 2007, Lausky-Tieffenthal has been the spokesperson and head of the Department for Communication and Information of the Austrian Federal Ministry for

European and International Affairs. Meanwhile, Ban named Shamshad Akhtar of Pakistan assistant secretary-general to lead the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), said Del Buey.

Until recently, Akhtar had been World Bank vice president for the Middle East and North Africa Region, the spokesman added.—Xinhua

Palestinians bury remains of 91 militants held in Israel for years

GAZA/RAMALLAH, 1 June —Palestinians on Thursday buried the remains of 91 militants that had been held for many years in anonymous Israeli graveyards. The remains of 79 militants, wrapped with Palestinian flags, were buried in the West Bank City of Ramallah on Thursday with 12 others buried in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, after Israel handed earlier in the day the remains of those Palestinian militants to the Palestinian National Authority (PNA). In Ramallah, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas

placed wreathes on the coffins at the presidential headquarters, as the presidential guards fired 21-gun salute.

Sheikh Mohamed Hussein, Mufti in the Palestinian territories, greeted the remains, and Tayeb Abdel Rahim, secretary-general of the Palestinian presidency, said that the Palestinian leadership would never forget about the martyrs. Meanwhile, in the Gaza Strip, 12 coffins crossed into the enclave through Erez crossing point between Israel and Gaza. Hundreds of Palestinian mourners gathered

in front of Gaza City's main mosque, some of the mourners were masked, wearing military uniform and holding rifles and hand-grenades. They waved flags of Palestinian militant groups, mainly the armed wings of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad. Ismail Haneya, Hamas leader in Gaza, was among the mourners.

Yazeed Huwaih, top leader of President Abbas' Fatah Party in the Gaza Strip, addressed a speech at the ceremony, calling on all factions, including Hamas movement, to regain unity and end division.—Xinhua

Four dead as church collapses in Nigeria

OYO, (Nigeria), 1 June—At least four people were confirmed dead and two others were seriously injured on Thursday when a church building under construction collapsed in Ibadan, capital of southwest Nigeria's Oyo State.

State commissioner for works and housing Yinus Akintunde confirmed the incident to Xinhua, describing it as terrible and disheartening. Akintunde said those killed in the incident were construction workers at the church building site, and preliminary investigation indicated that contractors of the building project failed to use standard materials for the construction work.

"If the contractor had not compromised quality, this incident would not have happened," he said, adding that rescue workers quickly arrived at the scene of the incident to provide assistance to the victims. Governor of the state Abiola Ajumobi and his wife were among early callers and sympathizers at the site. The governor, while promising that a thorough investigation into the cause of the collapse, said those injured were being treated at an undisclosed hospital in the state.—Xinhua

Jobs data points to recovery losing momentum

WASHINGTON, 1 June —Private payroll growth picked up only slightly in May and claims for jobless benefits rose last week, suggesting the US labour market recovery was losing steam after a strong performance early in the year. Other data on Thursday showed factory activity in the Midwest slowed considerably in May and economic growth in the first quarter was a bit softer than initially estimated.

Economists said the reports reflected business anxiety amid an uncertain global economic outlook as the euro zone's debt crisis escalates and China's economy slows.

"The economy is growing at an anemic pace and the job market is showing some signs of hesitation in the pace of hiring. There is a lot to worry about," said Paul Edelstein, an economist at IHS Global Insight in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Private employers created 133,000 jobs in May, payrolls processor ADP said.

That was only a slight step up from April's tepid

increase of 113,000 and below economists' expectations for a gain of 148,000. The report comes ahead of the government's closely watched employment report for May on Friday, which is expected to show nonfarm payrolls increased 150,000, up from a paltry 115,000 in April.

The recent cooling in the labour market has been largely viewed as payback for strong

gains during the winter, when unusually warm weather spurred economic activity. But economists are starting to worry that the troubles in Europe and an uncertain fiscal outlook at home are now dampening the US recovery.

Initial claims for state jobless benefits rose 10,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 383,000, a Labour Department report showed.

Reuters



Job seekers speak with with job recruiters while they attend the Coast to Coast job fair in New York, on 7 May, 2012.—REUTERS



An Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier stands guard at a checkpoint in the main square of Kandahar City in March 2012. A suicide bomber rammed an Afghan police checkpoint on Thursday, killing at least five policemen and wounding six others in the southern province of Kandahar, an official said.—INTERNET

Bedouin seize two US tourists in Egypt's Sinai

ISMAILIA, 1 June—Armed Bedouin tribesmen have kidnapped two US tourists in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula to demand the release of a tribesman arrested in a drugs case, Egyptian police said on Thursday. The American men, both 31, were seized while driving near the resort of Dahab. "There are negotiations now between the security forces and the armed gunmen to release the tourists," a police source said, adding the Bedouin were seeking the release of one of their tribe who has been jailed in a drugs case. "We can confirm that there were two US citizens kidnapped on 30 May on the Sinai Peninsula and we are working closely with the Egyptian authorities to resolve the situation," a US embassy official said, without giving further details.

Several other tourists have been held briefly by tribesmen in recent months, but have been released unharmed. Bedouin tribesmen in the Sinai have attacked police stations, blocked access to towns and taken hostages to show their discontent with what they see as poor treatment from Cairo and to press for the release of jailed kinsmen. Two American women were held in a short-lived kidnapping in February until Egyptian authorities negotiated their release a few hours later.—Reuters

French FM says France ready to promote all-round development of ties with China

PARIS, 1 June—French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said on Wednesday that France is ready to make joint efforts with China to promote the all-round development of bilateral ties.

During talks with Chinese Ambassador to France Kong Quan, Fabius said that France and China are two influential powers in the world and it is absolutely necessary to further advance their friendly relations and deepen mutually beneficial cooperation.

France wants to make joint efforts with China to make bilateral economic and trade relations more smooth and balanced and achieve concrete results in regional cooperation between the two nations, the French foreign minister said.

For his part, Kong said that China attaches great importance to its ties with France and stands ready to create a mature and stable new-style strategic partnership featuring mutual trust and benefit on the basis of equality and respect.

The Chinese ambassador is the first top foreign diplomat Fabius has met since he took office as the French foreign minister.

Xinhua

Reports question quality of children's clothing

BEIJING, 1 June—Quality watchdogs across the country have released a series of reports on problems with children's clothing, including products from some big brand names. Children's wear from famous fashion brands such as ZARA and Disney failed to meet national standards during a survey of major manufacturers in Shanghai conducted by the Shanghai Quality and Technology Supervision Bureau. According to the report released on Monday, ZARA's children's

shirts were of poor quality in fiber content. The pH value of Disney's long-sleeve shirts could not meet the standard. Another 15 batches of children's clothing among 93 tested failed the standard.

Shen Weimin, deputy director of the bureau, said substandard pH value in clothes could harm human skin and may lead to infections. "All children's wear involved in the report have been pulled from the shelves," said an employee surnamed Yin in the public relations department of ZARA's Shanghai office. However, the clothes won't affect children's health, Yin said, adding that they have contacted ZARA's headquarters in Spain. Disney also confirmed the quality of its clothing. "To our understanding, the alleged quality inspection happened in March this year. After that, the manufacturer took immediate remedial action to address the situation. The unqualified products have never been put on a shelf," a spokesperson from Disney said.

About one-third of children's clothing sold in Beijing was found to have problems in fiber content, pH value and other indicators, said a report released by the Beijing Consumer Association on Sunday.—Xinhua



Every year more than 15,000 of the walruses — which can grow to 16 feet and two and a half tons — flock to the same tiny beach at Piedra Blanca, California.—XINHUA

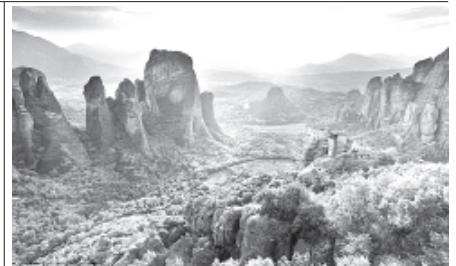
Novozymes launches world's largest enzyme plant in US

BLAIR, 1 June—Danish enzyme maker Novozymes inaugurated the world's largest enzyme plant in Blair, Nebraska in central United States on Wednesday, in a major effort to march into the US biofuel market. With an investment of 200 million dollars, Novozymes's newest plant encompasses nine buildings with a floor space of 137,000 square feet. It is located within a 500-mile radius of 60 percent of all ethanol producers in the country.

According to the leading enzyme firm, the plant will

specialize in making top enzymes, a key technology component for both the existing and advanced biofuel markets. Peder Holk Nielsen, executive vice president of Novozymes, saw the plant as a critical part of Novozymes' global production chain, adding to its existing plants in China, Brazil, Denmark and the United States. "The United States is the world's largest biofuel market today, and many of the new advanced biofuel plants will be located in the US Midwest, one of the main reasons we chose

Nebraska for our new site," said Nielsen. In his views, today's 10 percent blend of biofuels in US gasoline reduces gas prices for consumers by about a dollar a gallon. With the recent approval of 15 percent blends by the US Environmental Protection Agency and increased production capacity coming online, together with volatility in many key oil-producing regions and the cost of oil production on the rise, the potential of biofuels could go even further, which means a good opportunity for Novozymes.—Xinhua



Taktshang is the most famous of Bhutan's monasteries, perched on the side of a cliff 900m (2952ft) above the floor of Paro valley.—XINHUA

Report warns of risk from nicotine addiction

BEIJING, 1 June—Smoking habits have barely changed over the past decade and lack of knowledge about damage caused by nicotine addiction poses huge challenges, a landmark report said. According to Health Hazards of Smoking, issued by the Ministry of Health on Wednesday, China accounts for about 40 percent of global production and consumption, and is the world leader for both.

The report, the first official document issued by the ministry on the dangers of nicotine, shows that the smoking rate among people aged from 15 to 69 had declined by just 0.08 percent from 2002 to 2010. Chen Zhu, the minister of health, listed the challenges facing those trying to reduce the number of smokers.

"More than half of males aged 15 and over smoke. Obviously, there are a lot of teenagers in that number. As many as 740 million Chinese people are exposed to passive

smoking. People are underestimating the harmful effects." The launch of the report supports scientific findings on the harm tobacco can cause, Chen said. Wang Chen, vice-president of Beijing Hospital, who played a leading role in compiling the report, said it should remind people of the dangers of tobacco. "Everybody knows smoking is bad for their health, but they know little about the dangers of smoking. Because of this, they don't fully realize the importance of tobacco control and smokers are less motivated to quit. This poses a great obstacle to tobacco control in China.

According to the report, more than three quarters of people lack sufficient knowledge of the dangers caused by smoking and more than two thirds are unaware of the hazards of passive smoking. On top of that, 54.7 percent of medical workers surveyed underestimated the effects of low-tar cigarettes.

Xinhua

Cost of a second child: Pair fined 1.3m yuan

BEIJING, 1 June—A couple in eastern China's Zhejiang Province who violated China's family planning rules has been fined 1.3 million yuan (US\$205,000), the biggest such penalty levied by authorities in the City of Ruian. The couple gave birth to a daughter in February after having a son in 1995, *Modern Express* reported yesterday. Couples may have a second child under a few conditions,

such as both spouses being from one-child families, or the first child has a non-inherited disease. In some provinces, rural couples are allowed to have a second child if their first child is a girl.

The couple did not qualify. They are wealthy operators of several companies across the nation, the paper said. Local regulations say the fine should be four to eight times the average annual income of local residents, and

family planning authorities have flexibility in meting out penalties. Since many violators are rich families in Ruian, they are given the maximum fines, local authorities said. Ruian is in the jurisdiction of Wenzhou, which boasts many wealthy entrepreneurs. Nearly half of Wenzhou's families have two kids, and more than a dozen couples have been fined more than 1 million yuan.—Xinhua



A new eco-friendly lighting system illuminates the Tower Bridge in London to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and the London 2012 Olympic Games, on 30 May, 2012. XINHUA

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'Empty' govt website filled with news within hours

BEIJING, 1 June—A government website in Nanjing, capital of East China's Jiangsu Province, which had been empty for two years was filled with information within couple of hours after the situation was exposed by media on 30 May, the *People's Daily* reported. The website of the Baixia District housing and construction bureau, was found "completely blank" by local Internet users, giving only the names of two bureau chiefs. The page of "inquiry and complaint" couldn't even be opened, according to the report. A bureau official, who only gave his name as Li, said they "had nothing to release". However, by 6:40 pm on 30 May the website had been filled with some brief information and the bureau released an apology letter on it, claiming that they did not realized the importance of communicating with residents through the network platform.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (141)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (141) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.5.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(5) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Union Civil Service Board

Vacancy Announcement

Announcement No. 5 / 2012

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(25 May 2012)

1. The News and Periodical Enterprise under the Ministry of Information has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Assistant Manager(Account)	2	B.Com/ B.Act

2. The applicants -

- (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 22 June 2012.
- (c) must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 22 June 2012.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant position will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/ Selection (Main)/ 2012, dated 2 January 2012.

5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 22 June 2012. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.

6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 14 July 2012 (Saturday) and English examination paper on 15 July 2012 (Sunday).

7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 12 July 2012.

8. The Ministry of Information has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to the News and Periodical Enterprise (Yangon Branch), No.(212), Thein Byu Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Tel: 01 - 200812).

9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).

10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.



Tourists take photos of a tiger in Rathambhore Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan State, north India, on 30 May, 2012.
XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BANGSAOTONG VOY NO (146)**

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Pot donated to charity sells for \$565K

A British hospice said a pot donated to its charity shop turned out to be a rare Chinese artwork and sold for \$565,416.

Janet Loud, head of shops for St Peter's Hospice in Bristol, England, said a worker suspected the pot of being worth more than it appeared and gave it to experts, who identified it as a bamboo creation of popular Chinese artist Gu Jue between 1662 and 1722, Metro.co.uk reported.

John Axford, an expert on Chinese valuables for Woolley and Wallis sales, which handled the sale of the pot, described it as "incredibly rare."

"It is signed with the mark of Gu Jue, followed by the seal Zong Yu, which is probably a studio mark," he said.



People visit a classic car exhibition in Bazhou City, north China's Hebei Province, on 27 May, 2012. Some 20 classic cars were displayed at the exhibition here.

A pair of California teenagers said they were shocked and entertained to discover a large bear taking a dip in their backyard pool.

Rachel and Valerie Gasparini said they were alone at their Monrovia home when they saw the bear walking through their back yard toward the pool, KTLA-TV, Los Angeles, reported. "It kind of like walks over to the pool, and we thought it was gonna drink some water," Rachel said. "It ends up jumping in the ledge, and it's kind of like floating around there, chilling."

The girls said they took video of the bear from a safe distance while it took a swim before leaving on its own. The teens said they did not see a need to call 911.

"It wasn't any making a ruckus or it wasn't like destroying things in our back yard, so we didn't really feel the need to call anybody," Valerie said.

Bear takes a swim in backyard pool

'Born and Raised' tops US album chart



John Mayer performs at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremonies at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City on 14 March, 2011.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 1 June—John Mayer's "Born and Raised" is No 1 on the US album chart, Billboard.com reported on Wednesday.

Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard 200 is Adele's "21," followed by Carrie Underwood's "Blown Away" at No 3, Slash's new "Apocalyptic Love" featuring Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators at No 4 and One Direction's "Up All Night" at No 5.

Rounding out the Top 10 are Lionel Richie's "Tuskegee" at No 6, MercyMe's "The Hurt & the Healer" at No 7, Sara Bareilles' "Once Upon Another Time" at No 8, the "Now 42" compilation CD at No 9 and Norah Jones' "Little Broken Hearts" at No 10.

Internet

Actress Kristen Stewart

AFI to honour Mel Brooks, David Lynch

LOS ANGELES, 1 June—The American Film Institute says it plans to honor writer-director-producers Mel Brooks and David Lynch.

AFI said it will confer Doctorate of Fine Arts degrees honoris causa upon the filmmakers for their "contribution of distinction to the art of the moving image" during the AFI Conservatory commencement 2012 at Hollywood's landmark Grauman's Chinese Theatre on 13 June.

The artists worked together on the Academy Award-winning 1980 film "The Elephant Man," with Lynch as director and Brooks as screenwriter, and Brooks as executive producer.

Brooks is best known for his comedies "Robin Hood: Men in Tights,"



Mel Brooks reacts to comments during an unveiling ceremony honoring him with the 2,406th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles on 23 April, 2010.

INTERNET

"Blazing Saddles," "The Producers" and "Young Frankenstein."

Lynch's movies include "Dune," "Wild at Heart," "Blue Velvet," "Twin Peaks: Fire Walk with Me" and "Mulholland Drive."

Internet

Kristen Stewart 'really proud' of going topless

LONDON, 1 June—Actress Kristen Stewart received criticism for her topless act in the forthcoming movie "On The Road," but she says she is proud of her decision.



The 22-year-old, known for her role in "Twilight" movies, has done a semi-naked scene in the film for which she received criticism from moviegoers.

"People are really predictable. I completely expected that. I can't say it's not a little bit jarring, but it's jarring in the right way. I wanted it to be. I'm really proud of it," contactmusic.com quoted Stewart as saying.

Internet

Actor Michael Chiklis poses backstage at the 2010 American Music Awards held in Los Angeles on 21 November, 2010.

INTERNET

Steve Jobs flick won't be full biography, says screenwriter Aaron Sorkin

WASHINGTON, 1 June—Academy award winning screenwriter Aaron Sorkin has revealed that his movie on Steve Jobs won't likely cover the Apple co-founder's entire life.

Sorkin, the mastermind writer of "The West Wing" and "The Social Network", plans to adapt Walter Isaacson's biography of Jobs into a film. "I am at the earliest possible stage with 'Steve Jobs.' What I will do is go through a long period that will not look to a casual observer like writing," ABC

News quoted Sorkin as saying during an interview at the All Things D conference. Sorkin also likened writing about Jobs to writing about the Beatles. To be honest with you, one of the hesitations I had was that this was a little like writing about The Beatles.

There are so many people out there that know him and revere him; I saw a minefield of disappointment.

"Hopefully, when I'm done with my research I'll be in the same ballpark as some of the folks in here in terms of



Academy award winning screenwriter Aaron Sorkin

their knowledge about Jobs," he said. Sorkin also discussed the challenges of turning a biography into a movie and said the movie won't likely cover Jobs' entire life.

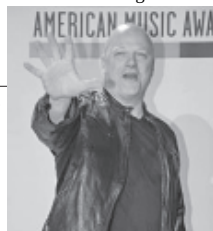
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Chiklis, Hudson booked for Boston Pops fireworks show

BOSTON, 1 June—Actor Michael Chiklis is to serve as host of the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular at which Grammy Award winner Jennifer Hudson will sing, CBS announced.

The programme is to be broadcast live on the network from the Charles River Esplanade in Boston on 4 July.

This will be the second consecutive year Chiklis — star of the upcoming CBS drama series "Vegas" and a



Elton John to resume performing

LONDON, 1 June—Elton John's representatives say the British pop icon, who was hospitalized last week, will begin his European concert tour as planned in Wetzlar, Germany. John, 65, canceled a string of Las Vegas shows while he recovered from a serious respiratory infection at his London home.

"It's nothing more than a chest infection — you rest and it's better. Everything that's planned is still happening," John's spokesman told the BBC on Tuesday. John is to attend a gala celebrating seven years and 3,000 performances of "Billy Elliot: The Musical"



Elton John sings "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" at the Revlon Concert for the Rainforest Fund at Carnegie Hall in New York City on 3 April, 2012.—INTERNET

native of Lowell, Mass — will emcee the special.

Hudson will perform some of her biggest hits with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra under the direction of conductor Keith Lockhart, CBS said.—Internet

in the West End Wednesday. He then will kick off his European concert tour on Friday and perform at Queen's Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee concert in London on Monday, the BBC reported.

Internet

Woman who beat Serena Williams loses next match



Virginie Razzano of France returns in her second round match against Arantxa Rus of The Netherlands at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, on 31 May, 2012. — INTERNET

PARIS, 1 June — That stunning victory over Serena Williams took a lot out of Virginie Razzano.

So much that she lost her next match at the French

Open. Two days after becoming the only woman to beat Williams in the first round of a Grand Slam tournament, the 111th-ranked Razzano bowed out at Roland Garros, beaten by Arantxa Rus of the Netherlands 6-3, 7-6 (3) on Thursday.

Razzano said Rus "was more fresh" than she was.



The Frenchwoman's win against Williams ended in the evening on Tuesday, and plenty of media obligations followed, so she wound up only getting a few hours of sleep.

Still, it was worth it. Razzano called beating Williams "splendid" and said that match proved "I'm a fighter on the court." — *Internet*

Arantxa Rus of The Netherlands returns in her second round match against Virginie Razzano of France at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, on 31 May, 2012.

INTERNET

Chicharito bails out Mexico in 2-1 win over Bosnia

CHICAGO, 1 June — Javier Hernandez bailed out Mexico with only seconds to spare. "Chicharito" jumped on a defensive gaffe by Bosnia-Herzegovina in the 92nd minute, scoring on a right-footed shot from close range to lift Mexico to a 2-1 win in the exhibition Thursday night. It was one of the lone highlights for El Tri, which will have to shore up a slow defence and improve its transition game before Sunday's exhibition against Brazil. Giovanni Dos Santos had Mexico's other goal, in the sixth minute. Edin Dzeko scored for Bosnia in the 29th minute.

Hernandez had blown two chances to score in the 80th minute, including a shot from close range that Bosnia's Senad Lulic barely managed to clear off the line. But Bosnia wasn't nearly as sharp just before the whistle. Stojan

Vranjes misplayed the ball with an ill-advised bicycle kick a few yards from the goal, and the ball rolled right to Chicharito.

He stepped in front of Bosnia's Boris Pandza and poked the ball into the net with his right foot. Bosnia goalkeeper Asmir Begovic had no chance to block it.

Chicharito, who'd come in as a substitute in the 61st minute, sprinted along the stands, pumping his fists and grinning at the roaring Mexico fans. Bosnia lost to Ireland 1-0 in Dublin on Saturday, and arrived in Chicago with seemingly little to play for. Bosnia didn't make next month's European championships, and it doesn't have a World Cup qualifier until September. But the Bosnians played with rhythm and ruthless efficiency, and gave Mexico a very good warm-up for the game against

Brazil — to say nothing of El Tri's World Cup qualifying campaign that begins on 8 June against Guyana.

INTERNET



Mexico forward Giovanni Dos Santos (10), second from left, celebrates with forward Aldo De Nigris (9) and midfielder Edgar Andrade (6) after scoring his goal against Bosnia-Herzegovina during the first half of an international friendly soccer match, on 31 May, 2012, in Chicago.

INTERNET

GM's Chevrolet to sponsor Manchester United

WASHINGTON, 1 June — General Motors announced on Thursday a three-year sponsorship deal with Manchester United, the world's most popular football club, fixing Chevrolet as the team's exclusive automotive sponsor. The move came

weeks after GM said it would no longer advertise on Facebook or at the Super Bowl, the American football championship and one of the country's most-viewed television events each year. Joe Ewanick, GM chief marketing officer said football,

or soccer as it is known in the United States, has a broad fan base around the world.

"More than 3.5 billion people follow soccer and only about 400 million people follow the NFL," added Ewanick, referring to the US National Football League, which controls the Super Bowl. "We have to go where the our customers are," he said. Ewanick declined to put a dollar figure on GM's support for Manchester United, but he said the Chevrolet brand, long identified with American sports, now sells 60 percent of its vehicles outside the United States. Though they lost this year's English Premier League title, Manchester United has a record 19 league titles and is arguably the most popular sports team in the world, with hundreds of millions of fans

'Illinois' Thomas Pieters wins NCAA golf title

LOS ANGELES, 1 June — Illinois sophomore Thomas Pieters shot a final-round 71 to win the men's NCAA Division I golf championship on Thursday at Riviera Country Club. Pieters finished at 5-under 208, three shots better than Julien Brun of TCU and Florida's Tyler McCumber, son of PGA Tour player, Mark McCumber. Pieters began the day with a two-stroke lead and after a bogey on his sixth hole was tied with UCLA's Anton Arboleda. The Belgian made a birdie on the next hole and never relinquished the lead.

"It was a tough day," Pieters said. "My strategy was to make a lot of pars. I struggled a little and the last couple of holes I was nervous, but I managed to hang on." Alabama went wire-to-wire in stroke play to grab the No

1 seed going into Friday's match play. The Crimson Tide finished with a three-day total of 7-over par 859. UCLA finished second, two shots behind. Texas, San Diego State — California, Washington and Oregon earned the other spots.

Florida State and Kent State finished tied for the eighth and final spot. They will return Friday morning and all five team members will play sudden death with the best four scores counting. Alabama will wait to see who it faces in the first round. "They were a little nervous, but we told them the goal was to finish first," Alabama coach Jay Seawell said. "If you just try to qualify, you can fail. We wanted them to play like they have all week and for the most part they did." — *Internet*

Fatigued Mickelson pulls out of Memorial tournament

DUBLIN, (Ohio), 1 June — Phil Mickelson withdrew from the Memorial tournament, citing fatigue, after carding a seven-over-par 79 in Thursday's opening round. The American world number 12 pulled out of the elite event hosted by Jack Nicklaus at Muirfield Village Golf Club after covering his back nine in six-over 42. "I think mentally I'm a little bit fatigued," Mickelson told reporters. "The course here is in such great shape. It's a beautiful way to get ready for the US Open.

"But I'm hitting it so poorly... I have to look at what's best for me to play in the US Open, and I'm going to take the next few days to kind of rest up." The US Open, the second of the year's four majors, will be played from 14 to 17 June at San Francisco's Olympic Club. "Certainly I'm disappointed with how I played today, but I've got to be more big picture oriented and think about the (US) Open and what's best to get my best golf out there," Mickelson said. "I

need the next few days to rest up a bit."

Mickelson said his fatigue built up after he took his wife Amy to Europe last week to celebrate her 40th birthday, having previously played three consecutive

events on the PGA Tour. "We went to Italy and Paris," the four-times major champion added. "I came back and had a Tuesday outing in Long Island, the pro-am. Mentally I'm a little bit fatigued."

Reuters



Phil Mickelson of the US watches his tee shot on the third hole during the first round of the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio on 31 May, 2012.

REUTERS

LOCOG promises to serve best food during Olympics

LONDON, 1 June — The London Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) on Wednesday revealed details of the food and drink that will be served to the millions of spectators and thousands of athletes during the Games this summer. Over 14 million meals will be served during the Games, across 40 locations — the largest peace time catering operation in the world and 1.2 million meals will be served to athletes, comprising 1300 different dishes.

LOCOG said that 833 spectator concessions featuring more than 150 different types of dishes will showcase the great diversity and quality of British food at affordable prices. As well as the millions of ticket holders and spectators, LOCOG is also responsible for feeding more than 15,000 athletes across both the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

The primary concern of the 23,900 athletes and team officials is to make sure they perform to their peak on competition days. Their ability to do this depends in no small part on the provision of familiar and nutritionally balanced food and drink, which will be available at exactly the right time of day or night.

The main dining room seats over 5000 athletes and can fit the equivalent of 880 double decker buses. The room consists of four zones including British, European, Mediterranean, African and Caribbean dishes and caters for special diets such as Halal, Kosher, low salt and allergens. In line with London 2012's sustainability commitments, all fruit, vegetables and cereals are Red Tractor accredited, British and seasonal where available. All dairy, beef, lamb, pork and poultry is also Red Tractor accredited as a minimum.

Xinhua



General Motors announced on Thursday a three-year sponsorship deal with Manchester United, the world's most popular football club, fixing Chevrolet as the team's exclusive automotive sponsor. — INTERNET

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- * News
- * National Level Child Rights Forum
- * News
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- * News
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- * Music Programme
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- * News
- * Myanmar Business Plan Contest 2012 (Press Conference)
- * Myanmar Movie "That's why we're"

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(2-6-2012) (Saturday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am
- 3. Health Programme
- 8:05 am
- 4. Poem Garden
- 11:25 am
- 5. Game For Children
- 12:30 pm
- 6. TV Drama Series
- 1:30 pm
- 7. Documentary
- 1:50 pm
- 8. Song of National Races
- 2:10 pm
- 9. Teleplay
- 4:20 pm
- 10. Cultural Dances
- 4:40 pm
- 11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Chemistry)
- 5:10 pm
- 12. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 5:20 pm
- 13. Game For Children
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. Cartoon Series
- 16. TV Drama Series

Host Steve-O balances a cup filled with water on his forehead during the eighth annual MusiCares MAP Fund Benefit concert in Los Angeles, California on 31 May, 2012.



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Slowdown in orders hits confidence of New Zealand exporters

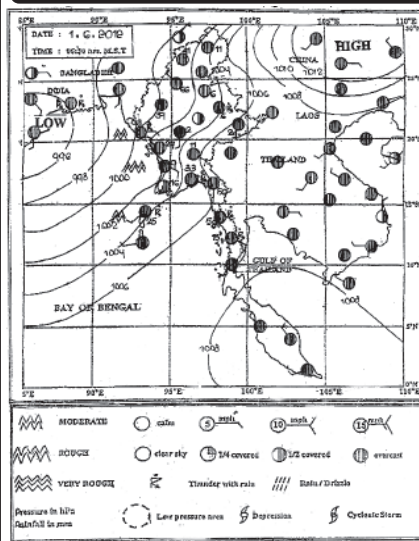
WELLINGTON, 1 June — New Zealand manufacturers are seeing sales and staff numbers fall along with their confidence, according to the latest survey of business conditions from the New Zealand Manufacturers and Exporters Association (NZMEA) on Friday.

Total sales in April were down 1.51 percent from April last year, with exports up by 5.41 percent, but domestic sales down 6.09 percent, according to the survey. The survey sample covered 428 million NZ dollars (321.17 million US dollars) in annualized sales with an export content of 43 percent, said a statement from the NZMEA. The current performance index, which combined profitability and cash flow, was 101, up from 99 in March, on a scale where above 100 indicated expansion and below 100 contraction.

The change index, measuring capacity utilization, staff levels, orders and inventories, remained steady at 101, and the forecast index covering investment, sales, profitability and staff was also steady at 102. Staff numbers for April decreased year on year by 3.38 percent. "Generally the story of sales just holding up, but weak order books and a lack of confidence in future prospects remains prominent," NZMEA chief executive John Walley said in the statement.

"The big concern of the past six months or so has been staff numbers. Since September last year we have seen a contraction in staff numbers, which suggests manufacturers are reducing capacity underscoring the soft expectations — not a good long-term prospect," he said. —Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 2nd June, 2012

No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	Percent
		Maximum	Minimum		
1	Kachin	28.86	24.75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
2	Kayah	31.88	20.86	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
3	Kayah	28.82	23.73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
4	Chin	19.96	17.63	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
5	Upper Sagar	28.82	22.72	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
6	Lower Sagar	27.99	26.79	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	30.86	23.73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
8	Bago	32.90	23.73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
9	Magway	27.99	27.81	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
10	Mandalay	38.100	28.84	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
11	Man	30.86	23.73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
12	Yangon	31.88	23.73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
13	Rakhine	29.84	23.73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	25.77	17.63	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	28.82	21.70	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	26.79	21.70	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
17	Ayeyarwady	31.88	25.77	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34.93	26.79	One or two rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31.88	23.73	One or two rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	38.100	28.84		(80%)

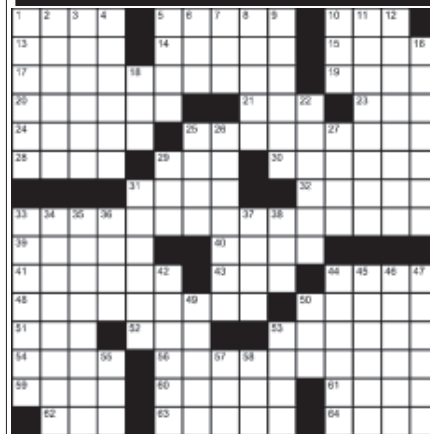
During the past 24 hours, rain or thunderstorms have been isolated in Lower Sagar Region, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyarwady Regions, Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with generally heavy falls in Chin and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Tanintharyi Region and Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Falam (9.37) inches, Kyaukse and Changone (3.66) inches each, Dawei (3.58) inches, Ye (3.12) inches and Hala Bala (3.13) inches.

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

State of the Sea: Occasional squalls with moderate to rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed to squalls may reach 40 mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Southwest monsoon is likely to be advanced into the Northern Myanmar areas.

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Chesterfield, e.g.
5. Kind of line
10. Synthetic thermoplastic material (acronym)
13. "Miss ___ Regrets"
14. Series of six balls bowled from one end of a cricket pitch (pl.)
15. Pink, as a steak
17. Detachment
19. Original matter prior to the Big Bang
20. Modified car for speed (2 wds)
21. Dance bit
23. "To Autumn," e.g.
24. Association of Southeast Asian Nations (acronym)
25. Professional beggar
28. Course

Down

1. Used to express lack of interest (2 wds)
2. Good-for-nothing
3. Tailor, at times
4. Religious community where Hindu holy man lives
5. 128 cubic feet
6. Egg cells
7. "What's ___?"
8. Pie chart, e.g.
9. Cockeyed
10. Be nosy
11. Assign a value to
12. Sideboard
16. Came out
18. Family head
22. Mollify
25. "Buona ___" (Italian greeting)
26. Dogwood trees, e.g.
27. Back
29. Deception
31. Cheerful
33. Quality of just coming into being
34. One registered in a class
35. For a limitless time
36. Biblical verb
37. "Dang!"
38. End
42. Arab, e.g.
44. House with steeply angled side (hyphenated)
45. Marine gastropod with low conical shells
46. Creator god in Hindu
47. Has a hunch
49. Sit in on
50. Balloon filler
53. Long, long time
55. ___ el Amarna, Egypt
57. Addis Ababa's land: Abbr.
58. "Look here!"

Chinese yuan trades at lower 12-yen level in 1st direct trading day

TOKYO, 1 June — The Chinese yuan fetched 12.33 Japanese yen in Tokyo foreign exchange market at 9 am local time on Friday, the first day for direct yen-yuan trading. Japanese Finance Minister Jun Azumi announced that yen-yuan direct trading begins from 1 June at the Tokyo and Shanghai markets Tuesday, on a press conference. The direct yen-yuan trading would reduce the transaction cost and exchange risk in bilateral trading and investment, all Japanese and Chinese companies involving will benefit from the new system.

The trading rate will be determined in different ways in the two sides. In Shanghai, Chinese monetary authorities will release a reference rate every morning. In Tokyo, the exchange rate will be determined by market. The move is broadly seen as a way to boost trade and investment between the world's second- and third- largest economies, and as part of measures China took to internationalize its currency.

Xinhua

Over 80 tourists suffer food poisoning in Turkey

ISTANBUL, 1 June — Some 83 tourists were hospitalized on Wednesday night due to an outbreak of food poisoning in the seaside city of Bodrum, about 790 km south of Turkey's Istanbul, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported on Thursday.

A provincial health director said that the tourists had been diagnosed with nausea and heavy stomach aches. Officials from Food, Agriculture and Animal Breeding ministry took

samples of the food and drinks that the tourists might have consumed.

Bodrum District Gov Mehmet Godekmerdan said that they were conducting an investigation at the tourists' hotel.

We sent the samples to the laboratory and we will announce the results tomorrow," he said.

Bodrum is a port city in Mugla Province in the southwestern Aegean Region of Turkey.

Xinhua

Union Sports Minister addresses Taekwondo, Wushu Coaching, Referee Course



Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan addresses opening ceremony of Taekwondo and Wushu Coaching and Referee Course.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan addressed opening ceremony of Taekwondo and Wushu Coaching and Referee Course jointly conducted by Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Taekwondo and Wushu Federation at Shwekyarbin Training Camp here this morning.

He called for working diligently to improve sports standard of the country as it reflects its development and

successes portray its pride.

The minister also met coaches and backroom staff who are training new faces at his office.

In-charge of the camp U Mya Than Htaik elaborated on training targets of the camp, participation in SEA Games and requirements.

The minister called for undergoing trainings in real event time, recruiting new athletes at champion challenge cups, from sports institutes and at other events.—MNA

Ho Chi Minh City Expo from 15 to 19 June

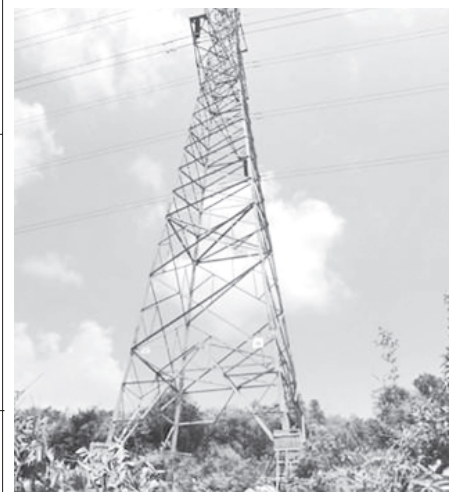
NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Ho Chi Minh City Expo (2012) will be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Yangon from 15 to 19 June with a view to promoting bilateral trade between Myanmar and Vietnam.

Altogether 100 companies from Vietnam will boast their products such as clothes, chemicals, foods, electronic devices, medicine and medical equipment, cosmetic and footwear. Ho Chi Minh City Expo 2012 was held at Myanmar Convention Centre to strengthen bilateral cooperation between Ho Chi Minh City and Yangon from 15 to 18 March.

Those who want to know details of the expo may contact the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Trade Section of International Trade Promotion Division of the Ministry of Commerce or dial 067-408411.

MNA

Damaged towers of Shweli-Mansi national grid brought to normal



Repair of 230 KV Shweli-Mansi national grid in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—A KIA armed group blew up the tower No. 73 of the 230 KV Shweli-Mansi national grid near Pankanine village and the tower Nos. 206, 207 and 208 near Monewi village in Namkham Township, Shan State (North) on 18-5-2012 and 19-5-2012. Consequently, the lower parts of the towers were broken and fell to ground resulting in the cut of power supply from Shweli Hydropower Plant.

As 200 megawatt had run out of the national grid, the powersupply to the public was reduced. Officials and engineers of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise on 20-5-2012 started to repair the damaged facilities and the task was completed at 4 pm on 1-6-2012. As the hydropower plant is brought to normal, it is now linking with the national grid and distributing its electricity.

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New Rainfall Record

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—According to the observation at (9:30) hrs MST, new (24) hrs Rainfall record was observed at the following station for June, released the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Sr No	Station	New Record		Old Record		Date of Old Record	Past Years of opening station
		mm	inch	mm	inch		
1.	Falam	238	9.37	114	4.49	16-6-1966	46

Musicians play to set record atop Himalayan peak



In this Wednesday, 16 May, 2012 photo released by Music4Children, Friday, 1 June, 2012, an unidentified volunteer from a music group performs atop Himalayan peak in Nepal.—INTERNET

KATMANDU, 1 June—Their fingers were stiff from the cold, and two musicians got altitude sickness. But the music atop a Himalayan peak in Nepal was inspired by a sensational view as the group laid claim to the record for highest musical performance.

They even had an audience—15 other trekkers paid \$10 each to watch the musicians perform for 40 minutes at the summit of 6,654-meter (21,825-foot) high Mera Peak, which is close to Mount Everest and Mount Lhotse.

“My fingers were freezing. It was difficult to play the guitar after a few minutes, but I kept playing,” group leader Oz Bayldon said in the capital, Katmandu, on Thursday. “I felt like a 90-year-old with asthma.”

Only eight of the 10 volunteers from various countries reached the top, while the two with altitude sickness did not. Local porters helped carry their three guitars, small amplifier fitted with speakers, microphones and a stand. The musicians took turns

performing May 16

“The view was beautiful in the backdrop of some of the tallest and most beautiful mountains. It was like some one had painted it and put it there,” Bayldon said.

He sang and played three of the English songs he wrote and one Nepali “mero naam, tero naam,” which just means your name, my name.

Frenchman J.B. Tilon, 25, said he was very tired on the way up and did not feel too well. But once he got to the top and saw the view he was full of energy.

“It was the most beautiful landscape I have even seen. It was being above the clouds,” he said, adding it was very cold and dry so he was able to play only for five minutes and only one French song.

Bayldon, an Australian living in London, said the group raised 35,000 pounds (\$54,300) for a charity in Nepal that is building an orphanage. Other performers are from England, Scotland, Poland and Denmark.

Internet

Israeli music therapist to bring songs to classrooms in Myanmar’s disabled schools

YANGON, 1 June—Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yaron Mayor attended opening session of Workshop on Music Therapy at Khaweinchar Blind School here on 28 May.

Israeli Music Therapist Ms Tsvia Horesh will equip teachers from nine special schools in Yangon with some insight into the therapeutic role of music-making for disabled children at the workshop from 28 May to 8 June. A follow-up meeting with participants is due to take place in coming October.

This is the first Music Therapy training conducted in Myanmar. The opening ceremony was also attended by officials of Eden Centre for Disabled Children and Triangle General Humanitaire (TGH).—NLM

NPE donates publications to Nay Pyi Taw People’s Hospital (1000-bed)

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—To broaden the horizons of patients admitted to Nay Pyi Taw People’s Hospital (1000-bed), News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information donated publications to the hospital today.

Manager (Admin) U Zaw Min of NPE presented the publications through Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Phyu Phyu and Matron Daw Khin San Yi.

The donation was the second time of NPE and a total of 2664 publications have been donated to the hospital so far.—MNA