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People urged to enjoy rights by revealing their desires, needs to Hluttaw representatives

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker attends meeting between Tatkon Tsp Pyithu Hluttaw Representative and voters

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, accompanied by officials of the Hluttaw Office, attended the meeting between Tatkon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Maung Oo and the voters in the township at Sasana Beikman in Tatkon in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this afternoon.

The meeting was attended by Hluttaw representatives in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, departmental officials, townsenders, voters, local people and officials.

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said in his address that the country is now going on a fast track of reform which needs inclusiveness of the people. It is important that the people enjoy their rights appropriately. The elected Hluttaw representatives are fulfilling desires and needs of the people with the claim that the People's voice is the Hluttaw's voice, the People's desire is the Hluttaw's desire and the People's need is the Hluttaw undertaking. Today, the people elect their representatives who again elect heads and members of Union government. The government rules the country in line with policies and laws that portray the people's will and desire which are submitted to the Hluttaw by the representatives as questions and proposals. If necessary, these are submitted as bill. The people are urged to effectively and rightfully enjoy the rights by revealing their desires and requirements to the respective Hluttaw representatives.

After that, Tatkon Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Oo explained the Hluttaw experience and urged people, representatives and civil servants to serve their duties in line with multi-party democracy system and market economy.

After that, farmers U Kyi Maung, U Kyi Lwin Soe and U Ye Myint presented reports on per acre expenses and benefits of paddy, groundnut, green gram and corn growing. They said that it would be more convenient for farmers and



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann explains Hluttaw affairs in meeting with voters in Tatkon Township.—MNA

farm workers if fair and lowest paddy prices are set; for agricultural development, inputs including agricultural methods and fertilizers should be provided, and authority concerned should accelerate their efforts. Afterwards, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Oo responded to the reports of local farmers.

In his concluding speech, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said that people, representatives and civil servants are to serve their duties right with a sense of loyalty, responsibility and benevolence. People on their parts are to make right choices and the representatives are to always stand by people. After the meeting, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and guests cordially greeted voters and local people.—MNA

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US will put more warships in Asia: Panetta

SINGAPORE, 2 June—The United States will move the majority of its warships to the Asia-Pacific in coming years and keep six aircraft



A handout picture from US Navy shows the USS John C. Stennis — a Nimitz-class aircraft carrier. The United States will shift the majority of its naval fleet to the Pacific by 2020 as part of a new strategic focus on Asia, Pentagon chief Leon Panetta has told a summit in Singapore.—INTERNET

carriers in the region, Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said on Saturday, giving the first details of a new US military strategy. Speaking at an

annual security forum in Singapore, Panetta sought to dispel the notion that the shift in US focus to Asia was designed to contain China's emergence as a global power. He acknowledged differences between the world's two largest economies on a range of issues, including the South China Sea. "We're not naive about the relationship and neither is China," Panetta told the Shangri-La Dialogue attended by senior civilian and military leaders from about 30 Asia-Pacific nations. "We also both understand that there really is no other alternative but for both of us to engage and to

improve our communications and to improve our (military-to-military) relationships," he said. "That's the kind of mature relationship that we ultimately have to have with China."

Some Chinese officials have been critical of the US shift of military emphasis to Asia, seeing it as an attempt to fence in the country and frustrate Beijing's territorial claims. Panetta's comments came at the start of a seven-day visit to the region to explain to allies and partners the practical meaning of the US military strategy unveiled in January that calls for rebalancing American forces to focus on the Pacific.—Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

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Monsoon-related diseases

Monsoon has set in after the end of the long dry weather turning the environment lush and green again. Schools reopened for a new academic year and rice farmers began another cultivation season to grow the country's staple crop.

Rains that monsoon brings refill streams, rivers and natural and man-made lakes, and provide water for all living beings, crops and the nature, relieving mother earth from the terrible heat of summer. Because of monsoon, there is rain which gives us water. And because of water there is life. In this context, everybody loves the monsoon.

But the monsoon also has its dark side. Wet roads become slippery inviting accidents that claim lives and property every year. Heavy rains form floods and also swell rivers and creeks become swollen, raging and angry till reaching the level of committing wholesale destruction.

Rains also create potholes, waterlogged roads and sometimes traffic jams in cities while encouraging the spread of waterborne diseases. Moreover, the dampness, muck and dull pools of water are ideal breeding grounds for disease-causing microorganisms.

The most common disease during the rainy season is common cold and flu. You can get it even if you get wet. There are dreadful diseases such as hepatitis A, typhoid, cholera, malaria, and diarrhea that raise their ugly head during the monsoon.

Diarrhea often is caused by an infection with bacteria. Usually spread in contaminated food or water, hepatitis A is generally caused by flies. Malaria is an infection caused by single-celled parasites that enter the blood through the bite of an Anopheles mosquito. Typhoid and cholera are diseases normally caused by contaminated food and water.

Every ward, community and individual must take preventive measures to be totally free from these monsoon-related illnesses, so that we can quarrel with physicians and go to our class or work regularly.

Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Committee shares AGM experiences

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai addressed annual general meeting experience sharing session and coordination meeting of state Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee at City Hall of Myitkyina yesterday morning.

Chairperson of the committee Daw Nyo Nyo Lwin handed over third activities prize for 2011 won by the committee to the chief minister.

Patron of the committee wife of the chief minister Daw Kan Hsi Hsain Lon provided cash assistances to committees of Myitkyina, Mohnyin, Bhamo and Putao Districts.

The chairperson presented awards to outstanding members of township committees.

The chief minister, the state Hluttaw speaker, the chief justice of the state high court, state ministers and officials viewed documentary photos displayed in the hall.

The patron addressed the coordination meeting where officials of the state/district/township committees discussed weaknesses and strengths of their activities.—MNA



ASI makes Ananda Pagoda renovation

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)

including five experts made all round renovation of Ananda Pagoda from 7 to 27 May according to MoU signed between Indian Government and Myanmar

Government in New Delhi on 27 July, 2010.

The ASI will renovate the structure of Ananda in coming September.

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Course for informal primary education teachers commences

YANGON, 2 June—The opening ceremony of central level course for teachers of informal primary education was held at No (1) Basic Education High School in Kamayut here yesterday morning, with an address by Director-General of No (1) Basic Education Department U Kyaw Thu.

He said the trainees will have to assume responsibility as lecturers in multiplier courses in Yangon, Mandalay and Bago.

State level Education for All Coordinator U Tin Nyo elaborated on



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin receives Senior Executive Director Mr Seki Akinori of JMA.—MNA

conditions of informal primary education from 2008-2009 academic to date.

The programme started since 2008-2009 academic year from five

townships with the collaboration of Education Ministry, UNICEF and wellwishers and will cover 73 townships this year.

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Murderer in Lanmadaw Township captured in 44 hours

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—A young woman was murdered and set ablaze to obliterate her dead body at the second floor of No. 76 in 7th Street, Lanmadaw Township on 30 May. The Myanmar Police Force managed to expose the case in 44 hours and arrest the suspect with valuables he took away.

The incident is that a complaint was lodged to the Lanmadaw Police Station that Ma Su Sandi Aung, 16, a student of Latha BEHS-2 who had sat for the matriculation exams was found dead at the house with a series of cuts to

head, neck and left hand and set ablaze; and that gold jewelry worth 10,450,000 kyats kept at the cabinet in the bedroom had been lost.

Under investigation, the police arrested suspect Ko Myo (a) Myo Lwin at 7 am on 1 June. The suspect confessed that he committed the murder as he was unsatisfied with the mother of victim over loans.

The suspect disclosed the incident that at 10 am on 30 May he left his house and bought some confections at Shwepazun Confectionary and proceeded to the victim's

house. Seeing Ma Su Sandi Aung at her house, he said he was asked to send the confections and enter the house. When the victim closed the door, he struck her with knife on her back about four times in a row, and then he covered her dead body with pillows, blankets and clothes and set it on fire. After that, he took gold jewelry and left the scene.

Altogether 11 kinds of gold jewelry were retrieved from the suspect. The police was able to nab the suspect together with the valuables in 44 hours through the combined efforts of the

Dy Health Minister meets JMA senior executive director

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin received a delegation led by senior executive director Mr Seki Akinori of Japan Myanmar Association (JMA) and party, at the Minister's office this afternoon. At the call, they had a discussion on giving training to dentists, cooperation of denture development, reducing maternal and infant mortality rate, opportunities for making cooperation in healthcare, immunization and rural health development.

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Dy Sports Minister meets coaches and athletes in camp

YANGON, 2 June—Deputy Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu met administration board, coaches and sportsmen from various sports federations who are in a camp training for XXVII SEA Games at National Indoor Stadium (1) Thuwunna in Thingangyun here this morning.

He urged the coaches to train the athletes intensively so as to bag golds in the games.—MNA



Ko Myo (a) Myo Lwin victim's families, the people and the police who do their bit with a sense of duty, and work is under way to bring the suspect to the justice.—MNA



Audience visit the Eat! Vancouver Food and Cooking Festival at BC Place in Vancouver, Canada, on 1 June, 2012. The Eat! Vancouver, which kicked off here on Friday, is Canada's biggest foodie fest where chefs, beer and wine makers, cookbook authors, food artisans and more are serving up a weekend of sumptuous tastes. The fest also offers cooking classes where visitors can learn about everything from sharpening their knife skills to fluffing their omelettes. — XINHUA

Iran threatens to target US bases if attacked

DUBAI, 2 June—Iran has warned the United States not to resort to military action against it, saying US bases in the region were vulnerable to the Islamic Republic's missiles, state media reported on Saturday.

The comments by a senior Iranian military commander were an apparent response to US officials who have said Washington was ready to use military force to stop what it suspects is Iran's goal to develop a nuclear weapons capability.

World powers held talks with Iran in Baghdad on 23-24 May in an attempt to find a diplomatic solution to their concerns over its nuclear programme, which Tehran maintains is entirely peaceful. Another round was set for 18-19 June in Moscow.

"The politicians and the

military men of the United States are well aware of the fact that all of their bases (in the region) are within the range of Iran's missiles and in any case ... are highly vulnerable," Press TV reported Brigadier-General Yahya Rahim Safavi as saying. Safavi is a military adviser to Iran's clerical Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and was until 2007 the commander in chief of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, the force that protects Iran's Islamic system of governance.

He also warned that Iranian missiles could reach all parts of Israel but played down any possibility of military action against his country as "faint" because of the current economic condition of the United States.

Analysts say Iranian military officials use such fiery rhetoric as a way of keeping

the West on edge over the possible disruption to global oil supplies in the event of US or Israeli military action.

Teheran has previously threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz—a vital crude shipping lane—if it is attacked, which experts say would result in a spike in the price of oil and could hit the US economy as it seeks to recover from the financial crisis. Last month the US ambassador to Israel, Dan Shapiro, said plans for a possible military strike on Iran were ready and the option was "fully available".

US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton said Iran needed to take steps to curb its nuclear activities during the next round of talks in Moscow. Israel is skeptical any progress can be made and has accused Teheran of simply buying time.

Reuters

Russia launches US satellite from floating pad

MOSCOW, 2 June—Russia has put a US communications satellite into space from a sea-based launch pad, the Federal Space Agency Roscosmos said on Friday. The Zenit-2SL carrier rocket, carrying the US Intelsat 19 telecoms satellite, blasted off from the equatorial Odyssey Launch Platform in the Pacific Ocean at 9:23 am Moscow Time (0523 GMT), the mission control centre said. The 5,600-kg satellite, launched by the Sea Launch corporation, was separated

from the booster rocket at 10:23 am (0623 GMT), Russian Space Rocket Corporation Energia said.

Live broadcast from Roscosmos website and Energia control centre showed that experts were working onboard a Sea Launch Commander ship near the launch pad. The satellite carries C-band and Ku-band transponders to provide telecoms services to the Pacific region, including Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand and US West Coast, local media

reported. Intelsat 19 is based on Space System/Loral platform with a designed life span of over 15 years. Founded in 1955, the Sea Launch consortium was made up by four companies from Norway, Russia, Ukraine and the United States.

Compared with land-based system, sea-based launch system means the rocket can be launched from

the optimum position on the earth's surface, which offers the most direct and cost-effective route to geostationary orbit for commercial communications satellites. A joint business plan released earlier by Energia and Roscosmos showed that 3-4 successful launches per year would be required to keep the project profitable. According to Energia, the operator of Sea Launch, Friday's launch is the first of its three launches scheduled this year.

Xinhua

Nine killed, 45 injured in bus crash in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 2 June—At least nine passengers were killed and 45 others wounded as a minibus collided with a bus in eastern South Africa on Saturday, local police said.

Among the injured, 12 were critical and 10 were in a serious condition, and the death toll might continue to rise, said police.

The accident occurred shortly after 7:00 am near the city of Nelspruit in the eastern province of Mpumalanga, according to police.

The two vehicles were severely damaged following their collision, killing some passengers at the scene.

Xinhua



Tunisian President Moncef Marzouk (R) meets with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi (L) in Tunis, Tunisia, on 1 June, 2012. — XINHUA

China, Tunisia confident in prospect of bilateral ties

TUNIS, 2 June—Top officials of China and Tunisia said on Friday that the two countries are confident in the prospect of their bilateral ties. "Tunisia is full of confidence about the broad prospect of the relations with China," Tunisian President Moncef Marzouki said during a meeting with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi. Marzouki said the Tunisian people always cherish the friendship with Chinese, and Tunisia regards China as an example of successful social and economic development. Tunisia is willing to strengthen cooperation and exchange with China in various areas and to further their coordination on international and regional affairs, the Tunisian president said.

For his part, the Chinese foreign minister said China and Tunisia enjoy impressive traditional friendship and have seen remarkable achievements in their cooperation in various areas. Under the backdrop of significant changes in the international and regional political arena, the development of China-Tunisia relations is facing a new opportunity and a broad prospect, Yang said, expressing China's willingness to work together with Tunisia to further enhance political mutual trust, deepen pragmatic cooperation in all areas, and promote cultural exchange, so as to continuously upgrade the friendly cooperative relationship between the two countries.—Xinhua

Wal-Mart chairman: Integrity 'is our business'

FAYETTEVILLE, 2 June—Wal-Mart Stores Inc executives told shareholders they would not stand for unethical behaviour at the world's largest retailer, whose shares have soared to 12-year highs as strong results more than offset concerns about bribery allegations. Friday's annual shareholders meeting was the first time that Chairman Rob Walton, a son of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, publicly addressed the issue of possible bribery in Mexico. Both he and Chief Executive Mike Duke were named in an April *New York Times* report which suggested that Wal-Mart executives knew of bribes paid to officials in Mexico and squelched an internal

investigation. Despite the scandal, Wal-Mart's meeting served largely as a 50th anniversary party. The upbeat event was hosted by actor, singer and entrepreneur Justin Timberlake and featured performances from Taylor Swift, Lionel Richie, Celine Dion and other entertainers.

"Acting with integrity is not a negotiable part of this business. It is our business, we will not tolerate violations of the FCPA or ethical

wrongdoing of any kind," Walton said, referring to the US Foreign Corrupt Practices



Act, which prohibits bribing foreign officials. The *New York Times* reported that management at Wal-Mart de Mexico, or Walmex, allegedly had orchestrated bribes of \$24 million to help it grow quickly and that Wal-Mart's top brass had tried to cover it up. Now, the US Department of Justice, the US Securities and Exchange Commission and government agencies in Mexico are

Wal-Mart Chairman Rob Walton speaks during the annual Wal-Mart shareholders' meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on 1 June, 2012. — REUTERS

investigating the allegations while Wal-Mart conducts an internal probe.

The allegations in the *New York Times* piece also have spawned 11 derivative lawsuits, which seek recovery for the company rather than shareholders, and one securities lawsuit, Wal-Mart disclosed in a regulatory filing hours after the events finished on Friday.

Reuters



Celine Dion performs during the annual Wal-Mart shareholders' meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on 1 June, 2012. — REUTERS

China arrests security official on suspicion of spying for US

HONG KONG, 2 June—A Chinese state security official has been arrested on suspicion of spying for the United States, sources said, a case both countries have kept quiet for several months as they strive to prevent a fresh crisis in relations. The official, an aide to a vice minister in China's security ministry, was arrested and detained early this year on allegations that he had passed information to the United States for several years on China's overseas espionage activities, said three sources, who all have direct knowledge of the matter. The aide had been

recruited by the US Central Intelligence Agency and provided "political, economic and strategic intelligence", one source said, though it was unclear what level of information he had access to, or whether overseas Chinese spies were compromised by the intelligence he handed over. The case could represent China's worst known breach of state intelligence in two decades and its revelation follows two other major public embarrassments for Chinese security, both involving US diplomatic missions at a tense time for bilateral ties.

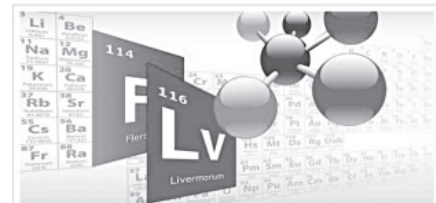
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Two new heavy elements get official names

LIVERMORE, 2 June—The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry says the latest heavy elements to be added to the periodic table will be named Flerovium

and Livermorium. Flerov (1913-1990) a renowned physicist who discovered the spontaneous fission of uranium and was a pioneer in heavy-ion physics.



and Livermorium.

The organization officially approved the new names for elements 114 and 116 on Thursday, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California reported.

Flerovium (element 114,

atomic symbol Fl) was chosen to honor the Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions, where the superheavy element was synthesized. The laboratory was named after Georgiy N

Livermorium (element 116, atomic symbol Lv) was chosen to honour Lawrence Livermore

Laboratory (LLNL) and the city of Livermore, Calif, whose researchers collaborated with Russian colleagues in the synthesis of superheavy elements, including element 116.

Lawrencium — element 103—was named for LLNL's founder EO Lawrence.

"These names honour not only the individual contributions of scientists from these laboratories to the fields of nuclear science, heavy element research, and superheavy element research, but also the phenomenal cooperation and collaboration that has occurred between scientists in these two countries," Bill Goldstein, associate director of LLNL's Physical and Life Sciences Directorate, said. —Internet

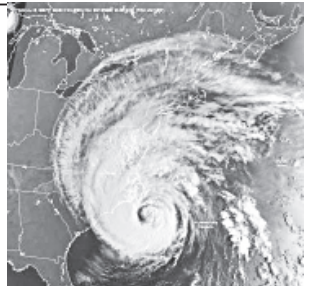
Unmanned aircraft to study hurricanes

HAMPTON, 2 June—Unmanned aircraft will be used this summer to investigate hurricane formation and intensity change, US space officials said.

NASA said the drones, dubbed "severe storm sentinels," will be part of the Hurricane and Severe Storm Sentinel airborne mission. HS3 will investigate the processes that underlie hurricane formation and intensity change in the Atlantic Ocean basin.

The NASA Global Hawk can over-fly hurricanes at altitudes greater than 60,000 feet with flight durations of up to 28 hours, which would be nearly impossible for a piloted aircraft, the space agency said.

The eye of Hurricane Isabel was just off the coast of North Carolina at 7:53 AM EDT, on 18 Sept, 2003, with winds over 100 miles per hour and moving northwest.
INTERNET



HS3 will use two Global Hawk aircraft and six different instruments this summer, flying from a base of operations at Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia.

One aircraft will sample the environment of storms while the other will measure eyewall and rainband winds and precipitation, NASA

scientists said Friday. The 2012 mission will run from late August through early October.

NASA said the aircraft will deploy to Wallops Flight Facility from their home base at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Centre on Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Internet

First great white egret hatches in Britain



relief when we confirmed we have got at least one chick on the nest," reserve manager Simon Clarke told the BBC.

It could mean establishment of Britain first great white egret colony, experts said, as clutch sizes are usually three or four eggs and adults tend to return to the same nest site if they successfully raise chicks there.

White egrets are found across the world, with an estimated population of 2 million, there are no records of them having bred in Britain.

"To have an amazing bird like a great white egret, which is the size of a grey heron [and] bright white, nesting here is just phenomenal," Clarke said.

Clarke said he is hoping to confirm more chicks.

"We're just waiting to see how many more turn up."

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SHAPWICK, 2 June—British wildlife researchers say great white egrets are breeding in Britain for the first time, confirming the hatching of a chick at a Somerset nature reserve.

The egret chick seen at Shapwick Heath National Nature Reserve is the first of its kind to hatch in the country, they said.

There have been unconfirmed sightings of a second chick in the nest, they said. "It was a great sense of

Microsoft appears on track for autumn Windows 8

SEATTLE, 2 June—Microsoft Corp (MSFT O) appears to be on track to release its new Windows 8 operating system in time for the crucial US holiday shopping season after making a "release preview" of the new code available for download on Thursday.

Windows 8 is the latest version of the flagship product, which still provides almost half of the world's largest software company's profit. It is the first version that will run on tablet computers as well as PCs, providing Microsoft's first real challenge to Apple Inc's (AAPL O) iPad.

"The progress Microsoft is making leads me to believe that Windows 8 will be available in time for the holiday season this year," said David Johnson, an analyst at tech research firm Forrester. "I've been using the consumer preview for

several weeks, and while it's obvious more finishing work is needed, it has been stable and reliable."

Microsoft's release preview is similar to what the software company used to call a "release candidate," meaning the product is all but finished. The next stage is "release to manufacturing," when Microsoft hands the code to PC makers such as H-

P (HPQN), Dell (DELO) and Lenovo (0992 HK) to install on new PCs, laptops and tablets.

Based on the timeline for Windows 7 three years ago, Microsoft is on track for full release by October or November, when machines running it will be available in stores. The company has never put a firm date on the release of Windows 8, but

says it aims to have a new system every three years. Windows 7 debuted in October 2009.

In the meantime, in order to prevent a drop-off in PC sales, Microsoft said on Thursday that customers who buy Windows 7 PCs between now and 31 January can get an upgrade to Windows 8 Pro for \$14.99.

Reuters



Customers shop at Microsoft's first retail store during the grand opening in Scottsdale, Arizona on 22 Oct, 2009.
REUTERS

Nokia: Android phones have major patent issues

HELSINKI, 2 June—Nokia (NOK1V.HE) said Google's (GOOG O) claim that it was colluding with Microsoft (MSFT O) on intellectual property was wrong and countered that devices using Google's Android software had problems with patents.

"Though we have not yet seen the complaint, Google's suggestion that Nokia and Microsoft are colluding on intellectual property rights is wrong. Both companies have their own IPR portfolios and strategies and operate independently," Nokia spokesman Mark Durrant said in an email on Friday. —Reuters



A man holds the new Nokia Lumia 710 smartphone at the Nokia World event in London on 26 Oct, 2011.

REUTERS

Authors win class status over Google digital books

NEW YORK, 2 June—A US judge awarded class-action status to thousands of authors challenging Google Inc's (GOOG O) plan to create the world's largest digital book library.

The plaintiffs have contended that Google's plan to create the library, which would have included millions of out-of-print works, amounted to "massive copyright infringement."

US Circuit Judge Denny Chin on Thursday said it would be more efficient for the authors to sue as a group, and that forcing them to sue individually would

have risked disparate results and "exponentially" raised litigation costs.

Chin was elevated in 2010 to the federal appeals court in

New York, but kept jurisdiction over the Google case, which he had begun overseeing as a trial judge.

Reuters



The Google logo is seen on a door at the company's office in Tel Aviv on 26 January, 2011. —REUTERS

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Can a decade of dark chocolate protect your heart?

LONDON, 2 June—A scientific study likely to stir the souls of chocoholics has suggested that eating dark chocolate every day for 10 years could reduce the likelihood of heart attacks and strokes in some high-risk patients.

A team of researchers from Australia used a mathematical model to predict the long-term health impact of daily dark chocolate consumption in 2,013 people with a condition known as metabolic syndrome, which puts them at high risk of heart disease. The team found that in the best case scenario—with no patient missing any daily portions—the treatment could potentially avert 70 non-fatal and 15 fatal heart attacks or strokes per 10,000 people over 10 years.

The model also suggested that mounting effective “dark chocolate prevention strategies” might



Chocolates are pictured during the opening of the Nestle Chocolate Centre of Excellence in Broc near Fribourg on 7 Sept. 2009. —REUTERS

cost an individual just 25 pounds (\$40) a year.

The researchers, whose work was published in the *British Medical Journal* on Friday, stressed the protective effects have only been shown for dark chocolate containing at least 60 to 70 percent cocoa—not for milk or white chocolate. This is probably due to higher levels of flavonoids in dark chocolate. But experts not

involved in the study urged caution.

“Recommendations for daily consumption of dark chocolate... will certainly get people with metabolic syndrome excited, but at this point these findings are more hypothetical than proven, and the results need real-life data to confirm,” said Kenneth Ong at the Brooklyn Hospital Centre in the United States. “I suspect that

consuming dark chocolate every day for 10 years may have unintended adverse consequences,” he added. “The additional sugar and caloric intake may negatively impact patients in this study, who are overweight and glucose intolerant to begin with.

All participants in the study, led by Christopher Reid at Monash University in Melbourne, had high blood pressure and metabolic syndrome, but had no history of heart disease or diabetes and were not on blood pressure lowering medication.

Reuters

Health Tip: Stay safe at the playground

Kids love the playground, and parents love the fresh air, exercise and socializing.

But an injury during horseplay or improper use of the equipment can put a damper on all of the fun.

The Nemours Foundation says many of the thousands of playground injuries each year are preventable. Here are the foundation’s recommendations:

- * Avoid rough play or pushing near any playground equipment.
- * Use all equipment as designed.
- * Store bikes, backpacks and other bags away from the playground to avoid tripping hazards.
- * Don’t use equipment that is damp or wet. Check the equipment before use to make sure it isn’t too hot to sit on or touch.
- * Don’t wear jewelry or clothing that has drawstrings or cords, which may become caught.

Internet

World stocks weak as China PMI data, Spain weigh

LONDON, 2 June—Weak Chinese data and worries about Spain’s banking sector drove the euro to two-year lows against the dollar and safe-haven German Bund futures towards record highs on Friday. European stock futures steadied at the open after falling towards their lowest levels this year on Thursday.

Weighing on the global demand outlook, China’s official purchasing managers’ index fell to 50.4 in May from April’s 13-month high of 53.3, and a separate HSBC PMI survey showed a seventh consecutive month of contraction in the manufacturing sector.

Investors are also concerned about Spain’s need to recapitalize its

troubled banks, though IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde denied late on Thursday that the IMF was preparing financial assistance for Spain. The MSCI world equity index dipped towards the year’s lows set in the previous session.

The euro fell as low as \$1.2324, its weakest since July 2010, and was trading

down 0.2 percent at \$1.2332 at 0715 GMT.

Bund futures tested record highs set in the previous session and were trading at 146.01, down 1 tick on the day.

US employment data at 1230 GMT is forecast to show a 150,000 rise in non-farm payrolls in May.

Reuters



Students visit the Madrid stock exchange on 29 May, 2012. REUTERS

Samsung Galaxy S3 hits store shelves in India

NEW DELHI, 2 June—Samsung Electronics launched its flagship Galaxy S3 smartphone in India on Thursday, making an aggressive push to counter Apple’s popular iPhones in a competitive market.

The 16 GB smartphone, priced at 43,180



A woman holds up her new Samsung Galaxy S III after it was launched at Westfield in west London, on 29 May, 2012.—INTERNET

rupees in India, runs on the Android 4.0 platform and features a 4.8 inch screen. The Galaxy S3, powered by Samsung’s quad-core microprocessor, also tracks the user’s eye movements to keep the screen from dimming or turning off while in use.

Samsung packs new features such as the S Voice, its equivalent of Apple’s Siri, and launched its own music service on the device. The S3 also boasts of an 8 megapixel rear camera.

“India is one of the top three strategic markets in the world for Samsung,” a company release quoted HC Ryu, Samsung’s vice president of sales and marketing, as saying at the phone’s launch in India.

The company is aiming to outsell its previous model S2 that helped the South Korean firm topple Apple as the world’s largest smartphone maker.—Internet

Europe debt crisis offers bargains for Asian firms: Macquarie

SINGAPORE, 2 June—The European debt crisis is presenting bargains for cash-rich Asian firms such as Hong Kong-listed conglomerate Hutchison Whampoa Ltd and Malaysian gaming company Genting Bhd, Macquarie Securities said. Currency weakness and share price declines in Europe are drawing Asian investors seeking to acquire brands with global reach and gain access to higher-value technologies.

“As the prospect of a Greek exit overhangs the (European) Union, increased pressure on asset-owners is likely going to lead to fire-sales,” Macquarie analysts Emil Wolter and Aniel Mahtani wrote in a report.

Macquarie identified 53 European companies as potential asset sellers, the bulk of which are from Italy. Among them include Finmeccanica and Enel. Distressed assets in the infrastructure, industrial, and technology, media and telecommunications sectors are most likely to attract Asian companies, Macquarie said.

Hutchison, controlled by Asia’s richest man Li Ka-shing, has offered to buy struggling Irish telecoms firms Eircom for 2 billion euros. In February, Hutchison bought Orange Austria from France’s Telecom FTE PA and a private equity fund in a deal valued at \$1.3 billion euros including debt. Hutchison held HK\$66.5

billion in cash and equivalents as of the end of last year, while Genting had 13.2 billion ringgit, earnings statements show. Based on strong cash flows and low cost of debt, Macquarie also identified Dongfeng Motor Group Co Ltd, Grasm Industries Ltd (GRAS NS), HTC Corp (2330.TW) and Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd (STEG.SI) as potential bidders of assets in countries such as Spain, Italy, Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

Last month, China’s YGM Trading Ltd (0375.HK) bought the United Kingdom’s Aquascutum, the failed luxury clothes maker that has dressed royalty and politicians.—Reuters

Car makers post lacklustre May sales in India

MUMBAI, 2 June—India’s top car makers posted lacklustre sales in May as an excise tax hike and rising fuel prices hit demand, casting more gloom over the country’s economic outlook. Car makers are struggling to hit a sales target set by the local industry body as India’s economy grows at the slowest pace in nine years, hurting an industry that has been one of the country’s best performers over the past decade.

“Things are not looking good,” said Sugato Sen, senior director of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), which has forecast 10 to 12 percent sales growth in the fiscal year to March 2013. “We did not expect that sales would be so low. The economic sentiment is not positive.”



Employees affix a bonnet as they work on assembling a Mahindra Bolero vehicle at the company’s manufacturing plant on the outskirts of Mumbai on 23 May, 2012. REUTERS

Maruti Suzuki (MRTI.NS), the biggest car maker with a 45 percent market share, said passenger car sales fell 5.9 percent from a year earlier. Tata Motors (TAMON.NS), the country’s No 3, posted a 6 percent increase.

Ford (F.N), which manufactures cars in India, said its sales in the country fell 14 percent. General Motors (GM.N) reported a 27 percent slide in sales. TVS Motor (TVSM.NS), the country’s third-largest two-wheeler manufacturer, said its sales declined 4.8 percent. The government raised petrol prices by around 11 percent last month, hurting car makers already reeling from an excise hike announced in the federal budget in March and a weakening of the rupee that is jacking up import costs. India’s economy grew 5.3 percent in the first three months of 2012, compared with 9.2 percent a year earlier, with the manufacturing sector contracting 0.3 percent.

Car sales in the country rose 30 percent in 2010/11, attracting billions of dollars in investment from automakers such as Ford, Nissan (7201.T) and Renault (RENA.PA). But a slowing economy dragged sales growth down to 2.2 percent in the last fiscal year.

Mahindra & Mahindra (MAHM.NS), the country’s top utility vehicles maker, said this week that due to “continued weakness in the domestic macro environment, the near-term outlook for the economy is quite challenging.”—Reuters

War-weary Afghan children long for peace, schooling

KABUL, 2 June—"We want peace and schooling," said Shah Mirza, an 11-year-old Afghan child, although he was unaware of the International Children's Day which falls on 1 June every year. Attired in school uniform, Mirza was in a hurry on Thursday morning to reach the classroom on time.

Mirza, the fourth-grader who wanted to become an engineer in the future, was studying in a local school set up by a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). "My dream is to become an engineer and build houses for my people because I do not want people to live in tents, as we live here in this refugee camp," he said.

Mirza, who lost his father during the Taleban regime, lives with his mother, one brother and two sisters in a tent in Chaman-e Huzuri camp in the central part of Kabul which houses more than 120 families of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). When asked if he knows about the International Children's Day, he said, "I don't know it. What is it like?" Aschiana, an Afghanistan-based NGO, has been collecting street children and provides shelter, education and vocational courses to them.—Xinhua



An Afghan refugee child stands outside a temporary tents in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 1 June, 2012.
XINHUA

Iraq deaths increase for second straight month

BAGHDAD, 2 June—The number of Iraqis killed in May increased for a second consecutive month, but remained near the lowest level since the 2003 US-led invasion, according to official figures released on Saturday.

In total, 132 Iraqis — 90 civilians, 20 policemen and 22 soldiers — died in attacks nationwide, figures compiled by the ministries of health, interior and defence showed.

That compared with 126 deaths in April and 112 in March, the latter of which was the lowest monthly figure since the invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein.

A total of 248 people were wounded in violence in May, including 115 civilians, 80 policemen and 53 soldiers. The figures also showed that 20 insurgents were killed and 105 arrested.

The worst violence took place on 31 May, when a spate of bombings across Baghdad killed 17 people, while shootings in the north of the country left three others dead.—Internet



A man drives an outboard boat away from a jetty in Nigeria's oil-rich Niger Delta, December 2002. Pirates attacked a Greek-owned oil tanker off Nigeria on Friday but failed to hijack the ship after the crew hid in a safe room, the International Maritime Bureau said.—INTERNET

A Lufthansa's Boeing 747-8 Intercontinental passenger jet arrives at Dulles International Airport outside Washington DC, on 1 June, 2012. Lufthansa on Friday completed the world's first passenger flight with a Boeing 747-8 Intercontinental, from Frankfurt to Washington DC.—XINHUA



Contestants vie for Miss USA title. American beauties compete during the 2012 Miss USA Presentation Show at the Planet Hollywood.—XINHUA

Freed French journalist Langlois received by Hollande

PARIS, 2 June — French President Francois Hollande on Friday afternoon received in the Elysee Palace French journalist Romeo Langlois who was released on Wednesday after being kidnapped for 33 days in Colombia, local media reported on Friday.

After meeting with Langlois and his parents, Hollande told reporters that there had been "no tension, no exchange, no condition" with Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) for the release of Langlois, news channel France 24 reported. The president also confirmed that he had

"received a letter from the FARC, which explained the meaning of their operation and apologized to France for the event."

FARC reportedly gave the French journalist a letter to pass on to Hollande, hoping France can play its role "as a friend of Colombia to help it achieve a negotiated way out" of the violence in Colombia, Langlois told reporters. Langlois, 35, was captured by FARC rebels on 28 April, when the Colombian Army unit clashed with the guerrilla group in rural Caqueta province, southern Colombia during an anti-narcotics operation.

Xinhua

Clinton tours Arctic as big powers vie for resources

TROMSO, 2 June—Secretary of State Hillary Clinton boards a research ship on Saturday to tour the Arctic, where big powers are vying for vast deposits of oil, gas and minerals that are becoming available as the polar ice recedes. The top US diplomat took the unusual step of visiting Tromso, a Norwegian town in the Arctic Circle, to dramatize US interests in a once inaccessible region whose resources are up

for grabs as the sea ice melts with climate change. "From a strategic standpoint, the Arctic has an increasing geopolitical importance as countries vie to protect their rights and extend their influence," Clinton told reporters in Oslo before making the nearly two-hour flight north to Tromso.

"We want to work with Norway and the Arctic Council to help manage these changes and to agree on what



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton smiles during a townhall forum with students at The Black Diamond in Copenhagen, Denmark on 31 May, 2012.—REUTERS

would be, in effect, the rules of the road in the Arctic, so new developments are economically sustainable and environmentally responsible," she added. The US Geological Survey estimates that the Arctic holds about 13 percent of the world's undiscovered conventional oil and 30 percent of its undiscovered natural gas. Beyond the energy resources, as the ice melts Arctic sea passages are opening for longer periods

each year, cutting thousands of miles off trade routes between Europe and Asia. On an eight-day trip to Scandinavia, the Caucasus and Turkey, Clinton is the latest high-profile visitors to the Arctic as it enjoys unprecedented political and economic power. While energy development costs could be twice as high as those of conventional onshore resources, that has not stopped of the oil industry's top players from moving in.—Reuters

Polluted lake water returns to potable level

KUNMING, 2 June—Water has returned to a drinkable level in a scenic lake in southwest China's Yunnan Province that had been polluted with arsenic in 2008, according to local authorities. Water in Yangzonghai Lake, a scenic lake near the provincial capital of Kunming, has returned to Grade Three after years of treating the pollution, said Xiao Ding, vice director of the Kunming Environmental Protection Bureau.

Over the past four years, local authorities have applied a slew of measures to restore water quality in the lake, including adding purifiers to the water and blocking factory dumping, Xiao said. Local authorities last June lifted the bans on drinking, swimming and fishing, which had been imposed on the lake since the arsenic pollution was discovered. A high level of arsenic was detected in Yangzonghai Lake in June 2008, affecting water supplies for 26,000 nearby residents. Investigations found that the pollution was caused by a local chemical company.

Xinhua



Book show held in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana



NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—With the aim of raising reading habit and increasing the number of readers, a book show took place at district Information and Public Relations Department Office in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, on 31 May.

At the ceremony, district IPRD deputy staff officer Daw Aye Aye Khaing explained the purpose of holding it.

Booklovers, departmental staff and members of social organizations observed books on show there.—Kyemon

Annual meeting of Alinyaung micro credit cooperatives ltd held

MINBU, 2 June—An annual meeting of Alinyaung micro credit cooperatives Ltd, was held at Cooperatives Department in Minbu Township on 20 May. At the ceremony, township Cooperatives Department staff officer U Kyaw Myint made a speech and explained undertakings for 2011-2012 financial year. After that, vice-chairman of the cooperatives ltd reported future process. Three members of cooperatives ltd

who repaid loan without fail were awarded.

Township Cooperatives



CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: District commissioner U Kyaw Thu Zaw of Yangon North District General Administration Department, provides cash assistance to an offspring of District GAD's staff, at District GAD office on 31 May.—MYANMA ALIN

School enrollment day observed in Dagon Myothit (south)

YANGON, 2 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day of Dagon Myothit (south) Township, was held at No.2 Basic Education High School in Dagon Myothit (south) Township on 28 May.

At the ceremony, township education officer U Tin Toe explained the enrollment of all school-going age.

Township administrator U Myint Lwin of Township General Administration Department made a speech.

Region Hluttaw representative Dr Khin Maung Tun donated K 7.9 million and 150 dozens of book. Wellwishers also donated uniforms and stationery worth K over 9.3 million through officials.

San San Kyi



Fingerlings put into Naungdwe dam in Mansi Township

MANSI, 2 June—A ceremony to put fingerlings into Naungdwe dam No.1, was held at the dam in Kaungyar ward, Mansi Township, Bhamo District, Kachin State, on 22 May. At the ceremony, township administrator U Thein Zaw Oo, township level departmental officials, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women's Affairs Organization and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people put 200,000 fingerlings into the dam.—Livestock

MEDICINES PROVIDED: Vice-Chairman U Pyi Aye of Yangon Region Volunteers Narcotics Supervisors Association and Joint Secretary Daw Khin Khin Win provide patients in North Okkalapa Township with nutritious foods and medicines on 30 May.—KYEMON



Coordination meeting on monsoon tree growing held in Singu Township

SINGU, 2 June—A coordination meeting on monsoon tree planting in five townships of PyinOoLwin District, took place at the meeting hall of Singu Township General Administration Department on 31 May. District commissioner U Aung Myin of District GAD made a speech on the occasion, and assistant director U Win Maw -3 of District Forest Department reported on tree planting in five townships.

After that, Forest Department staff officers from PyinOoLwin, Madaya, Thabeikkyin and Mogok townships explained preparations made for tree growing. The District commissioner left necessary instructions.

PyinOoLwin District Forest Department will grow 159,895 saplings in PyiOoLwin Township, 171,100 in Madaya Township, 167,820 in Singu Township, 132,335 in Thabeikkyin Township and 99,050 in Mogok Township, in cooperation with local people.—Myanma Alin

School cyclone shelter opens in Mawlamyinegyun Township



MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 2 June—A ceremony to open Basic Education Primary School cyclone shelter, took place at the school in Yaykamyin village, Aleyaykyaw village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township, on 29 May.

At the ceremony, township assistant education officer U Myo Win Swe, village-tract

administrator U Win Kyaw and incharge representative Mr Michel of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC) formally opened the school shelter. After that, assistant education officer U Bo Gi, school head U Win Thein and townselder U Tun Kyi

explained the maintenance of the school.

The shelter measuring 72 ft by 32 ft by 22 ft was built at a cost of K 200 million contributed by S.D.C and UNICEF. Local people can use the school as a cyclone shelter in case of natural disaster.—Myanma Alin



Educative talks on environmental conservation given in Thanatpin Township

BAGO, 2 June—An educative talk on eradication of illegal timber extraction and environmental conservation, was held at Kyunthaya Basic Education Primary School in Thanatpin Township, Bago Region on 25 May. Incharge forester U Win Than of Thanatpin Township and incharge forester U Win Zaw of Thanatpin Township Forest Department gave educative talks.—Forest Department

School enrollment day held in Shwegyin Township

SHWEGYIN, 2 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day, took place at Basic Education High School in Shwegyin Township, Bago Region on 28 May.

At the ceremony, township administrator U Khin Thein Maung delivered a speech. Township education officer U Ohn Myint explained the school enrollment. Official provided 142 students with uniforms and stationery. Wellwishers donated cash through officials.—Myanma Alin



Union Transport Minister attends MIFFA Meeting



Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung addresses at the 7th Annual Meeting of Myanmar Int'l Freight Forwarders' Association.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung addressed the 7th Annual Meeting of Myanmar Int'l Freight Forwarders' Association held at Logistic Training Centre in Myanmar Port Authority's Warehouse Office on lower Kyimyindine Street in Ahlon, Yangon Region this

morning.

Secretary Daw Thit Thit Htet of MIFFA explained the federation tasks of 2010-2012 and Treasurer Daw Yin May Win annual report and financial report, Adviser U Hla Myint Thein picking new CEC.—MNA

Union Electric Power No.2 Minister touches upon systematic distribution of electricity

YANGON, 2 June—On arrival at 230/33/11KV Hlawga main sub-power station in Mingaladon Township, in the north of Yangon, Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe looked into Control Penal where

necessary instruction on distribution of electricity.

Next the union minister also viewed substitution of Yellow Phase Transformer from 230/33/11KV 60 MVA, No (1) in Switch Yard and exported transformer from foreign countries. He stressed

Afterwards, he looked around in Hlawga Natural Gas Electricity Distribution Plant. The union minister heard reports on working process of electricity distribution presented by plant in-charge and urged the staff to distribute electricity



Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe looks into 230/33/11KV Hlawga main sub-power station in Mingaladon Township.—MNA

distribution electricity according to feeder and computer control system this morning. He then gave

that the transformers will be transported to the places where necessary as soon as possible.

to Yangon and Regions and States systematically. MNA

Union Sports Minister encourages athletes under training



NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, met with cyclists and track and field athletes undergoing training at Shwekyabin sports training camp, at long distance sports techniques Supervisory Office in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Sports Zone, this morning.

The Union Minister left necessary instructions. On arrival at Archery ground of Myanmar Archery Federation, he inspected construction of VIP stand and rest lounge. In meeting with track and field athletes at Nay Pyi Taw sport ground No.1, he heard the reports presented by the coaches and fulfilled the need. On arrival at futsal sport stadium, he enjoyed trainings of men's and women's futsal teams.

Then, he inspected completion of buildings for the athletics in Zabuthiri sports village and left the necessary instructions.—MNA

NCC cards presented to local national races in Paingkyon Sub-township, Hlaingbwe Township

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—A ceremony to present NCC cards to local national races of Paingkyon Sub-township, Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State was held at the combined office of the sub-township on 31 May with an address by Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min.

Next, the State Chief Minister, state ministers and departmental officials presented 192 NCC cards to local people.

Afterwards, the State Chief Minister inspected low-cost housing estates for displaced national races in Paingkyon Sub-township. On arrival at Paingkyon Station Hospital, the State Chief Minister viewed free medical treatment provided by a specialist group of the State General Hospital to those from the sub-township and its environs. The specialists had provided free medical treatment to 255 eye patients along with 70 spectacles.—MNA



e-Government Promotion Training course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—"Wider use of online, email and the internet can generate flow of foreign investments into the country, create more job opportunities and contribute to economic development of the country," Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun said, at the concluding ceremony of e-Government Promotion Training Course and E-mail and Internet Course, at the Minister's office yesterday morning.

With the aim of spurring human resource development of the ministries, Telecommunications and Postal Training Centre of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, has been conducting ICT courses at e-learning centre since 24-4-2006. A total of 76 trainees from the government ministries attended four-month courses at e-learning centre from 7 May to 1 June.—MNA

Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun delivers a speech at concluding ceremony of e-Government Promotion Training Course and E-mail and Internet Course.—MNA



Yangon Region marks International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking with cartoon, paintings and poster contests

YANGON, 2 June—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe viewed and encouraged the participating children at region level cartoon, paintings and poster contests in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2012 organized by Yangon Region Committee for Drug Abuse Control at No (2) Basic

Education High School in Latha Township in Yangon Region this morning.

The Region chief minister was accompanied by region ministers, the chief

of region police force and officials.

The contests that last till 3 June are being participated by 572 schoolchildren.—MNA



Coordination meeting on development of Taing-Ayeya Free Clinic held

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—A coordination meeting on developing Taing-Ayeya Free Clinic, was held at the meeting hall of Ayeyawady Region government office yesterday afternoon. At the ceremony, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung made a speech. After that, Region Minister

for Social Affairs U San Maung discussed development of the free clinic and Region government Secretary U Aye Kyaw, opening of the clinic. Then, members of the clinic development committee also reported general matters.

In his concluding speech, the Region Chief Minister said that officials are to make efforts for more participation of youths and members, to make cooperation with the region government for perpetual existence of the clinic.

The clinic is giving free medical treatments to local people in Patheingyi.—MNA



Assistance provided to students in Twantay Township

YANGON, 2 June—A ceremony to provide cash assistance to students, donate offertories to monasteries and hold school enrollment day, took place at Basic Education High School in Twantay Township on 31 May.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee Dr Khin Shwe and Township administrator U Than Zaw Han delivered speeches. After that, Chairman Dr Khin Shwe donated cash assistance of K 6,216,000 for students through the



Township administrator and utensils for monasteries, through Chairman of Township Sasana Nugaha Association U Kyaw Than. Yangon Region Hluttaw

representative Dr Ohn Gywe and Dr Thein Zaw Myint donated cash and assistance.

Afterward, townselder U Saw Myint Swe spoke words of thanks.—*Myanma Alin*

Palethwe hybrid paddy harvested in Minhla

MINHLA, 2 June—A ceremony to harvest Palethwe hybrid paddy was held at Wethlagyi village, Minhla Township, Thayawady District, Bago Region on 27 May.

The yield per acre from farmer U Khin Oo is 170.29 baskets and from farmer U Tin Thau, 178.50 baskets.—*Myanma Alin*



School enrollment day observed in Kalay Township

KALAY, 2 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day, took place at No. 1 Basic Education

High School in Kalay on 29 May. At the ceremony, Kalay District administrator U Nyi Nyi Htway and Township

education officer U Aung Kyaw Soe explained facts about the school enrollment, high enrollment rate and easy access to education by all school-going age students. After that, the district administrator donated a computer for No.3 BEMS; the township administrator, a receiver; the rector of Kalay University, K 60000 and officials, uniforms and stationery.—*Myanma Alin*



CASH DONATED: U Win Naing and Daw Thida Nwe family donated K 1 million for construction of Nagar pagoda in Maubin Home for the Aged through an official of the Pagoda Construction Committee.

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One dies from lightning strike in Ingapu

INGAPU, 2 June—A man died of lightning strike in Ingapu Township on 30 May. U Than Naing Htoo residing at Kanyinchaung village in Ingapu Township was struck by lightning while he was doing ploughing on the field between Kyaunggon village and Kayinnyaunggon village.

Myanma Alin



School enrollment day held in Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 2 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Yamethin Township, Mandalay Region on 29 May.

At the ceremony, Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing made a speech and

the Township Education Officer explained facts about school enrollment day. Afterward, officials accepted K 34 million and text books donated by Ministry of Education; K 0.2 million by District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee; K 0.2 million by Township

General Administration Department; K 0.5 million by Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association; and K 0.2 million by Township Bus Lines Supervisory Committee.

Myanma Alin



Fingerlings distributed to fish breeders in Pyapon

PYAPON, 2 June—As part of rural development and poverty alleviation programme, Pyapon District Fisheries Department distributed fingerlings to fish pound owners in Phoswa

village in Thaleikgyi village-tract in Pyapon Township on 23 May.

Pyapon District Fisheries Department staff officer U Thet Aye and staff, N.A.G staff, fishermen, the village administrator and local people were present on the occasion.—*Myanma Alin*

Renewable Energy & Energy Business Finance Forum held

YANGON, 2 June—The 4th Renewable Energy & Energy Business Finance Forum in Myanmar took place at Traders Hotel, here, on 23 May. At the ceremony, Yangon Region Minister for Kayin National Races Affairs U Tun Aung Myint delivered a speech. CEO and Chairman of Kyaw Kaung Say Co., Ltd U Tun Naing Aung explained the purpose of the forum.

After that, Minister U Tun Aung Myint, Chairman U Tun Naing Aung and Mr Simon Kim of Doram Engineering Co., Ltd (Korea) cut the ribbon to open the booths.

At the forum, paper reading, technological forums and discussions were held till 24 May.—*Myanma Alin*

Myanmar boxing athletes leave for Kazakhstan

YANGON, 2 June—Manager, coach and athletes from Myanmar Boxing Federation left here for Almaty of Kazakhstan today to make joint training with Kazakhstan boxing team from 1 to 7 June. They were seen off at

Yangon International Airport by officials from Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Boxing Federation.

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Chief of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Hla Myint made a speech at cartoon, paintings, posters, computer paintings contest held in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, at BEHS (Thonese) in Thonese Township on 26 May.

MYANMA ALIN

DISTRICT NEWS



TALK GIVEN: Police inspector Ko Ko Gyi gives talks on reducing crimes, organized by Office of Chief of Yankin Township Police Force, at Kanbe Dhammayeiktha, on Karyathukha street, No.12 ward, Yangon East District on 27 May.—*MYANMA ALIN*

US drone strike 'kills three militants in Pakistan'

PESHAWAR, 2 June — A US drone strike targeting a vehicle in Pakistan's northwestern tribal belt killed at least three militants on Saturday, security officials said, the latest in a recent spate of attacks. The strike took place in Khawashi Khel village, five kilometres (three miles) west of Wana, the main town in the South Waziristan tribal district which borders Afghanistan, a Pakistani security official told *AFP* on condition of anonymity.

"The US drone fired two missiles which completely destroyed the vehicle. At least three militants have been killed," the security official said. Another official said the attack took place as militants were trying to move from one area to another near the border. There have been a series of US drone strikes in Pakistan since a NATO conference on Afghanistan in Chicago last month.—*Internet*



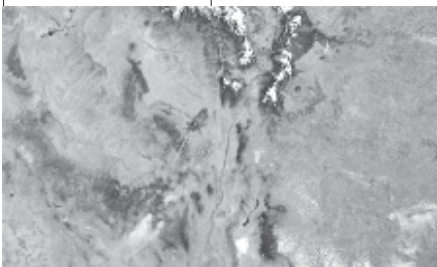
This file photo shows a Pakistani soldier standing guard at a checkpoint near Wana, the main town of South Waziristan. A US drone strike, targeting a vehicle in the area, killed at least three militants on Saturday, security officials said, the latest in a recent spate of attacks.

INTERNET

NASA satellite image shows wildfires burning in the Gila National Forest, New Mexico, on 31 May, 2012.—REUTERS

New Mexico's largest wildfire ever is 10 percent contained

to 216,650 acres but is now 10



SANTA FE, 2 June — Firefighters gained some containment on Friday of a blaze that has torn through the mountains of southwestern New Mexico and this week became the largest wildfire in the state's history. The Whitewater-Baldy Complex fire has grown

percent contained, Fire Information Officer Nancy Guerrero said. Higher humidity levels and calmer winds allowed firefighters to begin containment efforts on Thursday for the first time since the blaze was started by lightning on 16 May.

"Fire crews worked

through the night, and the humidity levels were great, which allowed them to make some terrific progress," Guerrero said. On Wednesday, the blaze, burning in rugged terrain of the Gila National Forest, became the state's largest in history, surpassing last year's Las Conchas fire, said Fire Information Officer Gerry Perry. The Las Conchas fire burned 156,593 acres and threatened the town of Los Alamos and the national nuclear laboratory there.

Firefighters on Friday continued to conduct burnout operations and cut fire lines along the western and northern flanks of the fire, hoping to deny fuel to the blaze, which was still growing

in all directions. Guerrero said winds were gusting up to 17 miles an hour and there was a good chance of dry lightning and thunderstorms on the eastern side of the fire. Firefighters were on alert but remained optimistic, she said.

Nearly 1,240 firefighters are trying to contain the blaze, focusing on protecting nearby cabins, some of which are New Deal-era Historic Landmarks, first built as fire lookouts. Twelve homes and several outbuildings have been burned so far. Communities surrounding the blaze, such as the small mining town of Mogollon, remain evacuated. Recreational trails in the Gila National Forest are closed.

Reuters

More wives getting HIV from husbands

BEIJING, 2 June — The number of spouses infected with HIV by their partners is increasing on the Chinese mainland, and most of those infected by spouses are females, a new report has revealed. "The report will help devise better intervention methods to curb rising HIV transmissions within married couples and significantly reduce new infections," said Liu Kangmai, deputy director of the National Centre for AIDS/STD Prevention and Control (NCAIDS).

Released on Friday, the

report by NCAIDS, UN Women and UNAIDS was based on a 2011 study conducted in six cities and counties in Yunnan, Henan, Sichuan, Guangxi and Chongqing. It surveyed more than 770 couples where one party was HIV positive. According to estimates published by the Ministry of Health in 2009, about 15 percent of the estimated 740,000 HIV/AIDS sufferers on the Chinese mainland were infected by their spouses. Of the 48,000 newly detected sufferers in 2011, at least 25

percent of the cases involving heterosexual sex were transmitted by spouses.

In the survey areas, the proportion of sufferers infected by spouses quadrupled between 2004 and 2011, the report said. The most dramatic increase was in Sichuan province, where the proportion of sufferers infected by spouses jumped from 0.78 percent to 10.9 percent during that time. The proportion was highest in Henan, where 20 percent of infections in 2011 were from spouses. In Yunnan, the

number of wives infected by husbands was 6.6 times that of husbands who contracted the virus from wives, it showed.

Women currently account for nearly 30 percent of HIV/AIDS sufferers on the mainland, official statistics show. Among them — most between 19 and 44 years old — 62 percent were married, while only 16 percent had never married. He Tiantian, who heads the Women's Network Against AIDS, a civil society supporting females living with HIV/AIDS, was infected with HIV by her husband.

Xinhua

Five aid workers freed in operation in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 June — Five aid workers, including two Western women doctors, seized by gunmen last month in northeastern Afghanistan, were freed in an operation, an Afghan official said on Saturday.

The aid workers employed by Swiss-based Medair were making their way to flood stricken parts of Badakhshan Province last month when they were taken away.

"It was a successful operation conducted by troops and all five aid workers have been released," said Shamul Rahman Shams, the deputy governor of Badakhshan. He said four hostage-takers were killed in the operation late on Friday.

Reuters



This file photo shows a street market in Afghanistan's northeastern Badakhshan Province, pictured in 2001. Two female foreign aid workers kidnapped in the area last week have been freed in a special forces operation in which five kidnappers were killed, according to officials.—INTERNET

Rare copy of Book of Mormon reported stolen from Arizona store

PHOENIX, 2 June — Police searched on Friday for clues to the suspected theft of a rare, first-edition copy of the Book of Mormon, valued at \$100,000, that was reported stolen from a suburban Phoenix bookstore over the Memorial Day weekend.

The authorities said they were in the early stages of an investigation into the disappearance of the 1830 leather-bound volume, which its owner said has become a must-see artifact for young Mormons worldwide before embarking on church missions.

"At this time we have no specific information of the whereabouts of the book," said Detective Steve Berry, a Mesa, Arizona police spokesman. "I don't think it's a big secret the book was there. But I don't think everyone knows how valuable it is."

The Book of Mormon is a foundational, holy text of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The 588-page book missing since Monday is one of only 5,000 copies ever printed, said its owner, bookstore owner and proprietor Helen Schlie.

The Book of Mormon was published in 1830 by church founder Joseph Smith, who claimed the manuscript came from his translation of an ancient "reformed Egyptian" text engraved on golden plates he found buried, with the guidance of an angel, in a stone box near his home in New York state. Schlie, who bought the first-edition print in the late 1960s, told *Reuters* that she discovered the book was missing when she went to retrieve it for two missionaries visiting from Asia. The women wanted to take a picture with it.—*Reuters*



A fire truck stands near the burnt remains of a delivery truck on a road on the outskirts of Morelia on 31 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Mexico police scour highways after PepsiCo truck torched

MORELIA, 2 June — Mexican police on Friday hunted assailants who set ablaze a delivery truck for PepsiCo's local snack food subsidiary in what appeared to be the latest attack against the firm by a drug cartel. A series of attacks on trucks and warehouses belonging to PepsiCo's Sabritas brand started last weekend and are thought to be the first to directly target a global company during Mexico's bloody war on drug traffickers.

The truck carrying potato chips and snacks was ambushed on Thursday evening as it made its delivery rounds in communities outside Morelia, the capital of the Western state of Michoacan, a police official said on Friday. "The people intercepted the vehicle, set it on fire and the driver suffered some burns," an official at the state police said. "State police are intensifying patrols on the highways." The attack involved three men with assault rifles. The driver, who was at the wheel during the attack, managed to escape from the burning vehicle and is being treated for second degree burns on his arms and face, local paramedics said.

Five Sabritas warehouses and about 30 company trucks were firebombed last weekend. Three of the warehouses were in the highly violent Michoacan and two in neighbouring Guanajuato, which is less known for cartel activity. Extortion attempts and attacks on smaller businesses are common in Mexico's drug war but multinational companies and their subsidiaries have largely escaped the violence. Mexico, Latin America's second-biggest economy, has continued to attract foreign investment even as the country's drug war escalated since 2006. But global firms have favored states with lower levels of violence.—*Reuters*

San Diego eighth grader wins National Spelling Bee with 'guetapens'

SAN DIEGO, 2 June—Snigdha Nandipati, a 14-year-old eighth grader from San Diego, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Thursday by correctly spelling "guetapens," a French word for an ambush.

Second place went to Stuti Mishra, a 14-year-old eighth grader from Orlando, Florida, who finished in second place after misspelling "schwamm-erei," a German word for excessive enthusiasm. Arvind Mahankali, a 12-year-old seventh grader from Bayside Hills, New York, finished third for a second year in a row after failing to spell "schwannoma," a kind of nerve cell tumour.

The three were among

nine finalists winnowed from 278 contestants who started the spelling contest on Wednesday. The finalists were among the survivors of the 50 young spellers aged 10 to 14 who started Thursday's semi-final rounds and were tripped up by words including "tendenz," a literary term, and "polynee," a type of pastry.

The tense competition took place onstage at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Centre in National Harbor, Maryland, just south of Washington.

The audience, filled with families, was tense as the young contestants haltingly spelled words well above the reading levels of their

respective grades in school.

The spellers employed a range of strategies, from writing out words on the palms of their hands with their fingers to asking for a word's language of origin. The final competition was aired live on the ESPN Sports network.

Nandipati, who reads encyclopedias for pleasure, won a \$30,000 cash prize, a \$2,500 US savings bond and a \$5,000 scholarship, among other prizes. Several spellers who had been favored to do well stumbled on Thursday.

Ten-year-old Vanya Shivashankar of Olathe, Kansas, the younger sister of 2009 champion Kavya Shivashankar, misspelled



Snigdha Nandipati (R), 14, of San Diego, California, holds her trophy along with family members after winning the Scripps National Spelling Bee at National Harbor in Maryland on 31 May, 2012.—REUTERS

"pejerrey," a type of fish. Six-year-old Lori Anne Madison of Woodbridge, Virginia, the youngest participant ever to qualify for the bee, failed to make it past the preliminary round after incorrectly

spelling the word "ingluvies," the crop of a bird or insect. Jacques Bailly, the 1980 Bee champion and the official pronouncer of the Bee, read the words for contestants in the final round.—Reuters

China urges support from developed countries for sustainable development

BEIJING, 2 June—China on Friday made clear its stance at the upcoming United Nations (UN) Conference on Sustainable Development and called for more support from developed countries.

In a report themed on sustainable development released on Friday, China said the UN conference should promise full implementation of the consensus reached at the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The conference should clarify implementation measures from developed countries to offer financial support, technology transfer and capability construction facilitation efforts to developing countries, the report said.

The conference will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 20 to 22 June.

Xinhua



No smoking volunteers wearing costumes of Superman and Zorro ride on a road in Chongqing, southwest China, on 31 May, 2012. Volunteers wearing costumes of movie characters publicized smoking cessation in a scenic zone of Chongqing on Thursday. — XINHUA

Al-Qaeda says it releases 29 captured Yemeni soldiers

ADEN, 2 June—The Yemen-based al-Qaeda branch on Thursday freed 29 Yemeni soldiers it captured during previous battles with government troops in the southern province of Abyan, an al-Qaeda source told Xinhua. Senior leaders of the Ansar al-Sharia group of the al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in Jaar city ordered the release of 29 soldiers following mediation efforts by high-profile tribal chiefs on behalf of the soldiers' families, the al-Qaeda source said on

condition of anonymity.

The soldiers were freed after they pledged not to resume fighting with al-Qaeda, the source said. However, local military officials told Xinhua anonymously that "we have no information about the al-Qaeda reports." On 29 April the al-Qaeda group freed 73 Yemeni soldiers it captured during an offensive against an army base in Abyan Province after mediation by tribal elders and senior clerics.

Hundreds of militants from the Yemen-based al-

Qaeda branch, locally known as Ansar al-Sharia (Partisans of Islamic Law), are attempting to expand their foothold and take control over the county's southern regions where the central authority has almost no presence. The Yemeni armed forces with support of US military advisers have recently increased attacks against al-Qaeda bastions in southern regions, as part of an offensive to uproot the terrorists from areas they overran during the one-year political turmoil in Yemen.—Xinhua

Digital City project aims to make Shanghai a wireless hub

BEIJING, 2 June—It is an early summer day in an old neighbourhood southwest of Shanghai, and shrubs are blossoming around benches on which people sit and chat. As one of the world's busiest and most intensely managed public spaces, Shanghai now has a whole other whirl of activity and social interaction going on, one invisible to the eye. For the first time in three years, Chen Guozhen can relax and let her husband, who has Alzheimer's disease, walk

alone in the sunshine without worrying about losing him in the crowd.

"He is wearing this magic watch," Chen, 60, said, pointing to a black plastic watch with four giant buttons next to a square screen. If her husband presses the red button, she said, "I get text messages on my cell phone that tell me where he is." The watch, courtesy of China Mobile Group Shanghai Co Ltd (Shanghai Mobile), a subsidiary of the country's top telecom carrier, is just

one demonstration of the country's bid to turn the city into a wireless hub.

With little fanfare, the city has become host to yet another layer of infrastructure, a random, interlinking constellation of what are called "wireless access points". Walking the streets of Shanghai today means walking amid an unseen web of WiFi. After building a 4G TD-LTE showcase network at the Shanghai World Expo in 2010, the company

announced pilot plans to create a large municipal WiFi grid, stretching wireless access across the metropolis, with the goal of bringing free or low-cost service to all residents.

According to Xu Da, general manager of Shanghai Mobile, China Mobile expects to invest 13 billion yuan (\$2.05 billion) over three years to deploy seamless mobile connections in the city, under a deal signed with the Shanghai municipal government last year. Total investment will exceed 22 billion yuan during the 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-15). Xinhua



This image provided by the US Forest Service Gila National Forest on 30 May, 2012 shows hotshots during burnout operations at the Gila National Forest blaze which grew on 31 May, 2012, to more than 190,000 acres, or nearly 300 square miles, as it raced across the area's steep, ponderosa pine-covered hills and through its rugged canyons in New Mexico near the Arizona border.—INTERNET

Colombia's FARC accused of nabbing four judicial workers

BOGOTA, 2 June—Colombia's Armed Revolutionary Forces (FARC) was accused on Thursday of abducting four members of a provincial judicial commission just one day after releasing a captive French journalist and barely four months after renouncing ransom kidnappings as a way to finance their leftist movement, official sources said. Edith Cabezas, the government secretary of southwest Cauca Province, said two lawyers and two judicial employees of the commission in the town of Caloto have been missing for two days.

The four were last seen driving along a highway in Cauca that links Caloto to the neighbouring town of Corinto, Cabezas said. Officials have launched a search for the missing in Cauca, a region known for being a rebel stronghold where criminal gangs are known to operate, she added. Authorities suspect that the abductions were the work of the FARC's 6th Front.—Xinhua

Beijing defends interests in Asia-Pacific

BEIJING, 2 June—Beijing on Thursday urged Washington to respect China's interests in the Asia-Pacific region as US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta vowed, on the eve of his Asia trip, that the US

will increase its military presence. Although the US has insisted that its strategic shift to the region is not targeted at China, experts said Washington's deeds, including its plan to highlight the South China

Sea issue at an annual regional security meeting at the weekend, exposed its true intentions. They also reminded US officials to choose their words carefully to avoid denting Beijing's trust.

Asked about Panetta's Asian trip, Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Weimin said at a news briefing on Thursday that China hoped the US would "play a positive and constructive role in the region". "We also hope the US will respect China's interests and concerns in the

region," he added. Panetta said before leaving the US on Tuesday that his trip to Vietnam, Singapore and India was aimed at remaining "vigilant" in the face of China's growing military. "China's military is growing and modernizing. We must be vigilant."

We must be strong. We must be prepared to confront any challenge," Panetta said when addressing graduates of the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Still, he said the key to peace in the region is to develop a new era of defence cooperation with China.—Xinhua



Indian policemen inspect the derailed passenger train in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh state, India, on 31 May, 2012.—XINHUA



The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 6/2012
5th Waxing of Nayon 1374 ME
(25 May 2012)

1. The public Works under the Ministry of Construction has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Assistant Engineer(Architect)(Male)	3	B.Arch
(Female)	5	

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 25 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 25 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 positions 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 25 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. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).

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



A caretaker shows to photographers a newly-hatched Green Iguana inside a crocodile farm in Pasay city, metro Manila on 2 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Taliban militants attack NATO base in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 June—Taliban militants detonated a truck bomb, then tried to storm a NATO base on Friday in eastern Afghanistan, but coalition forces repelled the attack, killing 14 militants, officials said. No foreign or Afghan troops were killed, according to NATO, but the attack showed the fundamentalist Islamic movement remains a resilient force even as Afghan President Hamid Karzai insists they do not have the means to retake the nation after foreign forces leave.

In the past two years, the US-led coalition has sent tens of thousands of troops into Taliban strongholds in the south and has largely succeeded in boosting security there. The Taliban have responded by opening up new fronts in the north and west and stepping up attacks in the east, where much of the heaviest fighting is presently concentrated.

Internet

New malaria treatment approach boosts survival rates

VANCOUVER, 2 June — Canadian and Australian scientists have developed a new malaria treatment that has been shown effective in increasing survival rates of severe malaria by as much as 50 per cent. The findings, published on a recent edition of the journal *Science Translational Medicine*, showed that a new class of anti-inflammatory drugs, innate defense regulator (IDR) peptides, prevented inflammation in the brains of

mice with malaria and improved their survival.

Case fatality rates for severe malaria remain high even in the best clinical settings because anti-malarial drugs act against the parasite without alleviating life-threatening inflammation that damages vital organs, the scientists said. However, using anti-malarial treatment in combination with IDR peptides, which was developed by Robert Hancock and colleagues from

the University of British Columbia, could increase survival of infected mice while down-regulating key inflammatory networks associated with fatality, the study found.

As co-author of the study, Hancock said the findings support an approach to treating infections called host-directed therapy — intended to target the host and not the parasite. Louis Schofield, the co-author from the Walter and Eliza Hall

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DANU BHUM VOY NO (305)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DANU BHUM VOY NO (305) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3-6-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER
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Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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Three Indians feared dead in Australian house fire

MELBOURNE, 2 June — Three members of an Indian family are believed to have died after a fire tore through a Melbourne house Friday, with police saying murder-suicide was one avenue of investigation. Detectives said a family of four from southern India lived at the property and remains had been found, but the damage was so great it would take time to confirm how many people died.

Reports said a mother and her two young boys perished

while the father was overseas on business. "There's a lot of damage done to the premises but there's also a lot of damage done to the deceased as well," said Detective Sergeant Jeff Maher. "Sometimes you just cannot tell how many are deceased." He later revealed that a note was found on a car parked in the driveway of the home. "The note will obviously form a key part (of the investigation)," he said. "Murder-suicide is one

of the possibilities we're looking at at the moment but... we've got to keep an open mind because we're not in possession of all the facts." Neighbours told reporters they heard hammering, followed by a scream, as flames engulfed the home in the early hours of the morning. "It's sad taking away little ones and their mother," said neighbour Terry Nooroo, who was awoken by a loud bang and the smell of smoke.—Internet



Men work on the expansion of the Carajas Railroad to connect the region of the projected Serra Sul iron ore mine, proposed by Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, to a seaport, in Canaa dos Carajas on 30 May, 2012. Vale is already investing some \$11.5 billion in building a port and expanding the railroad line to the region around Serra Sul, as it awaits the mining license which has been held up by the government after archeologically and environmentally sensitive caves were found at the site, Brazilian media reported.—REUTERS

News Album

Bomb threat caller
'needed a break'

Police said a worker at a Florida business sparked an evacuation of 300 employees when she called in a bomb threat because she "needed a break" from work.

Investigators said they responded to Metra Electronics in Holly Hill, Fla., around 4:30 a.m. on the day when human resources workers said they received a voicemail saying there was a bomb on the property, that Orlando Sentinel reported.

Officers said the building was evacuated and searched by bomb-sniffing dogs while investigators traced the call to employee Letisha Vester, 33, who was among the workers evacuated.

Police said Vester told them she called in the bomb threat because she "needed a break" from work.

Vester was arrested on a charge of false report of a bomb. Deputies said they found she was also wanted on an out-of-county arrest warrant for felony larceny.

The suspect was taken to a Volusia County jail and held without bond.

Snow marks start of Swedish
'summer'

Residents in a northern Sweden county said they marked the first day of June by shoveling thick, wet snow.

The residents of Vasterbotten County said they awoke on Friday morning to find nearly 8 inches of snow on the ground, and residents across Sweden found temperatures no higher than 50 degrees, Swedish news agency TT/The Local se reported.

"Summer has been

halted for the time being across the country," said Linnea Rehn of the Swedish meteorological institute SMHI. Meteorologists said temperatures are not expected to rise for several more days, and rains are likely in much of the country.

"I'd have to say it's probably going to get worse. The rain and clouds will continue for some time to come," Rehn told the Aftonbladet newspaper.



Martin High School graduating class has 18 sets of twins and two sets of triplets. All the multiples gathered for a photo on Friday morning. They have submitted the information to the Guinness Book of World Records but have not heard back yet. To get into the record books, the students have to provide their birth certificates, two forms of identification, and proof of enrollment at Martin High.

Dog follows
cyclists for
1,139 miles

A Chinese man said he will adopt a stray dog after the canine followed him and a group of long-distance cyclists for more than 1,139 miles.

The cyclists told Chinese state television CCTV the white dog, which they dubbed Xiaosa, or Little Sa, began following them when a member of the group gave her food on 4 May and the canine continued to follow them for 24 days, CBS News reported.

The cyclists, who said Little Sa joined them in Kangding, Sichuan Province, and followed them all the way to Lhasa, Tibet, said they fed and took care of the dog during the journey, China Daily reported.

'Avengers' to be screened
in space

BURBANK, 2 June—Hollywood's Marvel Studios says it has arranged for a screening of "The Avengers" at the International Space Station, now orbiting 220 miles above Earth.

Marvel said its collaboration with NASA began when scenes for "The Avengers" were shot at the Space Power Facility at NASA's Plum Brook Station in Sandusky, Ohio.

"The studio is privileged to share 'Marvel's The Avengers' with those up in space exploring the universe. A special thanks goes to NASA for utilizing their incredible technology to make this special screening miles above us in space happen. It is a screening that would make Tony Stark envious," Louis D'Esposito, Marvel Studios' co-president and executive producer of "The Avengers," said in a statement on Thursday.

"These are the types of things that help to keep the crew connected to home, which is a huge morale boost while being away from long



American actor Robert Downey Jr. attends *The European Premiere of "Marvel Avengers Assemble" at Vue Westfield in London on 19 April, 2012.* INTERNET

periods of time," said Dan Cook, psychological support coordinator with Wyle, a contractor at NASA's Johnson Space Centre.

Internet

Edie Falco arrives for the *IFP's 21st Annual Gotham Independent Film Awards at Cipriani Wall Street in New York on 28 Nov, 2011.* INTERNET

Carly Rae
Jepsen to tour
with Justin
Bieber

SANTA MONICA, 2 June—Canadian singer Carly Rae Jepsen takes the stage with Justin Bieber as a special guest on his North American "Believe" concert tour, Interscope Records said.

Tickets go on sale on Friday in Canada and on Saturday in the United States. Presented by AEG Live, the tour will kick off on 29 Sept in Glendale, Ariz., and will travel to more than 45 cities before wrapping up in Miami



Singer Carly Rae Jepsen smiles at the *JUNO Fanfare of the 2009 JUNO Music Awards on Granville Street in Vancouver, British Columbia on 28 March, 2009.* —INTERNET

on 26 Jan. Jepsen is famous for her hit song "Call Me Maybe," which has sold more than 2 million copies and hit No 1 on the iTunes Singles chart, her record label said.

Internet

'Nurse Jackie' renewed for
Season 5

LOS ANGELES, 2 June—Showtime says it has ordered a fifth season of its New York-set dramedy "Nurse Jackie," starring Edie Falco. EW.com said former "Dexter" executive producer Clyde Phillips has signed on to be the series' new show-runner. Production on the fresh episodes is to begin in late 2012, but no season premiere date has been announced yet, EW.com said.—Internet

Bus driver drops Matthew
Fox lawsuit

CLEVELAND, 2 June—A Cleveland bus driver has dropped her lawsuit against Matthew Fox, the TV actor she accused of assaulting her while he was drunk, EW.com said.

Heather Bormann alleged the former "Lost" and "Party of Five" star repeatedly hit her in the chest and crotch when she prevented him from boarding the private charter bus she was driving for a bachelor party last August. However, prosecutors declined to file criminal charges against Fox.

EW.com said Bormann's attorney withdrew from the case in April, stating his client "intentionally failed and refused to provide full and timely cooperation and information," and neglected to pay his out-of-pocket



American actor Matthew Fox attends *"The Olivier Awards" at Theatre Royal in London on 13 March, 2011.* INTERNET

expenses. Fox was arrested in Oregon last month for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

Internet

Franco, Rihanna shoot film
in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, 2 June—Rihanna, James Franco and Emma Watson shot a scene

for Seth Rogen's directorial debut, "The End of the World," in New Orleans this week, E! said.

Also appearing as themselves in the big-screen comedy are Jonah Hill, Paul Rudd, Mindy Kaling, Jason Segel, Aziz Ansari and Michael Cera. The film is about what happens when the apocalypse comes while a bunch of stars are partying at Franco's home, E! said.

"Just leaving set!" Rihanna tweeted. "This has to be one of my favorite moments in life." "Comedy is brutal," Watson said on Twitter. "New Orleans is the best!! :) See you all soon. Em. x."—Internet



Rihanna arrives for the *Time 100 Gala at Frederick P Rose Hall at Lincoln Centre in New York on 24 April, 2012.* INTERNET

Duhamel, Hough to star in 'Safe Haven'

BEVERLY HILLS, 2 June—Hollywood's Relativity Media says it has cast Josh Duhamel and Julianne Hough in its upcoming film adaptation of Nicholas Sparks' novel "Safe Haven." Relativity President Tucker Tooley said on Wednesday the film is to start production next month in Southport, NC for a 8 Feb theatrical release. Lasse Hallstrom is directing the film and Sparks will produce it through his Nicholas Sparks Productions company.

Relativity previously teamed up with Hallstrom and Sparks on the 2010 box-office hit "Dear John."

"I'm thrilled that Josh and Julianne have agreed to come aboard 'Safe Haven' — it's hard to think of an actor better-suited to play the character of Alex than Josh, and Julianne will bring a combination of vulnerability and strength to the role of Katie. They are both such talented and charismatic individuals — and best of all, they have tremendous personal chemistry, which is essential for this film," Sparks said in a statement.

"Safe Haven" is about a young woman's struggle to find love again after she arrives in a small North Carolina town. Her reluctance to join the tight-knit community raises questions about her past, a synopsis said.—Internet



Actress Julianne Hough INTERNET

Liverpool appoint Rodgers as manager

Reds name former Swansea boss as Kenny Dalglish's replacement at Anfield

LONDON, 2 June — Liverpool have named former Swansea City boss Brendan Rodgers as their new manager. The 39-year-old takes over after spending two years in Wales and succeeds Kenny Dalglish, who was dismissed earlier this month after a disappointing campaign. "I'm blessed to be given this opportunity," he told the club's official website. "I want to thank [principal owner] John Henry, [chairman] Tom Werner and [owners] Fenway Sports Group] FSG for the opportunity to manage such

a great club.

"I'm really excited and I can't wait to get started on this incredible project going forward. "I promise to dedicate my life to fight for this club and defend the great principles of Liverpool Football Club on and off the field." Rodgers led Swansea to promotion to the Barclays Premier League in his first season in charge in 2010/11 as they defeated Reading in the play-off final after finishing third in the Championship table. And Swansea's first campaign in the Premier League was one

to remember as they defeated the likes of Arsenal, Liverpool and eventual champions Manchester City on their way to a highly-impressive 11th-place finish.

Not only did Swansea record some creditable results but Rodgers' side were also hailed for their attractive and free-flowing style of play. A statement on the Liverpool website read: "Brendan is regarded as being at the forefront of a new generation of football coaches, an excellent tactician and motivator with a progressive philosophy. "After an



Former Swansea manager Brendan Rodgers (left) succeeds Kenny Dalglish at Liverpool.— INTERNET

extensive two-week process where many highly-qualified candidates were carefully considered, Liverpool's ownership group identified

Rodgers as the single outstanding candidate to implement their long-term vision."

Internet

Russia demolish Italy 3-0 in friendly

GENEVA, 2 June — Bad luck Italy were still haunted by troubles outside the pitch as they were demolished 3-0 by Russia Friday in Zurich, Switzerland, in the final warm-up for the European Championship.

The Italians were apparently in the shadow of the sports-betting affair. They lost all the past three friendly and none goal was scored before they face group opponents like Spain, Ireland and Croatia in the Euro 2012.

Alexander Kerzhakov and his Zenit St Petersburg teammate Roman Shirokov found the net for Russia, which are bracketed with Poland, Greece and the Czech Republic.— Xinhua



Will Keane is hoping to make a breakthrough in Manchester United's first team.— INTERNET

Injury blow for Man Utd's Keane

LONDON, 2 June — Promising Manchester United youngster Will Keane is facing a lengthy spell on the sidelines after damaging his cruciate knee ligament. United boss Sir Alex Ferguson confirmed the extent of the injury to the promising 19-year-old striker on the club's official website.

Ferguson said: "I'm very, very disappointed for the lad. He was in the first-team squad for next season." Keane was stretchered off after being injured playing for England's Under-19 side in the 1-0 victory over Switzerland on Wednesday. The teenager made his professional debut on 31s December t last year in United's 2-3 home defeat to Blackburn Rovers, coming on as a late substitute for Rafael Da Silva.

United have not set a return date for Keane, although the injury is similar to that which defender Nemanja Vidic suffered in December - and the Serbian is hoping to return for the start of the 2012/13 season in August.— Internet



Belarus' Victoria Azarenka hits a return to Canada' Aleksandra Wozniak during their French Open match at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

INTERNET

PARIS, 2 June — French Open favourites Victoria Azarenka and Maria Sharapova both made smooth progress on Friday, but it was the end of the road for number three seed Agnieszka Radwanska. The Pole was given a lesson in claycourt tennis from former champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, the



Russia's Maria Sharapova hits a return to Japan's Ayumi Morita during their women's singles tennis match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

INTERNET

Goffin prepares for Sunday worship with Federer

PARIS, 2 June — Roger Federer remembers the day he launched himself into tennis's collective consciousness when he walked out to face his hero Pete Sampras at Wimbledon in 2001 and beat him. On Sunday the boot will be firmly on the other foot when the Swiss maestro takes on young Belgian David Goffin in the French Open fourth round. The 21-year-old Goffin is the first lucky-loser to reach the fourth round of a grand slam since 1995 and grew up idolizing Federer as the Swiss stamped his mark

on men's tennis by winning a record 16 grand slams.

Now he has the chance to do to Federer what the then 19-year-old Federer did to Sampras and upset a strong favourite early in a grand slam. "I've been watching Roger playing on telly for so many years," he told reporters after beating Poland's Lukasz Kubot on Friday. "Roger has always been my favourite. He has perfect tennis, perfect technique, and I like the man. From a human standpoint, he is a great person, whether on the court or outside the

court." So I expect a very difficult match on Sunday.

"If I say yes (I have a chance) I will sound arrogant; if I say no, you'll say I lack ambition. We'll see." Goffin goes into the clash high on confidence after exceeding expectations while the number three seed is perhaps looking over his shoulder having reached the fourth round with an edgy and unconvincing victory over Frenchman Nicolas Mahut. Federer, however, knows exactly what it is like to play a former idol.— Reuters



David Goffin of Belgium returns the ball to Lukasz Kubot of Poland during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 1 June, 2012.— Reuters



Japan's Mika Miyazato.

INTERNET

International Sports

Mika Miyazato, Lewis share LPGA lead

SEAVIEW RESORT, 2 June — Japan's Mika Miyazato made the most of her early tee time, firing a six-under par 65 to share the first round lead at the ShopRite LPGA Classic with Stacy Lewis. On a day when conditions favored the early starters, Miyazato played in the first group of the morning. She birdied the par five third hole and added another birdie at the par-four

fifth before rolling in a 20-foot eagle putt at the par-five ninth to lie four-under at the turn. The player also birdied two par-threes on the back nine, 11 and 17, to put herself in position to strike for a first LPGA title, nearly holing her tee shot at 17 before making the three-footer for birdie.

"I hit it almost perfect," Miyazato said of her round. "I think putting was more off today and second shot, I had more confidence." Her American competitor Lewis overcame a double-bogey six at the par-four second hole with an eagle at the par-five third and six birdies for a share of the lead on the Bay Course at the Seaview resort. American Paula Creamer and Colombia's Mariago Uribe were tied for third two strokes behind the leaders on 67.Canadian Maude-Aimee

LeBlanc was alone on 68, with a group of seven players — including teen phenomenon Lexi Thompson, Spain's Azahara Munoz and Sweden's Anna Nordqvist and Karin Sjödin — on 69.

World number one Yani Tseng of Taipei, winner of three titles already this season, posted an even-par 71 that included four birdies and four bogeys. Defending champion Brittany Lincicome finished with a 72. As the wind picked up and clouds gathered in the afternoon, scoring became more difficult. Uribe was the only player among the leaders with an afternoon tee time. Lewis, who won her second LPGA title in April in Mobile, Alabama, was in the middle of her round when the conditions began to change.

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Stacy Lewis during the first round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic on 1 June.

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(3-6-12 09:30 am ~ 4-6-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
- * Goldenwings @ Jenko
- * News
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- * News
- * Journey to Unimaginable Spots (Episode- 4)
- * News
- * Popa Flat-topped Hill (Taung-Ka-Lat)
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Ye Taik, Phyu Phyu Kyaw Thein"
- * Skills for Social Entrepreneurs
- * Networking with Local Contacts
- * News
- * Cultural Heritage
- * News
- * Lacquerware in Bagan
- * News
- * Laurent Couson Concert
- * Myanmar Movie "As her real son"

MYANMAR TV

(3-6-2012) (Sunday)

- 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am 4. Health Programme
- 8:10 am 5. (38) Phyar Mingalars
- 11:25 am 6. Round Up Of The Week's International News
- 11:35 am 7. TV Drama Series
- 12:45 pm 8. How Its Works
- 1:15 pm 9. Myanmar Video
- 4:20 pm 10. Dance of National Races
- 4:40 pm 11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Psychology)
- 5:00 pm 12. Documentary
- 6:20 pm 13. Cartoon Series
- 8:00 pm 14. News
- 15. Cartoon Series
- 16. New Melody

Korea's Park nabs two more Santa Clara swim titles



South Korea's Park Tae-Hwan (2nd L), seen here in July 2011, has won the 100m and 400m freestyles at the Santa Clara Grand Prix swimming meeting, taking his gold tally to three in two days.—INTERNET

SEOUL, 2 June—South Korea's Park Tae-Hwan won the 100m and 400m freestyles at the Santa Clara Grand Prix swimming meeting, taking his gold tally to three in two days.

Park, who opened the meeting on Thursday with a victory in the 800m freestyle, surged to the lead in the final 25 meters to win the 100m free in 48.85sec. Former Olympic 50m free gold medalist Anthony Ervin, attempting a comeback after 12 years, touched second at 49.95 with Aaron Wayne third at 50.04.

Park won the 400m free in 3:44.96 with Ryan Napoleon of Australia second in 3:49.79. Canada's Ryan Cochrane was third in 3:50.56. Dana Vollmer was a two-time winner, capturing the 100m freestyle and 100m butterfly — both ahead of fellow American Natalie Coughlin.

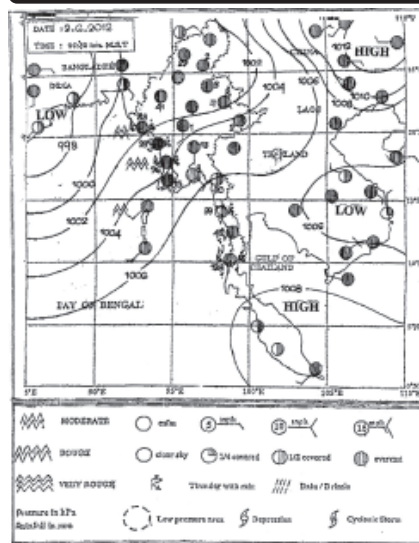
Vollmer won the 100 free in 54.38 seconds, with Coughlin second in 54.77 and Australian Brittany Elmslie third in 54.89.

Vollmer returned to win the 100m fly in a meet record of 57.03sec, with Coughlin second in 58.44. Japan's Kosuke Kitajima, the two-time defending Olympic champion who will be going for a three-peat in London, won the men's 200 breaststroke in 2:13.24.

Kitajima already owns the top time of 2012 at 2:08.00 from Japan's Olympic Trials in April. Scott Weltz took second in 2:14.27, while Mexico's Christian Schum Voigt was third (2:14.35). Takuro Fujii led a Japanese one-two in the men's 100m fly in 52.79. Takeshi Matsuda was second in 52.84.

Bronte Barratt of Australia dominated the women's 400m free with a time of 4:06.13, just off her fastest time this year of 4:05.74. Chelsea Chenault was second in 4:08.95, while Australia's Kylie Palmer was third in 4:09.79.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 3rd June, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	Percent
		Maximum	Minimum		
1	Kachin	31.88	25.77	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
2	Kayah	30.86	22.72	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
3	Rakhine	27.81	22.72	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
4	Chin	30.86	18.61	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
5	Upper Sagaing	25.84	24.75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
6	Lower Sagaing	35.85	26.79	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	27.81	24.75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
8	Bago	31.88	25.77	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
9	Magway	34.83	25.77	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
10	Mandalay	37.88	27.81	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
11	Mun	28.82	24.75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
12	Yangon	33.91	24.75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
13	Rakhine	25.77	22.72	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	25.77	18.64	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	31.88	22.72	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	30.86	23.71	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	32.90	22.72	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Yaw Pyi Taw	34.93	24.75	One or two rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33.91	24.75	One or two rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37.88	27.81	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(80%)

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thunderstorms have been scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah State, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regularly heavy falls in Mandalay and Bago Regions. Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Regions, Mon State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (44.99) (1.53) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Tikong) (1.73) inches, Gasa (7.32) inches, Kanchung (7.88) inches, Zala (4.84) inches, Kyaukpada (3.99) inches, Thawthar (3.78) inches, Taungtha (3.54) inches, Nyaung-U (3.11) inches, Sittoung (3.11) inches, Zangya (3.27) inches, Thangayay (3.17) inches and Mawlaikine (2.92) 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 Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundery conditions in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Answers for Yesterday's Crossword Puzzle



Kiprop surges to shock victory in Kenyan trials

EUGENE, 2 June—Wilson Kiprop never imagined he would be Kenya's leading 10,000 meters medal hope at the London Games but on a drizzly Friday night in Oregon, the 2010 African champion timed his late surge to perfection to win his nation's Olympic trial.

Ignoring the controversy in Kenya over the race being contested on US soil, Kiprop passed former world bronze medalist Moses Masai with 50 meters to go and won in the year's fastest time at the Prefontaine Classic Diamond League meeting.

The 24-year-old bettered his personal best by a massive 25 seconds when he crossed the line in 27 minutes, 1.98 seconds.

"I could not imagine I could win the race today," Kiprop told reporters. "But I hoped in my mind maybe something would happen. It's something very incredible."

Masai ran 27:02.25 and Bitan Karoki finished third in 27:05.50 to complete the Kenyan team for London.

The Kenyans moved their trials to low-altitude Eugene with an aim to break a 44-year drought without an Olympic gold in the 10,000. Their last victory in the event came at the 1968 Mexico Olympics when Naftali Temu triumphed.

Athletics Kenya chairman Isiah Kiplagat was delighted the outcome.

"We are pleased that the results have not been disappointing," he said. "With no pacemakers, the times were very impressive."—Internet

NLM-ner Joke

Two caged canaries

Once upon a time there were two canaries in a cage. Naturally, one was male and the other female. After many months, the male decided to meet the female. So he scooted over to her side of the cage and said, "Since we're in this together, why don't I move over to your side of the cage!"

The female canary replied, "No, thanks!!"

So he went back to his side but found he could stay there no longer. Once again, he moved to her side of the cage. This time he asked, "I am sorry I was to forward the first time. Why don't we get to know each other first."

To which she replied again, "No, thanks!!"

Resigning himself to return to his side of the cage, he languished about for a bit then made one final effort. He went halfway across the cage and stated, "Well, could we at least talk?" This time she replied, "Oh, I am so sorry I have been so mean. You see I just learned I have a canarial disease called, "Chirpies" and I hear it is untweatable."—Internet



This file photo shows local fishermen paddle their boat in the Philippines. Thirty fishermen were missing and hundreds of travellers were stranded on Saturday after tropical storm Mawar dumped heavy rains across the Philippines, forcing flight and ship cancellations.—INTERNET

30 missing, hundreds stranded in Philippine storm

MANILA, 2 June—Thirty fishermen were missing and hundreds of travellers were stranded on Saturday after tropical storm Mawar dumped heavy rains across the Philippines, forcing flight and ship cancellations.

The storm blanketed large parts of the main southern island of Luzon and central Visayas province with up to 25 millimetres (an inch) of rain an hour overnight, the state weather bureau said. At least two domestic flights were cancelled while more than 500 people were stranded in ports after the coast guard prevented passenger ferries from sailing, disaster relief agencies said. "Thirty fishermen have also gone missing from the eastern-most island of Catanduanes after apparently getting caught at sea by the storm," Benito Ramos, head of Manila's Office of Civil Defense, said over local radio.

He said search and rescue operations were underway, though the coast guard could not carry out an air search due to bad visibility. About 20 storms slam into the Philippines from the Pacific every year, causing heavy casualties and damage. Mawar is the first for 2012.—Internet

Commerce Ministry to practice automatic licensing system



Union Minister U Win Myint speaking at meeting with merchants, gram and sesame traders, brokers, chairmen of UMFCFI and sister associations and officials.—MNA

YANGON, 2 June—The meeting is to elaborate the future work programmes of the Ministry of Commerce and to call for entrepreneurs to present problems they face. The new government is undertaking a series of political and economic reforms with added momentum alongside reforms in trade sector. The reform process covers swift

and smooth trading, trade relaxation and promotion of trade in coordination with other ministries and entrepreneurs, said Union Minister U Win Myint in meeting with merchants, gram and sesame traders, brokers led by the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry,

chairmen of sister associations under the UMFCFI and officials held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Commerce (Yangon Region Branch) this morning.

The Union minister went on to say that the ministry is to practice the automatic licensing system for some commodities to be in conformity with the international norms in order to reduce cost for applying import and export licences, relaxing it step by step. He stressed the need for entrepreneurs and traders to do business within the framework of law and to pay prescribed taxes regularly, adding steps are being taken for opening of more new border trade camps to boost trade activities.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

Afterwards, chairmen of Myanmar Edible Oil Merchants Association, Myanmar Gram and Sesame Traders Association and Brokers on behalf of entrepreneurs presented prevailing situations association-wise.

MNA

Kachin State Chief Minister oversees regional development tasks in Monhyin

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai inspected library and e-library in Mohnyin Degree College where he provided K 1 million to faculty members to purchase a generator on 30 May.

The chief minister also unveiled the signboard of new two-storey school building and planted a commemorative Gangaw tree.

The chief minister also unveiled the inscription of Nantkyin-Natgyigon-Nantyin creek crossing bridge and inspected Biluchaung Bridge constructed by Road Construction Special Group (15). He addressed donation ceremony of a fire engine and an ambulance by wellwishers at Mohnyin District People's Hospital.

The chief minister also met departmental personnel and townsenders at District General Administration Department and viewed progress in construction of 66-KVA Power Plant in Mohnyin Township.—MNA

Mon State Chief Minister inspects development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint held discussion with departmental personnel at the hall of General Administration Department in Kyaikmaraw Township yesterday. He then urged them to do the best in their respective tasks systematically and legally.

He addressed the opening ceremony of Auxiliary Midwifery course (2012) held in the training hall of Township GAD.

Next he inspected completion of new No.2 Basic Education Primary School building and Basic Education High School of Kyaikmaraw.—MNA

Bago Region Chief Minister receives Chinese delegation

YANGON, 2 June—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win received a delegation led by President Jeff Shiao of Dah Lih Puh Co., Ltd of People's Republic of China at the Bago Region Government Office on 31 May morning.

They had a cordial discussion on the opportunities of investment in Bago Region.—MNA

Six ancient kilns discovered in north China

SHUIZHANG, 2 June—Archaeologists have discovered six kilns that date back to the Sui Dynasty (581-618) and Tang Dynasty (618-907) in the city of Xingtai in north China's Hebei Province. Excavation work has revealed the tops of three of the kilns, which were discovered in Neiqiu county, according to Wang Huimin, an archaeologist from the Cultural Relics Institute of Hebei.

Wang said tools and large amounts of glazed china were also found near the kilns. Many ancient kilns and related relics have been discovered in the county since the early 1950s.

Kiln technology first emerged in China during the late South-North Dynasty (420-581), with usage peaking during the Tang Dynasty. The fine white china produced in the kilns was kept in royal palaces and exported to more than 10 countries and regions.

Xinhua



China's Li Na reacts after a point against US Christina McHale during their Women's singles third round match at the French Open. Li won 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 to reach the last 16.

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Spain's Ferrer, Almagro in French Open last 16

PARIS, 2 June—Spain's claycourt masters tightened their stranglehold on one half of the French Open draw on Saturday with both David Ferrer and Nicolas Almagro reaching the last 16 with straight sets wins.

The sixth seeded Ferrer flattened Russia's Mikhail Youzhny 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 in just 101 minutes, whilst Almagro saw off the challenge of Argentina's Leonardo Mayer 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

With six-times defending champion Rafael Nadal and Marcel Granollers in action later in the day, there was the distinct possibility that half of the qualifiers for the last 16 in the bottom half of the draw could come from Spain.

In contrast, there were no Spaniards through into the last 16 in the top half of

Second Hard Body Swimming Contest sets new record

YANGON, 2 June—The Second Hard Body Swimming Team Championship (Men/Women) Invitational Swimming Contest for 2012 was held the National Swimming Pool on U Wisara Street in Dagon Township here at 12.30 pm today, setting a new Myanmar record.

In the first day, altogether 41 events (age-wise men/women) were held. Out of the events, Soe Yadana Cho set a new Myanmar record timing 41.62 second in 50-metre event against the old Myanmar record timing 41.97 second set by Zin April Aung in 2002.

The contest continues at 1.30 pm tomorrow.—MNA

Shooting team leaves for Malaysia to participate in 36th SEA Shooting Championship

YANGON, 2 June—A 26-member sport contingent led by President of Myanmar Shooting Federation U Htet Nyi left here this evening for Kuala Lumpur to participate in 36th Southeast Asia Shooting Championship to be held from 1 to 10 June in Malaysia.

The team includes seven coaches and 19 marksmen.—MNA

Li Na into French Open last 16

PARIS, 2 June—Defending champion Li Na of China shook off a tentative start to reach the French Open last 16 on Saturday with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 win over America's Christina McHale.

Seventh-seeded Li will face Kazakh qualifier Yaroslava Shvedova for a place in the quarter-finals.

The 30-year-old Li had to draw upon her 10-year age gap to prevail over the 36th-ranked American, who had fallen in the first round at Roland Garros in 2010 and 2011.

Li, struggling with her serve and backhand, was broken twice in the first set as McHale put up a robust defence.

Li found her form in the second set, breaking McHale in the fourth game with a well-timed drop shot that the American returned wide and earning another break in the eighth game by forcing McHale into errors.

The third set was all Li, who broke the now exhausted McHale twice and finished the match with a clean forehand winner.

Age was in Li's favour the longer the match lasted, giving the Chinese a chance to use a variety of shots to find gaps in McHale's game in bright sunshine at Suzanne Lenglen court.—Internet

"This match was easier than planned, and I was immediately into the match," he said.

"When the situation was a bit difficult, I managed to overcome these difficulties.

"Like there was a break point, and I managed to get through, thanks to my serve. I managed to dictate the game."

Almagro's routine win over Mayer was his seventh straight victory following his title triumph in Nice last week.—Internet

Spain's David Ferrer reacts after winning over Russia's Mikhail Youzhny during their Men's singles third round match at the French Open. Ferrer flattened Youzhny 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 in just 101 minutes.

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