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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Construction of gas-fired power plant agreed

YANGON, 3 June—Union Minister for Electric Power No-2 U Khin Maung Soe received a delegation led by Chairman Mr Chung Si-Woo of BKB Consortium of the Republic of Korea, General Manager Mr An Young Tae of Korea Western Power Co., Ltd and Senior Vice-President Mr Myung-Hyun Cho of Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co, Ltd and party, at Yangon City Electricity Supply Board (YESB) in Ahlon Township, here, this morning. They discussed the signing of MOA on construction of gas-fired power plant (500 megawatt) in Thakayta Township. The plant will be built by the

ministry in cooperation with BKB Consortium and Hexa International Co., Ltd by BOT/JV system. The project includes two Gas Turbines, two head recovery stream generators and one stream turbine. It can generate (500 megawatt) and distribute more electricity to Yangon and its environs. He also met with retired staff from the Ministry in the afternoon.—MNA

Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe receives Chairman of BKB Consortium, General Manager of Korea Western Power Co, Ltd and Senior Vice-President of Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co, Ltd.—MNA



Union I & P Minister oversees progress of Moe Pwint Project-3

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi inspected staff of Immigration and National Registration Department and National Scrutiny Card Issuance Supervisory Committee issuing household registration

certificates and national scrutiny cards to local people under Moe Pwint-3 Project at Thabyaybin Village Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township this noon and coordinated essentials.

Union Minister U Khin Yi explained matters on implementation of Moe Pwint Project Nos 1 and 2 the length and breadth of the country and Mo Pwint Project No. 3 from 1 June to 31 July, making clear the charges to be paid to the department and other related charges calling for enquires should there be operational difficulties.

Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi made clarifications on issuing national scrutiny cards to local people of Thabyaybin Village, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township.

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Cooperatives syndicates formed with fishermen and villagers

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint met with fishermen working at Tatthay Lake in

Chanmyathazi Township and Taung Thaman Lake in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region this morning. The Union minister stressed the need for perpetual existence of the lake while maintaining ecosystem. The field trip teams could form cooperatives syndicates with fishermen and villagers from surrounding villages of Tatthay Lake and Taung Thaman Lake.—MNA

Federer, Djokovic into last eight in Paris



Djokovic showed plenty of heart to recover from two sets down.—INTERNET

PARIS, 3 June—Roger Federer reached his 32nd consecutive grand slam quarter-final and world No.1 Novak Djokovic survived

an almighty scare on a crazy day at the French Open.

Federer overcame an unexpected challenge from "lucky loser" David Goffin to move into the last eight with a 5-7-7-5-6-2-6-4 victory over the young Belgian.

The 16-times grand slam champion will play either Czech seventh seed Tomas Berdych or ninth-seeded Argentine Juan Martin del Potro on Tuesday for a semi-final berth.

Djokovic's quest for a non-calendar-year grand slam almost came to an abrupt halt when the Serb went down two sets to love against Italian Andreas Seppi.

But Djokovic rallied for an epic 4-6-6-7 (5-7) 6-3 7-5 6-3 triumph over the 21st seed to avoid bombing out on the same gloomy day in Paris as women's world No.1 Victoria Azarenka.

Azarenka slumped to a shock 6-2 7-6 (7-4) fourth-round loss to Slovakian 15th seed Dominika Cibulkova in a major boost to Samantha Stosur's title hopes.

Australia's 2010 runner-up plays unseeded American teenager Sloane Stephens later on Sunday, with the winner to face Cibulkova in the quarter-finals - instead of Azarenka.

Stosur has lost all six career encounters with Azarenka, never even taking a set off the Belarusian.

But while Azarenka is out, men's top seed Djokovic lives to fight another day after his four-and-a-quarter-hour comeback win.

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Put in place traffic safety plan

Discipline is the training of the mind and character which teaches us self control. We cannot go through life without discipline. If the people of a country did what they wanted without any kind of control there would be chaos. Therefore, the people of a country must have discipline. Only then would there be law and order.

Traffic accident constitutes a growing problem whose solution is not in sight within the foreseeable future. As the number of the dead and injured caused by traffic accident is steadily increasing, it is a testament to the inefficiency of law enforcement.

Despite great efforts, traffic accidents and jams continue to crop up and become an urgent, concerned social problem. Authorities at all levels have to enhance education on the laws and raise the public awareness about traffic safety, considering this an important task both at schools and in families. At the same time, strict punishment to violators should be done properly.

Local authorities are to strictly prevent illegal motorbikes and violations of streets and pavements for private use. There is no denying that enforcing traffic law is a good move, but the problem is that the law has been ignored so long that now not everyone is aware of it.

Zebra crossings are faded from wear and tear until they are no longer visible. Pedestrians march across the streets anywhere they please. Drivers do not bother stopping at the crossings because nothing happens to them if they don't. It's as if the law did not even exist.

The country will never be reformed unless such undisciplined activities are seriously tackled and those found guilty are properly held responsible for their actions. As changes are taking place at a greater pace in the country which is going through a transition, we are to adopt ourselves to the changing trend, and otherwise we are going to be subject to trials and tribulations.



The work coordination meeting on holding the 66th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day was held at the meeting hall of Mandalay Region Fire Service Department with an address by Head of the Region Fire Services Department U Kyi Toe. Those present at the meeting reported work progress and the chairman attended to the requirements. (387)

Sagaing Region Chief Minister attends opening of new school building in ChaungU Township

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye attended the opening ceremony of Winshwesin post-primary school building in Kalargyi village, ChaungU Township, yesterday morning. At the ceremony, Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Region Education Officer U Hla Thein and donor U Win Aung formally opened it. After that, the Chief Minister unveiled the of the school signboard and looked round the school.

The Sagaing Region Chief Minister made a speech on the occasion, and donor U Win Aung handed over

documents related to the school to Ministry of Education. The chief minister donated books and sports gears for the school and journals and publication for village library. The new building was built at a cost of K 37 million.

Then, the Sagaing Region chief minister and wife Daw Wai Wai Khaing attended the ceremony to honour religious titles recipient Sayadaws, nuns and laypersons of the 64th Tipitakadhara Selection Exam, at Sasana Beikman of Monywa Shwesigon Pagoda. The chief minister and wife and region ministers donated offertories to Sayadaws, nuns and laypersons.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee meets Shan State Chief Minister, the State Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and Hluttaw representatives



Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee U Hsai Paung Nat meets Shan State Chief Minister, the State Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, State level departmental officials and Hluttaw representatives.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Committee members led by Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee U Hsai Paung Nat met with the Shan State Chief Minister, the State Hluttaw Speaker, members of the State level organizations and Hluttaw representatives at the meeting hall of the State Government Office in Taunggyi, Shan State on 30 May morning.

At the meeting, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat extended congratulations over the arrival of the Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee that would contribute to development of Shan State.

Next, Committee Chairman U Hsai Paung Nat said that he was there with the aim of ensuring more mutual understanding among national brethren, of bringing about eternal peace through building of mutual trust, and of realizing socio-economic status of national people. He called on those present to hold a frank discussion on difficulty and needs since he would present it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Next, the State Hluttaw Speaker U Sai Lon Hsai made a speech.

Afterwards, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee U Khet Htein Nan explained the presentations made by regions and states.

This was followed by a general round of discussions over cancellation of laws that are no longer in conformity

with the interests of the people and present time and others.

In meeting with the Region Hluttaw Speaker, Deputy Speaker and the National Races Affairs Ministers, Hluttaw representatives, chairmen of Danu Self-Administered Zone and Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, National literature and cultural troupes, social and religious organizations and townselders at 2pm, Committee Chairman U Hsai Paung Nat and Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sai Lon Hsai and Committee Secretary U Khet Htein Nan addressed the speeches.

Next, the National Races Affairs Ministers, chairmen of Danu Self-Administered Zone and Pa-O Self-Administered zone, National Races Literature and Cultural Troupes, Hluttaw representatives presented reports and Committee Chairman, Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Committee members and legal experts responded dealt with the reports.

Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs and committee members on 29 May made cash donations to Sulamuni Lawkachantha Pagoda and Shwe Bone Pwint Pagoda.

On May 31, they paid homage to Innlay Phaungtaw-O Pagoda and replicas and Alotawpauk Pagoda and inspected maintenance of Inlay Lake and Inlay traditional looming industry.

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Mon State Social Affairs Minister Dr Hla Oo looked into progress in construction of the 200 feet long and 14 feet wide motor road in the precinct of U Zina Pagoda in Pabedan Ward, Mawlamyine on 27 April.—MNA

Malaysia government losing Chinese support, putting reforms at risk

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 June—Ethnic Chinese voters, upset over policies that favour majority Malays, have become increasingly alienated from Malaysia's ruling coalition, raising the risk of racial polarization and a slowdown in the pace of reforms. Support for Prime Minister Najib Razak among Chinese voters plunged to 37 percent in May from 56 percent in February, a survey by the independent Merdeka Centre showed on Friday. It found 56 percent of Chinese were dissatisfied with the government, compared to 30 percent of Indians and 23 percent of Malays.

Recent state and by-elections underline the trend. The main Chinese party

allied with the ruling National Front coalition in eastern Sarawak state lost 13 of 19 seats it contested in local elections last year and the opposition won a by-election in the same state in 2010 largely thanks to Chinese backing. The Southeast Asian nation's 6.5 million ethnic Chinese turned heavily to the opposition in 2008 polls, handing the National Front, which has ruled uninterrupted since independence from Britain in 1957, its worst election showing.

Malaysia has seen ethnic Chinese voting with their feet, leaving the country for better prospects abroad including to neighbour and

rival Singapore, in a troubling brain drain of talent and capital. "Malaysia needs talent to meet its goal of becoming a high-income country," the World Bank noted in a report last year.



Residents gather during a prayer at a temple in Chinese village of Pulau Ketam, outside Kuala Lumpur on 17 May, 2012. — REUTERS

Khamenei: West talks of nuclear Iran to hide own problems

DUBAI, 3 June—Iran's most powerful authority, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on Sunday accused the United States and its allies of talking about the threat of a nuclear Iran to cover up their own problems, state television reported.

"What Americans and Westerners do is idiotic. They magnify the nuclear issue to cover up their own problems," Khamenei said in a televised address marking the 23rd anniversary of the death of the founder of the Islamic Republic, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

"Iran's nuclear issue has been put at the top of world developments and they are deceitfully using the term nuclear weapons ... to divert attention from the problems inside America and Europe." — Reuters



Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei departs after casting his ballot in the parliamentary election in Teheran on 2 March, 2012.

REUTERS

Spain calls for new euro fiscal authority

MADRID, 3 June—Spain, the latest combat zone in Europe's long-running debt wars, urged the euro zone to set up a new fiscal authority to manage the bloc's finances and send a clear signal to markets that the single currency project is irreversible. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said the authority would also go a long way to alleviating Spain's woes which, along with the prospect of a Greek euro exit, have threatened to derail the single currency project.

It is not the first time a European leader has

proposed creating such an authority but the problems and the size of Spain — a country deemed too big to fail — have prompted EU policymakers to hurriedly consider measures such as creating a fiscal and banking union ahead of a EU summit on 28-29 June. Germany, the paymaster of the euro zone, and others insist such a move can only happen as part of a drive to much closer fiscal union and

relinquishing of national sovereignty. Overspending in the regions and troubles with a banking sector badly hit by a property crash four years ago have sent Spain's borrowing costs to record highs and pushed the country closer to seeking an international bailout.

The risk premium investors demand to hold Spanish 10-year debt rather than German bonds rose to its highest since the launch of the euro—548 basis points — on Friday.

Reuters

Merkel lauds wage deals, signals backing growth moves

BERLIN, 3 June — Chancellor Angela Merkel praised higher German wage deals and signaled flexibility on a financial transaction tax on Saturday, in a sign she is open to new measures to boost growth in Europe. A day after Germany said it supported giving Spain an extra year to cut its deficit to the 3 percent of GDP threshold, Merkel sent the message she was ready to compromise with the opposition SPD and European partners in other areas. But she once again rejected joint euro zone bonds as a solution to the crisis and said it should be possible for countries that violate fiscal rules to be sued in the European Court of Justice.

The comments, at a conference of her Christian Democrats (CDU) in Berlin, show that she is ready to heed calls for Germany to do more for growth but wants other euro states to accept giving up sovereignty over their budgets in exchange. "You can't ask for euro bonds, but then not be prepared to take the next step towards closer integration," she said. "We won't be able to create a successful currency together this way." In a nod to the SPD, which is threatening to delay approval of Merkel's new pact on budget discipline, she said for the first time she was open to introducing a financial transaction tax across those euro states that support one. — Reuters

German Left party picks new leaders amid fears of collapse

GOETTINGEN, 3 June—Germany's Left party spurned an experienced campaign manager and instead picked two little-known candidates to lead the far-left alliance through the worst crisis in its four-year history at a tumultuous party congress on Saturday. Amid warnings from other leaders that the party was showing signs of disintegration, delegates to the Left party's annual congress elected western German hard-line leftist Bernd Riexinger and little-known easterner Katja Kipping as co-leaders of the second largest opposition party in parliament.

Riexinger unexpectedly defeated Dietmar Bartsch, a respected and experienced leader of the powerful eastern wing of the party, in a close vote on Saturday evening that

could exacerbate the east-west divisions that have damaged the party's standing in recent weeks. Riexinger, until Saturday a regional leader who failed to guide the Left party into the state assembly in a 2011 election in Baden-Wuerttemberg with a mere 2.8 percent of the vote, beat Bartsch by a 297-251 margin.

Riexinger was sent into the race as a late entry by party left-wingers to thwart Bartsch, an arch-rival of former Left leader Oskar Lafontaine. Gregor Gysi, a powerful leader in the east and one of the party's two chairs in parliament, attacked the western wing of the party in a speech earlier on Saturday. "I cannot accept all this arrogance towards easterners," Gysi said. "It reminds me of the western arrogance towards the east at the time of German

Raul Castro turning 81, trying to preserve communism

HAVANA, 3 June—Cuban President Raul Castro turns 81 on Sunday, another year on in his race against time to reform Cuba's economy and try to assure the survival of communism after he and his elderly colleagues are gone. Their task, he has said, is to correct mistakes made during their 53 years of leadership, which will require "days and years of work" that he intends to finish.

"The generation that made the (Cuban) revolution has had the historic privilege, few times seen, of being able to direct the rectification of errors they themselves committed," he told a Communist Party conference in January. "Despite the fact that we are not so young, we don't plan to waste this last opportunity." Raul Castro's No 2, Jose Ramon Machado Ventura is 81 and his No 3, Ramiro Valdes is 80. Older brother Fidel Castro, who led Cuba for 49 years before age and infirmity forced him to leave office, is 85 and still a behind-the-scenes player. The average life expectancy for a Cuban male is about 76 years.

President Castro has said his health is good and he feels young, plus there is a history of longevity in his family. His sister Angela died in February at the age of 88 and his eldest brother Ramon is 87. If he is worried about time, Raul Castro does not let on publicly. He has fretted publicly about not having groomed younger leaders to succeed the current group, but there are no obvious candidates waiting the wings. He has said on several occasions that the remaking of Cuba's economy will be done "without hurry, but without pause" so that the mistakes of the past are not compounded by more mistakes. — Reuters



Cuba's President Raul Castro attends the May Day parade in Havana's Revolution Square on 1 May, 2012. REUTERS



Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy gestures during the XXVIII Meeting of the Economic Circle "Cercle D'economia" in Sitges, near Barcelona on 2 June, 2012. — REUTERS



Katja Kipping (L) and Bernd Riexinger, new leaders of Germany's left wing Die Linke party, stand on stage after being elected at a federal party congress in Goettingen on 2 June, 2012. — REUTERS

unification. Why can't you accept that we're a major political force in the east? And in the west just a small splinter party? I can't understand that." — Reuters

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Future galaxy collision predicted

BALTIMORE, 3 June—US astronomers are forecasting the Milky Way will have a violent collision with the neighbouring Andromeda galaxy in about 4 billion years.

The encounter will result in a major makeover for our galaxy, NASA astronomers said, that will see the sun flung into a new area of the Milky Way. However, Earth and the rest of the solar system will be in no danger of being destroyed, a NASA release said on Thursday. The prediction is the result of painstaking NASA Hubble Space Telescope measurements of the motion of Andromeda, also known as 31 May.

Currently 2.5 million light years away, Andromeda is inexorably falling toward the Milky Way under the mutual pull of gravity between the two galaxies and the invisible dark matter that surrounds them both, astronomers say.

"After nearly a century of speculation about the future destiny of Andromeda and our Milky Way, we at last have a



This illustration shows a stage in the predicted merger between our Milky Way galaxy and the neighbouring Andromeda galaxy.—INTERNET

clear picture of how events will unfold over the coming billions of years," Sangmo Tony Sohn of the Space Telescope Science Institute said. Although the galaxies will collide with each other, stars inside each galaxy are so far apart that they will not collide with other stars during the encounter, astronomers said, but stars will be thrown into different orbits around the new galactic centre.—Internet

Venus transits sun Tuesday

HOUSTON, 3 June—The silhouette created as Venus transits the face of the sun on Tuesday will be widely visible across seven continents, US space officials said.

Even a sliver of Antarctica will be in position to see it, NASA said.

The transit, which will take nearly 7 hours, begins at 6:09 pm EDT on 5 June, with the best viewing in the mid-Pacific, where the sun will be high overhead during crossing.

The best view in the United States will be around Sunset. NASA warns viewers not to stare at the sun, but instead use a projection technique or solar filter.

The last time Venus made the transit was in 2004, when modern solar telescopes captured an "unprecedented view" of the planet's atmosphere backlit by solar fire. NASA said pictures of the 2012 transit will be even better due to improvements in cameras and solar telescopes.

Venus will next transit the sun in 2117 and 2125.

Internet



Photo shows new adjustable eyeglasses which enable wearers to adjust their own lens prescriptions by turning a knob until they can see clearly.—INTERNET

User-adjustable eyeglasses developed

LONDON, 3 June —A British company says its new adjustable eyeglasses will enable wearers to adjust their own lens prescriptions by turning a knob until they can see clearly. The Eyejusters are made for people who need different prescriptions for different tasks such as reading and watching TV, its developers said, and can be used by people in developing countries who don't have access to optometrists.

Minimally trained volunteers in such regions would be able to give out glasses that users tweak to their own prescription, they

told *Innovation NewsDaily*.

Though wearing incorrect prescriptions can worsen eyesight, they acknowledge, British studies have shown people over the age of 12 can safely use adjustable lenses.

Eyejusters lenses consist of two plastic lenses stacked in front of one another, with an adjusting knob that slides one of the lenses side to side, with the two lenses creating different shapes that correspond to a range of prescriptions. In a pilot project, the company has already provided 800 pairs of Eyejusters to people living in rural Morocco.—Internet

New typeface numbers grow with value



CALGARY, (Alberta), 3 June—Canadian computer researchers say their new type font for numbers features characters that use increasing amounts of ink to represent their relative value. Unlike the usual numeric typefaces, the amount of ink—or dark pixels—used for each digit in the FatFonts typeface is proportional to its quantitative value, the University of Calgary reported on Wednesday. University computer scientists say the idea of FatFonts is to align the two aspects of data, numeric value and visual representation. "We use numbers to represent exact data values; but when something more visual is needed then we transform this data into graphs or pie charts," researcher Miguel Nacenta said.

"The problem is by transforming data into visuals it makes it more difficult to access the actual data values." In FatFonts, the amount of ink used for each digit is proportional to the value of the digit it represents. "The digit '3' uses three times the amount of ink than digit '1,'" Calgary researcher Uta Hinrichs said. "When you put FatFonts in a grid, they work like a table where you can read the numbers but also as an image that you can interpret visually."—Internet

Nokia hits back at Google in latest patent war tussle

HELSINKI, 3 June—Nokia (NOK1V HE) struck back at Google (GOOG O) on Friday over its accusation that the cellphone maker was colluding with Microsoft (MSFT O) to make money out of their patents.

"Though we have not yet seen the complaint, Google's suggestion that Nokia and Microsoft are colluding on intellectual property rights is wrong," Nokia spokesman Mark Durrant said on Friday.

"Both companies have their own intellectual property rights portfolios and strategies and operate independently."

He also said that some Android devices had "significant (intellectual property) infringement issues" relating to Nokia's patents.

Google, in a formal complaint to the European

Commission, said Microsoft and Nokia had transferred 1,200 patents to MOSAID, a so-called "patent troll" which makes money by taking legal action over patent infringements.

Nokia and Microsoft cooperate on smartphones that compete with Google's Android devices. The Finnish phone maker shifted from its own Symbian software in favor of Microsoft Windows in February 2011.

Google's accusations highlight current cut-throat competition in the mobile phone business where companies, including Nokia, are fighting to assert intellectual property rights over wireless technologies.

Nokia's patents have become valuable and stable assets for the company, particularly at a time when

falling handset sales and a



A Google carpet is seen at the entrance of the headquarters of Google France in Paris on 6 Dec 2011.—REUTERS

loss of market share threaten its future.

Nokia has already sued Android device makers HTC (2498 TW) and ViewSonic for infringing its patents and is expected to go after others.

Nokia already earns 500 million euros a year from its patent royalties in key areas of mobile telephony and some analysts have said a more

determined application of its patent rights could boost its income by hundreds more millions of euros a year.

Microsoft said earlier that Google's complaint about antitrust in the smartphone industry was a "desperate tactic" from a company that controls more than 95 percent of mobile search and advertising.—Reuters

Energy assets in front line of cyber war

DUBAI, 3 June—Global energy infrastructure is more vulnerable than ever in an escalating cyber war thanks to "sons of Stuxnet" electronic missiles, which can be created from the virus designed to sabotage Iran's nuclear programme.

Cyber espionage is on the rise, with Chinese hackers stealing field data and cutting-edge technology from energy companies around the world since at least 2009, according to leading security firm McAfee.

But the biggest threat to everything from power grids to digital oilfields may come from malware based on the Stuxnet worm, widely thought to have been sponsored by western government agencies, security experts say.

Cyber weapons like Stuxnet that can take control of plants appear to be more of an operational danger than the recently-discovered Flame

virus, which seems designed to gather data.

"Stuxnet really showed people you could do this, that is the problem. I cannot imagine any major government agency not developing an offensive capability," Eric Byres, a leading authority on critical infrastructure security, told Reuters.

Byres, who advises governments and multi-

nationals on cyber security, said government agencies could seek to infiltrate energy infrastructure in case of political tension. "That is one of the risks, that we are weaponizing our entire energy industry, or leaving weapons inside it, just in case."

Governments are concerned that energy and communications networks would be the first victims of

any conflict with a cyber-savvy aggressor.

"It is believed that would be part of any form of warfare—that they would take out private sector infrastructures as part of knocking out a country," said Paul Dorey, who managed BP's digital security until 2008 and is now professor of information security at the University of London.

The stable relationship between the United States, Russia and China, means there seems little chance of they will try to disrupt one another's energy networks any time soon. But Iran has been bombarded with cyber bugs during its intense nuclear standoff with the west, with the virus known as Flame detected in April and a worm called Duqu, designed to gather intelligence on industrial infrastructure for future attacks, found last year.

Reuters



US Department of Homeland Security analysts work at the National Cybersecurity & Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) located just outside Washington in Arlington, Virginia on 24 Sept. 2010.—INTERNET

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Moody's cuts Greek domestic rating ceiling on euro exit risk

NEW YORK, 3 June—Rating agency Moody's Investors Service said it had lowered its ratings ceiling on Greek domestic debt issuers due to the rising risk of the country exiting the euro zone, but added it did not consider that the most likely scenario for the country.

Moody's said it lowered its assessment of the highest rating that can be assigned to a domestic debt issuer in Greece to Caa2, below the highest existing rating by the firm on any Greek security, which is B1 for certain covered bonds.

"Any rating actions taken as a result of the new ceiling will be released during

the coming week," Moody's said in a statement on Friday. "Moody's indicated that although the risk of a euro exit by Greece is substantial it is still not what it considers its 'central case' or most likely scenario," it said.

Greece holds parliamentary elections on 17 June. Political parties that support and oppose the terms of the country's international bailout are running neck and neck in opinion polls.

Moody's said the risk of a Greek exit from the euro zone might increase further after the elections. Abandoning the euro would mean large losses for investors as government and private debt

issued under Greek law would be redenominated and the country's economy and banking system would be hit



Protesters hold a Greek flag in front of parliament during a rally marking the one year anniversary of Greece's Indignant group in Athens on 25 May, 2012. REUTERS

hard, the statement said.

"That disruption would generally imply additional losses for holders of debt

securities issued by Greek entities, irrespective of their governing law," it said.

Reuters

Health Tip: Eat right to help protect your vision

What you eat plays an important role in healthy vision, and may help prevent eye conditions such as macular degeneration, cataracts and glaucoma, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics says. The academy mentions these food sources that can help promote vision health:

- * Vitamin A: Select tomatoes, papaya, carrots and fortified milk.
- * Vitamin C: Eat oranges, strawberries, peppers and broccoli.
- * Use all equipment as designed.
- * Vitamin E: Choose wheat germ, oils, nuts and seeds.
- * For the nutrients zeaxanthin and lutein: Eat leafy green vegetables, mangoes, kiwi, honeydew, peas, broccoli, yellow squash, corn, red grapes and oranges.

Internet

Paralysed rats walk again in Swiss lab study

LONDON, 3 June—Scientists in Switzerland have restored full movement to rats paralysed by spinal cord injuries in a study that might eventually be used in people with similar injuries.

Gregoire Courtine and his team at Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne saw rats with severe paralysis walking and running again after a couple of weeks following a combination of electrical and chemical stimulation of the spinal cord together with robotic support. "Our rats are not only voluntarily initiating a walking gait, but they are soon sprinting, climbing up stairs and avoiding obstacles," said Courtine, whose results from the five-year study will be published in the journal *Science* on Friday. Courtine is quick to point out that it remains unclear if a similar technique could help people with spinal cord damage but he adds the technique does hint at new ways of treating paralysis. Other scientists agree. "This is ground-breaking research and offers great hope for the future of restoring function to spinal injured patients," said Elizabeth Bradbury, a Medical Research Council senior fellow at King's College London.

But Bradbury notes that very few human spinal cord injuries are the result of a direct cut through the cord, which is what the rats had. Human injuries are most often the result of bruising or compression and it is unclear if the technique could be translated across to this type of injury. It is also unclear if this kind of electrochemical "kick-start" could help a spinal cord that has been damaged for a long time, with complications like scar tissue, holes and where a large number of nerve cells and fibres have died or degenerated. Nevertheless, Courtine's work does demonstrate a way of encouraging and increasing the innate ability of the



An undated handout photo provided by the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL) on 31 May, 2012, shows a rat walking on its hind legs during an experiment at the Centre for Neuroprosthetics and Brain Mind Institute in Ecublens.—REUTERS

spinal cord to repair itself, a quality known as neuroplasticity.

Other attempts to repair spinal cords have focused on stem cell therapy, although Geron, the world's leading embryonic stem cell company, last year closed its pioneering work in the field. The brain and spinal cord can adapt and recover from small injuries but until now that ability was far too limited to overcome severe damage. This new study proves that recovery from severe injury is possible if the dormant spinal column is "woken up".

Norman Saunders, a neuroscientist at the University of Melbourne in Australia, said in an emailed statement reacting to the study that although it remains to be seen whether the technique can be translated to people, "it looks more promising than previously proposed treatments for spinal cord injury".

Bryce Vissel, head of the Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Laboratory at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Sydney, said the study "suggests we are on the edge of a truly profound advance in modern medicine: the prospect of repairing the spinal cord after injury".—Reuters

A woman looks at Europe's largest gold coin in a shop in Vienna on 27 January, 2012. REUTERS



SINGAPORE, 3 June—Gold slipped on Friday, on course for a second straight week of losses, as a weaker euro sapped appetite for bullion amid the debt crisis in Europe while investors awaited a key US employment

Gold heads for weekly loss on euro zone woes

report later in the day for further trading cues.

Gold briefly moved in

situation. "It's an extension of the fear trade," said Nick Trevethan, senior metals strategist at ANZ in Singapore.

"With big euro zone risk bubbling just below the surface and occasionally rising to a popping force, people are just uncomfortable holding risk, even gold. All and all, bears are back in the woods again."

Spot gold slipped 0.3 percent to \$1,558.25 an ounce by 0641 GMT, recovering from an intra-day low at \$1,548.50. Gold fell 6.3 percent in May, the steepest monthly fall since December. It was headed for an almost 1-percent weekly loss.

Gold had fallen nearly 20 percent from its peak of \$1,920.30 hit last September,

tandem with the dollar in the previous session as safe-haven appetite overflowed from the greenback and US Treasuries, but that quickly came to an end as Asian investors started the day fretting over the euro zone

Avastin delays progression of ovarian cancer

CHICAGO, 3 June, — Adding cancer drug Avastin to standard chemotherapy doubled the length of time a certain group of advanced ovarian cancer patients lived without their disease getting worse, according to results of a clinical trial.

The study involved 361 women whose cancer had stopped responding to traditional platinum-based chemotherapy.

After a median follow-up of 13.5 months, 75 percent of Avastin patients had a recurrence of cancer, compared to 91 percent of those who received chemotherapy alone.

The median time to disease progression or death was 6.7 months in the combination group and 3.4 months in the chemotherapy group. "A lot of drugs have been tested in this situation,"

said Dr Eric Pujade-Lauraine, head of Group d'Investigateurs Nationaux pour l'Etude des Cancers Ovariens, an ovarian cancer clinical trials cooperative group based in Paris.

"It is the first time that a Phase 3 trial has shown a significant difference," said Pujade-Lauraine, the study's lead investigator.

The study, to be presented on Saturday at a meeting here of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, involved 361 women whose cancer had stopped responding to traditional platinum-based chemotherapy.

Avastin, developed by Roche's Genentech unit, is an antibody that blocks the growth of blood vessels tumors need to survive and grow. It is approved in the US for treating glioblastoma,



The study involved 361 women whose cancer had stopped responding to traditional platinum-based chemotherapy.—REUTERS

colorectal, lung and kidney cancers.

The drug, also known as bevacizumab, is also approved in Europe for previously untreated ovarian cancer and is under review for use in previously treated ovarian cancer.

The US Food and Drug Administration last year revoked its conditional

approval of Avastin as a treatment for breast cancer because, although there was evidence that it slowed progression of the disease, there was no conclusive data showing that it extended the lives of breast cancer patients.

A Genentech spokeswoman said the company is waiting for final overall survival results from all of its ovarian cancer studies, expected by next year, and then plans to discuss its next steps with the FDA.

An estimated 230,000 women worldwide are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year.

Most are not diagnosed before the cancer has spread, and up to 70 percent of them die within five years.

"Ultimately, almost all the patients with ovarian cancer will develop chemotherapy resistance," Pujade-Lauraine said.

Reuters

China's manned deep-sea submersible to attempt 7,000-metre dive

NANJING, 3 June — An oceanographic ship carrying China's manned deep-sea submersible, the Jiaolong, left eastern port city of Jiangyin Sunday for the Mariana Trench to attempt the world's deepest manned submersible dive. The submersible, named after a mythical sea dragon, will go 7,000 metres under the surface of the Pacific Ocean between mid-June and early July, according to the voyage's plan. Three oceanographers, Ye Cong, Fu Wentao and Tang Jialing, will pilot the Jiaolong and will be supported by nearly 100 scientists aboard who test the submersible's functionality, conduct scientific

research and take seabed samples during the dive.

Haiyang-6, a Chinese research vessel, had carried out specific surveys in Mariana Trench earlier this year to figure out the maritime environment for the Jiaolong. The Jiaolong is the world's first manned submersible designed to reach depths of 7,000 metres below sea level.

It completed 17 dives in the South China Sea from May to July in 2010, with the deepest reaching 3,759 metres, which made China the fifth country, following the United States, France, Russia and Japan, to send a manned dive over 3,500 metre below sea level.

The submersible succeeded in diving 5,188 metres below sea level in the Pacific Ocean last summer, enabling China to conduct scientific surveys in 70 percent of the world's seabed areas. Success in going the depth of 7,000 metres will mean it is able to reach almost all of the world's seabed areas. "The scientific expedition of the Jiaolong is aimed at benefiting the mankind. The deep sea where few people visit has amazing resources waiting to be discovered, such as hydrothermal sulfide and manganese nodules," said Ye Cong, 32, key driver of vehicle.

China will promote the development of deep-sea technologies and equipment, including comprehensive research ships, mothership of manned undersea crafts, and deep-sea autonomous underwater vehicles, according to Liu Cigui, head of the State Oceanic Administration (SOA). China initiated the Jiaolong project in 2002. The vessel is expected to return to China in mid-July. A *Xinhua* reporter is on board the oceanographic ship "Xiaoyanghong 09" to cover the whole process of the challenging attempt.

Xinhua



People see the "Xiangyanghong 09" off in Jiangyin, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 3 June, 2012. The "Xiangyanghong 09" scientific exploration ship, the mother ship of the Jiaolong, set off on Sunday for a 7,000-metre dive in the Mariana Trench region. — XINHUA

Israeli PM agrees to evacuation of illegal outpost in West Bank

JERUSALEM, 3 June — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has agreed to the evacuation of homes in an illegal settler outpost in the West Bank, which the High Court of Justice had ordered to demolish, Israeli media reported on Saturday.

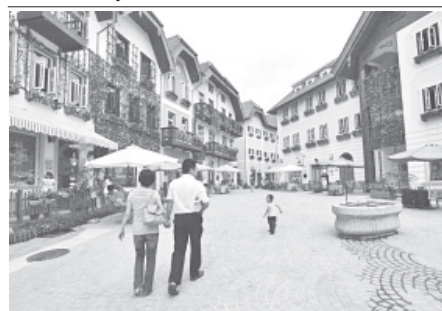
The government had previously sought to delay action on the disputed Ulpna neighbourhood in the Beit El settlement, and set up a special ministerial meeting to discuss the fate of the homes designated as illegal by the High Court.

As part of Netanyahu's decision, the reports said, the

government will reimburse and relocate the settlers. In addition, Netanyahu will allow 50 homes to be built in Beit El — 10 times the number of homes being evacuated in Ulpna, according to the reports.

The claim that there were five illegal structures on Beit El was made in 2008 by the Israeli NGO Yesh Din. In April 2011, the government announced a plan to demolish the buildings within one year, but almost immediately asked for more time. Settlement construction has long been a stumbling block in the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Xinhua



A family walks in the Chinese replica of Austria's UNESCO heritage site, Hallstatt village, in China's southern city of Huizhou in Guangdong Province, on 1 June, 2012. — REUTERS

Queen Elizabeth to lead giant jubilee flotilla in London



Britain's Queen Elizabeth shakes hands with a racegoer as she arrives with Prince Philip (2nd L) at the Epsom Derby festival in Epsom, southwest of London on 2 June, 2012. Queen Elizabeth gets four days of celebrations to mark her 60 years on the British throne under way on Saturday with one of her favourite pastimes, a trip to the horse races, as tributes to the long-serving monarch pour in. — REUTERS

LONDON, 3 June — A flotilla of 1,000 boats will sail London's River Thames on Sunday in a spectacular highlight of four days of nationwide celebrations marking Queen Elizabeth's 60 years on the throne.

Around one million people are expected to line the 7-mile route of the armada accompanying a royal barge carrying the 86-year-old monarch, her husband Prince Philip and leading members of the royal family. Up and

down the country hundreds of thousands more will take to streets adorned in red, white and blue "Union Jack" flags for diamond jubilee parties to honor the second British monarch to mark the milestone.

The only other was her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria in 1897, and while Britain is no longer a superpower whose empire straddles the globe, surveys show the royal family is enjoying its strongest public

support in decades.

The Saturday-to-Tuesday holiday comes just over a year after the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton, an extravaganza of pomp and pageantry that led news bulletins the world over and boasted a global audience of up to two billion people.

The queen kicked off the jubilee celebrations with a visit on Saturday to the Epsom Derby in southern England, indulging her life-long passion for horse racing, and a special gun salute boomed from the historic Tower of London.

On Monday the monarch hosts a pop concert outside her London residence Buckingham Palace, where Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder will be among the acts. Madness are set to take to the roof of the famous landmark to belt out hit song "Our House".

The long weekend concludes with a service of thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday followed by a carriage procession along the broad Mall leading to Buckingham Palace where the queen will wave to the crowds from the balcony. — Reuters

AOL urges shareholder approval of its board nominees

NEW YORK, 3 June — AOL Inc, waging a proxy fight with activist hedge fund Starboard Value, said on Saturday its shareholders should approve all eight nominees for its board of directors after an advisory service recommended the approval of only six.

In a statement, the Internet and media company lauded a report by Institutional Investor Services calling for the rejection of Starboard's

full slate of nominees, but said, "ISS reached the wrong conclusion in failing to recommend that AOL stockholders vote for all eight of the company's highly qualified director nominees."

The company also cited three straight quarters of better-than-expected earnings and said that, if elected to the board, Starboard Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Smith and investor Dennis Miller would slow AOL's



A woman walks out of AOL offices in New York, on 19 Nov, 2009.

REUTERS

momentum. Starboard has a 5.3 percent stake in the company. AOL was spun off from Time Warner in 2009.

AOL said in a filing last month that Starboard would liquidate the company if its nominees won control of the board. Starboard has said AOL is not doing enough to return value to shareholders and has pushed for a 100 percent return on the proceeds of a patent sale. Starboard did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Saturday. AOL will hold its annual stockholders meeting on 14 June. — Reuters

China steps up Afghan role as Western pullout nears

KABUL, 3 June — China and Afghanistan will sign an agreement in the coming days that strategically deepens their ties, Afghan officials say, the strongest signal yet that Beijing wants a role beyond economic partnership as Western forces prepare to leave the country.

China has kept a low political profile through much of the decade-long international effort to stabilise Afghanistan, choosing instead to pursue an economic agenda, including locking in future supply from Afghanistan's untapped mineral resources.

As the US-led coalition winds up military engagement and hands over security to local forces, Beijing, along with regional powers, is gradually stepping up involvement in an area that remains at risk from being overrun by Islamist insurgents.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Afghan counterpart Hamid Karzai will hold talks on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit in Beijing this week, where they will seal a wide-ranging pact governing their ties, including security cooperation.

Afghanistan has signed

a series of strategic partnership agreements including with the United States, India and Britain among others in recent months, described by one Afghan official as taking out "insurance cover" for the period after the end of 2014 when foreign troops leave.

"The president of Afghanistan will be meeting the president of China in Beijing and what will happen is the elevation of our existing, solid relationship to a new level, to a strategic level," Janan Musazai, a spokesman for the Afghan foreign ministry, told Reuters.

"It would certainly cover a broad spectrum which includes cooperation in the security sector, a very significant involvement in the economic sector, and the cultural field."

He declined to give details about security cooperation, but Andrew Small, an expert on China at the European Marshall Fund who has tracked its ties with South Asia, said the training of security forces was one possibility.

China has signalled it will not contribute to a multilateral fund to sustain the Afghan national security forces — estimated to cost \$4.1 billion per year after 2014 — but it could directly train Afghan soldiers, Small said.

MNA/Reuters

Summer paddy model plot harvested in Tounggo



TOUNGGO, 3 June—A ceremony to harvest summer paddy model plot grown with SRI technique,

was held at farmer U Ye Min Htut's farm in Tounggo township in Bago Region, on 23 May.

Tounggo District Land Record Department assistant staff officer U Aung Aung and staff, agricultural incharge U Tin Maung of Tounggo University and farmers from Thaphanbin village participated in the harvest. The yield per acre is 115 baskets.

It was also attended by rector of Tounggo University Dr Aung Thu and pro-rector Dr San San Mar. *Tounggo University*

Educative talks on infectious diseases given in Dagon Myothit (South) Tsp

YANGON, 3 June—An educative talk on infectious diseases and prevention against polio, organized by Dagon Myothit (South) Township Health Department, was held at Township People's Hospital, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon East District on 28 May.

Dr Daw Phyo Phyo Kyaw of Yangon Region Health Department, Dr Phyu Phyu Aye of Region Health Department, Region infectious diseases prevention incharge officer Dr Nyan Win Myint gave



talks on diarrhea and polio. After that, chairperson of Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw

Moe Thu Tint and members distributed medicines to patients at Township People's Hospital.

Myanma Alin

School enrollment day held in Thandwe

THANDWE, 3 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day, was held at Myoma Basic Education Middle School in Thandwe, Rakhine State on 26 May. At the ceremony, Chairman of Township Education Committee township administrator U Kyaw Soe Lwin made a speech. Afterwards, the township education officer explained the school enrollment and accepted cash assistance donated by the township administrator.—*Education*

DISTRICT NEWS

Traditional medicine practitioners course opens in Kyaukse

KYAUKSE, 3 June—A ceremony to open traditional medicine practitioners course, conducted by Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee of Kyaukse District, was held at township administrator office on 28 May. At the ceremony, district MCWSC Chairperson Daw Aye Aye Win made a speech. It was also attended by members of district MCWSC, chairpersons of Kyaukse, Sinkai, Myittha and TadaU Townships Maternal and Child Welfare Associations and members and officials from Kyaukse district

traditional medical clinic. A total of 30 trainees attended the course.—*Myanma Alin*



UNIFORMS PROVIDED: Chairperson of Kangyidaunt Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Win presents uniform to a student in Mawauygun village (post-primary) monastic education school in Kangyidaunt Township on 29 May.—*MYANMA ALIN*

Cash assistance provided to offspring of Yamethin District GAD's staff

YAMETHIN, 3 June—A ceremony to present cash assistance to offspring of Yamethin District General

Administration Department's staff, was held at the meeting hall of District General Administration Department, on 30 May. At the ceremony, district commissioner U Kyaw Kyaw Tun presented K 237,000 to 19 students.

Myanma Alin



Capacity building course opens in Shwegyin

SHWEGYIN, 3 June—A ceremony to open capacity building course No.1/2012 for ward/village administrators in Shwegyin and clerks, took place at Shwegyin Township General Administration Department, on 28 May. At the ceremony, district commissioner U Wai Zin Tun of Bago District General Administration Department made an opening speech. A total of 78 trainees attended seven-day course.

Myanma Alin

Care at Hninzigon Home for the Aged visited

MAUBIN, 3 June—Construction of Maubin home for the aged has been completed in Maubin, Ayeyawady Region soon. Seven-member of the home construction led by Township Account Office head Daw Khin Mar Htway, Auditor Daw San San Hlaing visited Hninzigon Home for the Aged Auditor on 29 May.—*Myanma Alin*



School enrollment day held in Thegon Township

THEGON, 3 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day in Thegon Township, Bago Region, on 27 May. At the ceremony, township administrator U Aung Kyaw made a speech and township

education officer U Ye Myint explained the school enrollment. Wellwishers donated books, cash and stationery through officials.—*Education*



CASH DONATED: Choong Kow Chye of Malaysia donates K 1 million to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Secretary of the CEC board U Maung Maung Gyi.

HOME FOR THE AGED

Educative talks on environmental conservation given in Gyobingauk

GYOBINGAU, 3 June—A team led by Township incharge U Than Naing of Gyobingauk Township, Bago Region gave educative talks on environmental conservation and Bago Roma greening project, in the villages at the foot of Bago Roma mountain ranges on 24-25 May.

Myanma Alin



Universities Tennis Courts to be upgraded for XXVII Sea Games

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—A meeting to discuss the upgrading of the 15 universities tennis courts for the XXVII SEA Games was held at Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) on 27 May morning, attended by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan, Yangon Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein, Chairman of Myanmar Arts and Science Academy U Than Oo, retired rectors and pro-rectors, principals, rectors, professors and guests.

The Sports Ministry has proposed to upgrade the universities tennis courts on

Thaton Street into 13 courts—one with the stand for the final in and the other 12 for the other matches. Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Dr Mya Aye said that sports activities had been widely organized in universities since the formation of sports and education combination committee in 2009.

It was required to upgrade the sports grounds to international standard as Myanmar would host ASEAN Universities Games in 2014. It was planned to hold tennis matches at universities tennis courts in XXVII SEA Games.

The Sports Ministry would assist the Education Ministry in upgrading the tennis courts and



hand over to the latter after the completion of the SEA Games so that the Education Ministry could use them in ASEAN Universities Games.

Union Minister U Tint Hsan

Union Minister U Tint Hsan speaking at meeting on proposal of Sports Ministry for upgrading tennis courts.—MNA



remarked the athletes from different universities as the tower of strength in the XXVII Games, followed by suggestions of the personnel.

The meeting agreed to let the Sports Ministry use the

universities tennis courts under the Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) in XXVII SEA Games after upgrading of them and give back to the Education Ministry after the SEA Games.—MNA

Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe unveil signboard of new 50-bed ward.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—The new 50-bed ward of Yangon General Hospital was commissioned into service yesterday morning, formally opened by Yangon Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein, Director Dr Htay Naung of Health Department and main

donor patron of Naing Group Construction Co Ltd U Kyaw Naing Oo.

Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe unveiled the signboard of the new ward and looked round the ward together with the

Yangon General Hospital gets new 50-bed ward

guests.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister called on private clinics to focus more on human resources development despite their clean and spacious buildings. Hospitals and clinics under the Health Ministry had won the public trust as physicians and surgeons, nurses and skilled staff were taking close care of the patients alternatively round the clock.

Although Yangon General Hospital was a 200-bed teaching hospital, the number of inward patients was so high that there was simply no enough space for them, which called for extension of patient wards and surgical rooms for the convenience of the patients. The Union Minister then thanked the donor and all the contributors including the Yangon Region government.

The Union Minister then called on the doctors, nurses and health staff to maintain the building for long-term use, to offer best service to the patients with excellent treatment,

goodwill, and sympathetic attitude.

Next, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe made a speech. Main donor U Kyaw Naing Oo handed over the relevant documents to medical superintendent Dr Kyaw Kyaw of the hospital.

Daw Hla Hla Htwe of Naing Group Construction Co Ltd donated K 30 million, U Maung Maung Gyi Construction Co K 1 million, Shwe Thanlwin Co five Sky Net receivers and K 5 million, U Aye Naing-Daw Aye Than and U Aung Aung-Daw Ni Ni of Royal Orchid Construction K 1.2 million and U Hla Han-Daw Tin Tin Hla of Royal Rose Construction K 0.5 million for the hospital.

The new three-storey 50-room ward equipped with modern furniture, bathroom and washroom cost K 1136.8 million—Naing Group Construction Co Ltd contributed K 523.8 million, 33 donors K 480 million, communal donors K 96.2 million, and 91 furniture donors K 36.8 million.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister views Yangon University sanitation tasks

YANGON, 3 June—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe this morning viewed sanitation tasks in Yangon University and its environs in Kamayut Township.

The chief minister gave

necessary instructions for renovation of the convocation hall, construction of parking lot and greening tasks.

He then proceeded to region level computer painting contest in

commemoration of 2012 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking at Yangon University of Computer Studies in Shwepyitha Township.

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Diamond orb, pennant-shaped orb and golden umbrella hoisted atop Moathtaw Pagoda in Patheingyi

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Ayeayawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung attended diamond orb, pennant-shaped orb and golden umbrella hoisting ceremony in historic Moathtaw Koesuwin Maha Pagoda in Patheingyi village in Patheingyi township yesterday morning.

The chief minister donated the diamond orb, pennant-shaped orb and

offerteries to members of Sangha and shared merits gained.

The chief minister and party circumambulated the pagoda with the diamond

orb, pennant-shaped orb and golden umbrella which were carried to the top of Pagoda. The chief minister then offered day meal to members of Sangha.—MNA

Hotels and Tourism Services MD visits Yangon hotels

YANGON, 3 June—Managing Director U Hla Htay of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services visited Thammada, Strand and Inya

Lake Hotels this morning and called for providing first-class services and focusing on customers' satisfaction.

The hotels are in joint

venture between the MHTS and Strand Hotels International Co of Hong Kong since 1990.

MNA

Kayin State Chief Minister oversees regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min on 29 May visited bridge construction site at the entrance of Hlaingbwe and attended to the needs.

The chief minister addressed the commemorative ceremony of International No Smoking Day at State Health Department Office in Hpa-an

on 31 May.

He also delivered a speech at opening ceremony of crash course for diploma course for teachers No (9/2012) and provided rations to trainees.

The chief minister met departmental personnel, townselders and local people at auditorium of Paingkyon Sub-Township where he

presented one set of computer to Paingkyon Basic Education High School, one set of Sky Net Receiver to each Paingkyon Information and Public Relations Department, Sub-Township Administrator Office, Paingkyon Philanthropic Monastic School, and rations to departmental personnel.—MNA

Regional development tasks in Monywa, Sagaing Region inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye on 1

June inspected roadwork in Monywa and construction of Myopaw village rural health centre and Tawway village post-primary school in Butalin Township.

He met local people in Tawway village and provided exercise books, sports gear and publications.

The chief minister paid

homage to Thiri Mingala Bronze Buddha Image in Mingyi Monastery in Tawway village.

He provided villagers of Dantaing villager with exercise books, sports gear and publications and visited road and dam construction project in Thitkegyi village. MNA



School enrollment day held in Shwepyitha

YANGON, 3 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day and donate cash and stationery, was held at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Shwepyitha Township, here, on 30 May.

At the ceremony, Yangon North District commissioner U Nay Lin made a speech. After that, township education incharge officer U Thet Oo clarified school enrollment and Yangon

Region Huttaw representative U Maung Maung Win, academic matters. Wellwishers donated cash and stationery through the township education officer.—*Myanma Alin*

Myanmar-Bangladesh Bilateral Meeting of the Joint Working Group of the Border Trade Officials held

SITTWAY, 3 June—The 6th Myanmar-Bangladesh Bilateral Meeting of the Joint Working Group of the Border Trade Officials, took place at Sittway Hotel on 29 May.

At the ceremony, they reviewed discussions on 5th Myanmar-Bangladesh Bilateral Meeting of the Joint Working Group of the Border Trade Officials, which was held in Cox's Bazar of Bangladesh on 18 December, 2011. Leader of Myanmar delegation deputy director U Nanda of Border Trade Department discussed six-



point border trade matters and Bangladesh side led by Mr Syed Md.

Nurul Basir and official also, five-point border trade

matters.

The both sides agreed to hold 7th meeting in Bangladesh on 28 June, this year.—*Myanma Alin*



UNIFORMS PROVIDED: An official from Hinthada Township Development Affairs Organization presents school uniforms to a student at a ceremony to provide school uniforms to offspring of vendors and slow-moving vehicle drivers on 31 May.—*MYANMA ALIN*

School enrollment day observed in Kyimyindine Tsp

YANGON, 3 June—A school enrollment day ceremony was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Kyimyindine Township, Yangon West District on 31 May. At the ceremony, wellwishers donated cash assistances for the students through district commissioner U Kyaw Thu Zaw. Afterwards, district Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson Daw Myint Myint Kyi, township administrator U Kyaw Ye Thwe, chairperson of township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Su Su San and officials provided the students with stationery.—*Myanma Alin*

DISTRICT NEWS

Assistances provided to war veterans in Taungtha Township

TAUNGTHA, 3 June—A ceremony to donate rice, oil and cash assistance to members of Taungtha Township War Veterans Organizing Committee, was held at Township Organization Committee Office on 25 May.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Township War Veterans Organizing Committee U Aung Than explained the purpose of donation.

A total of 180 members were provided with rice bags, oil and cash. Since 2006, Taungtha Township War

Veterans Organizing Committee has been providing assistances to its members.—*Township WVO*



DUTIES ASSIGNED: District commissioner U Moe Hein presents duty assignment letter to an official, at duty assignment ceremony of Muse District General Administration Department, in Muse Town hall in Muse, Shan State (North) on 22 May.—*DISTRICT GAD*

New Court opens in Nawngkhio Township

NAWNGKHIO, 3 June—A ceremony to open Township Court in Nawngkhio, was held at the front of new court in Nawngkhio Township, Kyaukse District, Shan State (North) on 26 May.

Shan State Supreme Court Chief Justice U Gywe Gywe, Nawngkhio Township Pyithu Huttaw representative U Kyaw Myint and State Huttaw representative U Kyaw Mya foremanly opened it.

After that, the Shan State Supreme Court Chief Justice unveiled the signboard of the court and Township Judge U Karlet explained the

construction of it. Documents related to the new court were handed

over to Kyaukse District judge Daw Khin Myint Yi. *Myanma Alin*



Principal U Aung Myat Thu of Pyinmana Agriculture Science and officials supervise harvesting of Paletthwe paddy at Pyinmana Agriculture Science in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 28 May.—*KYEMON*

Chicago strives to prevent "epidemic" childhood obesity through educational training

CHICAGO, 3 June—Educators, community organizers and health advocates gathered in Chicago on Friday for a special training session on ways to prevent childhood obesity, a growing health problem in the United States and an increasingly important issue for American families.

The training was conducted by the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC), one of the first US organizations created to combat the disease. In CLOCC's just ten-year history, childhood obesity has grown from a lesser-known issue to now a major American health challenge.

Since 1980, the obesity rate in American teenagers and children has nearly tripled, leading many health professionals to classify the growing problem as an "epidemic." According to the latest data from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 30 percent of American children aged 2-19 are now

clinically overweight, and 17 percent are obese. And the CDC statistics show about 35 percent of US adults nationwide are now obese.

Organizations such as CLOCC aim to prevent the spread of childhood obesity before the damage grows even more severe, and hope to increase awareness of the issue through educational training programmes such as this session hosted at a local community centre.

In an interview, CLOCC Communications Manager Christy Kierig told *Xinhua* that the best way to combat the American obesity problem in general was to help children form good eating habits from an early age.

Prevention plays a key role in curbing obesity, "so if we can try to prevent it at an early age and keep kids at a healthy weight, it's going to really help them into adulthood," Kierig said, confirming that obesity prevalence increases with age.—*Xinhua*

Students prepare for the university entrance exam in a classroom in Hefei, Anhui Province on 2 June, 2012. The National College Entrance Exam, or "Gaokao", is held in June every year.—*REUTERS*



Tragic highway crash kills two Nebraska coaches, leaves athletes hospitalized

NEBRASKA, 3 June — Tragedy struck a small Nebraska town on Friday when two high school basketball coaches were killed and eight of their athletes were injured after a van carrying the team collided with a pickup truck on a state highway. As reported by the *Associated Press* and a variety of other sources, the accident in Ansley, Neb. involved a van carrying the Broken Bow (Neb.) High basketball coaches and team on its way back from a basketball camp. Zane Harvey, the team's 38-year-old assistant coach, was driving the van while 24-year-old head coach Anthony Blum was his front seat passenger. Both were apparently killed on impact.

Five Broken Bow student athletes remained hospitalized on Friday night, though only one was listed in critical condition. Two other athletes had already been released from the hospital shortly after the accident. The whereabouts of the eighth student riding in the van were not clear in reports. The driver of the pickup truck, a 70-year-old man named Albert Sherbeck, was also killed in the head-on accident.

The father of Broken Bow player Jaden Garey, the only athlete who didn't return from the camp on the team van, spoke to the *Omaha World-Herald* about the accident, explaining that his own son's avoidance of the tragedy only went a small way to mitigate how he felt for the parents of all

A deadly Nebraska crash claimed the lives of two Broken Bow basketball coaches.—INTERNET



the other players on the team. "You put yourself ... right in the place of those other parents," Brian Garey told the *Nebraska* newspaper. The school held a vigil for the two coaches and injured players on Saturday morning, with grief counselors available for anyone who sought their help. "It was a horrible accident. It will impact the community for a long time to come," Broken Bow Superintendent Virginia Moon told a Friday news conference.— *Internet*

Firefighters from the Granite Mountain Hotshots of Prescott, Ariz., cut a fire line along a mountain ridge outside Mogollon, NM on 2 June, 2012.—INTERNET



ALBUQUERQUE, 3 June — A wall of smoke advances across a vast swath of rugged country in southwestern New Mexico where the nation's wilderness movement was born nearly a century ago.

Record NM blaze will test forest management

From the air, the smoke stretches as far as the eye can see. On the ground, firefighters talk about the steep canyons that keep them

bad. But to land managers and scientists, the record-setting blaze represents a true test of decades of work aimed at returning fire to its natural role on the landscape—a test that comes as many Western states grapple with overgrown forests, worsening drought and a growing prospect for more megafires. The Whitewater-Baldy fire has destroyed a dozen cabins while marching across more than 354 square miles of the Gila National Forest. A pair of lightning-sparked fires grew together to form the massive blaze.

from directly attacking what has become the largest wildfire in New Mexico's recorded history and the largest currently burning in the country.

Sure, things might look

Unlike last year's megafires in New Mexico and Arizona, this blaze is burning in territory that has been frequently blackened under the watchful eye of the Gila's fire managers. Starting

in the early 1970s, the Gila has been leading the way when it comes to implementing such an active fire management strategy. Instead of immediately dousing flames in the wilderness, forest managers have let them burn as long as conditions are favorable. The question that the Whitewater-Baldy fire is expected to answer is whether that strategy will pay off with more natural, less intense fires.— *Internet*

US employers waiting and watching before hiring

NEW YORK, 3 June — Business has picked up. Yet American companies are too nervous to step up hiring. The economy seems so gripped by uncertainties that many employers have decided to manage with the staff they have. They aren't convinced their customer demand will keep growing. Or they worry that Europe's festering debt crisis could infect the global economy.

Or they aren't sure what Congress will do, if anything, about taxes and spending in coming months. All that helps explain why US employers added just 69,000 jobs in May, the fewest in a year and the third straight month of weak job growth. "If you're anxious, you sit on your hands," said Chad Moutray, chief economist at the National Association of

Manufacturers.

The US government is also nearing its debt ceiling. It was just last summer that a bickering Congress rattled markets by nearly allowing the government to default on its debt. State and local spending levels are uncertain or shrinking as governments

try to shrink their own debts.

The result is smaller budgets for schools, transportation projects and services. Companies also complain that changes in environmental regulations and business subsidies are too hard to predict and plan for.— *Internet*



A job seeker fills out an application during 11th annual Skid Row Career Fair the Los Angeles Mission in Los Angeles, on 31 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Three rare elephants found dead in Indonesia

JAKARTA 3 June—Three critically-endangered Sumatran elephants have been found dead in an oil palm plantation in western Indonesia and are believed to have been poisoned, an NGO said on Saturday. Villagers found the dead animals on Thursday in a government-owned oil palm plantation in the eastern part of Aceh Province.

They were estimated to be four and five years old, local environmental group Fakta said.

"We suspected that they died after consuming bars of soap laced with poison we found near the carcass," the group's chief Rabono Wiranata told AFP. "It seems that the elephants have died around one week," he said. The animals are usually either killed by villagers, who regard the beasts as pests that destroy their plantations, or

by poachers for their tusks. Early last month, two other Sumatran elephants were found dead in the west of the province.

There are fewer than 3,000 Sumatran elephants remaining in the wild, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, marking a 50 percent drop in numbers since 1985. WWF changed the Sumatran

elephant's status from "endangered" to "critically endangered" in January, largely due to severe habitat loss driven by oil palm and paper plantations. Conflicts between humans and animals are increasing as people encroach on wildlife habitats in Indonesia, an archipelago with some of the world's largest remaining tropical forests.— *Internet*



A wild Sumatran elephant walks in the Ulu Masen forest in western Indonesia. Three critically-endangered Sumatran elephants have been found dead in an oil palm plantation in western Indonesia and are believed to have been poisoned, an NGO said on Saturday.—INTERNET

Phoenix police say mom forgets baby on car roof

PHOENIX, 3 June — Phoenix police have arrested a woman who allegedly drove off after forgetting that her 5-week-old baby was in a car seat on the roof of her vehicle. Officer James Holmes said officers were called out early on Saturday after witnesses found a child strapped in a safety seat in the middle of an

intersection.

The boy wasn't hurt. He's now in the custody of Arizona Child Protective Services. Authorities say the child's mother, 19-year-old Catalina Clouser, her boyfriend and their friends had been smoking marijuana earlier in the evening at a nearby park.

Upset that her boyfriend was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence, police say Clouser went to the home of friends and smoked more marijuana. Clouser left around midnight. Police say she apparently put the sleeping baby on the roof and drove off, forgetting he was there.— *Internet*

Police say shots fired at Canada mall, one dead

TORONTO, 3 June — A gunman fired shots in a crowded food court in one of Canada's busiest malls on Saturday killing a man and injuring seven others, police said. Police Chief Bill Blair said the shooting at Eaton Centre in downtown Toronto targeted one individual and there were a number of innocent bystanders. Police constable Victor Kwong said two people were in critical condition after being shot at the Eaton Centre in downtown Toronto, including a 13-year old boy. The 25-year-old man who was killed died at the scene, he said.

Kwong said six people were shot in all, including the deceased. Two people were trampled on and pushed, including a pregnant woman who went into labor after she was pushed, he said. Blair said investigators have a description of the suspect. "A lot of innocent people were hurt and a lot of innocent people were put at risk," Blair said. "We will be relentless in our pursuit of the individual." Witnesses said multiple shots were fired in the mall's food court and that hundreds of panicked shoppers sprinted for the exits. The mall, which is popular with tourists, was evacuated.

Swarms of people watched from outside as an injured man with visible bullet wounds was wheeled out on a stretcher. Toronto Blue Jays baseball player Brett Lawrie was



Police set up a perimeter outside the Eaton Centre shopping mall in Toronto, on 2 June, 2012. Panic broke out at the Eaton Centre Saturday after shots were fired at the downtown mall packed with weekend shoppers. — INTERNET

in the mall when the shooting took place and was one of the first to take to Twitter to break the news. "Pretty sure someone just let off a round bullets in eaton center mall ... Wow just sprinted out of the mall ... through traffic," he tweeted. "People sprinting up the stairs right from where we just were ... Wow wow wow." He later tweeted that he was "Rattled right now." Marcus Neves-Polonio, 19, was working in the food court when he saw a man pull out a gun and start firing. At least two people were on the ground, he said. — Internet

US to improve strategic trust with China while "rebalancing" towards Asia Pacific



US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta speaks at the Shangri-La Dialogue held in Singapore on 2 June, 2012. — XINHUA

SINGAPORE, 3 June — The United States will try to improve the strategic trust with China by strengthening military-to-military exchanges, while shifting some of its warships to the Pacific over the coming years,

US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said on Saturday. Outlining details of the US plan for its "rebalancing" act towards Asia Pacific in a speech at the Shangri-La Dialogue, Panetta said the United States recognizes the

importance of the relationship between the United States and China, not only between the militaries but also in diplomacy and the economic development. "We are not naive about this relationship, and neither is China. We both understand the differences we have. We both understand the conflicts we have.

But we also both understand that there really is no other alternative for both of us but to engage and to improve our communications and to improve our military-to-military relationships," he told defence ministers, senior defence officials and scholars at the multilateral forum. Panetta said it is natural for the two countries to have ups and

downs in the relations between their militaries. The United States is clear-eyed about the challenges but there will also be opportunities from closer relationship. The two countries have common challenges in areas like fighting piracy, too.

"I am personally committed to building a healthy, stable, reliable and continuous military-to-military relationship with China," he said. Panetta said he might be visiting China later in the summer, and that he was hoping for visits by some of the US military commanders to China to help improve the communication in regard to what the United States is doing in the Pacific. — Xinhua

Five bodies found in smoldering car in Arizona desert

PHOENIX, 3 June — The bodies of five people burned beyond recognition were found on Saturday inside a smoldering SUV in a desert between Phoenix and the Mexican border that is a popular route for smuggling migrants and drugs, a local sheriff said. The discovery came in the Vekol Valley in Pinal County, and investigators were looking for any possible suspect connected to the deaths, said Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu.

Early on Saturday, US Border Patrol agents spotted a white Ford Explorer in the area that was parked off the side of Interstate 8, Babeu said. When the agents tried to approach the sport utility vehicle, its driver sped away into the darkness and the agents lost track of it and issued a request for other law enforcement to look for the SUV, Babeu said. After dawn, Border Patrol agents found tracks from the vehicle that led into the desert away from Interstate 8, and they followed those markings to arrive at the smoldering SUV. Inside the rear bed of the SUV and the back seat were the bodies of five people who had evidently been killed, Babeu said.



Pinal County, Arizona, Sheriff's photograph shows a burnt SUV which had bodies of five people burned beyond recognition in Vekol Valley is about 35 miles south of Phoenix, Arizona in this 2 June, 2012 photograph. — REUTERS

"The bodies are so badly burned that we can't ascertain their race, colour, nationality or even their gender," he said. "Clearly these five individuals were killed. We believe it's related to drug activity." The Pinal County Sheriff's Office is leading the probe with assistance from federal agents, and 10 investigators are in the area searching for more evidence or any possible suspect, Babeu said. The dry and barren Vekol Valley is about 35 miles south of Phoenix and about 70 miles north of the border with Mexico. It is often used as a passageway for the smuggling of migrants and drugs to other parts of the United States from Mexico. — Reuters

Italian sailors freed on bail in India murder case

ROME, 3 June — Italian sailors charged with murdering two Indian fishermen were released on bail on Saturday to await trial, one step closer to the climax of a major diplomatic row between Rome and New Delhi. An Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman said the two marines, Massimiliano Latorre and Salvatore Gironi, had moved to a hotel in the

port city of Kochi in the western Indian state of Kerala, where they are obliged to stay under conditions of their bail.

An Indian court on 30 May set bail at 10 million Indian rupees (\$178,900) each and said Latorre and Gironi would not be allowed to leave Kochi for the duration of the trial, set to begin on 18 June. Prime Minister Mario Monti expressed "great satisfaction" for the release of the two sailors, but added that his real hope was to get them home. "The final conclusion that we are seeking," Monti said in a statement "is the return in Italy of our marines."

The sailors were part of a military security team protecting the cargo ship *Enrica Lexie* from pirate attacks when they opened fire on the fishermen's boat off the coast of Kerala on 15 February. Italian officials say the men mistook the fishermen for pirates. The incident has soured relations between Italy and India, with Rome insisting that India does not have jurisdiction to try the sailors because the shooting occurred in international waters and as part of an international anti-piracy effort.

The Indian government says it is a matter for the courts to decide and it will not intervene in the judicial process.

Reuters



Italian sailors Massimiliano Latorre (L) and Salvatore Gironi sit in a police vehicle after they appeared in court in the southern Indian city of Kochi on 2 June, 2012. — REUTERS

Cargo plane crashes in Ghana's capital Accra, killing at least 10

ACCRA, 3 June — A cargo plane crashed in Ghana's capital Accra on Saturday evening and slammed into a minivan loaded with passengers, killing at least 10 people, airport officials said. The plane hit a mini-bus outside the El Wak Stadium, less than 10 km from the Kotoka International Airport when it was trying to touch down at the airport, *Xinhua* correspondents learnt. Flight DHV III (Allied Air Cargo Aircraft) operating from Lagos of Nigeria to Accra overshot the runway on landing at 7:10 pm, said managing director of Ghana Airport Company Doreen Owusu Fianko. Four member crew survived and are receiving treatment at airport clinic, Fianko said.

The Boeing 727-200 aircraft collided with a mini van, resulting in 10 confirmed

fatalities, Fianko said, adding the bodies are placed at morgue of 37 Military Hospital. According to the company statement, the 10 deaths include one woman and nine men. The Allied Air Cargo is believed to be owned by a Nigerian company. It has no dangerous goods. It remains unknown how many passengers were on the minibus. Witnesses said an estimated number of 27 people were on board the bus.

However, one military soldier who is unwilling to be named at the scene told *Xinhua* that there are 24 people in the passenger bus which started from 37 military Lary Park station and that all them died in the accident. The reason why the plane was crashed is not clear, but on Saturday it was raining in Accra, and the visibility was not good. Ambulances are at the scene which is cordoned off by the police. — *Xinhua*



Rescuers work at the site of plane crash in Accra, Ghana, on 2 June, 2012. A cargo plane crashed outside the El Wak Stadium, less than 10 km from the Accra airport in the capital of Ghana, around 8 pm local time on Saturday. — XINHUA

Pirates attack Greek oil tanker off Nigeria: IMB

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 June — 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. The tanker was anchored off Lagos when armed pirates boarded early on Friday, said Noel Choong, head of the IMB's piracy reporting centre in Kuala Lumpur. The 23 crew onboard managed to lock themselves into a safe room and sent out a distress call that was received by the IMB, which in turn alerted the Nigerian navy and other

warships patrolling the area, Choong said.

Safe rooms are increasingly used by shipping firms to protect crews and thwart pirate attacks. Choong said the pirates, likely aiming to steal the ship's cargo, abandoned their plan as they could not enter the safe room and urged crews of other ships off west Africa to be vigilant. "The area remains risky," he told AFP. "We urge all ships to maintain strict anti-piracy watches," he said. At least 21 attacks in the Gulf of Guinea off the west coast of Africa have taken place this year,

with four vessels hijacked, according to Choong.

Two seafarers have been killed, two injured and three kidnapped, he said. Nigeria, Africa's largest oil producer, was targeted in 13 out of the 21 attacks, Choong said. Unlike in hijackings off the coast of Somalia on the opposite side of the continent, west African gangs have not sought ransoms, instead unloading cargo onto other ships to sell on the black market. Nigeria and nearby Benin launched joint patrols last year to address the problem. — *Internet*

Army drops one charge against soldier accused in Afghan massacre

SEATTLE, 3 June — The US Army on Friday dropped one of the murder charges against the soldier originally accused of killing 17 Afghan villagers in March, reducing the number of murder counts to 16 due to the double-counting of one of the dead, officials said. The amended complaint now also accuses Staff Sergeant Robert Bales of wrongfully possessing and using steroids and unlawfully consuming alcohol while deployed. The 11 March mass shooting in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan further eroded US-Afghan relations, already frayed by a decade of war.

Army Lieutenant Colonel Gary Dangerfield, a spokesman for Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state where Bales was assigned, said the reduction in the number of murder counts stems from the fact that one of the dead Afghan villagers was double counted. "You had the same

name twice," he said. Initial reports from Afghanistan had put the death toll at 16 people, despite the Army's original decision to charge Bales with 17 counts of murder. The number of murder counts was reduced to 16 only after "extensive interviews of family members" of those shot to confirm there were 16 dead and not 17, Dangerfield said.

Bales, a decorated veteran of four combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, was initially charged with killing eight adults and nine children and with six counts each of assault and attempted murder for attacking two other adults and four children. Dangerfield could not immediately say how many children might be included among the dead from the amended 16 murder counts, and newly filed charging documents did not provide details on that. Bales is accused of walking off his base under cover of darkness

and opening fire at civilians in their homes in at least two villages in the Panjwai district of Kandahar. A Seattle-based attorney for Bales, John Henry Browne, did not return calls.

In the new charging documents, Bales is also accused of burning several bodies of Afghan villagers. The six counts of attempted murder against Bales remain unchanged in the amended complaint. But the newly filed documents also add a count of assault, which brings the total number of those counts to seven, from the previous six.

The new allegation involves an incident from February, the month before the mass shooting, in which Bales is accused of using his hands and knees to "unlawfully strike" a male Afghan whose name is unknown, according to the charging documents. Bales is also accused of destroying a laptop computer. — *Reuters*

Rio closes its massive Jardim Gramacho dump

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 June — One of the world's largest open-air landfills, a vast, seaside mountain of trash where thousands of people have made a living sorting through the debris by hand, will close this weekend after 34 years in malodorous service. Long a symbol of ill-conceived urban planning and environmental negligence, Rio de Janeiro's Jardim Gramacho dump is

being transformed into a vast facility that will harness the greenhouse gases generated by the rotting rubbish and turn them into fuel capable of heating homes and powering cars. Environmentalists had blamed Gramacho for the high levels of pollution in Rio's once pristine Guanabara Bay, where tons of run-off from the garbage had leaked.

Less clear is what will

happen to the more than 1,700 people who worked at the site, scaling hills of fresh, fly-and-vulture-covered trash to pluck recyclable plastic, paper and metal from the 9,000 tons of detritus once dumped there daily. Known as "catadores" in Portuguese, the trash pickers will receive a lump-sum payout from the city, but there's no place for them at Gramacho's replacement, the high-tech Seropedica dump, where most of the Marvelous City's garbage is already being sent.

When you first get here, you're like, 'Ick, I don't know if I can do this,' but then you get used to it and you make friends and you find it's good work," said Lorival Francisco dos Santos, a 46-year-old from Brazil's impoverished northeast who spent 13 years at the landfill. — *Internet*



A man collects recyclable materials on the last day of the Jardim Gramacho landfill in Rio de Janeiro on 31 May, 2012. — *INTERNET*



An installation artist puts final touches on the new exhibit of a replica of a Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton inside a crocodile farm in Pasay city, metro Manila on 2 June, 2012. — *REUTERS*

British soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 3 June — A British soldier was shot dead while on patrol in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence said on Saturday, becoming the 416th to be killed since military operations started in 2001.

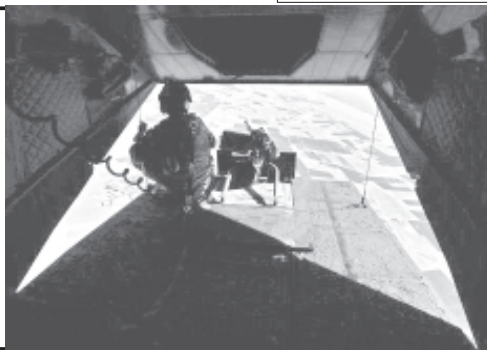
The soldier from 1st Battalion, The Royal Welsh, was on a foot patrol in Nahr-e Saraj District in Helmand Province when it came under small arms fire on Friday.

"He was fatally wounded and despite immediate medical attention could not be saved," the ministry said in a statement, adding that his family had been informed.

Britain has around 9,500 troops in Afghanistan, mainly based in Helmand where they are battling a Taliban insurgency. Britain intends to pull out all its combat troops by 2015.

Internet

A soldier mans his position at the rear of a British helicopter as it is flown over the Helmand Province of Afghanistan in 2010. A British soldier was shot dead while on patrol in the region, becoming the 416th to be killed since military operations started in 2001. — *INTERNET*



Argentine official denies devaluation planned

BUENOS AIRES, 3 June — A top Argentine official denied on Friday that the government plans to devalue the peso amid rumours that drastic official actions are looming. "We are not going to take any explosive measures," Deputy Economy Minister Axel Kicillof said at a news conference. Argentina's economy is under pressure from rising inflation and slowing trade, and people have been increasingly trading their pesos for US dollars to shelter their earnings.

Currency controls aimed at reducing rampant tax evasion have fueled anxiety about the economy, accelerating capital flight and discouraging investment.

After years of booming

growth, businesses of all kinds are slowing down. Kicillof insisted Argentina is well-positioned to confront these challenges, with nearly \$47 billion in central bank reserves, more than enough to meet a \$2.3 billion bond payment due in August.

He raised the issue as he accused opposition news media of trying to instill panic in a population that remembers losing two-thirds of its wealth a decade ago when the government tried to avert economic collapse by limiting what people could withdraw from their savings, and then devalued the currency.

Wealthy Argentines with overseas accounts were able to get their money out of the country ahead of that

devaluation, but many others lost their life savings overnight. Since then, many Argentines have tried to keep their money outside banks and beyond the reach of tax agents, dumping pesos for dollars whenever they can.

"This is not 2001," Kicillof said, waving a copy of a newspaper that alleged Friday that he was lobbying President Cristina Fernandez to "de-dollarize" the economy.

The supposed plan described by El Cronista Comercial would summarily change dollar-denominated contracts into pesos at official exchange rates after the August bond payment, trapping the wealth of the middle and upper classes inside Argentina.

Internet

Free doughnuts on National Doughnut Day

North Carolina-based chain Krispy Kreme is marking National Doughnut Day by offering free doughnuts to all customers.

The company created a Facebook event page saying "participating stores" nationwide will be giving customers a free doughnut of any variety with no purchase necessary, *Time* magazine reported.

Meanwhile, competing chain Dunkin' Donuts is offering a free doughnut with the purchase of any beverage at participating stores, and Canada-based chain Tim Horton's is offering a coupon for a free doughnut at any US location on its Facebook page.

The holiday was started by the Salvation Army in 1938 to honour volunteers who handed out doughnuts to soldiers on the front lines during World War I.



Dressed as doughnuts, Mardi Gras revelers calling themselves the Krewe of Krispy Kreme roam New Orleans' historic French Quarter during the city's pre-Lenten party.

93-year-old man competing as sprinter

A North Dakota man who began competing in track and field events when he was 72 said he will compete in this year's Minnesota Senior Games at the age of 93.

Harold Bach of Dickinson, ND, said he is traveling to Mankato, Minn., this weekend to sprint in the 50, 100, 200 and 400-metre dash events, the *Mankato Free*

Press reported.

Bach said he had never tried track and field until he became curious about some events while watching friends compete in a race

called the Senior Olympics.

"I watched several races," he said, "and I got to wondering how I would fare."

Organizers said up to 400 seniors are expected to participate in this year's Minnesota Senior Games.

News Album

Morgan Freeman takes TV viewers into a "Wormhole"



US actor Morgan Freeman receives his trophy for Category "International Lifetime Achievement" during the 47th Golden Camera award ceremony in Berlin on 4 Feb, 2012. —REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 3 June—Oscar winner Morgan Freeman turns 75-years-old on 1 June, but he's not slowing down a bit. This summer he'll be seen in the blockbuster Batman movie "The Dark Knight Rises," and he is currently shooting sci-fi epic "Oblivion" with Tom Cruise.

But somewhere in his busy schedule, he finds time for his pet project, television show "Through the Wormhole with Morgan Freeman," which begins its third season on the SCIENCE channel on 6 June. Freeman is executive producer and host of the series.

With episodes entitled "What is Nothing?" and "Can We Resurrect the Dead?" filmmakers interview physicists, biologists, astronomers and other academics who explore cutting edge theories on many of life's big questions.

Freeman spoke with *Reuters* recently about the show.

Q: You tackle some provocative questions. Where do your ideas come from?

A: "They come through a whole bunch of us. Sometimes you wake up in the middle of the night or are just lying there and something occurs to you, 'what if?' or 'Why can't we?' And you just pose the question at sessions and toss them around—sessions with writers, producers directors. We go to the scientists to get their input—all these people who've been thinking about these questions. You can always find someone who's thinking about some question you want to ask."

Q: What question do you want to deal with most on the show?

A: "I keep asking one. Is there a difference—I maintain that there is—between space and the universe? In other words, scientists at the Hubble (space telescope) say that the universe is expanding. And if the universe is expanding, there has to be something for it to expand into. It's going out into what?"

Q: One upcoming episode is entitled, "Did We Invent God?" You played God in the movie "Evan Almighty." So, did we?

A: "If you're going to say you create something from nothing, then where does God come from? I come down on the side of you, can't create something from nothing. I think the universe is not a living entity. I don't think there's an end to it. Even though Hubble says it's expanding, I think at some point the expansion of energy will run out, and it will begin to collapse because as it expands it creates nothingness somewhere and this your black hole."

Q: There is another episode on gene therapy and whether or not there is a superior race.

A: "It is a delicate dance but it's not really if you realize that it's almost an unanswerable question. We were talking about possibly genetically manipulating the human race for specific things, particularly the idea of space travel. If you do create a superior group, you won't have a race, you'll just have a group. We can genetically alter ourselves for specifics, but I don't think that will make us superior."

Q: The episode speaks specifically in terms of IQ.

A: "I think IQ tests don't mean anything. If you put me down in the Serengeti (region of Africa) with the Maasai (people) and tested me on what they know, I'd fail miserably."

Q: One show explores the notion of the universe as a bio-organism of which we're only a small part. What are your thoughts on that subject?

A: "You think of what exactly is the universe and how far does our imagination go in shaping the universe. When you think about what we're made of—atoms and smaller particles that make up atoms, etc.—who's to say that we're not just part of a larger life force?"

Q: Do you draw conclusions, or is it more important to keep asking questions?

A: "I think it's valuable. But the main thing is I'm enjoying the daylights out of it. It's one of those things that really sparks the imagination." —*Reuters*

Grammy award-winning singer Adele



Cooper, Saldana back together?

NEW YORK, 3 June—Actors Bradley Cooper and Zoe Saldana have reportedly rekindled their love affair.



Actors Bradley Cooper and Zoe Saldana

Cooper and Saldana were spotted enjoying an intimate dinner date in New York.

They looked "pretty engaged" while dining together at Mexican restaurant Empelon Cocina in Manhattan's East Village, an eyewitness told nypost.com.

"It looked a little more friendly than a business meeting," added the source. The actor was first rumoured to be dating Saldana when they were spotted ringing in 2012 together.

Internet

Brand shares kiss with Baldwin in 'Rock of Ages'

LOS ANGELES, 3 June—British comedian Russell Brand has revealed that he shares a kiss with co-star Alec Baldwin in their new movie "Rock of Ages".

"I get to kiss Alec Baldwin. He is (a good kisser). It is right on the mouth. It is sexy because Alec is a sexy man. I certainly don't regret (kissing him). I'd do it again if there was a sequel—or even if there wasn't," people.com quoted Brand as saying.

Brand also shares screen space with the film's lead actor Tom Cruise, but has no kissing scene with him. However, he is all praise for him.

"You'd think if

(someone) were the biggest movie star in the world, they wouldn't be so interested in other people, but he's very interested and caring. He really cares about what he does. He's a serious guy but very sweet. He's a joy to be around," Brand said.

Internet



British comedian Russell Brand, co-star Alec Baldwin. —INTERNET



Singer Beyonce Knowles

Beyonce lends voice in animated movie

LOS ANGELES, 3 June—Singer Beyonce Knowles has been roped in to lend her voice in an animated film titled "Epic".

The 30-year-old R&B superstar will voice the character of Queen Tara, reports contactmusic.com.

Knowles has joined the likes of Colin Farrell, Amanda Seyfried, Johnny Knoxville, Jason Sudeikis, Steven Tyler and Josh Hutcherson, who have signed the project.

Directed by Chris Wedge of "Ice Age" fame, the film follows the story of a teenage girl who, after finding herself magically dropped into a secret universe, teams up with a unique group of characters to help save the world.

The animated movie is slated to hit theatres on 24 May next year.

Internet

Adele's tunes inspire Stewart

LONDON, 3 June—Grammy award-winning singer Adele's songs helped actress Kristen Stewart to get into character for her title role in movie "Snow White And The Huntsman".

Stewart says she heard Adele's albums "19" and "21" to perfect her role, reports thesun.co.uk.

"The extremes of her emotion—like when she's got levity and she's got light, she's so light. But when she's down it's devastating, and it just reminded me of the movie. I just love her," said Stewart.

Adele already has celebrity fans in Julia Roberts, Chris Martin and Tinie Tempah.

Internet

Welbeck earns England win over Belgium

Man Utd striker makes it two wins from two matches for manager

Roy Hodgson

LONDON, 3 June—Roy Hodgson maintained his unbeaten start as England manager following a 1-0 win against Belgium at Wembley Stadium in his final friendly match before Euro 2012. Striker Danny Welbeck scored the only goal of the game nine minutes before half-time as England were fully tested by a skilful and adept Belgian side, who dominated possession for large periods of the match.

England lost Gary Cahill

in the 19th minute when the Chelsea centre-back was forced to withdraw with a facial injury, with Everton's Joleon Lescott coming off the substitutes' bench to slot alongside Chelsea captain John Terry.

The hosts took the lead against the run of play in the 36th minute when they capitalised on a mistake by Moussa Dembele in midfield, allowing forward Ashley Young to play the ball through for Manchester

United team-mate Welbeck to finish precisely past Sunderland goalkeeper Simon Mignolet.

The visitors continued to play flowing football after the interval and full-back Guillaume Gillet clattered the outside of Joe Hart's post with a fine long-range effort 12 minutes from full-time as Belgium pushed forward in search of an equaliser. Substitute Jermain Defoe also hit the woodwork for England minutes later as England held on for their second 1-0 victory in a week. They play their first Euro 2012 group match against France in Donetsk on 11 June.— *Internet*



Manchester United's Danny Welbeck scored the only goal with a well-judged chip.— *INTERNET*

Surprise package Levin in control at Memorial

DUBLIN, (Ohio), 3 June — American journeyman Spencer Levin stole the limelight from four-times champion Tiger Woods at the Memorial tournament on Saturday, twice chipping in to grab a one-shot lead in a wind-buffed third round. In pursuit of his first PGA Tour

victory, Levin survived a few anxious moments on the back nine to card a three-under-par 69 and take control of the event hosted by golfing great Jack Nicklaus. The 27-year-old shrugged off bogeys at the 12th and 16th, then sank a clutch par putt from 14 feet at the 17th to post an eight-under total of 208 at Muirfield Village Golf Club.

"I don't know if I could have done much better," said Levin, whose round was one of only three better than 70 as winds gusted up to 35 mph. "I had some really good breaks, so I'll take it. I played pretty solid. This is what I've dreamed of... to be in the lead of a tournament, especially Jack's tournament. "This is one of the biggest tournaments on the tour. You couldn't put yourself in a better position."— *Reuters*



Spencer Levin watches his tee shot on the 14th hole during the third round of the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio, on 2 June, 2012.

REUTERS

Nadal advances to 4th round at French Open

PARIS, 3 June — Rafael Nadal reached the final 16 at French Open with a 6-1, 6-3, 6-4 win over Eduardo Schwank of Argentina on Saturday, making sure he would be in a happy mood to celebrate his birthday.

The second seed and defending champion, who will turn 26 on Sunday, blasted 32 winners to wear down Schwank in 136 minutes.— *Xinhua*



Rafael Nadal

Sharapova powers into final 16 at French Open

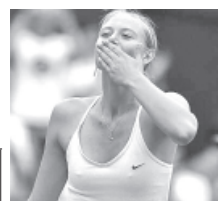
PARIS, 3 June — Second seed Maria Sharapova swept past China's Peng Shuai 6-2, 6-1 to reach the fourth round of French Open on Saturday. The Russian girl fired 27 winners to complete the match in 66 minutes, continuing her chase for the Grand Slam title that still eluded her. In the final 16, she will next face Czech veteran Klara Zakopalova who put out Russian 22nd seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-3, 7-5.

"I came in knowing that I was facing a tough opponent who has beaten me before and against who I have played three sets," said Sharapova. "She can really play, hits the ball really well,

so I tried to keep her moving, tried to get her on the run, and I thought that was really important, especially against her," she said.

Peng, who had her left hand and right leg injured prior to the French Open, said she was tormented during the match. "Due to the injuries I am suffering, everybody knows that I had no chance to win, and if it had not been the French Open, I would have pulled out," she said.

Xinhua



Maria Sharapova

Lambert moves from Norwich to Villa

Aston Villa appoint former Canaries manager as their new boss

LONDON, 3 June—Aston Villa have confirmed that they have appointed former Norwich City manager Paul Lambert as their new boss. The Scot fills the role which has been vacant since compatriot Alex McLeish left Villa Park on 14th May. Lambert, 42, oversaw an impressive rise in Norwich's fortunes after joining in August 2009. He took them to two successive promotions which saw them rise from League One to the Barclays Premier League.

And the Canaries impressed on their return to top-flight action, finishing in 12th place in the table in 2011/12. Villa had a disappointing campaign,



Paul Lambert (left) fills the role vacated by former Aston Villa boss Alex McLeish.— *INTERNET*

finishing 16th and only two points above the relegation zone after winning seven of their 38 Barclays Premier League matches. In a statement on their website,

Villa said: "The Board of Aston Villa are delighted to confirm that Paul Lambert has been appointed Villa manager."

Internet

Farah to focus on 10,000m at London Olympics

EUGENE, (Oregon), 3 June — Great Britain's Mo Farah says he is targeting the 10,000 metres at the London Olympics and will wait to see how he feels before deciding whether to go for a double in the 5,000. "I am going to run the 10,000 for sure because it is the first race," Farah said after winning the 5,000 at the Diamond League's Prefontaine Classic on Saturday. "I will see how I feel after that. It depends how I come off in the 10,000. I would like to be fresh and not have any niggles."

Last year Farah doubled at the World Championships in Daegu, winning gold in the 5,000m and silver in the 10,000m. Both races were determined by sprints to the finish in the home straight. Farah showed Saturday that he has the fitness

to maintain a quick pace, winning in a time of 12min 56.98secs in front of a crowd of more than 12,000 at Hayward

Field. Isaiah Kiplangat Koech of Kenya was second in 12:57.63 and American Galen Rupp finished third in 12:58.90.



Mo Farah of Great Britain waves to the crowd after winning the 5000m at the Samsung Diamond League Prefontaine Classic at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon. Farah says he is targeting the 10,000 metres at the London Olympics and will wait to see how he feels before deciding whether to go for a double in the 5,000.— *INTERNET*

Reigning Olympic gold medalist and world record holder Kenenisa Bekele of Ethiopia finished fourth in 13:01.48.

"The crowd got behind me. I was really pleased. It was awesome," the 29-year-old Farah said. "It was kind of an up and down pace. I started reasonably good then slowed down in the middle and then towards the end I picked it up again."

"The conditions were a little windy today so I wasn't as perfect as what I wanted. But at the end of the day, I think the most important thing was to get a win under my belt." It is going to be a whirlwind summer for Farah. Not only will he compete in the Olympics in August but his wife is expecting twins in mid-September.— *Internet*

Lewis builds commanding LPGA lead

GALLOWAY, 3 June — Stacy Lewis carded a second-straight six-under par 65 to seize a six-shot lead going into the final round of the LPGA ShopRite Classic. Lewis, who shared the overnight lead with Japan's Mika Miyazato, had eight birdies to off-set a double-bogey six at the sixth hole. Her 36-hole total of 12-under par 130 matched the tournament record set by Amy Benz in 1996 and matched by Denise Killeen in 2004.

Lewis had a comfortable cushion in the 54-hole event over Sweden's Anna Nordqvist, who posted a four-under 67 for 136. Nordqvist's six birdies included three in a row from the 11th. Paula Creamer and So Yeon Ryu, the last two winners of the US women's Open, were in a group on 137.



Stacy Lewis hits her tee shot on the 13th hole during the second round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic on the Bay Course at Seaview Resort in Galloway, New Jersey. *INTERNET*

Ryu carded a 67 on the Bay Course at the Seaview resort, while Creamer posted a 70. They were joined at five-under by Australian Katherine Hull, who posted a 66 and Spain's Azahara Munoz, who carded a 68. World number one Yani Tseng was in a quartet of players on 138.

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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- * Home-Grown Treasure (Part-1)
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- * Music Programme
- * News
- * Taste of Myanmar (Coconut Milk Noodle)
- * News
- * Fortune of Human Correlated with Astro Science "Transit of Venus, June 2012"
- * News
- * Mare Education Consultancy
- * Memorable Visit to Inle Lake & Unforgettable Stay Hupin Hotel
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- * Cultural Heritage
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- * A Shining Music Star
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- * Top International Fashion Galleria
- * Yangon
- * Myanmar Movie "I miss you painfully"

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(4-6-2012) (Monday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Mingun Sayadaw
- Uppatahsandi paritta
- 7:40 am
- 2. Programme in honour of "Full Moon Day of Nayon"
- 8:15 am
- 3. Health Programme
- 8:40 am
- 4. International News
- 4:10 pm
- 5. Dance Variety
- 4:25 pm
- 6. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 4:30 pm
- 7. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Zoology)
- 4:45 pm
- 8. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
- 9. Myanmar Language
- 6:00 pm
- 10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 11. Weather Report
- 7:00 pm
- 12. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 13. News
- 14. World's Stars
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 16. India Drama Series

Phelps, Schmitt shine with trials looming



Michael Phelps, seen here on 12 May, has won the 400 meter medley as club-mate Allison Schmitt stole the show at the Longhorn Elite Invitational.

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NEW YORK, 3 June—Michael Phelps, swimming his last warm-up meet before the US Olympic trials, won the 400 meter medley as club-mate Allison Schmitt

stole the show at the Longhorn Elite Invitational. Phelps won the medley in 4:15.88, almost a second ahead of Chase Kalisz, another of his North Baltimore Aquatics teammates. Schmitt, the 2008 Olympic bronze medallist, set a US Open and pool record with a time of 1:55.04 in the 200m free, eight-hundredths outside the American record she set in Rome in 2009. It was the second-fastest time in the world this year.

"I feel like I have been on schedule this year, but there's no way I expected to swim this fast at this meet," Schmitt said.

Internet

Highway pileups kill 11 in east China

NANJING, 3 June—At least 11 people were dead and 19 others were injured, five seriously, in seven highway pileups caused by heavy fog that occurred Sunday morning in east China's Jiangsu Province.

The pileups happened between 5:20 and 5:40 am on the Yancheng section of the Shenyang-Haikou Expressway. A total of 19 vehicles were damaged, one of which leaked trace amounts of phenol.

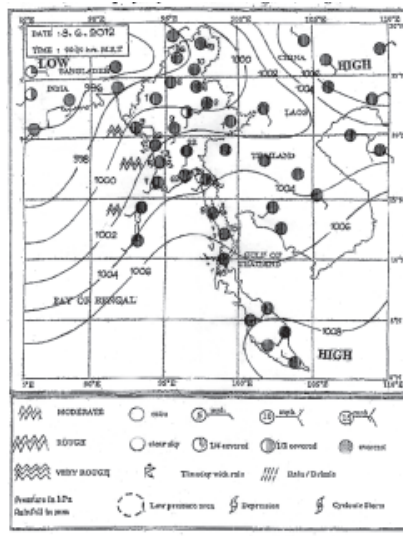
The local environmental department examined the leak



The truck driver is stuck in the cab after a traffic accident on the Shenhai Highway in Yancheng, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 3 June, 2012.—Xinhua

and said it did not result in any serious pollution. Traffic had resumed on the highway as of Sunday afternoon.—Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 4th June, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30.86	24.75	Widened rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
2	Kayah	29.84	21.70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayah	29.84	22.72	Widened rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	28.88	15.69	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sgaw	28.84	24.75	Widened rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sgaw	34.93	24.75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	28.82	24.75	Widened rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
8	Bago	29.84	23.73	Widened rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	31.88	23.73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	36.97	25.77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mou	30.86	23.73	Widened rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
12	Yangon	31.88	22.72	Widened rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
13	Rakhine	28.82	24.75	Widened rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	25.77	18.64	Fairly widened rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	31.88	23.73	Fairly widened rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	30.86	22.72	Fairly widened rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	32.90	23.73	Widened rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32.90	23.73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31.88	22.72	Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavy at times	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36.97	25.77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sgaw Region and Kayah State, scattered in Mandalay, Magway Regions and Shan State, fairly widened in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine State and widened in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Yangon Region and Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Mou State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Thabeik (1.83) inches, Mawlaik (1.08) inches, Kyaukpadaung (1.38) inches and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.43).

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Conditions of strong monsoon.

Sudan outplay African champs Zambia in World Cup

ABIDJAN, 3 June—African champions Zambia lost in Sudan, Ivory Coast made a winning start under a new coach, and Senegal overcame two shocks to defeat Liberia in 2014 World Cup qualifiers Saturday. Zambia swept aside Sudan in the 2012 Africa Cup of Nations quarter-finals with France-born coach Herve Renard saying the losers played "sleep-inducing" football.

But the Sudanese Falcons were wide awake for the Group D clash in sweltering Khartoum, dominating from the kick-off to the final whistle with second-half goals from Mohamed Tahir and Saifeldin Ali securing a 2-0 victory.

Renard, reportedly being paid 100,000 dollars a month with the goal of taking Chipolopollo (Copper

Bullets) to the World Cup finals for the first time, had premonitions before flying to Khartoum. "I'm really sure we are not the best team in Africa ... there are some teams that are stronger than us and we know that... we have to be very, very good to go to the World Cup," he told the BBC before matchday one across Africa.

And it does not get any easier for Zambia, who edged Ivory Coast on penalties to win the African title, with a 9 June home fixture against Ghana, who humiliated Lesotho 7-0 Friday in a match interrupted by a power failure.

Former France international Sabri Lamouchi, put in charge of Ivory Coast this week despite no coaching experience, saw the Elephants overcome 10-man Tanzania 2-0 in Group C match via



Ivory Coast's Salomon Kalou (R) fights for the ball with Tanzania's Nditi Shabani Mussa during a World Cup 2014 qualification match at the Felix Houphouet Boigny stadium in Abidjan. Ivory Coast won 2-0.

INTERNET

goals from Salomon Kalou and Didier Drogba.

Chelsea Champions League hero Drogba, who blazed a penalty over in regulation time of the final

against Zambia, struck a free kick against the woodwork in Abidjan and scored the second goal after Aggrey Morris was red carded.

Internet

India cosmetic queen shows no sign of abdicating

NEW DELHI, 3 June—Shahnaz Husain was a bored Indian housewife when she spotted a gap in the beauty-treatment market and single-handedly set about building a global corporate empire.

More than 40 years on, Husain presides over a private company selling more than 250 products in 60 countries and is feted as one of India's leading business gurus and a rare example of female success in its commercial sector.

"It's not what you want, but how much you want it," is her advice to budding entrepreneurs. Renowned for her forthright style and glamorous appearance, Husain constructed her empire using a system of franchises that enabled her to ride the wave of ayurvedic treatments



Indian cosmetics businesswoman Shahnaz Husain speaks during an interview in New Delhi.

INTERNET

becoming fashionable around the world. Ayurveda, which originated in India, aims to restore balance in the mind and body through herbal therapy, diet and massage. Its lucrative com-mercialisation is sometimes criticised by doctors in India, who believe it is a scienti-fically proven holistic approach to health, but Husain has no such qualms.

Internet

Australian rowing legend Free retires

SYDNEY, 3 June — Australia's four-time Olympian Duncan Free has announced his retirement from rowing after succumbing to a long-term rib injury, Rowing Australia said on Sunday.

The 2008 Olympic gold medallist in the men's pair was attempting to compete at his fifth Games in London next month but has been troubled by the ongoing rib cartilage issue.

Free, 39, who was hit by a car while cycling last year, said although it was a tough decision to quit he was bowing out proud of his rowing career.

"I am quite proud that I was able to come back from the accident and trial for the Olympic Team, as 12 months ago I was unsure if I would

ever be able to row again," Free said in a statement from the Australian Institute of Sport's European Training Centre in Italy. "I gave it my best crack and hung in there for as long as I could, but the body couldn't keep up as we were running out of time."

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Australia's four-time Olympian Duncan Free (L), seen here in 2007, has announced his retirement from rowing after succumbing to a long-term rib injury, Rowing Australia said on Sunday.

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First Chin State Hluttaw emergency meeting 2/2012 held

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—The first Chin State Hluttaw held emergency meeting No. 2/2012 on 1 June morning, attended by State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai, State Hluttaw Speaker U Hauk Khin Kham and 19 Hluttaw representatives.

During the meeting, the state chief minister proposed the

formation of district, which was discussed by 15 Hluttaw representatives. The Hluttaw approved to form new Haka District with Haka, Thantlang townships and Falam District with Falam, Tiddim and Tunzan townships.

The state chief minister also submitted a proposal for upgrading



First Chin State Hluttaw emergency meeting 2/2012 in progress.—MNA

of Sami Village-tract in Paletwa Township, Mindat District to sub-township level, which was discussed by five representatives.

The Hluttaw passed the

proposal. State Planning and Economic Minister U Yam Man submitted the list of state/district/township project implementation committees, approved by the Hluttaw.—MNA



By HKA

Yadanarbon sweep April-May awards



Brazilian Borges.

(Courtesy:

Yadanarbon FC)

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Yadanarbon FC boss Jose Alves Borges and skipper Yan Paing were named as Myanmar National League's Manager and Player of the Month for their excellent performance in two successive months reported MNL official web site Saturday.

The head coach and the

Myanmar U-22 to play friendlies ahead of AFC U-22 Championship Qualifier

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Myanmar U-22 play against senior team at Thuwanna Youth Training Camp in Yangon on 9 May, announced MNL official web site Saturday.

The special friendly between youth team in camp training under Korean head coach Park Seong-Hua for AFC U-22 Championship 2013 Qualifier and the senior outfit in preparation for first stage of 2012 Asian Cup Qualifier and AFF Suzuki Cup 2012 is due to play at 4 pm.

The U-22 also play friendlies with Thai and

Maldives counterparts in Thailand on 17 and 19 May.

The confirmed squad for the qualifier will be announced after the friendlies.

The team intended for 2013 SEA Games had undergone a three-week training in Korea during the previous month as well.

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Myanmar U-22 team in training. (Courtesy: MNL Official Site)

captain of the table toppers led the team to hit a five-match unbeatable streak in the two consecutive months, explained the awards selection committee.

Yadanarbon are leading the title race with only one point clear above close contenders Yangon United.

Yan Paing is a striker with high goal tally, scoring two decisive goals during

these months.

Borges impressed fans with with fantastic performance and encouraging results in the first season of his tenure as boss of Mandalayans.—NLM

CSCs issued to villagers in Myeik Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Under Moe Pwint-3 Plan, Staff Office U Nay Lin and staff of Myeik Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued Citizenship Scrutiny Cards at Basic Education Primary School of Yemyitkyi village in Sadawut village-tract in Myeik Townshi in Taninthayi yesterday.

A total of 223 villagers were issued CSCs on the field trip of the department. Myeik Township Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Moe Myint witnessed the issuance of the cards.—MNA

NPT, Yadanarbon share a point

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Yadanarbon were still at the top of the league table but ahead with only one point after a goalless draw away at Nay Pyi Taw FC's Paunglaung Stadium in Week 17 of Myanmar National League Saturday.

Table toppers influenced earlier in the match over the hosts who returned to the game with substitution of Korean player SIM for injured midfielder Zaw Lin.

The guests without skipper Yan Paing struggled to net in with a series of failed header attempts by striker Degen. The hosts outplayed Yadanarbon in second half but could not cut through solid defence of the Mandalay side.—NLM

Yangon General Hospital gets new 50-bed ward



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Queen Elizabeth to lead giant jubilee flotilla in London

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Cooper, Saldana back together?

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Orange launches own-brand Intel-powered San Diego smartphone

LONDON, 3 June—Orange to support launch of first Intel-powered smartphone in UK on 6 June with multi-million pound ad campaign.

Orange will launch the first smartphone to use an Intel processor in the UK on June 6 in the shape of own-branded handset the Orange San Diego.

The handset, which was originally called the Santa Clara when it was unveiled at Mobile World Congress in February, will be offered on prepay for £200 plus a £10

top up, with a 250MB per month data allowance free for the first 12 months.

It will also be available on two year contracts for £15.50 per month until July 25.

Orange said the San Diego will be supported by a multi-million pound marketing ad campaign across TV, outdoor, print and online.

The handset features a 1.6GHz Intel Atom processor, an 8-megapixel camera and a 4.03-inch capacitive touch screen.

It is made by Taiwan-based Gigabyte, a firm better known for producing PC motherboards.

The San Diego's home screen will feature quick links to an Orange Wednesdays app, a Your Orange app for managing an account and an Orange Gestures app, which allows users to control their phone with on-screen gestures.

Orange UK director of products and devices Paul Jevons said: "We're proud to be working with such an exciting partner as Intel, and offering our customers the first Orange Intel powered smartphone on the market.

"The San Diego is a great addition to our own-branded device portfolio, and is testament to our heritage in offering consumers great value innovation."

Intel has long

dominated the PC processor market, however most smartphones use processors based on designs from UK firm ARM because they have traditionally provided the better energy efficiency needed for mobile devices.

However, Intel is trying to build market share in mobile devices, and the San Diego is the first smartphone released in Europe to use their new range of more efficient chips.

Intel vice president and mobile and communications group general manager Mike Bell said: "Orange is truly a progressive operator who has its finger on the pulse on its customer base.

"The new Intel-based smartphone exemplifies Orange's focus on delivering a well executed product to its users, from the quality and feel of industrial design to the overall software and applications experience."—Internet

