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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.

Myanmar working hard for success of green economy and green development, new environmental conservation concept of present in line with policy and laws

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed World Environment Day 2012 commemorative ceremony at Myanmar International Convention Centre here this morning.

The ceremony was also attended by Chairman of Environmental Conservation Committee Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union ministers, deputy ministers, members of the committee, resident representatives of United Nations Development Programme and UN agencies, departmental heads, winners in WED commemorative contests and guests.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said in his address that the World Environment Day, which was initiated by world leaders then for environmental conservation at Stockholm of Sweden on 5 June 1972, turns 40 today.

Today, Rio de Janeiro of Brazil hosts World Environment Day. The country hosted The Rio Earth Summit, a UN summit for environmental conservation and development 20 years ago in 1992.

The agreement on UN climate change and biodiversity conventions was reached, Green Gross International was founded and Agenda-21 was adopted at the summit as well.

The objective of Rio+20 Conference that starts on 20 June in the same city is to assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of Agenda-21, reconstitution of organizations, to create brighter future of the world, to adopt policies on sustainable development which is high on the agenda to be discussed by Myanmar and international leaders.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets Pyithu Hluttaw committees, commission

Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets Pyithu Hluttaw committees and commission at Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker's Office in Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann held talks with Pyithu Hluttaw committees and commission at Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Office in Hluttaw Complex here this morning. It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairpersons, secretaries and members of Hluttaw committees and commission.

In his opening address, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said legislation was the main responsibility of the Hluttaw and thus Hluttaw committees, commission and MPs were to coordinate with each other to be able to enact laws necessary in the interests of the State and the people. Again, the State and the citizens needed to abide by the existing laws. People's representatives and the government elected by the people's representatives had to make sure in cooperation.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Time to quit gambling

Isn't it funny that citizens of a country threatened by poverty are having dreams of millionaire? Most of the rural people that form about two-thirds of the population still believe they could make easy money from gambling.

The workforce in farming industry was neglected for years. They eked out meagre livings on low incomes. It comes as no surprise to learn the gambling is a getaway for the improvised countrymen. They gambled away their farmlands that fell into the hands of the stretching monopoly of the rich.

Some even had to move on to pastures to flee heavy gambling debts.

Now, the government has devoted a great deal of time and effort to rural development and poverty alleviation tasks since taking office a year ago. Subsidies have been granted to the farmers and loans disbursed to the rural population. But the thing we need to make sure is that the money is not thrown around. In this regard, we would have a plenty of questions to answer. Where does the money go? Is it really helpful to the targeted grassroots? Is it big enough to help them out?

To help the rural population rise above poverty, we need to ensure that they do not lose their money hand over fist in gambling activities. Recent reports suggest Myanmar Police Force is taking rigorous actions against gambling around the country. It will take a considerable amount of time to crack down on this deeply rooted cancer of the country.

To make effective use of small loans in poverty reduction measures, the related institutions should grant the low-interest loans large enough to help the dwellers in countryside invest in their own business activities. If not, they will try the old escape route.

We used to say life is a game. We should fight back till the last blood. We should never throw into the tower. But it has nothing to do with gambling. If we work hard, we have wide-ranging chances to bear preferable outcomes. Thus, we should educate the poor population that they should not pin their hopes on two-digit or three-digit betting since it is an evil effect of years-long poverty.

If we take our country's bid for development as a game, we were losing to poverty for years but recent sweeping reforms lit our hopes. It is game on!

Dy H & T Minister receives delegation of All Nippon Airways

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June— Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung received a delegation of All Nippon Airways (ANA) Co Ltd at his office here today.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on launching direct flight from the Narita Airport in Tokyo to Yangon, development of tourism sector in Myanmar and further investment in hotel business in Myanmar.

The eight-member delegation was led by Mr Hayao Hora, Senior Executive Vice-President of ANA, Mr Mitsuo Tomita, Vice President of the ANA, Mr Minoru Honda, Director of ANA and Mr Toshinori Hamada, Director of ANA. —*MNA*

Union Construction Minister meets DHSHD staff

***Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint makes a speech meeting with staff of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint met staff of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development on Bogyoke Aung San Street, Yangon yesterday noon.

The Union Minister in his speech called for duty-consciousness of the staff, systematic implementation of urban development works, housing projects, and city plans and town plans and observance of code of conduct of staff.

Next, the deputy director-general, directors and deputy directors reported on progress in implementation of urban development works, housing projects and land reclamation works and future plans, followed by concluding remarks of the Union Minister.

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Union Mines Minister meets odd-job workers

***Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik views activities of gems companies.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, accompanied by Yangon Region Finance and Revenue Minister Daw San San Nwe and departmental officials, met 570 odd-job workers who got small loans at Gawthitayon Dhamma Beikman in No. 87 Ward of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon East District on 2 June.

Deputy Commissioner of Yangon East District U Hlaing Soe Than, the administrator of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township and ward administrators reported on disbursement and repayment of small loans by private micro credit associations. The region minister made supplementary report. The Union minister called for carrying out the activities systematically and supervision by officials. He also inspected progress in construction of No. 9 Primary School in No. 92 Ward.

The Union minister yesterday viewed activities of gems companies in joint venture with Myanma Gems Enterprise at Myanma Gems Museum (Yangon).

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Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction introduced

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—A ceremony to introduce Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction was held at Zabuthiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone yesterday afternoon with the aim of implementing Hyogo Framework for Action-HFA and ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response-AADMER.

Chairman of the Work Committee for Myanmar Natural Disaster Preparedness Management Committee Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe delivered an address.

Officials of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) explained drawing the plan of Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction and the secretary of the work committee, implementation of the plan.—*MNA*

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Road and bridge works on Yangon-Pyay Highway, Pathein-Monywa Road under maintenance

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint on 2 June morning inspected road and bridge works on Yangon-Pyay Highway and senior engineers in Thayawady District and Zigon Township.

He left instructions on tasks to proper flow of water at drains, maintenance of water courses and repairing of roads.

The deputy minister looked into maintenance of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nawade) and Pyay-Padaung-Okshitpin Road, maintenance of bridges on Pathein-Monywa (Okshitpin-Padan). At the construction site of Buyoechaung Bridge, he met the deputy superintending engineer and officers of Bridge Construction Special Group-6.

At Hlwa Creek Bridge construction site, he viewed progress of posts and approach structures of the bridge and approach bridge, completion of approach structure and piers of Mindon Creek Bridge, arrangements for construction of culvert on the road in Monywa and maintenance of Pathein-Monywa Road.

MNA

G7 to hold emergency euro zone talks, Spain top concern

TORONTO/BERLIN, 5 June — Finance chiefs of the Group of Seven leading industrialized powers will hold emergency talks on the euro zone debt crisis on Tuesday in a sign of heightened global alarm about strains in the 17-nation European currency area. With Greece, Ireland and Portugal all under international bailout programmes, financial markets are anxious about the risks from a seething Spanish banking crisis and a 17 June Greek election that may lead to Athens leaving the euro zone.

"Markets remain skeptical that the measures taken thus far are sufficient to secure the recovery in Europe and remove the risk that the crisis will deepen. So we obviously believe that more steps need to be taken," White House Press secretary Jay Carney told reporters. Canadian Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said ministers and central bankers of the United States, Canada, Japan, Britain, Germany, France and Italy would hold a special conference call, raising pressure on the Europeans to act.

"The real concern right now is Europe of course — the weakness in some of the banks in Europe, the fact they're undercapitalized, the fact the other European countries in the euro zone have not taken sufficient action yet to address those issues of undercapitalization of banks and building an adequate firewall," Flaherty told reporters. The disclosure of the normally confidential teleconference came as European Union paymaster

German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks with European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso at the start of their meeting at the Chancellery in Berlin, on 4 June, 2012. — REUTERS

Germany said it was up to Spain, the latest euro zone country in the markets' firing line, to decide if it needed financial assistance, after media reports that Berlin was pressing Madrid to request aid. German Chancellor Angela Merkel and leaders of her centre-right coalition said in a statement: "All the instruments are available to guarantee the safety of banks in the euro zone." They effectively ruled out Spanish calls to allow euro zone rescue funds to lend money directly to recapitalize Spanish banks, which are weighed down with bad property debts, without the government having to take a bailout programme.— *Reuters*

Japan PM urged to be cautious about nuclear restarts

TOKYO, 5 June — Nearly a third of Japan's ruling party lawmakers are petitioning Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda to be cautious about restarting nuclear reactors given safety concerns after last year's earthquake and tsunami, an organizer said on Tuesday. Noda, keen to restart two reactors in western Japan before electricity demand peaks this summer, could decide as early as this week to reconnect them to the grid — despite the risk of a backlash that would weaken his already sagging voter ratings.

"It is clear from surveys that the majority of the people think that we can survive this summer by conserving energy and transferring electricity among regions," said the petition, to be presented to Noda's government later in the day. "We urge you to consider the fact that there is insufficient agreement within the party and among the people and the feelings of the 160,000 victims of the disaster, and be all the more cautious about a decision to restart the reactors."

Nuclear power supplied nearly 30 percent of Japan's electricity needs before last year's earthquake and tsunami crippled the Fukushima plant in northeast Japan. But all of the country's 50 reactors have since been taken offline for checks. Noda on Monday stressed that restarting the idled reactors was vital not just to survive summer power shortages but also to avoid hurting the economy with higher electricity rates, a view commonly voiced by Japan's struggling manufacturers.

But Satoshi Arai, an ex-national strategy minister sponsoring the petition, said Noda had failed to meet conditions for resuming operations at the two Kansai Electric Power Co reactors at its Ohi plant in Fukui, western Japan. The government has been struggling to win support from local authorities for the restarts, but on Monday the governor of Fukui said the ball was in Noda's court.— *Reuters*

Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda speaks at a news conference to announce new cabinet members at his official residence in Tokyo, on 4 June, 2012.— REUTERS

Obama, Bill Clinton court New York elite to raise millions

Former US President Bill Clinton (L) and US President Barack Obama wave at a fundraiser, at the Waldorf Astoria in New York on 4 June, 2012 .— REUTERS

NEW YORK, 5 June — President Barack Obama enlisted Bill Clinton to campaign alongside him in New York on Monday, tapping the popular ex-president's star power to rake in cash for his re-election bid from Wall Street investors and show-business elite. The two men teamed up for the first time since Clinton put Obama's campaign on the defensive last week when he became the most prominent Democrat to disavow attacks on Republican challenger Mitt Romney's record as a private equity executive. But there was no sign of discord as Obama and Clinton put on a show of unity for a night of fundraising that included a reception with big-money donors, a gala at the Waldorf Astoria hotel, and a star-studded "Barack on Broadway" concert. The events raised more than $3.5 million. Although surrounded by supporters at events in the Big Apple, Obama has struggled to rekindle the enthusiasm of the Democratic base that swept him to victory last time. He acknowledged that he faces a difficult path to re-election and warned his audiences that hundreds of millions in Republican super political action committee fundraising would fuel negative advertising aimed at feeding "all those fears, anxieties" and frustration with the economy.

"That's basically the argument that the other side is making. They're not offering anything new, they're just saying, things are tough, it's Obama's fault," he said. At the first stop on the evening's fundraising tour, Clinton told a gathering at the Upper East Side home of billionaire hedge fund manager Marc Lasry that Obama must "win this election and win it unambiguously."

Reuters

Brazilian, Spanish entrepreneurs jointly eye Asian markets

BRASILIA, 5 June — Brazilian and Spanish entrepreneurs established a joint commission here Monday to explore markets in Asia and the Middle East, local media reported. The joint commission seeks to boost the export of manufactured goods, limit the effects of the global financial crisis, and promote the exchange of commercial information and experiences, according to Brazilian and Spanish business owners cited by the media.

Led by Spanish King Juan Carlos I, a delegation of business leaders from the embattled European nation arrived Monday in Brasilia, where they were received by Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff.

After the delegation's arrival, 120 business leaders from both nations met to discuss joint strategies to combat the financial crisis. Opening new markets is key to recovering from the crisis, said Juan Rosell, president of the Spanish Confederation of Business Organizations.

"That is a very important way to get out of the crisis, especially for medium-sized companies, through these collaboration accords," said Rosell, adding the agreements would also represent "the possibilities of work and exchanges for young entrepreneurs and university students."

Robson de Andrade, president of the National Confederation of Brazilian Industry, said the initial phase of cooperation will target markets in Asia and the Middle East with exports of manufactured goods, especially from the textile and energy sectors.

Xinhua

Putin's China trip fosters closer ties, helps shape more balanced world

Russian President Vladimir Putin (C) arrives in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 June, 2012, kicking off a three-day state visit to China.— XINHUA

BEIJING, 5 June — Russian President Vladimir Putin arrives in Beijing on Tuesday, starting a three-day state visit aimed at forging stronger Russia-China ties. Well before Putin's arrival, media coverage has focused heavily on the itinerary of the visit, the Russian leader's first to China after returning to the Kremlin. In his February article "Russia and the Changing World," Putin has set China among other Asian-Pacific countries as a priority of his foreign policy and pledged to "catch the 'Chinese wind'" to propel the domestic economy.

Analysts believe Putin's China trip carries great weight and will help bilateral relations move into higher gear. As the world is undergoing profound changes in political and economic landscapes, the two giant neighbours, carrying out ever-deepening cooperation, have become active agents of tilting balance toward a multipolar world and expediting the rise of new political and economic orders. Both countries oppose the cold-war style alliance and seek to build a new-style partnership based on equality and mutual respect.

A case in point is their effective cooperation within the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), an increasing influential regional grouping with security and economic cooperation as its two wheels. Thanks to the growing economic cooperation among members, lives of hundreds of millions of households across the region have been lifted, making the Euroasia region one of the most dynamic parts in the world. When the financial crisis has left most of the economic powerhouses in dire straits, China and Russia, along with other BRIC members, posted strong economic performance, giving a forward thrust to the sluggish world economy.

Sharing similar or the same positions on many international issues, the two permanent members of the UN Security Council always stand together to uphold the principle of noninterference in the internal affairs of sovereign nations and support the UN's leading role in resolving the international hot spots. On top of that, the two countries share a broad range of common interests in pushing forward the reform of international monetary and financial system by seeking a bigger say for the developing economies in the international affairs.

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Stanford genome pioneer wins Lemelson-MIT prize

BOSTON, 5 June— Stephen Quake, a prolific inventor whose creative application of physics to biology has lead to multiple developments in drug discovery and genome analysis, has won the prestigious $500,000 Lemelson-MIT prize for outstanding innovators.

Quake, a professor of bioengineering and applied physics at Stanford University and investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, has applied the technological principles of the integrated circuit — a chip made of semiconductor material found in almost every modern electrical device — to biology.

"I get interested in a scientific problem and often find a way to measure the thing I'm interested in," Quake said in an interview. "Often I find the measurement technique has different applications."

Quake developed a chip with miniature pumps and valves that incorporates complex fluid-handling steps to speed genetic research. He co-founded Fluidigm Corp in 1999 to commercialize the technology. The company generated sales of $10.8 million in the first quarter of 2012.

***Inventor, physicist and entrepreneur Dr Stephen Quake is seen in this undated handout photo released to Reuters on 1 June, 2012.*—REUTERS**

In 2009, Quake made headlines when he sequenced his own genome for under $50,000 using a single machine, helping usher in an era of personalized medicine in which an individual's genetic information can guide diagnosis and treatment.

The information from his own genome revealed Quake had a genetic mutation that places him at increased risk of cardiomyopathy, a disease that weakens and enlarges the heart muscles. As a result, Quake is monitored by a cardiologist.

Earlier this year, Ion Torrent, a division of Life Technologies Corp, said it had begun taking orders for a tabletop machine that is able to sequence an individual's genome for less than $1,000, placing such a test within reach of the average patient.

Quake's innovations have been used to help determine the structure of proteins, including those involved in the Ebola virus and the H5N1 influenza virus, and are used by drug companies and research organizations to study, among other things, potential drug treatments.

He also developed a non-invasive prenatal diagnostic test for Down Syndrome and co-founded a company, Verinata Health Inc, to develop non-invasive tests to detect fetal chromosomal abnormalities in early pregnancy. Earlier this year the company launched its first product.

Quake is currently focused on better understanding the human immune system. His interest was sparked in part when one of his two children developed food allergies.

"As we started to see doctors we realized a lot is not known about how allergies work and how the immune system gets off track," he said.

Quake received bachelors and masters degrees in mathematics at Stanford University and a doctorate in physics at Oxford University.

He said he will probably put the Lemelson-MIT proceeds "into my kids' college fund."—*Reuters*

Google makes subtle swipe at censorship

BEIJING, 5 June—Google says it has changed its search page in China to warn users when they type a search term that could cause an interruption in service,

The US-based Internet giant does not allude to any government censorship in the announcement, made Thursday on a company blog, but Internet analysts say it is likely the reason for the service interruptions, *The New York Times* reported on Friday.

Analysys International said Google has lost market share in mainland China because of blocked Web sites and timeouts that can bar users from conducting new searches for more than a minute, the *Times* said.

"We've taken a long, hard look at our systems and have not found any problems. However, after digging into user reports, we've noticed that these interruptions are closely correlated with searches for a particular subset of queries," Google said. "So starting today we'll notify users in mainland China when they enter a keyword that may cause connection issues. By prompting people to revise their queries, we hope to reduce these disruptions and improve our user experience from mainland China."

Google said engineers looked at 350,000 popular search terms to find words that were "disruptive queries."

"We've observed that many of the terms triggering error messages are simple everyday Chinese characters, which can have different meanings in different contexts," Google said. An example is the Chinese character for river, or jiang, which causes an error message or a timeout on Google. The *Times* said it is also the surname of former Chinese leader Jiang Zemin, whose name is banned from Google searches in China.

Google China's headquarters remains open in Beijing on 8 June, 2011.
INTERNET

Users can get around the problem by searching in Pinyin, the system used to transliterate Chinese characters into Latin script, Google said.—*Internet*

Virgin Galactic ready for powered tests

MOJAVE, 5 June— Virgin Galactic says it has been granted an experimental launch permit from the US Federal Aviation Administration for its suborbital spacecraft SpaceShipTwo. The permit gives Virgin the green light for powered flight tests of its spacecraft and its carrier aircraft, WhiteKnightTwo, the company said in a release on Thursday.

"This important milestone enables our team to progress to the rocket-powered phase of test flight, bringing us a major step closer to bringing our customers to space," George Whitesides, president of Virgin Galactic, said. "We thank the FAA for their timely issuance of this permit, and for their responsible oversight of the test programme."

SpaceShipTwo and WhiteKnightTwo have made significant progress in their flight test programme, with SpaceShipTwo having safely completed 16 free flights, including three that tested the vehicle's unique "feathering" re-entry system. Ten ground test firings of the full-scale SpaceShipTwo rocket motor, including full duration burns, have been successfully completed, the company said.

With the FAA permit in hand, Virgin Galactic vehicle developer Scaled Composites is authorized to press onward toward rocket-powered test flights.

"The SpaceShip programme is making steady progress, and we are all looking forward to lighting the vehicle's rocket engine in flight for the first time," Doug Shane, president of Scaled, said.—*Internet*

***145-inch plasma television from Panasonic.*— NHK**

Japan displays super high-definition TV

TOKYO, 5 June— Japan's public broadcasting network says new television technology will offer viewers a picture with 16 times the resolution currently available on HDTVs.

Nippon Housou Kyoukai demonstrated its pioneer technology, dubbed Super Hi-Vision, on the world's largest plasma TV, a 145-inch screen made by Panasonic, *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported on Wednesday.

The technology will get a public test for the first time during the London Olympics, with Super Hi-Vision screens capable of displaying the 7680-by-4320 pixel images being built in Britain, the United States and Japan.

"Super Hi-Vision will be a wonderful future and will be a part of daily life," said Keiichi Kubota, director general of science and technology research laboratories at *NHK*.

Despite the Olympic trial, *NHK* said, the technology will not be available to the public until at least 2020.

While the few existing cameras able shoot in Super Hi-Vision are extremely large and heavy, *NHK* said it is partnering with Japanese tech giant Hitachi to develop the world's first shoulder-mounted Super Hi-Vision camera.—*NHK*

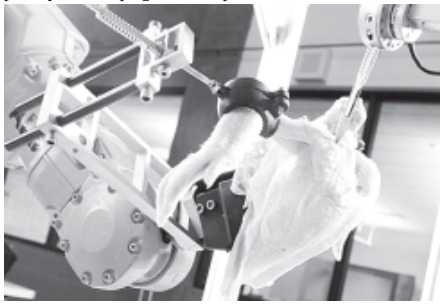
3D vision helps robot debone poultry

ATLANTA, 5 June—A robot with advanced imaging technology that automatically debones chicken could help boost agricultural production and improve safety, US researchers say. Food processing experts at the Georgia Tech Research Institute said their Intelligent Cutting and Deboning System employs a 3-D vision system that determines where to cut a particular bird, automatically making precision cuts to optimize yield while reducing the risk of bone fragments in the finished product. "Each bird is unique in its size and shape," Gary McMurray of GTRI's Food Processing Technology Division said in a Georgia Tech release on Tuesday.

"So we have developed the sensing and actuation needed to allow an automated deboning system to adapt to the individual bird, as opposed to forcing the bird to conform to the machine." The system makes 3-D measurements of various location points on the outside of the bird, using them as inputs for custom algorithms to define a proper cut by estimating the positions of internal structures such as bones and ligaments.

"Our statistics research shows that our external measurements correlate very well to the internal structure of the birds, and therefore will transition to ideal cutting paths," researcher Michael Matthews said.

The research is funded by the state of Georgia, where poultry is the top agricultural product.—*Internet*



World stocks head lower as slowdown fears grow

LONDON, 5 June—European shares joined a global sell-off in riskier assets on Monday after disappointing May economic data from the United States and China overwhelmed any positive impact from hopes the world's central banks would ease policy further.

The euro slid 0.3 percent to $1.2400, moving closer to the $1.2288 it hit on Friday, its lowest level since July 2010, while Brent crude oil fell below $97 a barrel to a 16-month low.

Safe haven US and German government bond yields held near Friday's record lows.

"Investors are just fleeing risk assets," said ATI Asset Management chief investment officer Simon Burge.

The latest sell-off followed disappointing US jobs growth figures on Friday and weak Chinese manufacturing data, which stoked fears that the problems in the euro zone are causing a worldwide slowdown in business activity.

Those fears caused sharp falls across Asian markets on Monday, dragging Tokyo's Topix index to a 28-year low, and followed a fall of more than 2 percent in US stocks on Friday. The MSCI world equity index was down 0.5 percent at 290.58 points. UK markets were closed for a holiday on Monday, though the FTSE Eurofirst index of top European shares opened down 0.7 percent at 2054.97 points after hitting a six-month low on Friday.—*Reuters*

A trader looks at computer screens at Madrid's bourse on 12 April, 2012. —REUTERS

Health Tip: Keep off the weight you've lost

Maintaining weight loss can be more difficult than losing it in the first place.

The American Council on Exercise suggests how to help maintain weight loss:

* Weigh yourself every week.
* Move as much as possible, walking frequently, watching less TV and even fidgeting while you're seated.
* Stock your kitchen with plenty of nutritious treats.
* Place your gym bag near the door, and keep any home exercise equipment where you can frequently see it.
* Make exercise part of your social life.
* Measure your waist once monthly and make changes to your diet and exercise routine if your waistline starts growing.

Internet

Jubilant drops; J P Morgan warns about valuations

LONDON, 5 June—Shares in the exclusive franchiser for Domino's Pizza and Dunkin Donuts in India, Jubilant Foodworks (JUBI NS) falls 7.1 percent to 1,145.55 rupees, after JPMorgan initiated coverage on the stock as "underweight" with a March 2013 target price of 995 rupees.

JPMorgan called Jubilant a "high quality company and growth story," but expressed concerns about "premium valuatons, potentially tough macro, slower copms in FY13, and impending competitive pressures."

A Domino's Pizza is pictured in its box in central London, on 15 Feb, 2009. —REUTERS

The brokerage says any "minor" lapse near-term, such as store openings and margins, "could significantly strain the valuation multiple."

JPMorgan says it would become more constructive on the stock close to 900 rupees levels.

Reuters

China to make plans for Greek euro exit risk

BEIJING, 5 June—The Chinese government has called on key agencies including the central bank to come up with plans to deal with the potential economic risks of a Greek withdrawal from the euro zone, three sources with knowledge of the matter told *Reuters* on Monday.

The sources said the plans may include measures to keep the yuan currency stable, increase checks on cross-border capital flows and stepping up policies to stabilise the domestic economy.

As investor concerns over Greece's possible exit from the euro zone grow, the central government has called on related state agencies, including the National Development and Reform Commission, the central bank and the banking regulator, to discuss contingency plans, the sources said.

"It's very urgent," a source with direct knowledge said. "The government has asked every department to analyse measures to cope with a Greek exit from the euro zone and make their own suggestions as soon as possible."

Late last month, Premier Wen Jiabao warned at a state council meeting that "downward economic pressure is increasing". The government has already announced a raft of measures to support economic growth, which is expected to slide this year to its weakest pace since 1999.

These include fast tracking infrastructure and industrial investment projects while doling out subsidies for energy-saving home appliances and cars.

A research chief with a Chinese bank in Hong Kong said that banks are being required by the mainland authorities to hand over a brief on global financial markets every day.

Yu Yongding, an influential economist and a former central bank adviser, said in comments published last week that China should prepare for a Greek withdrawal from the single currency and proposed steps including capital controls to cash injections to domestic markets to reduce volatility.

China's central bank chief said in comments published on Monday that the country will continue to invest in euro zone government debt and other assets and urged the single-currency bloc to step up reforms to stem its debt crisis.

Reuters

Photo shows a construction site in Shanghai's financial district on 1 June, 2012. REUTERS

Aviation ministry proposes slashing jet fuel taxes

Passengers sit in the cabin of an IndiGo Airlines aircraft as a flight attendant serves snacks after takeoff from Kolkata on 27 March, 2012. —REUTERS

NEW DELHI, 5 June—The civil aviation ministry has proposed slashing state taxes on jet fuel, which may significantly bring down costs for ailing local airlines that are reeling under a debt load of $20 billion and annual losses of $2 billion.

The ministry has sought opinion from stakeholders on reducing state taxes on jet fuel to a uniform 4 percent, according to a discussion paper posted on its website.

Different states impose sales tax at varying rates on aviation turbine fuel, going as high as 30 percent. High fuel expenses, contributing nearly half the costs incurred by airlines, has compounded woes for the sector struggling with intense competition.

"Reduction in the fuel tax would allow the Indian carriers to become competitive in servicing passengers to their respective hubs within India and compete with international carriers. This advantage would allow them to increase their market share," the paper said. The ministry has also proposed to abolish service tax on air tickets, which according to the paper, makes air travel "a luxury rather than an efficient mode of transport."

Service tax, including fuel surcharge, is currently 773 rupees or 10.3 percent of the total fare, whichever is lower, for an economy ticket on international flights.

India has already allowed carriers to import jet fuel directly and has proposed letting foreign airlines invest in local carriers, hoping the moves will aid the embattled sector. Analysts estimate that the move to allow direct imports could reduce costs by 15 to 20 percent as airlines would not have to buy fuel from oil marketing companies, which are mandated to levy various federal and state taxes.

Reuters

Global cancer cases seen surging 75 percent by 2030

LONDON, 5 June— The number of people with cancer is set to surge by more than 75 percent across the world by 2030, with particularly sharp rises in poor countries as they adopt unhealthy "Western-ised" lifestyles, a study said on Friday.

Many developing countries were expected to see a rise in living standards in coming decades, said the paper from the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in Lyon, France. But those advances could come at a cost — an increase in cases of cancers linked to poor diet, lack of exercise and other bad habits associated with affluence and linked to diseases like breast, prostate and colorectal cancers, it added.

"Cancer is already the leading cause of death in many high-income countries and is set to become a major cause of morbidity (sickness) and mortality in the next decades in every region of the world," said Freddie Bray from IARC's cancer information section.

The study was the first to look at how present and future rates of cancer might vary between richer and poorer countries, as measured by the development rankings defined in the United Nations' Human Development Index (HDI).

Researchers found poorly developed countries — mostly those in sub-Saharan Africa — had high numbers of cancers linked to infections — particularly cervical cancer, but also liver cancer, stomach cancer and Kaposi's sarcoma.

By contrast, richer countries like Britain, Australia, Russia and Brazil had more cancers associated with smoking — such as lung cancer, and with obesity and diet. The researchers said that rising living standards in less developed countries would probably lead to a decrease in the number of infection-related cancers. But it was also likely there would also be an increase in types of the disease usually seen in richer countries. They predicted that middle-income countries such as China, India and Africa could see an increase of 78 percent in the number of cancer cases by 2030.

Cases in less developed regions were expected to see a 93 percent rise over the same period, said the paper published in the journal Lancet Oncology.

Those rises would more than offset signs of a decline in cervical, stomach and other kinds of cancer in wealthier nations, said the researchers.

Internet

Ford says studying indigenous brands for China market

TAIPEI , 5 June — Ford Motor (FN) is in talks with its partners to introduce indigenous brands in China, while it focuses on building up its own brand in the world's biggest auto market, its China chief said on Monday. Some foreign auto makers have launched so-called indigenous, or China-only, brands with their local partners, in part to comply with Chinese government regulations that allow global carmakers like Ford to manufacture cars in China.

"We always are in discussions with our joint venture partners. All I can tell you is we are studying indigenous brands, but our total focus in terms of brand enhancement is really on the Ford brand," said David Schoch, chairman and CEO of Ford's China operations.

Ford makes its Fiesta, Focus, Mondeo and other sedans in China in a three-way tie-up with Changan Automobile and Japan's Mazda Motor Corp (7261.T). It also holds 30 percent of Jiangling Motors Corp 000550.SZ, which makes Ford's Transit vans.— *Reuters*

An employee looks at an assembly line at a Ford manufacturing plant in Chongqing municipality on 20 April , 2012.— REUTERS

China's new weather data broadcast system becomes operational

BEIJING, 5 June — On 1 June, CMACast, the satellite broadcasting system of China Meteorological Administration (CMA), had been put into operation formally, marking China's meteorological data satellite broadcasting operation entered a new stage.

As one of the important part of the CMA's domestic and international communication system, CMACast integrates the former satellite broadcast systems of PCVSAT, DVB-S, and FENGYUNCast. With a bandwidth up to 36 MHz, the broadcast capability of the CMACast is 6 times as the total sum of the PCVSAT, DVB-S, and FENGYUNCast.

Beside the regular meteorological data, the CMACast disseminates China's weather radar data, satellite image products, international exchanging meteorological data, as well as the videos such as China Weather TV, and weather consultations of CMA. The timeliness has been also greatly enhanced. Providing the meteorological data dissemination service for users in Asia and Pacific region, the CMACast makes a global earth observation date broadcasting system together with America's GEONETCast, and Europe's EUMETCast.—*Xinhua*

A cat is seen at a pet cat trade fair in Kazan, capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia, on 3 June, 2012.—XINHUA

US defence secretary: Visiting Vietnam to deepen military ties

HANOI, 5 June — The Vietnam-US relations still hold a lot of potential for further development, the US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said on Sunday, the first day visiting the country, local daily *Vietnam News* reported on Monday.

Speaking to the media, Panetta said his visit to Vietnam this time was to deepen military ties with the country based on the military cooperation agreement reached by both sides last year. Accordingly, the two countries have agreed to cooperate in search and maritime rescue efforts, disaster relief, security, maritime safety and freedom.

As scheduled, Panetta will hold talks with Vietnamese Defence Minister Phung Quang Thanh, pay a courtesy visit to Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, and meet with the media, among other activities during his three-day stay in Vietnam. Panetta visited Vietnam after he announced at the Sangri-La Dialogue, which ended in Singapore on Sunday, that 60 percent of the US Navy warships would be stationed in the Asia Pacific in the next decade. —*Xinhua*

Burnt remains of a NATO oil tanker is seen along a road in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 3 June, 2012. A NATO oil tanker was set ablaze in Kabul on Saturday night, according the Afghan police official. —XINHUA

16 killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 June — At least 16 people were killed and four others injured in two US drone strikes in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan early Monday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel Dawn.

Two US drones targeted a house and vehicle suspected of carrying militants in Mir Ali area of North Waziristan, a restive tribal area at Pakistan-Afghanistan border which the United States believes as a stronghold of militants involved in launching attacks on NATO forces posted in Afghanistan.

The strike came at about 5:20 am local time and according to media reports four drones are still hovering over the area creating panic among the residents.

Identities of the victims are not known yet. Monday morning's drone strike is the third of its kind over the last three days.

Early on Sunday morning, at about 8:00 am local time, US drones fired four missiles at a militants' hideout in neighbouring South Waziristan area, leaving ten people killed including two suspected militants and several others injured.On Saturday morning, four people were killed when US drones attacked a house in Ghowa Khowa area of South Waziristan.

Anti-US sentiment runs high in the Pakistani nation basically stemming from suspected US drone strikes in Pakistan's border region which are regarded as a violation of the country's sovereignty and have killed hundreds of innocent civilians.

Xinhua

Facebook comments, ads don't sway most users

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 June — Four out of five Facebook Inc users have never bought a product or service as a result of advertising or comments on the social network site, a *Reuters/Ipsos* poll shows, the latest sign that much more needs to be done to turn its 900 million customer base into advertising dollars. The online poll also found that 34 percent of Facebook users surveyed were spending less time on the website than six months ago, whereas only 20 percent were spending more.

The findings underscore investors' worries about Facebook's money-making abilities that have pushed the stock down 29 percent since its initial public offering last month, reducing its market value by $30 billion to roughly $74 billion. About 44 percent of respondents said the market debut, seen by investors as troubled, has made them less favourable toward Facebook, according to the survey. In the 31May-4 June poll of 1,032 Americans, 21 percent said they had no Facebook account.

Facebook's 900 million users make it among the most popular online destinations, challenging entrenched Internet players such as Google Inc and Yahoo Inc. Not everyone is convinced the company has figured out how to translate that popularity into a business that can justify its lofty valuation. Shares of Facebook closed Monday's regular trading session down 3 percent at $26.90. While the survey did not ask how other forms of advertising affected purchasing behaviour, a February study by research firm eMarketer suggested Facebook fared worse than email or direct-mail marketing in terms of influencing consumers' decisions.— *Reuters*

In this photo illustration, a Facebook logo on a computer screen is seen through a magnifying glass held by a woman in Bern on 19 May, 2012. — REUTERS

Cambodian PM's party wins landslide victory in local polls: preliminary results

PHNOM PENH, 5 June— The ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) of Prime Minister Hun Sen won a landslide victory in the 3rd commune council elections on Sunday, according to preliminary results released by the National Election Commission (NEC) on Monday.

The elections were held to elect 11,459 councilors for the country's 1,633 communes.

The NEC'results showed that the CPP won 8,283 commune councilor seats, the Sam Rainsy Party, the country's main opposition party, gained 2,155 commune councilor seats, the Human Rights Party took 800 seats, Funcinpec Party won 160 seats while Norodom Ranariddh Party achieved only 53 seats.

Some 5.87 million Cambodians of about 9.2 million eligible voters cast their ballots at 18,107 polling stations nationwide on Sunday, said the NEC.

"Generally, the elections had been conducted smoothly despite rains in some areas," Im Suosdey, the NEC's president, said in a press briefing on Sunday evening to conclude the local elections.

The Sunday's elections were joined by ten political parties and were observed by about 15,000 national and international observers from various countries and non-governmental organizations.

The commune council election is held every 5 years. In the 2nd commune council elections in 2007, the CPP won 1,592 commune chiefs among the country's 1,633 communes, following by the Sam Rainsy Party with 28 commune chief positions and the royalist Funcinpec Party with 2 communes.

The availability of final official result is still up in the air due to the complaints filed by some involved parties.

MNA/Xinhua

Let's strive in harmony and unison

Saw Myawady

I am just an ordinary Myanmar citizen. I love my country Myanmar like others do. So I wish to see Myanmar prospering. Thanks to the rapid reforms almost all the peoples of the world are watching us with keen interest. In our country also, people including me are looking forward to the significant changes taking place day by day and week by week with great expectations.

In this changing situation, every thing cannot be smooth and convenient like a road of flowers with a layer of gold dust. Anyhow, the overall view is that the gradual developments are undeniable. My personal view is people have more freedom; and they have greater freedom of expression. At the same time the government departments now are far more active than in the past in realizing the public aspirations. If every person has a different wish in a country with a 60 million population, there will be 60 million different wishes. So, no one will be able to completely fulfill the wish of every individual and single organization. But as a government elected by the people, it will give priority to realizing the aspirations of the vast majority of people and the wishes that actually are the nation's requirements. It is my belief.

And with goodwill, people need to point out the requirements whenever they face difficulties which are natural during a reform period and to understand and acknowledge the government's efforts in overcoming them. If possible people should help the government. We would be thankful even if the people who do not help should at least be objective onlookers without making idle criticisms.

In my view, it is time we all must strive in unity with might and main enlisting every force for an energetic march forward. It is not the time for cussedness, resentments, blames and hostilities among us. Fortunately, the government and the opposition have already built mutual understanding and trust to a certain degree. So we escape bloodshed and wholesale civil wars the world has seen in some of the democracy transitions. The international scholars even predict that ours will be a model of peaceful transition to democracy. Here mutual understanding and trust would be the key to peaceful transition.

Thanks to mutual trust and understanding Myanmar is achieving profound and undeniable political success. The opposition NLD party was able to freely and fairly take part in the April by-elections and won victory. It has now become a strong force in the parliament. NLD leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi enjoying the freedom of speech, movement and political activity attended the World Economic Forum in Bangkok, where she gave a speech. We are very happy for this kind of freedom and transparency. As the forum was a meeting where over 600 participants including leaders of global countries and businesses leaders assembled its importance to global politics and economy is beyond doubt. At this kind of occasion the scale of benefits from international penetration depends on the ability to campaign for the nation.

For the first time Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended and gave a speech in person on such occasion. Two or three years ago, it would be nobody's dream. As dreams come true we have seen incredible progresses, changes and liberty.

Through the media, I have studied the speech given by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the forum. She frankly and sharply pointed out the requirements of the country. Yes, we still have many requirements in this transitional period as she had said. That the entire nation needs to join hands in this reform process in all seriousness is quite right.

It is also perfectly right that the entire nation and all the people should enjoy equal benefits when foreign investments flow into the country.

Again, access to basic education for the people of ordinary class is also a fundamental need.

It is beyond question that however perfect the investment laws a nation adopts, it is of no use without fair and clean judicial system and the rule of law.

As an onlooker and a man in the street, I understand the obligation of an opposition leader is to point out clearly the needs of the nation without any personal consideration.

If you would let me, I would like to pour out my heart to you, the readers. But, I am afraid you would misunderstand me. This is just how I feel and I do not mean to blame anyone but just for better results.

From my personal point of view, some of the words in Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's speech are so impressive that the impact has gone somewhat too far.

For example, she warned against what she called "reckless optimism" in reform process of Myanmar, calling for "healthy scepticism" toward the transition period. I am afraid if entrepreneurs present there would interpret it as the implication of caution against investment in Myanmar.

I heard Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said the high youth unemployment in Myanmar is a timebonb for the country. It is true that the jobless are in a large number in the country. Because of slim job opportunities, millions of people in the country, go abroad to work with low wage for survival. This was due to sanctions and pressure which had deterred investment and trading coming into the country in the past.

Now, following the gradual opening of the country, it has seen foreign investment prospects. But, the reform could backslide as all have not yet participated in the process with earnest determination. Her words can be interpreted as it is not sufficiently reliable and/or of no use whatever law is enacted because the rule of law is still weak and judicial system is going corrupted. I am afraid that it would impede the potential investment.

Without investments, there would not be much job opportunities. No job means no income. If the income is low, how parents of working class can send their children to school as aspired by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, I wondered storming my little grey matter.

Meanwhile, we can see that the government is not turning a blind eye to what Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has pointed out but in fact healing with its own plans.

For instance, it is inviting foreign investment for job creation while establishing industrial zones and special economic zones in the country. To enable the entire nation enjoy equitable investments, it is implementing socio-economic development projects for local people in regions that have seen array of peace. President U Thein Sein himself is playing a leading role in rural development and poverty alleviation scheme, having adopted eight-point work plans. The government has targeted to bring down the current poverty rate of 26 per cent to 16 per cent in 2015. It is focusing its efforts on walking out of the list of least developed countries.

It would be unrealistic hoping to see tangible results overnight as the change is made for the entire nation. Again, there may be some people who would not go unless dragged with much force. The rule of law is among these cases.

Even in the Buddha's Sasana with strict Vinaya, there are monks lack of disciplines. But the Vinaya maintained the Sasana. There are cases contained by disciplinary and legal actions. The case is also given high priority by both the government and the Hluttaw.

In education sector, basic education primary level is designated as free and compulsory education for which the government bears the cost and starts to grant stipends to needy and outstanding schoolchildren. Despite the free-of-charge education, the poor parents may want to send on errands in business activities to cover their living costs and pocket money. My point of view is that coverage of basic education depends largely on economic standards and living conditions of the grassroots.

I think sweeping economic reform must be put into place to guarantee the working class decent living. The government has adopted strategies for economic reforms. To the best of my knowledge, it is encouraging small and medium enterprises to generate more employment opportunities and opening temporary labour registration camps in the other country to ensure equal rights to migrant workers. It is encouraging establishment of finished product industries to advance from exporting raw materials alone. The government is shifting towards the establishment of industrialized country by establishing industrial zones and special economic zones. In technological sector, it is implementing development of information and communication technology to be commensurate with the age. Economic development of the State and the people is the desire of the entire population of 60 million. I believe the essence of democracy driven by the majority will be complete only when the desire of the majority of the people is fulfilled.

There is another desire of the people. It is peace. As I lived in an unstable region, I understand the value of peace by first-hand experience. Over 60 years after restoring the independence, gunfire still can be heard in the country. I wish the sound of gunfire silence. The government is trying to go through the transparent peace process in three levels. I would like to request the national brethren to cooperate in these efforts with the spirit of brotherhood till mutual agreement is reached for the benefits of all stakeholders.

As our country has held strategic position since year one, instigations from outside world should be taken into consideration for stability of the country. As the international relations have been improved and opened, the government is trying to make rational choices in complex and contentious issues.

Myanmar is witnessing sweeping reforms. While the other countries are initiating economic or political reform in particular, our country needs reforms in politics, economy, social sector, security, international relations and the rule of law. To fulfill the need, the government alone is not enough.

The reform is of national concern. The entire nation, people, political forces, Tatmadawmen and civil servants should make concerted efforts. We are in the situation where our five to ten more steps are just enough if others go one, as said by national leader General Aung San.

Shall we continue our journey amicably and in unison, fulfilling each other's needs and fixing each other's flaws in constructive manner?

Translation: TKK+HKA

Pakistan conducts fifth missile test in weeks

ISLAMABAD, 5 June — Pakistan on Tuesday tested a fifth nuclear-capable missile since India launched a new long-range weapon capable of hitting China just over six weeks ago.

The Hatf VII cruise missile has a range of 700 kilometres (440 miles), can carry conventional warheads and has stealth capabilities, the military said.

It described the "low flying, terrain hugging missile with high maneuverability" as having "pinpoint accuracy" and "radar avoidance features". Tuesday's test was Pakistan's fifth of a nuclear-capable missile since 25 April. On 20 April, India successfully test fired the Agni V capable of delivering a one-tonne nuclear warhead anywhere in rival China, marking a major advance in its military capabilities.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947.

Each has carried out routine missile tests since both demonstrated nuclear weapons capability in 1998. —*Internet*

This photo, released by the Inter Services Public Relations, shows a Pakistani nuclear-capable radar-dodging cruise missile Hatf VII being fired during a test at an undisclosed location in Pakistan, in 2007.

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Myanmar working hard …

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UN Environment Programme sets WED theme each year. This year's theme is "Green Economy: Does it include you?"

It highlighted the need to establish eco-friendly businesses to bring about the better future. The theme portrays the inclusiveness of the government, the private sector, civial societies and the entire mankind in making Green Economy a success.

One strange thing is that Rio+20 conference focuses on a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication while the WED theme calls for inclusiveness in the green economy.

As 2008 global financial crisis stalled Millennium Development Goals, governments of world countries reviewed conventional businesses. UNEP proposed the Green Economy that results in improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities. It is also coordinating investment and technical assistance in the green economy.

The green economy is the business that enhance energy sufficiency, resource sufficiency and reduce carbon emission; job, policy, building, forest, agriculture, manufacturing and fisheries that prevent environmental degradation; sustainable eco-tourism and transportation; waste management and effective exploitation of water and other resources that have impact on survival and development of all the people of the world.

Green Economy is one of the best ways that contribute towards sustainable economic development in harmony with the environment and social sector. Public and private investments will spur growth in employment and income. It needs to be catalyzed by policy reforms and regulation changes.

Renewable energy and sustainability of energy resources are fundamental in implementing green economy.

The UN had designated 2012 as "International Year of Sustainable Energy for All" which is the significance of this year. It highlighted the need for implementation of green economy while urging to focus on sustainable utilization of energy resources.

Some of the progress of the country's environmental conservation works were—Myanmar national environmental policy was adopted as an environmental issue as part of the living standard improvement work progamrre for the entire nation with a view to harmonious environment and ecological balance; Myanmar environmental conservation programme for 21st century was adopted for sustainable development.; and national sustainable development strategy was drawn in pursuance of development in harmony with the environment.

Under the environmental conservation policy of the government, environmental conservation committee and five special groups for respective sectors had been established. In addition, Forestry Ministry had been reconstituted as the Environmental Conserva-tion and Forestry Ministry along with a new department for environmental conservation Department to be able to take care of the entire environmental conservation sector.

Environmental conservation law was enacted on last 30 May in accordance with the government's environmental conservation policy. The Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry was already drafting necessary by-laws and procedures and rules and regulations with the assistance of scholars concerned and in cooperation with NGOs.

The government had adopted eight-point rural development and poverty alleviation scheme aiming for the sustainable development as it had targeted to bring down current poverty rate of 26 per cent to 16 per cent in 2015. It was also planning to switch over to knowledge-based economy from natural resource-based one.

Myanmar was working hard for the success of green economy and green development, the new environmental conservation concept of the present, in line with the policy adopted and laws enacted. It was also cooperating with the UN, regional transnational organizations and NGOs.

So in a bid for ensuring green economy and green development which would contribute to ecological sustainability, sustainable development and poverty reduction, every human being in the human society was to do his bit in conformity with the this year's slogan—"Green Economy: Does it include you?"

Next, UNDP deputy resident representative Mr Akbar Usmani read out the message of the United Nations Secretary General.

Next, resident representative of the UN Habitat Mr Srinivasa Popuri read out the message of UNEP Executive Director Mr Achim Steiner.

Next, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham awarded the prize winners in open article contest in commemoration of World Environment Day 2012.

Chairman of Environmental Conservation Committee Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun and Mr Akbar Usmani awarded prize winners in open essay contest.

The Vice-President and guests pose for documentary photos together with prize winners. The Vice-President then cordially greeted those present on the occasion and viewed round documentary photos and publications on display.—*MNA*

***UNDP Deputy Resident Representative Mr Akbar Usmani reading out the message sent by the United Nations Secretary-General.*—MNA**

Asho Chin National Party granted permission to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—*The Union Election Commission issued announcement No. 29/2012 today and the translation is as follows:-*

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Announcement No. 29/2012
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(5 June, 2012)

Asho Chin National Party granted permission to register as political party

Asho Chin National Party, headquartered at Room No 52 on the seventh floor of Building-120 on Yangon-Insein Road, (9) Ward of Hline Township, Yangon Region was allowed to register in accord with Article (9) of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 5 June, 2012.

The registration number of the party is 55.

By order,

Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Dy L&F Minister assists in meat, fish production

YANGON, 5 June— Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye visited Green Land Farm in the Nyaunghnapin Special Farm Zone (1) and a dairy farm in Bwatgyi Village in Hmawby Township on 3 June and met with businessmen.

He also visited dairy farms in Hlegu and Hmawby townships.

The deputy minister went to fish firm No 9 in Nyaungdon in Ayeyawady Region yesterday and inspected measures taken for preventing floods.

During the visit, he met with local farmers at the village of Thabyu and called for observing the existing rules and regulations.—*MNA*

MRTV, VOA sign MoU on TV programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June— Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV) of the Ministry of Information and the Voice of America (VOA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on broadcasting programmes at the meeting hall of MRTV in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area today.

During the signing ceremony, Director-General of MRTV U Thein Aung and Director of the VOA Mr David Ensor extended greetings and signed the MoU.

They also discussed matters related to further cooperation between the MRTV and the VOA.

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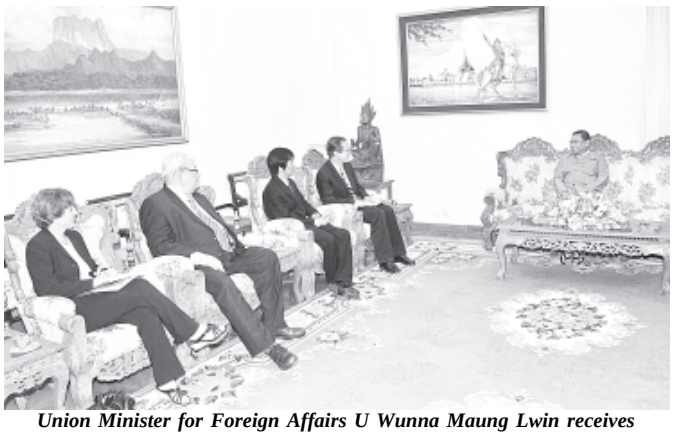
***Director-General of MRTV U Thein Aung and Director of the VOA Mr David Ensor sign MoU on programme broadcasting.*—MNA**

Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives Director of VOA



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Director Mr David Ensor of Voice of America (VOA) and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received a delegation led by Mr David Ensor, Director, Head of Voice of America (VOA), at his office at 3.30 pm today.

Present at the meeting together with the Union Minister were the Director-General of Political Department and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Dy Border Affairs Minister assists in development of Wa Special Region, Kokang Self-Administered Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June— Secretary of the work committee for progress of border areas and national races Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win handed over rice and cash to a national race group in "Wa" Special Region (2) at Lashio District General Administration Department in Lashio on 31 May.

At the meeting, the deputy minister called on officials to step up efforts for gaining eternal peace, regional development and opening a liaison office.

After the ceremony, the deputy minister went to Border Regions Nationalities Youths Development Training School in Lashio and handed over assistance in cash to the school.

On June 2, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win attended a ceremony to open a new building for Border Regions Nationalities Youths Development Training School in Laukkai in Kokang Self Administered Zone.

During the opening ceremony, the deputy minister presented cash assistance, exercise books, uniforms, a set of Sky Net receiver to the training school and the technical training school. Chairman of the Leading Body of the Kokang Self-Administered Zone U Pe Sauk Chain also donated cash assistance to the training school.

During his visit to Laukkai, the deputy minister visited No 1 and No 2 Basic Education High Schools in Laukkai and presented uniforms, exercise books, a set of Sky Net (DTH) receiver and cash assistance to the school.

The deputy minister and U Pe Sauk Chain also held a meeting with officials from UN agencies and INGOs in Laukkai.

They also visited Border Regions Nationalities Youths Development Training School in Kunlon and a vocational training school for women in Lashio. During the visits, they presented cash assistance to the training schools.

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Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win addresses the opening of new Border Regions Nationalities Youths Development Training School.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann ...

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Next, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee U Thein Zaw elaborated on excerpts of the meetings between National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committees of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and regional organization in the two committees' field studies of the regions.

Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U Khun T Myat reported on functions of the committees during the intervals of the Hluttaw sessions. He discussed proceedings for the bills in the fourth regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw, Chairman of Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw explained progress in discussion with the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Europe trip of parliamentary delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee Dr Soe Yin progress in drafting of Pyithu Hluttaw Bylaws and construction of parliamentary archive and library.

Next, commission members made suggestions on ongoing legal and special cases. U Than Lwin made suggestions about exchange rate and loans, U Khin Maung Oo on drafting of ancient cultural law, U Myint Lwin for drafting of development affairs laws, U Thein Oo on drawing State's budget, U Myint Swe about tourism, education, irrigation facilities, civil servant selection and training, gold and mineral mining, U Win Thein on private electric power law and national planning, and Daw Than Than Yi about legal affairs, followed by assessment on functions of the commission by commission chairman U Nanda Kyaw Swa.

The attendees made suggestions on respective files. The meeting came to an end with supplementary discussion of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker about actions of respective committees and commission in this month.—*MNA*

Union Commerce Minister receives Director of VOA and party

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint holds talks with Director Mr David Ensor of Voice of America (VOA) .—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Director Mr David Ensor of Voice of America (VOA) at his office at 2.30 pm today. They held discussion on economic reforms and trade in Myanmar and strengthening economic and trade cooperation of American entrepreneurs in Myanmar via VOA.

Also present at the call were the Director-General of Directorate of Trade, the Managing Director of the Myanmar Agriculture Produce Trading and officials concerned—*MNA*

CBM Governor receives Marubeni Corporation, UOB guests

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue U Than Nyein received Executive Officer Mr Hiroshi Ikuno of Marubeni Corporation and party at his office this morning, and they had a discussion on financial matters and economic of Myanmar.

In meeting with the Governor, Vice-Chairman and CEO Mr Wee Ee Cheong of United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB) and party made discussion on cooperation with banks in Myanmar this moring.

Also present at the call were the Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar and the departmental heads.

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School uniforms provided to children of vendors

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to children of vendors was held by Pindaya Township Development Affairs Committee in Danu Self-Administered Zone in Shan State at the hall of the committee on 30 May morning.

Executive Officer U Tint Wai spoke on the occasion and presented school uniforms to the students.—*MNA*

Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Japanese guests.—MNA

Japan, Australian institutes to assist in Myanmar's health sector

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Chairman of International Medical Volunteers "Japan Heart" Dr Hideto Yoshioka from Japan and Managing Director Mr Yoshinori Komaru of Myanmar Yuntai Co Ltd and Clinical Associate Professor Robert Joseph Bauze of The University of Adelaide (Australia) and party separately at 9 am and 9.30 am at his office here today.

The Union Minister and the "Japan Heart" discussed training programmes for Myanmar health staff, joint programmes between scholars and universities of the two countries, machines to be donated for kidney cleanse, aid for pediatric operation and heart surgery. The Union Minister and The University of Adelaide (Australia) discussed training programmes at universities for health staff, technical exchange and cooperation, courses on basic medical science such as physiology, pathology, and anatomy to be conducted to health staff apart from assistance in health care services.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Ministers Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint, the director-general of Medical Science Department, the acting director-general of Health Department and personnel.

MNA

Free medical treatments given in rural areas

YANGON, 5 June—A medical team led by Myanmar Business Executives Association Chairman U Myint Maung Tun, Ananda Myanma Myitta Foundation Chairman U Thein Tun and Vice-chairman Dr Thet Thet Khaing provided free medical treatment to 293 local people from 12 villages in Kungyangon Township at Tawpale village monastery on 28 May.

On 29 April, free medical treatments were given to 475 villagers from 14 villages, at Layeindan village BEHS, in Pyapon Township, Pyapon District, Ayayawady Region.

Kyemon

100 baskets of Palethwe paddy sold at K 400,000

PYINMANA, 5 June—A total 2,356 acres of Palethwe hybrid summer paddy were grown in eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Ayeya Hintha Co is buying Palethwe paddy at price of K 400,000 per 100 baskets as of 18 May.—*Kyemon*

Fund raising for Author Paragu Shantinikaytan library held

YANGON, 5 June—To mark fund raising of Author Paragu Shantinikaytan library, a ceremony to open monsoon book sale, entertainment and literary talks was held at Orchid Hotel here on 2 June. At the ceremony, Chairman of Paragu Shantinikaytan library Sithu U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Sawchit) and officials opened it. Wellwishers donated K 5.4 million for maintenance of Paragu Shantinikaytan library.

MNA

Coordination meeting between Mandalay Region MCWSC, Singu Township MCWA held

SINGU, 5 June—A work coordination meeting between Mandalay Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, Singu Township MCWA and Township Women's Affairs Organization was held at Township General Administration Department on 29 May. At the ceremony, Chairperson of Region MCWSC and WAO Daw Myat Ngwe made a speech.

After that, Township MCWA and Township WAO Chairperson Daw Myint Myint San, Region WAO secretary Dr Khin Aung Aung Ngwe and members discussed women's affairs, health care and undertakings. Afterwards, the patron of Region MCWSC and WAO donated K 0.5 million to Township MCWA and WAO.

Myanma Alin

Executive officer U Soe Lin of micro credit service group of Laikha Township Development Affairs Organization, present school uniform to a vendor, at a ceremony to provide offspring of vendors with uniforms in Laikha on 29 May.

MYANMA ALIN

Land preparation for growing teaks made in Gyobingauk

GYOBINGAUK, 5 June—A team led by Staff officer U Than Naing of Gyobingauk Township Forest Department and staff carried out the land preparation for growing teaks and hardwood saplings in three villages of Gyobingauk Township on 26 and 27 May, in cooperation with village administrators and social organizations.

Myanma Alin

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed in Lashio

LASHIO, 5 June— To mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a ceremony to hold paintings, cartoon and computer paintings contest and to erect signboard was held at Lashio, Shan State (North) on 3 June. It was attended by Chairman of Leading Committee for Holding the contest Deputy Commander of Shan State (North) Police Force Police Lt-Col Ko Ko Aung, vice-chairman deputy commissioner U Kyaw Khaing Soe, joint State/District level departmental heads, officer of Lashio Anti-drug Special Squad and members, National Races Culture Troupe members, university students and basic education students, trainess from Nursing Training school and NGOs, totaling 250. The officials enjoyed the contest at No.6 Basic Education High School in Lashio. The deputy committee awarded K 5000 per competitor. A total of 113 students participated in the competition.—*Kyemon*

DISTRICT NEWS

Fire breaks out in Amarapura Township

MANDALAY, 5 June—A fire broke out near Yadanarbon University in Taungthaman Obo ward in Amarapura Township, Mandalay at 10.15 pm on 2 June.

The fire started at Htarwazin cafe and was under control at 10.30 pm. The building measuring 30 ft by 110 ft was destroyed in the fire.

Actions was taken against the case.—*Kyemon*

School Enrollment Day observed in Labutta

LABUTTA, 5 June—A ceremony to hold School Enrollment Day was held at No.2 Basic Education High School in Labutta Township on 29 May.

At the ceremony, Commander of Labutta District Police Force Police Lt-Col Ye Myint and Region Assistant Education Officer (Inspection) U Aung Kyi made speeches. Officials accepted cash and stationery donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Education

International Day of Cooperative marked in Shwepyitha

YANGON, 5 June—International Cooperatives Day was held at Cooperative Department at Shwepyitha Township, here, on 2 June. At the ceremony, Township Cooperative Syndicate Chairman U Nyunt Maung and Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo delivered speeches.

After that, staff officer Daw Myint Myint Thu of Region Cooperative Department, Township Cooperative Department staff officer Daw Khin Ni explained International Cooperative Day and Township Cooperative Syndicate vice-chairman U Tin Maung Kyi, cooperatives micro credit cooperative society. Afterwards, those present visited booths.

Myanma Alin

Aung Khant Kyaw bridge opens in Yinmabin Township

YINMABIN, 5 June—An opening ceremony of Aung Khant Kyaw bridge was held at Nabutaw village, Bantbwaygon village-tract in Yinmabin Township on 25 May. At the ceremony, staff officer U Soe Thein of Township Irrigation Department, village-tract administrator U Thein and donor Maung Aung Khant Kyaw opened it.

The bridge was built at a cost of K 8 million donated by U Win Myint Oo, wife Daw Win Khaing and son Aung Khant Kyaw family.

Myanma Alin

Assistance provided to vendors' offspring in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 5 June—As part of poverty alleviation programme, Taunggyi Township Development Affairs Committee has been disbursing loans to vendors and slow-moving vehicle divers since December, 2011 after borrowing loan from Rural Development Bank. The Committee provides assistance to students with these loan interests. executive officer U Maung Maung Win and Loan committee provided uniform with offspring of vendors in Myoma market in Taunggyi City Hall on 30 May.

Myanma Alin

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: ***Phyusin Myitta Free Funerial Services Society Chairman U Thaung Tin donates text books and stationery to a student in Zamyintzwe-Ward of North Okkalapa Township, Yangon.*—KYEMON**

Duties assigned in Kyaunggon

KYAUNGGON, 5 June—A duty-assignment ceremony of Kyaunggon Township was held at Ayechantha Hall in Kyaunggon, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region on 1 June. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Myo Kyaw Kyaw made a speech and presented letters of duty assignment to village-tract officials. Planning Department staff officer U Aung Win explained the objectives of the plan. After that, head of Township Agriculture Department U Win Htin Soe gave talks on agricultural techniques.

Myanma Alin

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: ***Kyimyindine Township administrator U Kyaw Ye Thway presents cash assistance to an offspring of Township GAD's staff, Kyimyindine Township GAD on 30 May.***
MYANMA ALIN

Stakes driven for construction of school in Pyinmana

PYINMA, 5 June—A ceremony to drive stakes for construction of extended school building took place at No.2 BEMS in Thazan ward, Mingalar village-tract, Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 30 May.

The school building is donated by U Myint Soe and wife Dr Mya Zin Zin Tun family and will complete at the end of June.—*Kyemon*

Palethwe hybrid summer paddy model plot harvested in Thayawady

THAYAWADY, 5 June—Assistant director U Sein Win of Thayawady District Settlement and Land Records Department, Township LRD staff officer U Kaw Swa Min and staff harvested Palethwe hybrid summer paddy on model plot at Institute of Agriculture in Yedwingon village tract, Thaywady Township, Bago Region on 2 June. The average yield per acre is 123.22 baskets.—Township SLRD

Free medical treatments provided in Thaton

THATON, 5 June—Under the arrangement of Mon State Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and State Health Department, a medical team comprising specialists from Thaton District People's Hospital and practitioners of District Traditional Medicine Department, provided free medical treatments to local people and gave educative talks, at BEHS (branch) Mayangon, Mayangon village in Thaton Township on 28 May.

After that, Chairperson of State MCWSC Daw San San Lwin donated K 0.2 million and District WAO Chairman Daw Yi Yi Lwin, K 0.2 million for District Health Department through head of District Health Department Dr Tin Maung Nyunt.

The medial team provided free medical treatments to 1034 local residents.—*Health*

Mingin gets new school building

MINGIN, 5 June—An opening ceremony of BEMS in Mawkataw village took place in Mawkataw village, Mingin Township, Sagaing Region on 29 May. At the ceremony, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Zaw Win and Township education officer U Han Ngwe opened it. After that, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Khin Hmway Lwin donated K 50,000 for village school. The Township education officer explained the academic matters. Wellwishers donated over K 930,000 for the school through the school board of trustees.—*Myanma Alin*

DISTRICT NEWS

***Thiri Pyanchi Maj-Gen Kyi Aung (Retd) and wife Daw Khin Khin Lay family, residing in Kyunshwemyaing street, No. 23 Ward, Thuwunna, Yangon Region, donate K 0.5 million to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Chairman of the management board Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Retd).*—HOME FOR THE AGED**

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RATU VOY NO (495) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6-6-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES
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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

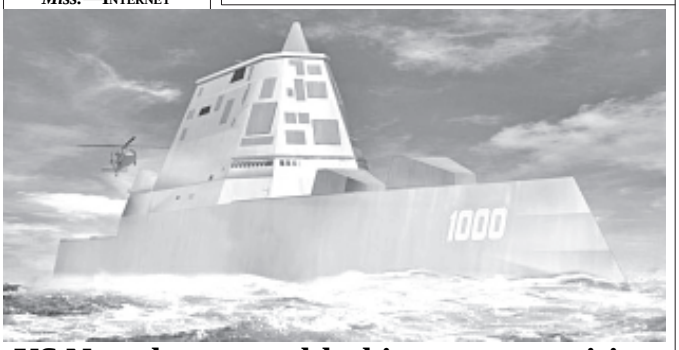
TENDER NO.1(T) AMD-FR (2012-2013)

1. Opened Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for the supply of the following stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr; No	Description	Quantity
1.	Spare Parts for Power Tiller	2 Lot
2.	Raw Material for Power Tiller	2 Lot

2. Tender closing date (12-6-2012) (Tuesday) (16:00 HR)
3. Tender documents are available at the Factory & Research Section of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Building No. (50), Nay Pyi Taw, during the office hours.
4. For further details please call 067-431242

Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department



This file image released by Bath Iron Works shows a rendering of the DDG-1000 Zumwalt, the US Navy's next-generation destroyer, which has been funded to be built at Bath Iron Works in Maine and at Northrop Grumman's shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss. —INTERNET

US Navy hopes stealth ship answers a rising China

SINGAPORE, 5 June — A super-stealthy warship that could underpin the US navy's China strategy will be able to sneak up on coastlines virtually undetected and pound targets with electromagnetic "railguns" right out of a sci-fi movie. But at more than $3 billion a pop, critics say the new DDG-1000 destroyer sucks away funds that could be better used to bolster a thinly stretched conventional fleet. One outspoken admiral in China has scoffed that all it would take to sink the high-tech American ship is an armada of explosive-laden fishing boats.

With the first of the new ships set to be delivered in 2014, the stealth destroyer is being heavily promoted by the Pentagon as the most advanced destroyer in history — a silver bullet of stealth. It has been called a perfect fit for what Washington now considers the most strategically important region in the world — Asia and the Pacific. Though it could come in handy elsewhere, like in the Gulf region, its ability to carry out missions both on the high seas and in shallows closer to shore is especially important in Asia because of the region's many island nations and China's long Pacific coast.

"With its stealth, incredibly capable sonar system, strike capability and lower manning requirements — this is our future," Adm. Jonathan Greenert, chief of naval operations, said in April after visiting the shipyard in Maine where they are being built.—*Internet*

Afghanistan: Aid workers saved after death threat

KABUL, 5 June — NATO and Afghan forces launched a daring operation to rescue two female foreign aid workers and their two Afghan colleagues after learning the Taleban planned to kill one of the hostages, an intelligence official said. The troops carried out the successful mission before dawn Saturday, swooping in on helicopters to pluck the aid workers from a cave in a mountainous area of northern Badakhshan Province. They killed the eight militants holding them captive as well, Afghan intelligence spokesman Shafiqullah Tahiri said on Sunday.

The militants hoped killing one of the hostages would pressure negotiators to accept their demands of a $1 million ransom and the release of five of their colleagues imprisoned in Kabul, said Tahiri. The insurgents initially asked for at least $4 million before reducing their demand, he said. Helen Johnston, 28, from Britain, and Moragwa Oirere, 26, from Kenya, and their two Afghan colleagues were kidnapped on 22 May while traveling on horseback in Badakhshan. The four work for Medair, a humanitarian non-governmental organization based near Lausanne, Switzerland.

British Prime Minister David Cameron said on Saturday that he approved the operation after becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of the hostages. He said militants should know that Britain does not pay ransoms or trade prisoners, and anyone who kidnaps British citizens "can expect a swift and brutal end." Troops were able to launch the rescue operation after receiving precise information from Afghan intelligence agents about the hostages' location in Shahri Buzurg district, said Tahiri. The kidnappers were planning to move the hostages to another remote, mountainous location in neighbouring Tajikistan, he said.

The militants were armed with heavy machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and AK-47 assault rifles, but were overwhelmed by British troops operating alongside other NATO and Afghan forces. The hostages were safely rescued, and none of the NATO or Afghan forces were harmed, said the coalition. Past rescue attempts in Afghanistan have not always gone so well.—*Internet*

This undated family photo released by the family of British aid worker Helen Johnston on 2 June, 2012 shows British aid worker Helen Johnston in London. Two female foreign aid workers and their two Afghan colleagues were rescued in a pre-dawn raid on 2 June, 2012 after being held by militants for 11 days in a cave in northern Afghanistan, the US-led military coalition said.
INTERNET

File photo shows Sony products displayed at an electronics store in Tokyo. Sony shares tumbled below 1,000 yen for the first time since 1980 as the Tokyo stock market plunged early Monday following a dismal performance from Wall Street and amid global economic concerns. —INTERNET

High school junior brings 'Bieber' to prom

A New Jersey high school student says he took Justin Bieber to the prom without the pop star even knowing — as a cardboard cutout.

Glassboro High School junior Leon Purvis brought a life-sized cardboard cutout of Bieber as his "bro date" to prom, the *Gloucester County Times*, Woodbury, NJ, reported.

Almost a year ago, Purvis, 16, made a YouTube video in which he asked the world famous performer to accompany him to his junior prom as a "bro." The video received more than 140,000 views, but Bieber never replied.

"I had to do something to show that I have a sense of humor," Puvis said.

So, on Saturday, Purvis arrived at prom with his actual date, Kaitlyn Wright, a junior from Belmar, and the Bieber cutout.

Fellow students cheered him on, yelling "I told you he'd come" as Leon walked throughout the school with the faux Bieber.

"I thought he was brave for doing it," said junior Tony Colon. "I knew Leon was going to do something crazy."

Purvis said he was satisfied with his night overall.

"Hey, I brought Justin Bieber to prom. Never say never," said Leon, quoting Bieber's famous hit single.

A one-year-old Humboldt penguin, which escaped from its enclosure in Tokyo Sea Life Park after climbing a four metre (13 feet) high rock face and skirting a barbed wire fence two months ago, is seen at Tokyo Bay in this handout photo. Tokyo Coast Guard Office's patrol boat and a rescue craft monitored the penguin, No 337, for about an hour in Tokyo Bay, however the capture attempt ended in vain, according to the Tokyo Coast Guard Office.

Man serves his own body part at event

A Japanese performer may have fed people a part of his body at an event in Tokyo, officials say.

The man, whose name was not reported, allegedly served five people in their 20s and 30s one of his own body parts onstage at an event he held in Tokyo's Suginami District on 18 May, The Mainichi Shimbun reported.

What body part the man served was not reported.

Officials from the district's Health and Welfare Department said they were alerted to the event by concerned Suginami residents who had seen an online advertisement for it.

A spokesperson for the management company of facility the event took place at said his firm rented the space because the performer told the firm the body part was his own and was removed at a medical facility and that there was no legal problem with it.

The incident is being investigated by officials over a suspected violation of the Food Sanitation Law.

Waitress gets half-million-dollar refund

A Cleveland waitress says she was surprised when she received a tax refund for nearly half of $1 million.

Virginia Hopkins, who has been working at Johnny's Downtown Restaurant in Cleveland for 19 years, was expecting a refund of $754, but the check she received from the Internal Revenue Service was for $434,712, ABC News reported. "I think I would have to work most of my life to earn that much money," she said. "Even with undeclared tips."

Hopkins said she decided to return the check to the Cleveland's IRS office the next day.

"Would you believe I had to give them a photo ID to prove it was me before I could give it back?" she said. "Otherwise they wouldn't even talk to me."

After she proved her identity, the IRS people were very polite, Hopkins said. They took the check and promised to thoroughly investigate the error.

Now, Hopkins said she is "readjusting" to life.

"It's not easy being poor after you've been rich," she joked.

News Album

"Star Trek" actor Simon Pegg

Simon Pegg loves collecting his replicas

LONDON, 5 June—"Star Trek" actor Simon Pegg likes collecting replica dolls of himself, but his wife finds his obsession "creepy".

"Of course, I collect action figures of myself! The 'Star Trek' Transporter Room set is brilliant. I used to collect figures as a kid so to have a boxed figure of me is an extraordinary pleasure," femalefirst.co.uk quoted the 42-year-old as saying.

"My wife thinks they're creepy. People who think it's unseemly to collect action figures of yourself are people who don't have action figures of themselves," he added.

Internet

Elton John, Lady Gaga

Elton John worried about Gaga's health

LONDON, 5 June—Elton John fears Lady Gaga's non-stop schedule will take its toll on her health.

He admits he worries about the "frail" 26-year-old pop star, who is godmother to his son Zachary, as she travels for her Born This Way Ball tour.

"I look at Gaga and I think, 'How does she do it?' I talk to her mum and dad about it. They worry," contactmusic.com quoted John as saying.

"She is frail, and she doesn't eat when she should do, and she's a girl, and it's tougher for a girl. She works really hard. She will be in Denmark one night and Saudi Arabia the next. I know how tiny she is and I do worry about her, yes," he added.

Internet

Not fit for action movies: Robert Pattinson

LONDON, 5 June—Actor Robert Pattinson says he prefers smaller, gritty dramas over blockbuster because he thinks he doesn't have the physique to be an action hero.

"If there is a way to maintain a career doing small, interesting movies I would take that option. I'm not buff enough for robot movies," contactmusic.com quoted the 26-year-old as saying.

Robert also revealed he lacks confidence in his abilities.

"That's my biggest problem, confidence. I'm taking baby steps and hoping people will keep employing me," he added.

Internet

Actor Robert Pattinson

When Liz Taylor didn't return Donatella's ring

LONDON, 5 June—Dame Elizabeth Taylor, who died last year, once reportedly asked Italian designer Donatella Versace if she could try on a ring she was wearing, but then never gave it back to her. The late actress, also known as Liz Taylor, was knonw for her love of fine jewellery.

"My brother collected vintage jewellery and I was wearing a ring that he'd given me — Elizabeth said in this extraordinary breathy voice, 'Darling I love your ring, may I try it?' And she didn't give it back! She put it on and breathed, 'Oh darling thank you, you didn't have to do that!' But I hadn't," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Donatella as saying.

Internet

Dame Elizabeth Taylor

'Hunger Games' wins four MTV Movie Awards

UNIVERSAL CITY, 5 June—The young-adult survival picture "The Hunger Games" won four Golden Popcorns at the MTV Movie Awards ceremony at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Los Angeles.

The screen adaptation of Suzanne Collins' best-seller picked up prizes for Best Female for Jennifer Lawrence, Best Male for Josh Hutcherson, Best Fight and Best On-Screen Transformation for Elizabeth Banks on Sunday night.

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1," based on Stephenie Meyer's vampire novel, won the top prize of Best Movie, as well as Best Kiss for its stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, who are dating in real life.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2," the final installment in the magic-themed film franchise based on JK Rowling's books, won the awards for Best Cast and Best Hero.

Internet

Actress Elizabeth Banks arrives at the MTV Movie Awards at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City, California on 3 June, 2012.
INTERNET

Myleene Klass dumped by husband

LONDON, 5 June—British singer Myleene Klass has been dumped by her husband, ex-bodyguard Graham Quinn, after six months of marriage.

He left the 34-year-old TV presenter and their two young children on Myleene's birthday on 6 April, reports contactmusic.com. "She's heartbroken. It's an awful situation," said a source.

Internet

British singer Myleene Klass

Report: Reward set for missing studio exec

LOS ANGELES, 5 June—The disappearance of a 20th Century Fox distribution manager remains a mystery a month after he was reported missing, police in California say.

Gavin Smith's family plans a news conference on Tuesday, the *Los Angeles Times* reported. Police sources said a reward for information will be announced.

Smith, who was Fox distribution manager for Oklahoma City and Dallas, has not been at his office in Calabasas since 1 May, investigators said.

After he vanished, Smith's family said he had been staying with a friend in Ventura County. He drove off in his Mercedes sometime after 9 pm on the evening of 1 May, leaving personal items like his shaving equipment and the charger for his cellphone behind.—*Internet*

***Brendan Rodgers (right) replaces Anfield legend Kenny Dalglish as manager of the club.*— INTERNET**

Rodgers tipped for success at Anfield

LONDON, 5 June — New Liverpool manager Brandan Rodgers has been tipped to succeed at Anfield—by departing midfielder Dirk Kuyt. Dutch international Kuyt is leaving Liverpool after six years to join Turkish side Fenerbahce. The transfer is expected to be completed in the next few days but Kuyt says his departure is not connected with the arrival of ex-Swansea manager Rodgers. Kuyt has already spoken to international team-mate Michel Vorm, who was Rodgers' first-choice goalkeeper at Swansea, about the new boss at Anfield. "I think it's great for the club that they have finally announced the new manager," Kuyt told Liverpool's website. "From what I have heard from Michel Vorm he is a great manager and he told me he will be perfect for Liverpool and he will definitely lift the club up to a higher state." I would also like to say my decision to leave Liverpool was nothing to do with the new manager coming in whatsoever. I just had the feeling that I had to go somewhere else for a new experience after six years.

I made the decision but it's not about the new manager. I have great memories from my experience with the club. I'm sure Liverpool will improve under the new manager. Liverpool has a great squad of players and I'm sure with this manager they will do well. "From the bottom of my heart I wish them all the best, wish the new manager all the best and I hope they will be very successful."— *Internet*

6-time champ Rafael Nadal rolls on at French Open

PARIS, 5 June— As is his wont, Rafael Nadal declined to assess whether the 2012 French Open is his best French Open yet. Perhaps the question was too narrow. Truth is, Nadal is putting together one of the most dominant runs ever at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament — or any major tournament, for that matter. So far, he's lost a total of 19 games through four matches, including Monday's 6-2, 6-0, 6-0 victory over 13th-seeded Juan Monaco of Argentina.

That's the fewest to this point at Roland Garros since 1982, when Guillermo Vilas dropped only 16. Like Nadal, John McEnroe also made it through four rounds while losing only 19 games at the 1984 US Open.

''I feel really comfortable, really at ease,'' said Nadal, who is tied with Bjorn Borg with a record six French Open championships. ''When the tournament is over, I'll tell you if this was my best Roland Garros or not. For the time being, I'm still playing. So far, so good. But we'll see. Things could change.'' He trailed 2-1 at the start against Monaco, one of Nadal's best friends on tour, before reeling off the last 17 games in a row. ''I feel very, very sorry for him,'' the No 2-seeded Nadal said after improving to 49-1 in the French Open over his career. *Internet*

***Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball to Argentina's Juan Monaco during their fourth round match in the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, on 4 June, 2012.* INTERNET**

Former boxing champ Mosley announces retirement

NEW YORK, 5 June — "Sugar" Shane Mosley announced his retirement, ending a brilliant 19-year boxing career that earned him five world titles in three weight classes. Mosley's announcement comes one month after he lost a unanimous decision to junior middleweight champ Saul "Canelo" Alvarez of Mexico. "Good morning everybody. Just want to thank you for showing me so much love," Mosley wrote on his social networking Twitter site. "Had a great career and loved every moment of it, win, lose or draw."

The 40-year-old Mosley's career included a memorable welterweight championship win in 2000 over Oscar De La Hoya. He now plans to became a trainer to his 21-year-old son. "I'm going into the promotional world, I'm training my son. It was a helluva career. I'm happy for all the great memories and all the great fighters that I fought. Now it's time give back. I'm ready to train my son full-time now," Mosley told ESPN.com. Mosley, of the US, is one of the few boxers of his era to have never been knocked out. He finished with a 46-8-1 record, but was 0-3-1 over his last four fights. *Internet*

***Shane Mosley (R) during his WBC super welterweight title fight against Saul "Canelo" Alvarez on 5 May. Mosley has announced his retirement, ending a brilliant 19-year boxing career that earned him five world titles in three weight classes.*— INTERNET**

Ronaldinho denies accusation of indiscipline

Ronaldinho

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 June — Ronaldinho has denied accusations of indiscipline at Flamengo and says delayed payments were his prime reason for leaving the club. Ronaldinho quit Flamengo on Thursday and is suing the Rio de Janeiro outfit for 20 million dollars in unpaid wages and image rights. On Friday, Flamengo's football manager Zinho lambasted the former Barcelona and AC Milan star's regular absences from training and even accused him of arriving at one session under the influence of alcohol.

"At the worst I arrived at training tired sometimes, which is what happens to many players," Ronaldinho told TV show Fantastico on Sunday. "But I have always been professional and never arrived at a session in an unsuitable state to train. I have played nearly every game for the club this year," he said. The 32-year-old also denied reports he took a female guest back to the team hotel in the pre-season and said he never had a problem with former coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo.

"I never fought with him," he said. "When we were winning games last year nobody said anything." When asked about the delayed wages, the two-time FIFA world player of the year said: "It was the final straw. There were several delayed payments." He denied the club's failure to pay him had anything to do with his own inconsistent form this season. "When we enter the pitch, everything is forgotten," he added.— *Xinhua*

Haas wins Principal Charity Classic for third time

WEST DES MOINES, 5 June — Kirk Triplett put together the best round of golf anyone had ever played on Sunday in the Principal Charity Classic. But Jay Haas was brilliant for three rounds instead of one, proving yet again that nobody can dominate the Glen Oaks Country Club like he can. Haas finished with a 16-under 197 total to win the tournament by five strokes, becoming the first golfer to win the Champions Tour event in Iowa three times.

Haas, the winner in 2007 and 2008, led by three shots after shooting 65 in the second round and made it stand up with a final round 5-under 66. Haas' 16-under tied the tournament mark set by Gil Morgan in 2006 and matched the largest victory of the season on the Champions Tour. "(Saturday) I really played well, but (Sunday) was a special round. And to kind of take hold of it and not give them a chance...that was pretty special," Haas said.—*Internet*

***Haas wins Principal Charity Classic for third time.*— INTERNET**

McClaren: Hodgson is in a lose-lose situation over England squad

LONDON, 5 June—Former England manager Steve McClaren has expressed sympathy for Roy Hodgson, stating the Three Lions coach is in a "lose-lose situation" regarding his Euro 2012 selection. The FC Twente boss, who previously endured a disastrous 16-month spell in charge of the national team, says Hodgson has done what he believes is best for the team in selecting John Terry over Rio Ferdinand.

Hodgson cited "football-ing reasons" for Ferdinand's initial exclusion from the squad though it has been suggested that he was reluctant to include the 33-year-old alongside Terry, who is currently facing a charge for racially abusing his brother, Anton. The Manchester United stopper even dismissed the former Baggies' boss' claims via Twitter this week, after a call-up was handed to inexperienced Liverpool defender Martin Kelly following Gary Cahill's withdrawal.

"He [Hodgson] is in a lose-lose situation," McClaren told Sky Sports News. "He's made that decision. It's always going to be controversial but he has had to be strong and he has had to make it. [He's tried] to avoid the media circus that would go on and on and on. Imagine the media attention surrounding John Terry and Rio Ferdinand every day, at the hotel, stories coming out in training. "I think what Roy has had to do is choose between the two of them; he's chosen John Terry. I'm sure in an ideal world, without all the controversy around, it he would take both. Rio is a fantastic player, he had a great season for Manchester United. John Terry is such a focal point for England as a team, as a squad, as a captain and as a leader."—*Internet*

***McClaren: Hodgson is in a lose-lose situation over England squad.* INTERNET**

Love, Pampling qualify for US Open

COLUMBUS, 5 June — Davis Love III and Rod Pampling were two of 16 players who qualified for the 23rd US Open. Others notable golfers who qualified included Charlie Wi, Kevin Streelman, DA Points and Steve Marino.

Love, who is captain of the 2012 USA Ryder Cup team, qualified by playing 36 holes in two-under at the Scioto Country Club and Ohio State's Scarlet Course. The 48-year-old Love is the 1997 PGA Champion.

Pampling of Australia has five career international wins. The US Open will take place the week after next at San Francisco's The Olympic Club.— *Internet*

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8. Song of National Races
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9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - ThirdYear (Chemistry)
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10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
5:35 pm
11. ASEAN "Programmes"
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12. EURO (2012) HIGHLIGHT
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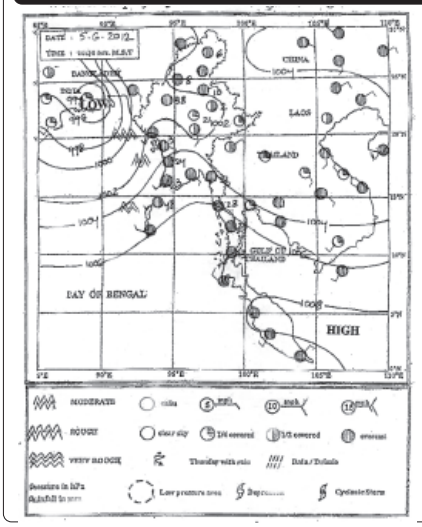
13. Traditional Boxing
8:00 pm
14. News
15. Korea NG Award
16. Myanmar Video Feature

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 6th June, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	33/91	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayin	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers(HH)	(80%)
4	Chin	23/73	16/61	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers(HH)	(80%)
8	Bago	32/90	26/79	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	36/97	28/82	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	37/99	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(80%)
12	Yangon	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(80%)
13	Rakhine	27/81	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	29/84	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	33/91	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	36/97	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Lower Sagaing and Tanintharyi regions, Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay and Yangon Regions, Rakhine State, scattered in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan and Chin States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with locally heavy falls in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and isolated heavy falls in Magway Region, Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Man Aung (3.86) inches, Singaing (3.78) inches, Kyaikmaraw (3.43) inches, Cwa (2.60) inches, Shwesaryan (2.56) inches, Singu (2.48) inches, Wundwin (2.44) inches, Pauk (2.32) inches, Sagaing (2.16) inches, MraukU and Coogyun (2.09) inches, Monywa (1.93) inches and Kyaukse (1.73) inches.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Increase of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.

India's Olympic wrestling team served 'rotten' food

***India's Sushil Kumar (right) fights with Kazakhstan's Leonid Spiridonov during their 2008 Beijing Olympic Games wrestling men's 66kg freestyle bronze medal contest in Beijing, 2008.*—INTERNET**

NEW DELHI, 5 June—Indian sports officials have expressed shock at conditions in the Olympic training camp for the nation's wrestlers, with rotten fruit being prepared in a dirty kitchen, a report said on Tuesday.

Former swimmer Khajan Singh, a member of the sports ministry's monitoring panel, visited the camp at Sonepat, 45 kilometres (30 miles) north of New Delhi, where the wrestlers are training ahead of next month's London Games.

"I was shocked to see rotten fruits used to make juice and unhygienic conditions in the kitchen," Singh, a silver-medallist at the 1986 Asian Games, told the *Hindustan Times*. "There is no dietitian or medical expert to oversee the quality of food being served." The wrestlers had not complained because they feared being thrown out of the camp, Singh explained.

Among the wrestlers training at the camp was Sushil Kumar, who won a bronze at the Beijing Olympics and is a rare medal prospect for the London Olympics, which begins on 27 July.—*Internet*

Pavlyuchenko pinpoints Czech game as must win

MOSCOW, 5 June—Russian striker Roman Pavlyuchenko said Tuesday if Russia are to have a chance of at least repeating their semi-final appearance at Euro 2008 in this edition they have to beat their opening opponents Czech Republic on Friday.

The 30-year-old Lokomotiv hitman - who ended an inconsistent four year spell at Premier League side Spurs in January with a transfer back home - said that it would not be an easy task to beat the Euro 2004 semi-finalists but it was obligatory.

"We should win on Friday at any costs," said Pavlyuchenko, who was one of their stars in 2008 scoring three goals. "We face a tough task to reach the Euro knockout stage. To achieve this goal we must win. Of course it will be tough as every European team now knows how to play quality football. But we must win this clash anyway."

Zenit St Petersburg midfielder Roman Shirokov agreed that winning their opener was vital to the outcome of their campaign, even if in 2008 they had been beaten by eventual champions Spain in their first match. "It's not really important to repeat the result that we achieved against Italy (a 3-0 friendly win last Friday)," he said.

Russian striker Roman Pavlyuchenko

"To win, to gain three points - it's the most important task for us on Friday.

"A lot depends on the opening match. The result may determine the entire campign. Although four years ago we started with a defeat we managed to recover. But this time it will be much better to start with a win."

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United agree Kagawa deal

MANCHESTER, 5 June—Japan international Shinji Kagawa is set to become Manchester United's first summer signing after the Premier League club confirmed Tuesday they have "reached agreement" with his club Borussia Dortmund.

"Manchester United is delighted to announce that it has agreed terms with both Borussia Dortmund and Shinji Kagawa for his transfer to the club," said a United statement.

"The deal is subject only to the player medical and obtaining a UK work permit. These conditions are anticipated to be completed by the end of June. "Further details will be announced in due course." The deal is expected to cost around £12million (18.4million dollars). Manager Sir Alex Ferguson and assistant Mike Phelan made a personal check on Kagawa the day before the Premier League runners-up's final match at Sunderland, when they saw the Japanese star grab one goal and create another in Dortmund's 5-2 German Cup triumph over Bayern Munich.

Japan international Shinji Kagawa

Kagawa cost Dortmund just 350,000 euros when he joined from J-League side Cerezo Osaka in 2010. He has scored 21 goals in 49 Bundesliga appearances for Borussia, helping them win back-to-back league titles.

Internet

Assistance provided to offspring of Pyinmana Township Police Force's members

PYINMANA, 6 June—A ceremony to provide assistance to offspring of in Pyimana Township Police Force's members was held at Pyimana Township Police Station in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 3 June.

At the ceremony, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Than Myint made a speech and provided cash assistance to the students.

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ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: ***District commissioner U Nay Lin of Yangon North District General Administration Department presents cash assistance to an offspring of District GAD's staff, at Yangon North District GAD office on 29 May.*—MYANMA ALIN**

US drone strike targeted 'al-Qaeda No 2'

ISLAMABAD, 5 June—A senior al-Qaeda figure was the target of a US drone strike in Pakistan's tribal belt, reports said on Tuesday, as officials kept tight-lipped on whether he may have been among the 15 people killed.

Abu Yahya al-Libi, described by American officials as al-Qaeda's second in command but by other security experts as one of the top five members of the global terror network, is a Libyan citizen with a $1 million price on his head.

***This video grab, released by Al-Qaeda's as-Sahab Media in 2007, shows Abu Yahya al-Libi.*—INTERNET**

Pakistani security officials told *AFP* that they were informed by American intelligence that Libi had been the target of Monday's drone strike in North Waziristan, a Taleban and al-Qaeda stronghold along the Afghan border.

It was the third drone strike in as many days and the deadliest this year in Pakistan, where the government has increasingly denounced the strikes in public as its relations with the United States have gone into a tail spin.

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Permission granted for resignation from the post of Union Election Commission

In accordance with the Sub-section (a), Section 401 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Sub-section (b), Section 7 of the Union Election Commission Law, U Thar Oo, a member of the Union Election Commission, is allowed to resign from the Union Election Commission as a member of his own volition.

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Permission granted for resignation as deputy ministers

In accordance with the Sub-section (b), Section 235 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Sub-section (b), Section 68 of the Union Government Law, the following deputy ministers are allowed to resign from their posts of their own volition.

(1) U Tint Lwin Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs
(2) U Soe Aung Ministry of Energy

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Union Information and Culture Minister, VOA Director discuss cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received a delegation led by Mr David Ensor, Director of the Voice of America (VOA) at his office here today.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, departmental heads of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and officials of the ministry.

During the meeting, the two sides cordially discussed cooperation between the ministry and the VOA, assisting the radio and television broadcasting sector of the ministry with advanced equipment and conducting training courses for the employees of the ministry to improve their technological skills.

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives Director Mr David Ensor of Voice of America (VOA).
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Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation presents stipends to students

YANGON, 5 June—A ceremony to present cash assistance for Basic Education Schools in Regions and States was held at the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Office in Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw on 30 May.

Patrons of MWAF Daw Ni Ni Win, Daw Kyin Khaing and Daw Mya Theingi and President Daw Thet Thet Zin donated K 20 million through Director-General U Aung Chein of No.3 Basic Education Department, Deputy Director-General U Myint Shwe of No.2 Basic Education Department and Director U Aye Kyaing of No.1 Basic Education Department of the Ministry of Education.

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Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship commences

YANGON, 5 June—The Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship 2012, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, was kicked off at Danyingon Golf Club in Insein Township this morning.

Patron of the federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Rtd), General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik, Chairman of Myanmar Brewery Ltd U Nay Win and Executive of Yangon Golf Club U Khaing Soe Tha teed off the championship teed off the championship.

Over 100 golfers from Thailand, Bangladesh, Hong Kong and Malaysia including Myanmar took part in the first round.

The second round of the championship continues at the same venue tomorrow.—*MNA*

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (5-6-2012)

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Sagaing	(2.16)
MraukU	(2.09)

First coord meeting of Myanmar Writers Association held

YANGON, 5 June—The first coordination meeting of Myanmar Writers Association Work Committee was held at the hall of Working Committee for Myanmar Writers Association at Sarpay Beikman on Merchant Street, here today.

Patron U Tin Hlaing (Ledwinthar Saw Chit) of Working Committee for Myanmar Writers Association, Chairman U Khin Maung Tun (Khin Maung Tun-Lanmadaw) of Working Committee, Secretary U Aung Thein Win (Maung Khaing Khant) and chairmen of work committee attended the meeting.

At the meeting, Patron U Tin Hlaing (Ledwinthar Saw Chit) extended greetings and chairmen of work committees presented reports on work process. The first conference of Myanmar Writers Association will be held at Nursing University (Yangon) in the third week of June, for convenience of the attendees to the meeting from township writers association.—*MNA*

US Navy hopes stealth ship answers a rising China

This file image released by Bath Iron Works shows a rendering of the DDG-1000 Zumwalt, the US Navy's next-generation destroyer, which has been funded to be built at Bath Iron Works in Maine and at Northrop Grumman's shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss.

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Former boxing champ Mosley announces retirement

Shane Mosley (R) during his WBC super welterweight title fight against Saul "Canelo" Alvarez on 5 May. Mosley has announced his retirement, ending a brilliant 19-year boxing career that earned him five world titles in three weight classes.

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