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True patriotism

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

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

President U Thein Sein receives Australian Foreign Minister and party

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met a goodwill delegation led by Mr Bob Carr, Foreign Affairs Minister of Australia, at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.

Present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein and departmental heads. Mr Bob Carr was accompanied by high-ranking officials.

At the call, the President explained facts about new government's reform process, national reconsolidation, measures being taken in accord with UN resolutions in the area of international relations and efforts being made for emergence of a human society that can ensure the rule of law.

After that, they had a cordial discussion on strengthening relations and amity, development of education, health and human resources, conservation of culture heritage sites, providing assistance for the success of local peace-making process and rehabilitation tasks in



the regions where peace has already been in place, investments in tourism industry and mineral exploration, technology upgrades and promoting relations between Armed Forces of both countries.—MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives Mr Bob Carr, Foreign Affairs Minister of Australia, at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace.—MNA

Central Bank of Myanmar to put into circulation new denomination of Ten Thousand Kyats currency note on 15 June

CENTRAL BANK OF MYANMAR
NAYPYITAW

June 7, 2012

PRESS RELEASE

The Central Bank of Myanmar will put into circulation a new denomination of Ten Thousand Kyats currency note with effect from June 15, 2012. The new currency note will be issued to the public at the Currency Department of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Banks and Government Treasuries during the banking hours.

All legal tender currency notes and coins will continue to be in circulation. General description of the new currency note is as follows:-

TENTHOUSANDKYATS NOTE

Dimension : 15x 7 cm
Dominant Colour : Blue
Obverse Side : On the top, the inscription “ပြန်ဟောင်းတော်မူသော” is printed. In the middle portion, the Note carries the depiction of the Map of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar encircled by two

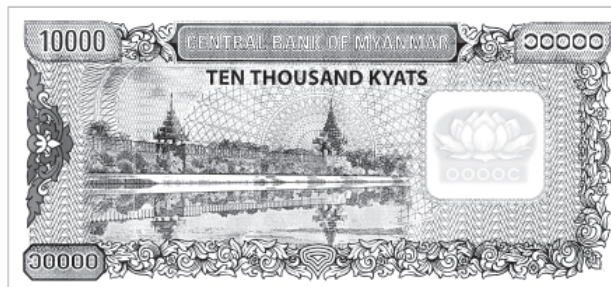
laurels and two royal white elephants in face to face position with a white lotus at the top in Myanmar artistic style. And also the Myanmar inscription “တစ်ဆောင်းကျပ်” mentioning the value of the note is printed. On the right hand side, floral designs in Myanmar artistic style are printed. On the three corners, the value of the Note is printed in numeral figures. Bank Notes numbers are printed in Myanmar and English. On the left hand side, the Notes bears the watermark image of the white lotus. A security thread is embedded upright in the Notes.

Reverse Side

: On the top portion, the inscription “CENTRAL BANK OF MYANMAR” and under it “TEN THOUSAND KYATS” are printed. In the middle, the Note bears the illustration of wall and moat of the Yadanabon Mandalay palace. On the border, floral designs in Myanmar artistic style are printed. On the three corners, the value of the Note is printed in numeral figures.



Obverse Side



Reverse Side

PERSPECTIVES

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The cornerstone of democracy

The world defines democracy in a number of different ways. In fact it is a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected representatives under a free electoral system or in other words a state having such a form of government.

Generally, democracy is a system in which the voting public takes part in elections and chooses politicians to represent them in a Legislative Assembly. The members of the assembly then make decisions with a majority vote.

Anyhow, democracy is a system that focuses on the people rather than on the administrative authorities or the people in power. As these persons actually are public servants assigned by the government or elected by the people or the parliament according to their qualifications including honesty and loyalty, they must be competent and be free from any kind of malpractices.

Lawmakers elected by the people on their part are responsible for passing bills that come into force as laws safeguarding, guiding, promoting and even controlling the society for its own good and long-term prosperity. The laws enacted with parliamentary approval must serve the interest of people, must protect the people and must be people-friendly eventually leading towards the emergence of a people-centred system, which is the cornerstone of democracy.

In this regard, the government is enforcing the check and balance mechanism among the three organs of power and facilitating the structural and functional changes and developments of all government bodies through the continuing reforms in ensuring that every outcome of our democratization process helps reinforce the people-centred system.

And through the gradual strengthening of the cornerstone the scope of freedom, rights, roles, prestige, and social standard and so on of the people will be higher or broader within the framework of the constitution.



Mr Pak Jeong-cheol and Ma The Mar San of Mawlamyine donates K 300,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Secretary of the executive board of Hninzigon home for the aged U Maung Maung Gyi to mark their marriage recently.—MNA

Union Hotels & Tourism Minister meets Singapore-based Shelton College International CEO, officials

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan received CEO Ms. Lesley Lim of Singapore-based Shelton College International, accompanied by Executive Director Mr. Patrick Hogan, Executive U Nwe Moe Aung of Prudent International Business Co, Chairman U Yan Win of Myanmar Tourism Industry Federation and Chairman U Tha Htay of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, at the ministry here at noon today.

The Shelton College International has been teaching economic subjects covering hotel and tourism hospitality courses including management courses for manager level trainees. Now, trainees from Myanmar are getting good jobs after pursuing their further studies in the college. As there is a plan to open the new one in Myanmar, it needs helps to



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan receives Chief Executive Officer Ms. Lesley Lim of Singapore-based Shelton College International.—MNA

fulfill if necessary.

The Union Minister said that hotels and tourism industry is also needed to promote human resources development and he is glad to hear the news he to open

above-mentioned courses in Myanmar. At first, it should be implemented in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw one after another. The Union Minister urged them to get help of the federation in the

implementation.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Htay Aung, Director-General, Managing Director and officials concerned.

MNA

Turkey to cooperate with Myanmar for supply of electricity

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein received Turkish Ambassador Mr Murat Yavuz Ates and a delegation from Karpower Co of Turkey at the ministry, here, at 2 pm on 5 June.

They discussed investment to be put in supply of electricity in Myanmar.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Kan Zaw, Director-General of Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration U Aung Naing Oo and officials.—MNA

Myanmar seeks foreign help to solve power outage

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe received a delegation led by Turkish Ambassador Mr Murat Yavuz Ates and Chief Commercial Officer Ms Nuray Atalik of Karpower International Co of Turkey at his office here yesterday.

During the meeting, the Turkish Co proposed to assist Myanmar in solving recent power outage with power ship equipped with generators, which the company said can be launched within three to six months. According to the company, the ships are operated with dual fuel system and thus both natural gas and fuel oil can be used for operating without interruption. It has successful examples in Pakistan and Iraq. The Union Minister and the guests agreed to discuss further for feasibility of the operation and proposal submitting.

Likewise, the Union Minister received General Manager Mr Mistuo Ido of Mitsubishi Corporation from Japan and party who proposed to import its gas-fired power generators from Thailand and send diesel generators in Singapore and Vietnam urgently.

Also present at the calls

were Director-general of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Myint Aung and personnel.—MNA

Mon Democracy Party applies for registration to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—The Union Election Commission is scrutinizing and passing applications of registration for the political parties. Mon Democracy Party today applied for registration as political party to UEC.—MNA



Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe receives a delegation led by Turkish Ambassador Mr Murat Yavuz Ates and Chief Commercial Officer Ms Nuray Atalik of Karpower International Co of Turkey.—MNA

Nawngkhio Township Writers Association reconstituted

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—A ceremony to reconstitute Nawngkhio Township Writers Association was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 13 May.

U Tint Wai (Pinlaung Tint Wai) presided over the meeting.

U Kyaw Lwin (Nawngkhio Kyaw Lwin) was elected as Chairman, U Ye Myint (Ye Myint Naing-Sagawahmyay) as Secretary, U Hla Myo (Maung Nyein Chan-Yesagyo) as Joint-Secretary, U Myint Thein (Maung Maung Myint Thein-Shwekyia-in) as

Treasurer and Daw Saw Thinza Cho (Nwe Thinza Hsu) and U Thant Lwin (July Swe) as executives.

After that, they chose U Kyaw Lwin (Nawngkhio Kyaw Lwin) as representative to the Writers Association (Central) Conference.

MNA



US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta (C) speaks with US Ambassador to Afghanistan Ryan Crocker (2nd R) and General John Allen (front 2nd L), head of the NATO coalition forces in Afghanistan, upon his arrival at Kabul International Airport on 7 June, 2012. — REUTERS

Panetta in Afghanistan for talks amid rising violence

KABUL, 7 June — US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta arrived in Afghanistan on Thursday for talks with military leaders amid rising violence in the war against the Taliban and a spate of deadly incidents, including a NATO air strike said to have killed 18 villagers.

Panetta said the purpose of the trip was to hear an assessment from US General John Allen, the head of NATO coalition forces in Afghanistan, about the "ability to confront these

threats from the Taliban and from the Haqqanis", a reference to the hardline, al Qaeda-linked Haqqani network.

Panetta also planned to visit troops and hold talks with the Afghan defence minister, General Abdul Rahim Wardak.

Panetta said he wanted to find out about a recent increase in the numbers of attacks in Afghanistan, including some that appear to have been more organized than others seen recently.

"I think it's important to try to make sure we are aware of the kind of attacks they are going to engage in, particularly as we go through the rest of the summer and enter the latter part of this year," Panetta said.

The Afghanistan visit came at the end of Panetta's week-long trip to Asia to explain a new US military strategy, announced in January, that calls for a shift in strategic focus to the Asia-Pacific Region.

Reuters

Chinese President Hu Jintao hosts opening ceremony of 12th SCO Summit

BEIJING, 7 June — Chinese President Hu Jintao will host the opening ceremony of the 12th summit. Leaders from the other five member states have already arrived to attend. Russian President, Vladimir Putin, was the first to arrive in Beijing on Tuesday. It's his first trip to China since regaining the Russian presidency.

A major highlight has been the signing of a joint communiqué along with a range of commercial agreements between China and Russia. On Wednesday, President Hu Jintao has held separate meetings with his counterparts from



The large group meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Beijing summit is held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 June, 2012. — XINHUA

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

They've exchanged opinions on past cooperation and have expressed their

hopes for the two-day summit. Participants also include leaders from the observer states, India, Iran, Mongolia and Pakistan, as well as dialogue partners Belarus and Sri Lanka. Other delegation guests include those from Afghanistan, the SCO secretariat, the United Nations, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Collective Security Treaty Organization, and the Eurasian Economic Community.

The Beijing summit is expected to set the tone for the development of the organization over the next decade. — Xinhua

India wants US to "recalibrate" its new Asia-Pacific defence strategy

NEW DELHI, 7 June — India has called on the United States to "recalibrate" its new strategy in the Asia-Pacific Region during talks between Indian Defence Minister AK Antony and visiting US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta on Wednesday in the Indian capital, said local media on Thursday.

"Antony emphasized the need to strengthen the multilateral security architecture in the Asia-Pacific and to move at a pace comfortable to all countries concerned," the Indian Defence Ministry was quoted as

saying in a statement after the talks between Antony and Panetta.

During the talks, Panetta outlined the new US Asia-Pacific strategy, saying, "America is at a turning point. After a decade of war, we are developing the new defence strategy in particular, we will expand our military partnerships and our presence in the arc extending from the Western Pacific and East Asia into the Indian Ocean region and South Asia. Defence cooperation with India is a linchpin in this strategy." — Xinhua

Afghan President Karzai hails China as steady partner

BEIJING, 7 June — Afghanistan is extremely grateful that China has been a steady partner for the country in providing fundamental support during its process of seeking stabilization and progress, said Afghan President Hamid Karzai in Beijing on Wednesday.

When delivering a speech on Afghanistan's foreign

policies at the China Foreign Affairs University, Karzai thanked China for being the biggest investor in his country while helping his homeland in lots of other ways.

"The relations we have with the world are among the strongest Afghanistan has ever had," said the president. Afghanistan has broad relationships not only with

its neighbours, but also with Europe and the United States, as the country has signed strategic partnership agreements with many countries including Germany, the United States, Australia and India, said Karzai. His country is happy in keeping a good equilibrium of understanding and contact, Karzai added.

Xinhua

United Nations Secretary-General's message on World Oceans Day

8 June, 2012

This year's World Oceans Day falls as the international community marks an important milestone: the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

When the Convention opened for signature on 10 December 1982, it was rightly characterized as a "constitution for the oceans". Forged through a process of negotiation among more than 150 States, the treaty is a living monument to international cooperation.

When it was adopted, the Convention on the Law of the Sea made treaty history. With 320 articles and nine annexes covering every aspect of the oceans and marine environment, the Convention sets out a delicate balance of rights and duties.

The protection of the world's oceans and coasts is among the key goals of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, which will open in Rio de Janeiro in just 12 days. The Convention is contributing to this goal through its

provisions, including on the preservation of the marine environment, marine scientific research and the transfer of marine technology.

We must do more for our world's oceans, which are threatened by pollution, depleted fishery resources, the impacts of climate change and the deterioration of the marine environment. Rio+20 must mobilize the United Nations, Governments and other partners to improve the management and conservation of oceans through initiatives to curb overfishing, improve protection of the marine environment and reduce ocean pollution and the impact of climate change.

There could be no more fitting way to commemorate World Oceans Day than for all countries that have not yet done so to ratify the Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Let us make 2012 another milestone year for the world's oceans, so that we can set sail towards the future we want.

UNIC/Yangon

US offers millions in bounty for top Somali militants

WASHINGTON, 7 June — The United States is offering rewards of up to \$7 million for information leading to the location of seven key leaders of Somalia's al Shabaab, seeking for the first time to target top echelons of the al Qaeda-linked militant group. US officials said the rewards, to be announced on the State Department's "Rewards for Justice" website on Thursday, opened a new front in the battle against al Shabaab and signaled Washington's determination to press the fight against terrorism across Africa.

"This is the first time we've had key leaders of al Shabaab as part of the Rewards for Justice programme," said Robert Hartung, an assistant director at the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security, which administers the program. "Every time we add someone to the Rewards for Justice site, that is a signal that the US government is sending that it takes the fight against terrorism very seriously," Hartung said. The US government in 2008 named al Shabaab to its list of foreign terrorist organizations, imposing financial and other restrictions on the group that had seized control of large areas of south and central Somalia and sought to impose its strict version of Islam on the impoverished Horn of Africa nation.

The United States has also joined international efforts to bolster Somalia in the face of its multiple crises, pledging \$300 million to support an African Union force battling al Shabaab and \$250 million for humanitarian relief after drought struck the region last year."



Al Shabaab soldiers patrol in formation along the streets of Dayniile District in Southern Mogadishu, on 5 March, 2012. — REUTERS

What we're about in Somalia is a comprehensive broad effort with a variety of partners in the region and around the world to bring stability to Somalia," said Karl Wycoff, deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs.

Reuters



Afghan President Hamid Karzai delivers a speech at the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing, capital of China, on 6 June, 2012.

XINHUA

Science & Technology Science & Technology Science & Technology

'Chemical' chip could control our bodies

LINKÖPING, 7 June—Researchers in Sweden say an electronic circuit based on chemistry could control and regulate the signal paths of cells in the human body. The chip is based on ion "transistors" for transport of both positive and negative ions, as well as charged biomolecules, rather than moving electrons as in conventional electronic circuits, Linköping University reported on Tuesday.

The chemical chip can thus control the delivery of neurotransmitters, allowing chemical control of muscles, researchers said.

"We can, for example, send out signals to muscle synapses where the signaling system may not work for some reason. We know our chip works with common signaling substances, for example acetylcholine," Magnus Berggren, a professor of organic electronics and leader of the research group, said. An advantage of chemical circuits is that the charge carrier in the circuit consists of chemical substances with various functions in the body, researchers said, opening up possibilities of treating certain physical conditions.—*Internet*



The chemical chip can control the delivery of the neurotransmitter acetylcholine. This enables chemical control of muscles, which are activated when they come into contact with acetylcholine.
INTERNET

Tree rings suggest ancient cosmic event

NAGOYA, 7 June—Japanese researchers say ancient tree ring data suggests Earth may have been the target of an unusual cosmic ray bombardment more than 1,200 years ago.

When cosmic rays — subatomic particles traveling through space — reach Earth they react with the atmosphere, producing new particles, including carbon-14 that is taken up by trees during photosynthesis and is "fixed" in the tree's annual growth ring.

Researchers at Nagoya University examined the carbon-14 content of two Japanese cedar trees and found an unusually high amount of the isotope between AD 774 and 775, NewScientist.com reported on Sunday.

A similar increase has been found in the carbon-14 record of North American trees of the time, they said.

Internet



Nano-SIM card and carrying tray.—INTERNET

Apple wins in nano-SIM card battle

SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS, 7 June — Apple has won another technical battle as its proposed next generation of mobile SIM cards has been accepted by a European standards body.

The European Telecommunications Standards Institute has decided on a new standard size and insertion technique for so-called nano-SIM cards that could lead to smaller mobile devices in the future, venturebeat.com reported.

Nokia, Apple, Motorola, and RIM all had competing proposals, with Nokia and Motorola campaigning for a push-in type of card while Apple proposed a tray-based design, eventually accepted by the institute.

The new nano-SIM cards will be 12.3 millimeters by 8.8 millimeters, about 40

percent smaller than current SIM cards, and have the same thickness as the current Micro-SIM standard, the institute said.—*Internet*

Physicists probe atomic mystery

PASADENA, 7 June—US physicists say the most sensitive measurements yet in a hunt for a hypothetical atomic process could help solve some of the universe's biggest mysteries.

Researchers at the California Institute of Technology and Stanford University's SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory say their experiment, involving the radioactive decay of atomic nuclei, could help scientists understand the fundamental laws of physics and why there is more matter than antimatter — and therefore why regular matter like planets, stars and humans exists at all.

The EXO-200 experiment has made the most sensitive measurements on the nature

of a hypothetical so-called neutrinoless double beta decay, and has narrowed the range of possible masses for the neutrino — a tiny uncharged particle that rarely interacts with anything — passing through rock, people and planets as it zips along at nearly the speed of light, a Caltech release reported on Monday.

In a normal double beta decay, which was first observed in 1986, two neutrons in an unstable atomic nucleus turn into two protons.

In the process, two electrons and two anti-neutrinos — the antimatter counterparts of neutrinos — are emitted.

Physicists have suggested two neutrons could also

decay into two protons by emitting two electrons without producing any anti-neutrinos if the two neutrinos produced could somehow cancel each other out.

If this neutrinoless process does indeed exist, physicists would be forced to revise the Standard Model, the remarkably successful theory that describes how all elementary particles behave and interact, because the model does not predict a neutrino could act as its own antiparticle.

"People have been looking for this process for a very long time," EXO-200 researcher Petr Vogel said. "It would be a very fundamental discovery if someone actually observes it."—*Internet*

Starfish stranding linked to starvation

TOKYO, 7 June—Hundreds of crown-of-thorns starfish found on a beach in southern Japan became stranded because they were weakened by starvation, researchers say.

More than 800 of the creatures were discovered on a 1,000-foot stretch of sand on Ishigaki Island in January, a report in the journal *Coral Reefs* reported. A population "outbreak" was first noted in 2009 when masses of juvenile starfish were seen feeding on the island's outer coral reef, eventually completely deleting the food source in



the next three years, researchers said. "The shortage of food, corals, is a probable cause of the

stranding," Go Suzuki from Japan's Fisheries Research Agency said.

Internet

Intel turns to plastic Ultrabook cases

SANTA CLARA, 7 June—Intel says it's turned to aerospace in an attempt to come up with materials and configurations to help bring down the price of its Ultrabook computers.

The company's R&D centre, consulting with engineers from Boeing, has developed a design method to make plastic laptop cases as strong as the more expensive metal ones typically used in Ultrabooks, techeye.net reported on Monday.

Using plastic instead of metal may cut the cost of future Ultrabooks by between \$25 and \$75, Intel's Ben Broili told Avionics Intelligence.

The researchers found that hard drives, motherboards and other components inside a laptop computer can be arranged in a manner that makes the computer's internal structure much stronger, allowing the use of plastic for the outer cases without sacrificing strength.

Internet

Suit filed over Zuckerberg stock dump

MENLO PARK, 7 June — Facebook investors filed suit against Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg, saying he knew the firm's initial share price was too high, court papers say.

TMZ reported on Monday the class-action lawsuit claims Zuckerberg sold a significant share of his Facebook stock, knowing in advance the \$38 per share price would not hold up.

The price of Facebook shares has dropped sharply — off nearly 30 percent, trading at \$27.27 per share late Monday — since its public debut on 18 May.

This is the second lawsuit filed concerning Facebook and underwriters withholding information before the firm's IPO, which was also marred by technical difficulties at the Nasdaq stock exchange.

The new lawsuit claims underwriters of the IPO — Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan and Goldman Sachs — notified large investors the stock was overvalued, but did

not disclose this to smaller investors, known as retail investors.

MarketWatch reported on Monday market analyst Carlos Kirjner of Bernstein Research set a price target for the company at \$25 per share.

"It is difficult to argue for owning stock today," Kirjner wrote in a research note.

Kirjner said the company's revenue capacity through display ad inventory, projected revenue growth and the value of future business opportunities put Facebook in a "material risk," category.

"Investors will question Facebook's ability to achieve our ... (projected) 2013 revenue as near-term (sales) growth decelerates," Kirjner said.

The analyst also said the value of social advertising is uncertain and "will not be resolved in the next 12 months."

Internet



Spectators in Times Square watch Facebook Co-Founder Mark Zuckerberg ring the opening bell at the Nasdaq in Times Square in New York City on 18 May, 2012. Facebook Begins trading publicly for the first time today under the symbol (FB).

INTERNET

Business & Health Business & Health Business & Health

People participate in a YogaWorks class in Santa Monica, California in this handout picture.

REUTERS



NEW YORK, 7 June—Constantly thinking about the next work out? Upset about missing an exercise class? Fitness experts say more is not always better and overworking a work out can sap strength and invite injury.

"We have fit people and deconditioned people who overdo it," said Gerylyn Coopersmith, national director of the Equinox Fitness Training Institute.

"Exercise is like a drug, if you don't have enough, you get no benefits, if you have too much, you have problems," she said.

Shin splints, heel spurs, tendonitis are among the common overuse injuries that Coopersmith, who oversees the training of personal trainers for Equinox fitness centres, sees.

When working out is too much of a good thing

longer or go on the elliptical (trainer) for another 40 minutes."

Poke an exercise addiction, Dixon believes, and you'll often uncover another addiction.

"Maybe they're a binge eater, or they really party on the weekend," she said. "If you're working out morning and night, you're over-trained. Your body's getting beaten up."

For Dixon and her colleagues, overtraining is an occupational hazard.

"A lot of group fitness instructors and trainers fall into that category because it's our job," she said. "I know instructors who teach over 30 classes a week."

Connecticut-based exercise physiologist Tom Holland, who has coached people in everything from climbing mountains to running marathons, has actually dropped clients who wanted him to push them too hard.

"I have a lot of types that think they're Lance Armstrongs," said Holland, author of "Beat the Gym: Personal Trainer Secrets Without the Personal Trainer Price Tag," said, referring to the seven-time Tour de France winner.

He said a lot of his job

involves telling clients what not to do.

"I try to keep them from getting hurt," he said. "I design programmes on a case-by-case basis but there's always a rest day."

When clients want to eliminate it I try to explain that you don't get healthier during the workouts, but during the rest days."

Jessica Matthews, an exercise physiologist with the American Council on Exercise, said she has referred several over-trained clients to psychologists.

"It's great to work with other professionals to help them (clients) recognize that they might have a problem," said Matthews, who is based in San Diego, California.

She said symptoms of overtraining can include constant headaches, sleeplessness and severe muscle soreness, as well as diminished performance.

"There are so many benefits to exercise, but if they're exercising excessively even the greatest benefits, like positive mood and better sleep, start to fall away," she said.

Coopersmith puts in another way: "We are a supersized society," she said, "but we shouldn't be supersizing exercise."

Reuters

European shares in cautious gains ahead of ECB meeting

LONDON, 7 June—European shares and the euro gained on Wednesday as the acute financial problems in Spain and recent data confirming a widespread economic slowdown across Europe fuelled hopes that the region's central bank would respond with stimulus measures.

Data showing the Australian economy grew a surprisingly strong 1.3 percent in the first quarter and a report that bank lending in China was growing also supported a move back into riskier assets, with Asian shares up strongly across the

action is highly uncertain, given the exceptional accommodation already in place and the unique situation for both the future of the euro and stress on financial markets," said Annalisa Piazzada, market economist at Newedge.

The single currency was up 0.3 percent at \$1.2490, pulling away from a two-year low of \$1.2288 touched last Friday.

Europe's blue-chip company index, the Euro STOXX50, gained 0.8 percent to 2104.32 points after rising 0.4 percent on Tuesday. While MSCI's



A trader holds a phone while checking screen data at the IG Index trading floor in London, on 9 Dec, 2011.

REUTERS

board.

The European Central Bank is not expected to cut rates when it meets later on Wednesday but it could indicate a readiness to take some action as early as next month, given the deteriorating economic outlook and Spain's banking troubles.

"The timing of the ECB

world equity index extended the gains it has been making all week, rising 0.4 percent to 293.98.

The European Central Bank is due to announce the outcome of its latest policy meeting at 1245 GMT, with the market consensus calling for it to keep interest rates unchanged at 1 percent.

Reuters

Health Tip: Work out in water

Aquatics, another name for water exercises, are a low-impact way to strengthen muscles and burn calories.

The American Council on Exercise mentions these potential benefits of water exercises:

- * Reduced stress on the muscles and joints, often lowering the risk of injury and soreness after a work out.
- * The water itself adds resistance, providing for a better work out.
- * Offering greater flexibility of performing exercises that wouldn't always be possible out of the water. This is especially true for people with arthritis and other conditions that can limit range of motion.

Internet

Nasdaq to make Facebook compensation announcement



A man walks past a sign welcoming Facebook to the NASDAQ MarketSite in New York on 18 May, 2012.

REUTERS

NEW YORK, 7 June—Nasdaq OMX Group Inc (NDAQO) has reached out to at least one brokerage that lost money due to Facebook's (FB O) botched initial public offering on the exchange, saying it will make an announcement on Wednesday, a person at the brokerage firm said on Tuesday.

Nasdaq is expected to release details of a plan to make up some losses

sustained by banks and trading firms, which collectively have been estimated above \$100 million, in a filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, citing unnamed sources.

Nasdaq declined to comment on Tuesday.

Facebook shares have fallen 32 percent since the IPO when technical glitches resulted in a 30-minute delay

of the IPO, unconfirmed trades and losses by market makers and retail investors.

Nasdaq's plan to pay back brokers has been slowed by regulatory questions centered on exchange's ability to compensate customers, the WSJ reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

Nasdaq's liabilities for a trading glitch are limited through regulation and a contract with its customers to \$3 million per month. The exchange has applied to the SEC to increase the amount to \$13.7 million to include a gain of \$10.7 million it made from the Facebook IPO through the sale of so-called "phantom shares" it was left holding in the IPO.—Reuters

A corporate logo is displayed at the Nokia flagship store in Helsinki on 29 Sept, 2010.

REUTERS

Nokia unveils cheap touch screen models

HELSINKI, 7 June—Struggling mobile phone firm Nokia (NOK1V HE) unveiled on Wednesday its first three basic phone models with large touch screens, filling a gap in its suite of products.

Consumer demand for such devices has been rising fast especially in emerging markets. Last year 105 million low-end touch screen

handsets were sold globally, according to Strategy Analytics.

Nokia said its Asha 305 model would go on sale this month for 63 euros, excluding subsidies and taxes. The Asha 306 and Asha 311 models will go on sale next quarter for 68 euros and 92 euros, respectively.

Reuters



China's Hu sees role for regional bloc in Afghanistan

BEIJING, 7 June — A bloc bringing together China, Russia and central Asian states wants to play a bigger role in troubled Afghanistan, Chinese President Hu Jintao said in an interview published on Wednesday, as regional leaders gathered for their annual summit. The future of neighbour Afghanistan, facing the withdrawal of most foreign combat forces by the end of 2014, is likely to be discussed at the two-day meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), whose member states fear growing instability spreading across the central Asian region as the pullout goes on.

"We will continue to manage regional affairs by ourselves, guarding against shocks from turbulence outside the region, and will play a bigger role in Afghanistan's peaceful reconstruction," Hu was quoted as saying in an interview with China's official *People's Daily* newspaper about the SCO summit. "We'll strengthen communication, coordination and cooperation in dealing with major international and regional issues," said Hu.

The SCO, founded in 2001, includes China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. Iran, India, Pakistan and others attend the summits, but not as full members. Each has a strong interest in Afghanistan's future.



China's President Hu Jintao looks on during a signing ceremony with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 5 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Afghan President Hamid Karzai is attending the summit as a guest, and his country is due to be granted "observer" status in the SCO, meaning it can attend meetings but not vote. On Sunday, Afghan officials told *Reuters* that China and Afghanistan will soon announce a plan to deepen ties, signaling Beijing's desire to play a role beyond their economic partnership as Western forces prepare to leave.

Reuters

Chinese Customs intercept radioactive waste metals from Japan

NINGBO, 7 June — Chinese Customs officials have intercepted 1,127 tonnes of imported waste metals from Japan with excessive gamma rays in the coastal city of Ningbo in east China, local authorities said on Tuesday.

The radiation levels of the waste metals, imported by a recycled metal company in Ningbo, was twice the national standard and hazardous to the human body and the environment, according to Ningbo Customs. The metals contained caesium-137, a radioactive isotope of caesium. Small amounts of caesium-137 were released into the environment during nuclear weapon tests and nuclear accidents, most notably the Chernobyl disaster.

Ningbo Customs has ordered the cargo to be returned and has handed the case over to the anti-smuggling department for further investigations. Ningbo Customs has intercepted a total of 8,544 tonnes of waste imported metals with excessive radiation from Japan since the Japanese nuclear disaster of March 2011, said Wang Lingbao, a logistics control department official with the customs.

Xinhua

Solar-powered plane lands in Morocco



The Solar Impulse HB-SIA experimental aircraft is pulled out a hanger at Barajas airport in Madrid, Spain, on 5 June, 2012.—INTERNET

RABAT, 7 June — An experimental solar-powered plane landed in Morocco's capital late Tuesday after a 20-hour trip from Madrid in the first transcontinental journey by a craft of its type. With the wing span of a Boeing 777, the plane appeared out of the pitch darkness over the runway, suddenly turning on its lights and gliding to a landing in Rabat, its four propellers already still. "It was perhaps the most beautiful flight of my life, I have dreamed since I was a child of flying without using fuel," said pilot Bertrand Piccard, who has already circumnavigated the world by balloon.

The single-seat aircraft is fitted with 12,000 solar cells across its immense wings and but only weighs just as much as the average family car, according to organizers. The plane is the first of its kind to fly both during the night and day as the solar panels charge the batteries for night flying. Piccard descended from the plane, apparently unfatigued by the long flight in the cramped cockpit. He said the Solar Impulse project had chosen Morocco because of its ambitious plans to increase its reliance on solar power. "We came here out of admiration for Morocco's pioneering solar energy programme," he said, flashing a brilliant smile and hugging members of his team on the tarmac.

All of the technology on this plane can be used in daily life." Morocco is set to begin construction on a huge solar energy farm in the south as part of an ambitious project to lessen its dependence on fossil fuels and produce 2,000 megawatts of solar energy by 2020. It also plans to eventually export the energy to Europe. Solar Impulse arrived in Madrid from Switzerland in late May on the first leg of the journey, but the delicate craft was delayed for several days by bad weather before it could continue its journey to Morocco. The two-leg Europe to Africa trip covered 2,500 kilometres (1,554 miles).

The light craft can only fly in perfect weather. The plane has managed to climb to 28,000 feet (8,535 metres) and reached top speeds of over 75 mph (120 kph), though its usual cruising speed is just over half that. The mission is being described as a final dress rehearsal for a round-the-world flight with a new and improved plane in 2014 involving five stops. The project began in 2003 and is estimated to cost about \$100 million over 10 years.—Internet

Top al-Qaeda strategist killed in Pakistan

WASHINGTON, 7 June — A US drone strike in Pakistan killed one of al-Qaeda's most powerful figures, the US government said on Tuesday, dealing the biggest in a series of blows to the militant group since the raid that killed founder Osama bin Laden last year.

Abu Yahya al-Libi, a veteran militant said to have been a leader of the group's operations, and who survived previous US attacks, was killed in the drone strike early Monday morning on a hideout in North Waziristan in Pakistan's tribal areas, officials said.

The White House called Libi's death a "major blow" to al-Qaeda, and claimed that

it will be hard for the group to find someone of similar stature to replace him. Some private analysts agreed, saying that the group that launched the 11 September attacks in the United States in 2001 now faces a crisis over its future. But even as al-Qaeda's core group, now led by Ayman al-Zawahiri, reels from mounting losses, its affiliates elsewhere — particularly in Yemen — have continued planning attacks on US and other Western targets.

The drone strikes, which have escalated in number over the last two weeks, have deeply angered Pakistan's government and contributed to unrelenting tensions

between Washington and Islamabad. Pakistan summoned the US charge d'affaires to its foreign ministry to convey "serious concerns" over the drone strikes, a ministry statement said. For the United States, Libi had been one of al-Qaeda's most dangerous figures.

Recently released letters written by bin Laden and captured during the US raid in which he was killed last year show Libi was one of a handful of al Qaeda officials bin Laden relied on to argue al Qaeda's case to a worldwide audience of militants, in particular to the young, Libi, a cleric whose real name was Mohamed Hassan Qaid, escaped from US custody in



List of al-Qaeda leaders captured, killed or at large. Abu Yahya al-Libi, one of the group's top strategists may have been killed in a drone strike in Pakistan, local intelligence officials said on Tuesday.—REUTERS

Afghanistan in 2005 and on at least one previous occasion was prematurely reported to have been killed in a US drone strike.—Reuters

One of world's largest excavators produced in north China

TAIYUAN, 7 June — A leading manufacturer in north China's coal-rich Shanxi Province said on Tuesday that it has produced one of the world's largest excavators. The WK-75 mining excavator, which stands 23.5 metres tall and weighs 2,000 tonnes, can dig up to 12,000 tonnes of coal hourly, said Wang Chuangmin, president of Taiyuan Heavy Machinery Group Co, Ltd.

The machine covers an area the size of a basketball court, Wang said, adding that the excavator is equipped with the world's most advanced electronics and monitoring systems. Established in 1950, Taiyuan Heavy Machinery Group Co, Ltd has a 92 percent share of the country's mining excavator market. It has sold products in several resource-rich countries, including Russia, Peru, India, South Africa and Mongolia.

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People watch an operation demonstration of the WK-75 mining excavator produced by the Taiyuan Heavy Machinery Group Co, Ltd in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 5 June, 2012. The large equipment, about 37.5 metres in length, 17.3 metres in width and 2,000 tons in weight, is the largest mining excavator in the world. It is capable of digging five million tons of coal in a single month.—XINHUA

Israeli airstrike badly hurts two Palestinians

GAZA, 7 June — Two Palestinians were seriously injured in an Israeli airstrike in northwest Gaza City early Wednesday, witnesses and medical sources said. An Israeli F-16 warplane dropped a bomb early at dawn near a Hamas police base, wounding the two people.

Sources suggest that the targeted were affiliated to Hamas, the Islamic movement

that controls Gaza. Earlier in the evening, the jets also hit a chicken farm in the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah.

Israel has stepped up aerial raids in the Gaza Strip since a Palestinian militant killed an Israeli soldier in a shootout near Gaza-Israel border. The militant infiltrated into Israel before he was shot dead.

The Gaza militant groups

remained committed to the unofficial ceasefire that has shakily held since the end of Israel's three-week major offensive here in January 2009. The Islamic Hamas movement has been controlling Gaza since it routed forces loyal to President Mahmoud Abbas in 2007. Hamas doesn't recognize Israel.

Xinhua

From brain drain to brain gain

Tin Maung Than

We have natural resources; we have a large labour force; and what's more we are located in a geographically strategic area all of which are our inheritances or advantages enough eye-catching for international economic cooperation and investments the country needs for progress. And thanks to the democratic reforms we now have an open-door market system facilitating the flow of foreign direct investment-FDI, technological knowhow, and foreign assistance into our country.

Besides, the marked progresses we have been achieving in our democratic reforms have attracted the interest of many countries even the ones that were unfriendly towards Myanmar in the past. As a result, more and more countries are promoting cordial diplomatic ties with us exploring areas that serve as common ground and where we can work together.

Positive steps

Nowadays, we are welcoming and receiving daily foreign delegations and guests both from East and West holdings talks with them on business extension or business initiation in the new economic frontiers of our country awaiting development through international participation.

As our foreign policy is for the peaceful co-existence, we welcome international communities' diplomatic and business overtures as positive steps towards wider cooperation based on mutual interest that in turn may enhance Myanmar's place and image in the international community. Greater headway in reforms is followed by wider international recognition paving the way for deeper global understanding and knowledge of Myanmar. So we have been seeing developments in international relations alongside our ongoing reforms.

As global countries, especially energy, raw material and labor hungry nations have their eye on our abundant natural resources and manpower they may have plans to reach them through putting investments and channeling financial and material assistance into Myanmar for common interest.

As for the geographical position, it is vital both for economy as well as diplomacy and geopolitics. So we are always aware of every change in geopolitics and even the slightest growth in polarity within the region. The truth is Myanmar will ever stay neutral abiding by the five principles of peaceful co-existence. What's more it will never reverse its reforms while maintaining cordial ties and cooperation

with every country whether it may be from East or West. Anyhow, we must always keep in mind that our geographical location invites the economic and political prospects and advantages as well as the impacts of the repercussions triggered by any change in global political trend.

Knowledge-based industry

The important thing here is we must use our natural resources, workforce and geographic position to the most effective way for gaining maximum benefits. We invite investments and technology of other countries so we can extract our resources most efficiently and turn them into value-added exports with their money and know-how and with our labour. We should not just be a raw material



provider; we should at least be an exporter of value-added goods, so that we can increase our income. For instance, we should be a country exporting plywood rather than selling trees in blocks, which is the source of forest depletion, as any foreign company that buys the permit will clear cut the area to earn highest benefits for what it has already paid.

The best is if we can export high-end goods we will earn more money. Consequently, we must develop the knowledge-based industry for our sustainable economic growth the best guarantee for our democratic reforms. But the development of knowledge-based industry calls for know-how, technology, facilities, capital, experiences and professionals most of which can be acquired in a short

period through FDI schemes and foreign aid programs. Another source for the industry is the return of Myanmar expats as they include technicians, experts, businessmen as well as those who are engaged in different careers. With this end in view, offers are being constantly extended to Myanmar citizens who have been abroad for various reasons to come back home and set up businesses they are specialized in. We have also long-term plans covering extension of universities, colleges and institutions of international standard the source of producing specialists in various fields and the skilled workforce. Extension of industrial estates and zones and multiple businesses with foreign and domestic investments in many parts of the country will also make way for the home coming of a large number of Myanmar people, especially young men and women, living as legal or illegal migrant workers abroad as they could not find jobs here.

Resources for growth

For certain reasons, our country faced brain drain in the past, especially when we were under socialist system a large number of people including intellectuals and intelligentsia migrated to other countries in search of greener pasture. But these people are also Myanmar; so they too love Myanmar and many of them have a dream of coming back home one day. Now is the best time as the country is in the democratization, welcoming FDIs, international cooperation and expertise and the Myanmar expats the resources for the growth of value-added and knowledge-based industries.

So we start building a business environment friendly to these resources, and where ethics, clean administration, accountability, responsibility and liability go hand in hand with freedom, justice and equality. Without such environment these resources will not stay long or will not even come leaving us to rely only on our exhaustible natural resources and crude labor not enough to make us economically strong. Besides, a weak nation in the strategic location will be vulnerable to outside repercussions.

Confidently international recognition of the changes taking place in our country bears witness to the rapid advancement of our irreversible march to democracy a system embraces an environment that is friendly to such resources or the brains and brawn of the country.

Drawing of plans coordinated in MraukU

MRAUKU, 7 June—A social and economic coordination meeting on drawing of township and urban planning work for development of the township from 2013-2014 to 2015-2016 fiscal years was

held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in MraukU of Rakhine State on 23 and 24 May.

At the meeting, Chairman of the Township Committee Township Administrator U Ye Win made a speech. Secretary of the Township Committee Head of Township Planning Department U Kyaw Hlaing explained basic needs for drawing the plans, basic factors of drawing the plans, salient points to narrow gaps between urban and rural areas, alleviation of poverty, development of human resources, trade promotion and improvement of services in ancient city MraukU.

Those present participated in the discussions. Later, the head of Township Planning Department replied to queries raised by those present.

Myanma Alin



TREES GROWN: As a gesture of hailing the World Environment Day, Ywangan Township Forest Department of Danu Self-Administered Zone organized the tree growing ceremony at Ywangan Basic Education High School on 5 June. Head of Township Forest Department U Zaw Naing and officials, teachers and students participate in the cultivation of over 2000 saplings in the compound of the school.

TOWNSHIP FOREST DEPARTMENT

School Enrollment Day observed in Lanmadaw Township

YANGON, 7 June—The school enrollment day for

2012-2013 academic year was held at Power Hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Lanmadaw on 29 May noon.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Thein Hseint made a speech.

After that, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and wellwishers donated cash, school uniforms, exercise books and stationery to the basic education schools in the township.—Education

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Pyapon Township observes World Environment Day

PYAPON, 7 June—In commemoration of the World Environment Day 2012, the monsoon tree growing ceremony was held along both sides of Pyapon-Bogale Road in Pyapon Taman Village of Pyapon Township on 5 June morning.

Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Soe Win of Pyapon District General Administration Department, district and township level departmental personnel,

Staff Officer U Kyi Lin of Pyapon Township Forest Department and social organization members

together about 50 youths from Action Aid planted 700 plants along the road.

District IPRD



Union Foreign Affairs Minister meets Australian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Foreign Affairs Minister of Australia Mr Bob Carr and party at his office here at 9.30 am today. At the call, they exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relationship and cooperation.

Also present were senior officials of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, and together with the Australian Foreign Minister were officials from the Australian Foreign office and the Australian Ambassador to Myanmar.

In the afternoon, the



Union Minister hosted a luncheon to the guests at Myat Tawwin Hotel.—MNA

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Foreign Affairs Minister of Australia Mr Bob Carr and party.—MNA

Union Cooperatives Minister inspects rural development tasks in Zabuthiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint met local residents at Aung Chan Thar Monastery in Zabuthiri Township, here yesterday. He pointed out how the spirit of mutual cooperation brings blissfully happy result in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Works.

The Union Minister asked the local residents to generate additional income by breeding chickens, pigs

and goats. He has planned to disburse capital for breeders to keep animals more and more as well as selling chicken poultry with credit.

The Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department will take the responsibilities for treatment. He would give the breeders necessary requirements in livestock and breeding sectors.

The Union Minister met members of Agricultural Production and Odd-job Workers Cooperative and

dwellers in Taegyigone Village and gave necessary instruction to them.

The officials from the Ministry of Cooperatives and Livestock and Fisheries took field trips in Ahlyinlo, Taegyigone, Aungchanthar (East, South and North), Letpankharhla, Kyanphosu, Shartaw and Gonmin villages in Zabuthiri Township and they carried out development of producing of meat and fish, breeding and village cooperatives works.

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Yangon Region Chief Minister attends Dhammayon opening ceremony

YANGON, 7 June—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Su Su Hlaing of Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Township Administrator U Myint Lwin and donor Region Hluttaw Representative Dr Khin Maung Tun formally opened new Dhammayon at TOSTA housing in No (65) ward in Dagon Myothit (South)

Township in Yangon Region yesterday morning.

The chief minister, the region social affairs minister and officials accepted donations of K 19.086 million by donors including Dr Khin Maung Tun and returned certificates of honour.

The construction of the Dhammayon that costs

K 21.6 million was initially funded by K 10 million contribution of Dr Khin Maung Tun.

The chief minister attended harvesting ceremony at 10-acre model Paletwe plantation in Thayagon village in Hlegu Township and gave necessary instructions.

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Yangon-Mandalay market ship to leave Yangon

YANGON, 7 June—Voy No. 1 of Mya Ayeya Yangon-Mandalay market ship of Commodity Transport Branch of Inland Water Transport will leave for Mandalay Botahtaung No. 3 Jetty on 10 June.

Those wishing to transport commodities on board the ship may contact Commodity Transport Branch on Botahtaung Market Road, Tel: 292199 and 292319.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe views items on display at the seminar.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Than Hlaing Deputy Director-General Survey Department Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation	Director-General Survey Department Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
(2) U Moe Zaw Shwe Deputy Director-General Religious Affairs Department Ministry of Religious Affairs	Director-General Religious Affairs Department Ministry of Religious Affairs
(3) Daw Khin San Oo Deputy Director-General Union Auditor-General's Office	Director-General Union Auditor-General's Office

Union Commerce Minister receives chairman of MITSUI & Co Ltd



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint holds talks with Chairman of MITSUI & Co Ltd Mr Masami Iijima and party.

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NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Chairman of MITSUI & Co Ltd Mr Masami Iijima and party at his office at noon today.

They had a cordial discussion on prospects for promoting bilateral trade and investment.

Also present were the director-general and officials of Directorate of Trade.—MNA

Role of schools and community in disaster risk reduction discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—A seminar on the role of schools and the village

community in reduction of disaster risk jointly organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Myanmar Engineering Society and the SEED Asia Myanmar took place at Theingaha Hotel here this morning, with an address by SWRR Deputy Minister U Phone Swe.

Speaking on the occasion, the deputy minister called for emergence of catastrophe-resistant society apart from promotion of risk management skills of the people as Myanmar is prone to various kinds of disasters due to its topographical features. He mentioned that such measures were to be taken in cooperation with the

international organizations and local organizations like the Myanmar Engineering Society. He requested Japan which is well-experienced in quickly responding natural disasters to take part in the fields of complicated technology and warning system. He demanded technical cooperation in implementing Myanmar disaster risk reduction work plan.

It was also attended by director-general of the Relief and Resettlement Department, deputy director-general of the Education Planning and Training Department, personnel of the MES and SEED Asia Myanmar and departmental representatives.—MNA

Production-sharing contract on EP 2 and PSCG blocks signed

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—A delegation led by Thai Minister of Energy Mr Arak Chonlatanon arrived here yesterday to attend a ceremony to sign a production-sharing contract on EP 2 and PSCG blocks between Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy and PTTEP South Asia Limited of Thailand. In the evening, the Thai Minister called on Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay and they cordially discussed bilateral cooperation in energy sector.

The contract-signing ceremony was held at the Ministry of Energy,

attended by Union Minister U Than Htay, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission and Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, member of MIC Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe and Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo of Union Attorney-General's Office, Thai Energy Minister Mr Arak Chonlatanon, PTTEP President and Chief Executive Officer Mr Tevin Vongvanich, Managing Director U Tun Lin Shein of Win Precious Resources Pte

Ltd, departmental officials and guests.

First, Union Minister U Than Htay delivered an opening speech and the Thai Minister and MOGE Managing Director U Aung Htoo extended greetings.

Next, the contract was signed and the documents were exchanged. Then, Union Ministry U Soe Thein presented the permit of MIC and work permit of the Energy Ministry to Mr Tevin Vongvanich.

The contract on EP 2 Block (Aunglan Region) and PSCG Block (Taungdwingyi) was for the fifth time.—MNA

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay presents permit of Ministry of Energy to Mr Tevin Vongvanich of PTTEP.



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Shan State Chief Minister enjoys Computer Painting and Poster Contests

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat, accompanied by the chief justice of Shan State high court, state ministers, state level departmental officials, visited the 15th Computer Painting and Poster Contest

in commemoration of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking at University of Computer Studies in Taunggyi on 4 June morning.

A total of 49 contestants—14 contestants

participated in the university level computer poster contest, 15 contestants in the basic education high school level computer art contest and 20 contestants in the middle school level computer art contest.

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Actions to be taken against fake, poor-quality fertilizer dealing

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—The Fertilizer Committee met at the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry here yesterday, attended by Deputy Agriculture and Irrigation Minister U Ohn Than.

The deputy minister called for preventive actions against fake and poor-quality fertilizer dealing. Secretary of the committee Director Dr Ye Tint Htun of Land Utilization Division reported on number of dealing and storage licenses issued till 30 April in

regions and states, inspection of quality and ingredients of fertilizer in the market, followed by reports of committee members on works concerned.

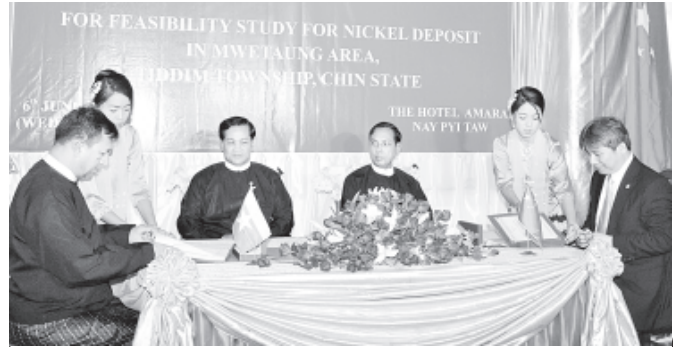
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Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than and Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and Mr M Wahidul Haque of the bank open AB Bank Ltd of Bangladesh.

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Agreement inked to assess possibility for nickel deposit in Tiddim



The signing ceremony of feasibility study for nickel deposit in Mwetaung area in Tiddim Township of Chin State in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department of the Ministry of Mines and North Mining Investment Company Limited signed an agreement to assess the possibility for nickel deposit in Mwetaung in Tiddim Township in Chin State at the Amara Hotel here yesterday.

The director-general of the GSMED and Mr Li Li,

chairman of the North Mining Investment Company Limited, signed the agreement and exchanged notes in the presence of Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik and Joing-Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin.

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister Thura U

Thaug Lwin presented the permit of the MIC and Union Minister U Thein Htaik the permit of the ministry to Mr Li Li.

Also present at the ceremony were officials of the Union Attorney-General Office, Union Auditor-General's Office, managing-directors and the directors-general of the enterprises and the departments under the ministry.—MNA

CESR important for education promotion: Union Education Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Comprehensive Education Sector Review-CESR Leading Committee and working committees met this noon at the Education Ministry here, with an address by Patron of the CESR Leading Committee Union Education Minister Dr Mya Aye.

The Union Minister, in his speech, underscored the need to bolster the capacity of teachers so as to promote the learning skills of students, calling for implementation of CESR works for equitable development of basic,

vocational and higher education.

Next, Committee Chairman Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu discussed work plans to be presented at CESR implementation coordination meeting.

Committee Secretary Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department U Bo Win reported on progress in implementation of CESR works and follow-up plans and number of staff from ministries nominated to work as coordinators with the

Education Ministry, followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting then came to an end with the concluding remark of the deputy minister. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe, Deputy Science and Technology Minister Dr Ko Ko Oo, directors-general and deputy directors-general of the Education Ministry, and personnel and officials of Myanmar UNICEF resident representative's office.

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Bangladeshi AB Bank Ltd opens branch office

YANGON, 7 June—A ceremony to open branch of AB Bank Ltd of Bangladesh, took place at Sedona Hotel, here yesterday. At the ceremony, honourable chairman Mr M Wahidul Haque of AB Bank Ltd delivered an opening speech. Deputy Minister U Win Than of Ministry of Finance and Revenue and Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Major General Anup Kumar Chamka, ndc, psc extended greetings.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenues U Win Than, Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and Mr M Wahidul Haque of the bank formally opened the branch office. After that, Managing Director Mr M Fazlur Rahman of AB Bank Ltd spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Official licences issued for motorcycles in Tachilek



TACHILEK, 7 June—The government is easing restriction for enabling the people to have better living standard and to own motor vehicles.

As of 5 June, the plan to issue licence to motorcycles imported through border areas commenced for the

people to own the vehicles officially.

In Tachilek District, the issuance of licences for motorcycles started at the compound of Township Administration Department.

A combined team comprising staff of General Administration

Department, Customs Department, Internal Revenue Department, Directorate of Road Administration, Myanmar Insurance and Myanmar Economic Bank give one stop service to the motorcycle owners who have paid respective fees officially.

To be able to take out the licences for the motorcycles, the owners must submit citizenship scrutiny cards, household registration and endorsement of the respective wards with fees.

The combined team issues 21Ya—numbers of plates to the motorcycle owners.—Myanmar Alin

Narcotic drugs seized in Pangnai, Taunggyi

YANGON, 7 June—A combined team comprising members of Muse Anti-Drug Special Squad together eye witnesses, acting on information, searched the house of Saw Hmyin Hlyo, 49 in Ward 3 of Namtawng Village of Pangnai (Kyukok) Township at 5 pm on 2 May.

The authorities seized 95000 WY brand pinky stimulant tablets and two kilos of raw opium.

Therefore, action is

being taken against Saw Hmyin Hlyo under section 15/19 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law at Pangnai Police Station.

A combined team comprising members of Taunggyi Anti-Drug Special Squad together eye witnesses searched a Hylux car with number Plate 7B— driven by Tashu, 34 together with Tahsaung, 19 leaving Kutcho Village on

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Kutcho-Honam Vilklage Road, two miles east of Loilem at 2.30 pm on 27 May.

They seized 151 kilos of raw opium hidden in the tool box and spare wheels in the rear of the car.

Action is now taken against Tashu, 34 and Tasaung, 19 at Loilem Police Station, under Section 15/19 (a)/21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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Training on traffic rules conducted

BAWLAKHE, 7 June—A training course on traffic rules was conducted in Bawlahe Township of Kayah State on 29 May.

Head of Kayah State Directorate of Road Administration (Loikaw) Daw Nan Soe Soe Hak and Deputy Head of Department U Tin Maung Lwin explained driver manuals and matters related to Traffic Law 1989.

After that, they distributed pamphlets on traffic rules to those present.—State DRA



Trainees attending the course on traffic rules in Loikaw.

Contest on Achievements of health and livelihoods held

MEIKTILA, 7 June—AMDA and MoFA are joining hands with Ministry of Health for development of health matters and livelihoods in Meiktila Township.

In so doing, they held the contests on livelihoods with actual achievements and extension of agriculture and livestock breeding tasks trained by AMDA, at the hall of Meiktila District People's Hospital on 26 and 27 May.

Presentations of the prize winners were held at Tawwin Han Hall in Meiktila at 1 pm on

30 May.

Deputy Commissioner U Sein Oak of Meiktila District General Administration Department, Medical Superintendent Dr Win Htein of Meiktila District People's Hospital and Project Manager

U Nanda Shwe of AMDA (Yangon) made speeches.

After that, Medical Superintendent Dr Win Htein and officials concerned presented prizes to the winners.

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Cash assistance for education provided in Mingala Taungnyunt



YANGON, 7 June—A ceremony to provide cash assistance for students of staff members of Mingala

Taungnyunt Township General Administration Department for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the

hall of the Township GAD of Yangon East District on 1 June afternoon.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Zeya Ohn explained the purpose of providing cash assistance for pursuing education.

After that, the Township Administrator and Chairman of the Family Discipline Enforcement Committee Daw Nwe Nwe Win presented K 112,000 and stationery worth K 61,000 to 14 offspring of the staff members.

Township GAD

Cash donated to social welfare organizations in Mawlamyinegyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 7 June—The slow-moving vehicle owners and drivers donated cash to Chanmyae Home for the Aged and public welfare associations in Mawlamyinegyun Township at the home on 30 May morning.

Chairman of the Township Slow-moving Vehicle Owners Committee U Kyaw Hlaing and Vice-Chairman U Ohn Hlaing donated K 20,000 each to the fund of Chanmyae Home for the Aged and one-day meal service and K 10,000 each to Cattle Sanctuary Committee, Funeral Service Association, Jivindre Oxygen Donation Group, Health Care White Heart Group and blood donors association.

Vice-Chairman of the Home U Aung Moun and responsible persons of the social organizations accepted the cash donations.—Myanmar Alin

Summer paddy harvested on model plot in Hinthada Township

HINTHADA, 7 June—The harvesting of summer Palethwe hybrid paddy was held on 3.00 acres of farmland of farmer U Sein Kyaing in Duya Village of Hinthada Township in Ayeyawady Region on 26 May morning.

It was attended by Township Administrator U Tin Aung Win and departmental officials, members of Township Agricultural Supervisory Committee, the village administrator and local farmers. The model plot of Palethwe hybrid paddy farm was harvest with the use of combine harvester purchased by Shwehintha Agriculture Cooperative Society Ltd.

At the ceremony, summer Palethwe hybrid paddy produced 150.54 baskets per acre.—Myanmar Alin

Departmental officials, media persons hold meeting in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 7 June—A meeting between departmental officials at Mohnyin District and Township levels and media persons was held at the hall of District General Administration Department in Mohnyin on 5 June.

It was attended by Deputy Commissioner U Tin Maung Soe of Mohnyin District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Sai San Win, departmental

officials, members of Township Writers Association and reporters.

At the meeting, the Senior Engineer of District Public Works explained construction of Mandalay-Shwabo-Myitkyina Highway in section, the Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee, allocation of roadside shops, the in-charge of communication station, installation of GSM towers,

the in-charge of electrical office construction of 66 KV power grid and power station, the principal of Degree College the tasks to keep the campus free from drug, construction of school buildings and practising of quality granted academic system.

Officials replied to queries raised by members of Mohnyin Township Writers Persons and reporters.

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SUMMER PADDY HARVESTED: With the aim of generating income and improving living standard, rural farmers are of Mohnyin Township striving for cultivation of various kinds of crops in all seasons. The photo shows farmers harvesting summer paddy Hsinshweli strain and groundnut plantations in Ingon Village of Mohnyin Township in Kachin State so as to put the farmlands under monsoon paddy in time.

NLM 001

School Enrollment Day observed in Hinthada

HINTHADA, 7 June—A ceremony to observe School Enrollment Day 2012-2013 academic year was held at Hinthada Hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Hinthada of Ayeyawady Region on 30 May morning.

At the ceremony, Ayeyawady Region Minister for Forestry and Mines U Soe Myint delivered an address. Ayeyawady Region Education Officer (Inspection) U Min Naing explained the purpose of free distribution of primary level school text books and exercise books.

Hinthada Township Education Officer Daw Kyin Htay reported on preparations for holding the



school enrollment day.

On behalf of the Ministry of Education, the region minister presented primary school text books to

the Hinthada Township education officer.

After that, officials accepted K 5.289 donated by wellwishers.—Myanma Alin

Myanmar-Thai Boxing Challenge 10 June



Chan Su

YANGON, 7 June—The Myanmar-Thai Traditional Boxing Challenge, to be jointly organized by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation, will be held at

Theinbyu Gymnasium (Kandawgyi) in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at 2 pm on 10 June.

In the challenges, Soe Lin Oo (Taunggaile) will meet with Chan Su (Thailand). Soe Lin Oo is a golden belt champion in 2010-2011 at second class boxer. He has experiences in 53 matches. Chan Su (Thailand) has secured Vice Champion Rard Dum Nem's Boxing Stadium Award. He has competed in 60 bouts.

Moreover, Thatti Aung (Taunggaile) will compete with Reta (Thailand); Dawna Aung (Waso) versus Ahkhun (Thailand); Shwe Tun Yon (Cement) vs



Soe Lin Oo

Chanamlit (Thailand); Daung Thechay (Waso) with Kwam Ngam (Thailand); Yan Taing Kyaw (Waso) vs Nan Pak (Thailand); Supa (New Generation) vs Rossy (Thailand) in the challenges.—Myanma Alin

School uniforms provided to offspring of vendors in Hsipaw

HSPAW, 7 June—As part of efforts to alleviate poverty, Hsipaw Township Development Affairs Committee has disbursed loans from Rural Development Bank to 136 vendors.

On 30 May, a ceremony to present school uniforms to offspring of vendors was held at the town hall in Hsipaw.

Chairman of the Microfinance Service Committee Executive Officer

of Hsipaw Township Development Affairs Committee U Thein Htaik Oo and party presented school uniforms worth K 800,500 to

48 primary students, 33 middle school students and 37 high school students, totalling 118.

Myanma Alin



Loans with soft interest disbursed by India to be spent on agriculture, transport, electric sectors

YANGON, 7 June—During the goodwill visit of Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Myanmar and India joint statement was issued on 28 May that US\$ 500 million disbursed by India to Myanmar with soft interest will be spent on development of infrastructures in agriculture, transport and electric power sectors.

Both countries agreed to improve border area development, transport, relationship, agriculture, trade and investments that will bring the mutual interests of the both

countries.

They also cooperate in development of human resources.

The assistance to be provided by India to Myanmar comprises construction of bridges for development of border areas, upgrading of roads, opening of training courses for agriculture sector. Indian government offered Myanmar to cultivate cardamom plants for its production in Naga Self-Administered Zone.

They are also willing to further cooperate in agriculture sector. Therefore, India provided agricultural equipment worth US\$ 10 million to Myanmar.

As part of efforts to further strengthen the bilateral cooperation, India has so far disbursed 1.2 billion US dollars as cash assistance and loans with soft interest to Myanmar.

Kyemon

Treatises donated to Pitakat Chamber

YANGON, 7 June—A ceremony to donate treatises to Sasana Vuddakara Pitakat Chamber was held at Sasana Yaungchi Monastery in the precinct of Pylon Chantha Hsutaung-pyae Pagoda in Ward 107 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township on 26 May.

Wellwisher U Tin Than-Daw Tin Nu and family donated the treatises to the Pitakat Chamber.

Myanma Alin

New school building opened in Mawlamyinegyun



MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 7 June—A ceremony to inaugurate the new school building at School Shelter worth K 200 million jointly donated by Swiss Development Cooperation SDC and UNICEF was held in front of Basic Education Primary School in Myattha Ywawa Village of Myattha Ywawa Village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 1 June morning.

Assistant Township Education Officer U Oo Kyaw, Myattha Ywawa Village Administrator U Khin

Maung Htay and the representative of SDC formally opened the building.

At the ceremony, Headmistress Daw Myint Myint Khaing and Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Than Htay explained the maintenance of the school building for its durability.

The new building is 96 feet long, 32 feet wide and 22 feet high. If natural disasters hit the region, the local people can take shelter at the school building.

Myanma Alin

World No-Tobacco Day 2012 observed in Sittway

SITTWAY, 7 June—The World No-Tobacco Day 2012 was observed at the hall of Rakhine State Health Department in Sittway of Rakhine State on 31 May morning with the aim of successfully controlling the related diseases of tobacco in Rakhine State, realizing the two visions of the Ministry of Health to ensure longevity of everybody and to free all the people from diseases.

Rakhine State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Aung

Kyaw Min made a speech.

Head of Rakhine State Health Department Dr Than Tun Aung read the message sent to the World No-Tobacco Day 2012 by Union Minister for Health Prof Dr Pe Thet Khin.—Health

CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: A ceremony to provide cash assistance to students of staff members of Pantanaw Township General Administration Department in Ayeyawady Region was held at the meeting hall of the department on 4 June. Township Administrator U Mya Oo presents cash assistance to offspring of staff.—MNA



DISTRICT NEWS

Self-reliant Sangha medical ward under construction in Shwegyin

SHWEGYIN, 7 June—Deputy Commissioner U Wai Zin Tun inspected the construction of self-reliant Sangha medical ward at the Shwegyin Township People's Hospital (100-bed) in Shwegyin of Bago District in Bago Region under the supervision of the Township Health Committee on 28 May.

The medical ward will be 66x29x14 feet one-storey building. It will cost K 25 million.

Myanma Alin

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Children show their gymnastics skills during a gymnastic performance in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 June, 2012. More than 700 participants from the country's 17 cities, provinces and regions took part in the two-day gymnastic performance, which kicked off here on Monday.—XINHUA

Heavy rain forecast in south China

BEIJING, 7 June — China's meteorological authority on Thursday forecast heavy rain in the country's southern and southwestern regions over the next three days.

Guizhou Province, southern and western parts of Yunnan province, as well as central-northern parts of regions south of the Yangtze River will see moderate and heavy rain from Thursday to Saturday, according to a statement posted on the National Meteorological Centre's website.

Some of these areas will experience rainstorms, thunderstorms and gales, the centre warned. During the period, thunder showers will occur in Inner Mongolia autonomous region, northeast and north China, and regions along the Yellow and Huaihe rivers, with some areas likely to be hit by downpours, gales and hailstorms, the centre added.—Xinhua

First zebra cub born on Qinghai plateau

Xi'NING, 7 June — An African zebra gave birth to a male cub on Wednesday at a plateau safari park in northwest China's Qinghai Province. Liu Chuanhui, spokeswoman for the Qinghai Plateau Safari Park, said it was really difficult for the tropical animal from the African veld to be able to accommodate the harsh plateau environment and conceive naturally.

Zebra breeder Zhang Jinsheng added the cub is healthy, and escorted closely by his mother. Before the labour, the mother and her partner were taken into a heated stable, where the three-

year-and-10-month-old female was fed with forage mixed with carrot, according to Zhang. The pair were introduced to the Qinghai Plateau Safari Park in 2007. Situated over 2,390 meters above the sea level, the park is located to the west of the provincial capital of Xi'ning.—Xinhua

World's highest tourism airport starts construction in SW China

CHENGDU, 7 June — Construction of Daocheng Yading Airport, the world's highest tourism airport at an elevation of 4,410 meters, began on Wednesday in



A South African Airways flight takes off at Johannesburg airport, 2010. South African Airways (SAA) announced it was halting daily direct flights between Cape Town and London to avoid losses amid shrinking demand.

INTERNET

S African carrier stops Cape Town-London flights

JOHANNESBURG, 7 June — South African Airways (SAA) announced on Tuesday it was halting daily direct flights between Cape Town and London to avoid losses amid shrinking demand.

The national carrier will close the Cape Town route, operational for 20 years, in August when two daily flights with increased capacity from Johannesburg will become its sole leg to Heathrow.

"A thorough analysis of

the route made it clear that we could use our aircraft more profitably elsewhere while continuing to ensure excellent business and tourism links... via Johannesburg," said Theunis Potgieter, SAA commercial general manager.

"It is also clear that we would lose money on the direct route in the future, whereas it is possible for us to operate more optimally between Cape Town and London via our Johannesburg hub," he said in a statement.

SAA is expanding its network of destinations said the move will see aircrafts from the axed route serve routes to India and west African Capitals.

But the airline is under pressure and last month said it was looking to the government for help to renew its fleet. "Serving the Cape Town-London route via Johannesburg will have an immediate positive effect on SAA's bottom line," said the airline.

Internet

China's Great Wall is 21,196 km long

BEIJING, 7 June — China's existing Great Wall, one of the country's signature relics, is 21,196.18 kilometres long, according to the latest survey results released by the State Administration of Cultural Heritage (SACH) on Tuesday. An archeological survey jointly conducted by the SACH and the former State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping since 2007 found that the Great Wall structures span the country's 15 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, including Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi, Inner Mongolia, Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang, Shandong, Henan, Shaanxi, Gansu, Qinghai, Ningxia and Xinjiang.

Xinhua

Iowa family finds mammoth bones in backyard

IOWA, 7 June — An excavation is underway thanks to the discovery of the bones of a prehistoric mammoth in one Oskaloosa, Iowa, family's backyard. According to ABC's affiliate ABC5-WOI in Des Moines, the first bones were discovered in July 2010 by a man named John and his two teenage sons when they were walking in the woods of their property looking for blackberries. One of his sons pointed out what he thought was a ball in the creek below to his family. Once they got closer, John, who has an

interest in archeology, noticed a marrow line at the top of the object, said reporter ABC5-WOI reporter Katie Eastman, who interviewed the family.

Realizing this was no ball, the family dug out what has now been identified as a mammoth femur. Despite discovering the bones nearly two years ago, the bones were brought to the University of Iowa for identification only last month, sparking the interest of Holmes Semken, professor emeritus of Geoscience. Semken enlisted the help of volunteers from

the University of Iowa as well as Iowa State University, to



help to uncover the fossils lying six feet below the surface. The University of Iowa Museum of Natural History is overseeing the project's excavation and research. "The size of this discovery is quite uncommon," said Sarah Horgen, education coordinator at the museum. "It's pretty exciting—partially because the mammoth is being discovered where it died. And we know that because we're finding

Cambodia, UN hold forum to promote women's entrepreneurship

PHNOM PENH, 7 June — Cambodia's ministry of women's affairs and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Wednesday jointly organized a forum on women's entrepreneurship promotion to discuss challenges women are facing in business management. The one-day forum was attended by some 80 high-level government representatives, international experts, leaders of women's business associations, women's producers groups, entrepreneurs and economic experts, Ing Kantha Phavi, minister of women's affairs, said in her opening address.

"The event is aimed at creating a platform of exchange and a network among the key players in the government of Cambodia, development partners, and private sector to identify the specific challenges that women entrepreneurs usually experience and explore some of the good practices on how to overcome these constraints," she said. In Cambodia, more than 60 percent of micro, small- and medium-sized enterprises are owned by women, but those enterprises are very small and informal ones with only a few employees, she said, adding that those women business owners still face a different kind of challenges compared to their male fellow-entrepreneurs.—Xinhua

Iowa family finds mammoth bones in backyard.
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Woman arrested for graduation cheering

A South Carolina woman said police escorted her out of her daughter's graduation for cheering and charged her with disorderly conduct.

Shannon Cooper said she was escorted out of the South Florence High School graduation at Florence Civic Centre for cheering when her daughter, Iesha Cooper, 18, received her diploma, WPDE-TV, Myrtle Beach, SC, reported.

"Humiliation. I don't even think humiliation could describe how I felt. You know, because I feel from just my feelings and then looking at my daughter how she felt, I could take you know you know if I did something, but like I said, yes they said you'll be escorted out no problem. I'll be escorted out.

I'll go nicely because I'm gonna cheer. It was hard work. I went through so much to get her to this point you know," Cooper said.

Police refused to comment on individual cases but said the crowd was warned anyone who cheered or screamed would be escorted out of the building. They said people who exhibited disorderly behavior while being escorted out were charged with disorderly conduct.



Graduates of Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia on 11 May, 2012.

Stolen tractor cold case turns stinky

A large, expensive farm tractor reported stolen in Manitoba in December 2010 was found hidden where not even a dog could find it — under 15 feet of manure.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police announced they had made two arrests in the rural area of Fisher, 100 miles north of Winnipeg, based on an anonymous phone tip.

The 2009 Case IH Steiger 485 tractor worth \$300,000 disappeared in 2010 and the case was all but cold when someone alerted the Mounties to its location last week using the anonymous CrimeStoppers tip line, the *Winnipeg Sun* reported. It took officers several days of searching the property, but the tractor was found secreted under the massive manure pile, police said.

Stolen laptop snaps photo of thief

Police in Michigan said a stolen laptop's owner used theft-protection software to provide them with the thief's name, picture and location. Ann Arbor police said Logan Chadde, 21, and his roommate returned home from a night out about 2:45 am on 3 June and discovered items, including baseball hats, video games, checks, office equipment and a backpack with a laptop computer, had been stolen from their rooms, AnnArbor.com reported.

Police Lt Renee Bush said the laptop's anti-theft software took a picture of the thief when he turned it on and sent it to a Web site along with a screen shot of what the thief was doing and the stolen item's location. The screen shot contained a picture of the thief's Facebook page, giving investigators his full name. Police said they knew the 19-year-old suspect from a previous investigation and arrested him. They said his name would not be released until he is arraigned.



News Album

Brigitte Bardot inspires Kelly Brook



Model-actress Kelly Brook

LONDON, 7 June — Model-actress Kelly Brook says her new fashion range is inspired by former French model Brigitte Bardot because she was famed for her curvy figure.

The 32-year-old has created a new range of clothes for New Look — a fashion

portal. The clothes are meant for curvaceous figure and Brook revealed Brigitte and Sophia Loren were two of her inspirations.

"I love Brigitte Bardot. Those pictures of her in *St Tropez* — gorgeous! Sophia Loren is my all round style icon though — pure class," contactmusic.com quoted Brook as saying.

"It was my dream (to design this collection) — I want to see girls celebrate their curves and show off their assets," she added.

Internet

Hounsou and Simmons break up

NEW YORK, 7 June — American fashion designer Kimora Lee Simmons and African actor Djimon Hounsou have ended their five-year romance, the *New York Daily News* reported.

The couple have a 3-year-old son together. Simmons has two daughters with her ex-husband, hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons.

"Djimon walked out on Kimora," a source told the newspaper, adding the split may have happened after Simmons' ex-husband recently stopped funding her expensive lifestyle.

"Kimora lives as if she's the queen of England," the insider said.

Internet



Designer Kimora Lee Simmons (L) and actor Djimon Hounsou arrive on the red carpet for the Premiere of "Nine" at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York City on 15 Dec, 2009.—INTERNET



Actress Danielle Panabakar

Panabakar forgot water phobia during 'Piranha 3DD'

LOS ANGELES, 7 June — Actress Danielle Panabakar was a hydrophobic, but that didn't affect her work during the shooting of "Piranha 3DD", set in a water park.

Panabakar says she took a quick decision to dive in the water for the movie.

"I didn't get to think of the phobia at all, it was such a quick process to go to North Carolina and start with the shooting," the 24-year-old said.

"On my first day, I was standing at the edge of a big, gross, dark lake and about to dive in, thinking why did I do it," she added.

"Piranha 3DD" is a comedy-horror film, set to release in India in 2D and 3D format 15 June.

The actress has earlier featured in psychological films like "Friday The 13th" and "The Ward".

Internet

Fame makes love difficult: Chace Crawford

LONDON, 7 June — "Gossip Girl" actor Chace Crawford says that being famous can make it hard to find a girlfriend.

The 26-year-old, who has previously been romantically linked with Carrie Underwood and Ashley Greene, admits it can be tough to find someone to start a relationship.

"I'm totally sort of just doing my thing. I'm never



Actor Chace Crawford

really looking. I guess if something comes along..." contactmusic.com quote Crawford as saying.

"Sometimes the pool is smaller because you hang out with five people as opposed to when you're in college or a job. It might be harder to meet a girl who is not in the industry. I'm open to anything. It makes it interesting," he added.

Internet

Paris Hilton ends lingerie lawsuit with new business deal

WASHINGTON, 7 June — Paris Hilton has worked out a deal to settle a lawsuit with a lingerie manufacturer by reportedly agreeing to front a new line for the company.

The hotel heiress sued LeBonitas more than a year ago for 1.5 million dollars, charging it breached a contract by not promoting a line of undergarments she lent her name to.

LeBonitas countersued, blaming the failed dealings on an uncooperative Hilton.

The case went to court in New York City last month and a judge ordered the two sides to settle the dispute in mediation, and Tmz.com reports they have now

reached an out of court agreement to end the legal battle. Hilton attended a settlement conference on Monday.—Internet



Paris Hilton

Carly Simon to publish memoir

WASHINGTON, 7 June — Legendary singer Carly Simon is putting together a memoir, which will chronicle her life, publisher Random House has revealed.

According to Crain's New York Business, the singer has signed a deal of more than 1 million dollar.

Even though, there is no publication date yet, Simon reportedly hopes to have the book completed by the year end. According to her publisher Random House,

the memoir will chronicle the 66-year-old's childhood, 'the discovery of her life-altering stammer, her meteoric rise and unparalleled career in music, and her loves, including her marriage to James Taylor,' CBS News reported.

Simon is no stranger to the book world either as she has already in the past published a children's book.

Also Carly Simon is the daughter of Richard L. Simon one of the founders of Simon and Schuster. 'After years of keeping journals and writing lyrics for my tunes, I have developed a strong interest in seeing how my life might just string together in a longer form,' she said.

'I know I'll be looking for a strong chorus, like a repeating dream or theme,' she added.—Internet



Legendary singer Carly Simon

France an outside bet for Euro 2012 — Platini



French national team's players hold a banner, reading "Thank you! At the Euro, with you, for you", at the end of the friendly football match France vs Estonia on 5 June.

UEFA president Michel Platini on Wednesday tipped France as a potential dark horse at Euro 2012 but joked that their progression depended entirely on whether they were on strike or not. — INTERNET

PARIS, 7 June — UEFA president Michel Platini on Wednesday tipped France as a potential dark horse at Euro 2012 but joked that their progression depended entirely on whether they were on strike or not. The former France captain told a news

conference in Warsaw that Laurent Blanc's side, who were expected in Ukraine later on Wednesday, were on a good unbeaten run, of 21, and their forward line was taking shape.

"I think they're a team that people will have to watch

— if they get off the bus," he said with a smile. France are hoping to erase memories of a disastrous World Cup campaign two years ago in South Africa, when players went on strike against then-coach Raymond Domenech — refusing to leave the bus for a training session — and a humiliating first round exit.

Overall, Platini — who lifted the European championship trophy with France in 1984 when he scored a tournament record nine goals — tipped holders Spain and perennial favourites Germany to be among the challengers for the title when the competition ends with the final in Kiev on 1 July.

"The two teams for me are Spain and Germany — if they play at 100 percent. But if they don't, there are a lot of teams that can beat them," he added. — INTERNET

There is no Real/Barcelona divide, says Arbeloa

GNIEWINO, 7 June — The Spanish squad is united and not riven by a split between Real Madrid players and those from Barcelona said Real defender Alvaro Arbeloa on Wednesday. The 29-year-old — a member of the Spanish squads that won both Euro 2008 and the 2010 World Cup — denied Barcelona midfielder general Xavi Hernandez's assertion last week that there was an underlying bitterness between the two camps.

"No, there is no split," said Arbeloa, who was a key member of the Real side that wrestled the La Liga title away from Barcelona last season. "Relations between all of us here is very good. We know how to differentiate between the relations at club and national level where we all share a common goal: to defend our European title.

"If there are differences

of opinion, we are here to make them go away. For the moment, the mood in the camp is good," added the former Liverpool defender, who has been suffering from a trapped nerve in his back. Xavi, the playmaker behind both Spain's and Barcelona's dominance over the past four

years, had said last week that the attitude of the players from both teams was very different. "We congratulated Real Madrid for winning the title when they have patently failed to do so over the past few years," said the 32-year-old.

Internet



Spanish defender Alvaro Arbeloa (L) vies with Spanish forward Juan Mata during a training session in Gniewino. The Spanish squad is united and not riven by a split between Real Madrid players and those from Barcelona said Arbeloa on Wednesday. — INTERNET

Lambert vows to bring good times back to Villa

LONDON, 7 June — Aston Villa's new manager Paul Lambert said he would try to bring back the good times after taking charge of the club. Lambert has been appointed as manager of the Barclays Premier League side after Alex McLeish's exit at the end of the season. Villa endured a disappointing 2011/12 season, finishing 16th in the table and just two points above the relegation zone.

At his first Press conference, Lambert said: "Villa are one of the big clubs in the history of English football and



Paul Lambert takes over as manager after a successful spell as Norwich boss. — INTERNET

this is a great challenge—one I am genuinely enthused to embrace. "Any club that has won a European Cup, seven English league titles and the FA Cup seven times is going to retain a certain status and that is not something to shy away from." Lambert joins Villa after three successful years with Norwich City, where he guided them from League One to 12th place in the Barclays Premier League last season.

The former Scotland international midfielder said he hoped the fans would play their part in helping to turn around Villa's fortunes. "With the help of the players and the fans I will do my very best to drive the club on," he added. "One of my first objectives will be to get the crowd going and to restore the good feeling back to the players so that they, in turn, can excite and ignite the passion and energy of our supporters." — INTERNET

Nadal to play Ferrer in semis at French Open

PARIS, 7 June — Defending champion Rafael Nadal beat fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 7-6 (7-4), 6-2, 6-3 on Wednesday to set up a semifinal clash with David Ferrer at the French Open. Against the 12th-seeded Almagro, Nadal saved four break points to dominate the match, especially in the last two sets. "It's a difficult match," he told reporters. "You play against the best players of the world and one of the best players of the world on this surface." Nadal, whose only loss at Roland Garros came at the fourth round in 2009, is bidding to become the first player to win seven French Open titles, moving him out of a tie with Swedish legend Bjorn Borg.

The second seed will in the semifinals meet his

countryman David Ferrer, the sixth seed, who outgunned fourth seed Andy Murray of Britain 6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3, 6-2. "He had his chances and converted them. He's solid and consistent and if you don't convert opportunities against him, the games become longer and the pressure builds on you," said Murray, who had reached the semifinals in the last five Grand Slams. The other semifinal will be played between top seed Novak Djokovic and third seed Roger Federer. Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitová came back from one set down to finish off the giant-killing run of Kazakh qualifier Yaroslava Shvedova 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 and reach her first time ever French Open semifinals.

Doubles specialist Shvedova looked on her way

to the semifinals after she won the first set.

But the Czech fourth seed kept her focus through driving rain to complete victory after her 142nd-ranked opponent drilled a backhand wide on matchpoint. "I expected it would be tough match and it was actually," said Kvitová.

"She started well and I was very nervous from the beginning making easy mistakes. Then I knew I had to change my game and I had to be the aggressive one and going for the points," she said. Shvedova said she was worn down by tiredness rather than Kvitová. "I was just super-tired. In the first set I still had the energy and I played well," she said. "Then I had just lost energy. The third set is just like I was saying to myself to fight and just try to get all the

balls," she added. Kvitová will next take on title favourite Maria Sharapova for a place in Saturday's final. — Xinhua



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates the victory over his compatriot Nicolas Almagro during their men's singles quarterfinals tennis match of the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, France, on June 6, 2012. XINHUA

International Sports

Besieged Murray ponders new Wimbledon approach

PARIS, 7 June — Andy Murray hasn't ruled out skipping his traditional Wimbledon warm-up duties if it helps him capture a first Grand Slam title and give Britain's demanding media the slip. World number four Murray saw his latest hopes of becoming Britain's first Grand Slam men's singles champion since Fred Perry in 1936 crushed by David Ferrer in the French Open quarterfinals on Wednesday.

Defeat ended the 25-year-old's run of five consecutive semi-final appearances at the majors, leaving him to fend off fresh



Britain's Andy Murray

questions over his ability to win Wimbledon, the next Grand Slam stop.

For the last four years, Murray has played the Queen's Club tournament, often seen as a mandatory feeding station for Wimbledon in the short four-week grasscourt season. But that

may change this summer for Murray, who is still battling a nagging back injury. "I'll do what's best for my preparation for Wimbledon, back or not," he said. "I need to get some good physical work done. That's going to be important. It's not a disaster if I can't play a tournament before-hand." Murray pointed to the options taken by world number one Novak Djokovic who won last year's Wimbledon without playing a warm-up and this year's Australian Open despite skipping the hardcourt schedule beforehand.

Internet

Beware of Ronaldo, warns Mertesacker



Portugal's national football team forward Cristiano Ronaldo controls the ball during a training session at the team's base camp on 5 June in Opalenica. — INTERNET

OPALENICA, 7 June — Experienced centre-back Per Mertesacker has said Germany's defence must be on their guard against Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo on Saturday in their opening Euro 2012 match. Germany open their Group B campaign against Portugal

in Lviv, Ukraine, with Ronaldo in outstanding form having scored 46 Spanish league goals for Real Madrid last season, bettered only by Lionel Messi's 50 goals for Barcelona.

Despite having missed three months at the end of last season after surgery to repair ankle ligaments, Arsenal defender Mertesacker looks set to anchor the German back four and says only good teamwork can subdue Ronaldo's silky skills. "I think we have managed to nip in the bud any of Ronaldo's efforts in past matches against Portugal," said the centre-back at Wednesday's press conference here referring to Germany beating Portugal at both Euro 2008 and the 2006

World Cup. "We must try at all costs to avoid one-on-one situations with him, because Ronaldo plays a key role and that is something we will work on in the next few days."

Goalkeeper Manuel Neuer said Germany's Mesut Ozil is just as dangerous as his Real team-mate Ronaldo, but admits the responsibility to subdue Portugal's impressive attackers falls on the whole team to deny them possession. "Mesut Ozil has just as good a shot as his Real Madrid team-mate," said Neuer. "I think all of Portugal's forwards are dangerous and a force to be reckoned with, so we have to place the responsibility on all the players to defend well against them."

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL****(8-6-12 09:30 am ~ 9-6-12 09:30 am) MST**

- * News
- * SkyNet Press Conference & Lucky Draw
- * News
- * Taste of Myanmar (Shwe Taung Noodle)
- * News
- * Beautiful Myanmar Silver Bowl
- * News
- * Myanmar Moveis Impact "Mawkin Utterance"
- * Children are our Future
- * News
- * Cultural Stage
- * News
- * Boost Production of All Crops
- * News
- * India and Myanmar A Partnership for Progress and Regional Development
- * Myanmar Movie "A Fragrant Flower From Bagan"

MYANMAR TV**(8-6-2012) (Friday)**

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw -Uppatahsandi paritta
- 7:40 am**
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am**
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
- 4. Health Programme
- 5. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:30 am**
- 6. Documentary
- 4:10 pm**
- 7. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm**
- 8. Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:30 pm**
- 9. Songs Of Yester Years
- 4:40 pm**
- 10. Teleplay
- 4:45 pm**
- 11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Botany)
- 5:05 pm**
- 12. Myanmar language
- 5:30 pm**
- 13. Singing In Different Versions
- 6:20 pm**
- 14. Internet Garden
- 8:00 pm**
- 15. News
- 16. Just For Laughs
- 17. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 8th June, 2012**

Sr. No	Regions/States	Temperatures (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Rachin	35/95	24/75	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
2	Bahay	34/93	23/73	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
3	Kayah	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
4	Chin	23/73	12/54	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
5	Upper Sgawing	33/91	23/73	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
6	Lower Sgawing	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
8	Bago	35/95	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
9	Magway	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
10	Mandalay	36/100	26/82	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
11	Maw	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
12	Yangon	33/91	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
13	Bhamo	33/91	27/81	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	27/81	17/63	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	34/93	23/73	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	35/91	22/72	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
17	Ayeyarwady	33/91	27/81	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
18	Neighbouring New Pyi Taw	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	26/79	Clear or two rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/100	26/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past 24 hours, rain or thunderstorms have been widespread in Tanintharyi Region, fairly widespread in Ayeyarwady Region, scattered in Upper Sgawing and Yangon Regions, Chin, Kayah and Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. The heaviest amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoon (1.85) inches, Kaba (0.95) inch, Mawya and Myingay (0.51) inch each.

Bay Influence: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Tanintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea.

Defoe returns to England after death of father

England's Jermain Defoe (19) controls the ball next to Belgium's Jan Vertonghen (L) during their international friendly soccer match at Wembley Stadium in London on 2 June, 2012.—REUTERS

KRAKOW, 7 June—England striker Jermain Defoe has returned home from Euro 2012 after the death of his father overnight, the Football Association said in a statement on Thursday.

"Jermain will re-join the England Euro squad in due course. There will be no replacement player called in," it added. "We would ask all media to respect Jermain and his family's privacy at this difficult time."

England arrived in Poland, co-hosts with Ukraine for the tournament which starts on Friday, on Wednesday. Their first Group D match is against France in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Monday.

Tottenham striker Defoe has 47 caps but has never played a full 90 minutes for England, earning instead a reputation as a match-changing super-substitute.

Reuters

Needy students enrolled in Shwepyitha Township

YANGON, 7 June—Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Win donated K 152,585 as cash assistance and for text books handed over to Headmistress Daw Su Su Lin for needy students from four Basic Education High Schools on 5 June morning.

He donated cash to needy students of middle and high school in 2012-2013 academic year in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region.

Likewise, Shwepyitha Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Tin Maung Oo donated cash assistance for 1309 students of 22 basic education schools in Shwepyitha Township to respective school heads and he also enrolled the



school-going age children.

The cost for enrollment was donated by wellwishers.—Myanmar Alin

F-16 stops small plane in Obama's LA air space

LOS ANGELES, 7 June—An F-16 fighter jet intercepted a small private plane after it entered airspace that was restricted for President Barack Obama's fundraising visit on Wednesday night.

The single-engine Cessna 117 was intercepted and forced to land shortly before 5 pm Wednesday, according to a statement from the North American Aerospace Defence Command. Obama was at the Beverly Hilton at the time, and was later taken to the Regent Beverly Wilshire for a

600-person campaign fundraiser in Los Angeles held by gay and lesbian supporters. The plane was intercepted northwest of Los Angeles and landed without incident at an airfield in Camarillo, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said. FAA officials would interview the pilot, whose name was not released, Gregor said. There have been similar incidents when Obama visited Los Angeles in the past. In May, a pilot mistakenly flew into restricted airspace as the president was about to leave the city from Los Angeles International Airport.

A similar scenario played out during Obama's February visit, when F-16 jets intercepted a plane that entered the airspace of Obama's helicopter, Marine One.—Internet

Spanish coach dies one day after appointment

MADRID, 7 June — Spanish coach Manuel Preciado died of a heart attack on Thursday at the age of 54, just a day after he was named the new coach at relegated side Villarreal.

"A heart attack claimed the life of Manuel Preciado in the early hours at a hotel in Valencia," his former side Sporting Gijon said in a



Manuel Preciado pictured last year when he was coach of Sporting Gijon. Preciado, who was set to be named the new manager of Villarreal, has died of a heart attack at the age of 54, the club has announced.—INTERNET

statement. Preciado, who was known for his frank speaking style, had been due to be officially unveiled as Villarreal's new coach on Friday on a one-year deal.

"Villarreal want to express their deepest sorrow at the sad loss and want to offer their condolences to his family and all his relatives," the club Preciado was joining added in a separate statement.

Preciado lost his first wife to cancer in 2002 and two years later the youngest of the couple's two sons was killed in a car accident at the age of 15. Last year his father died after being run over by a car. "Life has given me strong blows. I could have become vulnerable and shot myself or I could look up to the sky and carry on. I preferred the second option," Preciado said last year when his father died.

Internet

Testicle-biting dogs 'to face Euro2012 hooligans'

WARSAW, 7 June—From testicle-biting police dogs to sonic cannons capable of inducing involuntary urination, Polish anti-hooligan squads have an array of weapons ready for potential trouble-makers at Euro 2012.

The English-language Krakow Post newspaper asserted in an editorial that local law enforcement agencies were more than ready to tackle any hooligan threat at England's southern Poland base camp.

"The Polish police are

going to come down on troublemakers like a bag full of anvils and you don't want to be there when it happens," the paper warned. "Krakow has a long history of hooligan violence — the local police have seen it all before and they will ruin your day if you try it on."

"These lads' mums and dads rioted under Soviet machine guns—a few chairs thrown by beered-up fans is not going to intimidate them. "Do not expect softly, softly police tactics."

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Two buildings collapse in Italy, 10 injured

ROME, 7 June—Two residential buildings collapsed in southern Italy on Thursday following a big explosion caused by a gas leak, injuring at least 10 people.

Rescue teams rushed on the spot as it was not immediately clear if there was anyone still inside the buildings, according to ANSA news agency. At least 10 people were injured, and one 18-month-old child was reportedly still missing at the time being, after his parents were extracted alive from the rubble.

The explosion, occurred in the morning in the small town of Conversano, near the city of Bari, was reportedly felt across a large surrounding area, and smashed the mirrors of many nearby homes.—Xinhua

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Australian FM and party

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Australia Mr Bob Carr at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building, here this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw, Chairman of Bill Committee U T Khun Myat, Chairman of Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee U Win Sein, Secretary of Hluttaw Rights Committee Dr Soe Yin and officials from the Hluttaw Office. The Australian Foreign Minister was accompanied by Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Bronte Moules.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on conservation of underground and above-ground natural resources of Myanmar and environment, exchange of science and technology between the two countries, sending of scholars, further cementing of friendly ties and cooperation between the parliaments, the governments and the peoples of the two countries.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Minister of Foreign Affairs of Australia Mr Bob Carr at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building.

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Visit of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Thailand will be re-arranged at a mutually convenient time

Press Release

The arrangement was made between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Royal Thai Government for His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to pay a goodwill visit to the Kingdom of Thailand in conjunction with the 21st World Economic Forum on East Asia which was to be held in Bangkok from 31 May to 1 June 2012.

However, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar informed the Royal Thai Government on 27 May 2012, and 1 June 2012 that the visit has been postponed to another mutually convenient date.

On 5 June 2012, His Excellency Dr Surapong Tovichakchaikul, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, called U Wunna Maung Lwin, the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, and expressed regret for the postponement of the goodwill visit of the President and conveyed the desire to re-arrange the visit to a mutually convenient time.

The Union Minister replied that the visit has to be postponed due to demonstrations organized by workers from some factories in the vicinity of Yangon for wage-rise and also candle light demonstrations for the full restoration of electricity supply that required the President to be in the country to give close supervision and guidance to ministries concerned and relevant authorities in their efforts to solve the situation in a peaceful way.

The Union Minister also informed the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand that the visit of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Thailand will be re-arranged at a mutually convenient time after coordination between the two sides.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw

Date: 7 June 2012

Redknapp urges Spurs to sort out his future

LONDON, 7 June—Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp has only 12 months remaining on his contract and on Tuesday he urged chairman Daniel Levy to sort out his future at the Premier League club.

"The simple situation is I have a year left on my contract and it is up to Tottenham whether they want to extend that or not," Redknapp told Sky Sports.

"It's not a case of me looking for security. What it's about is that when players know they have only a year

left on their contract it doesn't work.

"You don't let players run into the last year of their contract if you think they are any good and you don't let managers run into the last year of their contract if you think they are any good," he added.

Redknapp has been with the Londoners since October 2008 and is happy with the progress Spurs have made in that time.

"Things couldn't have gone better," he said. "We've finished fourth twice, fifth



once, reached the quarter-finals of the Champions League and played fantastic football.

"It's a good club and I enjoy being at Tottenham ... (but) it's up to the chairman. If he doesn't want to give me another contract, it's his decision."

Reuters

Village in Waingmaw Tsp gets new library

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—A ceremony to open Tatnay U self-reliant library and donate books, media equipment and cash was held at the library in Makhanti Village of Waingmaw Township in Kachin State yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Yeim Bawm, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Gam Hsaing and Kachin State Hluttaw representative U Mya

Aung donated K 50,000 each, and oil millers of the village and the village administrator K 50,000 each.

Ferry entrepreneur U Latan Jone Khounng donated one 21-inch coloured TV worth K 100,000, books and journals to the library.

The library is 20 feet long and 18 feet wide one storey structure and it cost K 3.5 million contributed by the local people.—MNA

Moe Pwint-3 Plan implemented in Pyay Township

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Staff members of Immigration and National Registration Department issued household registrations and citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens in Alodawya Village of Pyay Township in Bago Region (West) on 2

June in line with Moe Pwint-3 Plan.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Win Myint, Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Khin Maung Lay and officials looked into issuance of CSC and household registrations to the citizens.—MNA



Starfish stranding linked to starvation

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Solar-powered plane lands in Morocco



The Solar Impulse HB-SIA experimental aircraft is pulled out a hanger at Barajas airport in Madrid, Spain, on 5 June, 2012.

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Beware of Ronaldo, warns Mertesacker



Portugal's forward Cristiano Ronaldo controls the ball during a training session at the team's base camp on 5 June in Opatovica.

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