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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 felicitates Portuguese President

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Anibal Antonio Cavaco Silva, President of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic, which falls on 10 June, 2012.—MNA

President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Portuguese PM

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Pedro Manuel Passos Coelho Momed, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic, which falls on 10 June, 2012.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends inauguration of Shwechaung Bridge No.1

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—Shwechaung Bridge No.1, located on Pakokku-Monywa Road in Pakokku Township of Magway Region, was inaugurated this morning. Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended the bridge opening ceremony and formally opened the stone inscription of the bridge.

Shwechaung Bridge No.1 is the fifteenth one with over 180 feet in length built in the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The bridge links Pakokku and Patheingyi-Monywa Road. And it can also link Pauk and Myaing Townships of Magway Region and Patheingyi of Ayeyawady Region and then Monywa of Sagaing Region.

Present on the occasion were Union ministers, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, deputy ministers, the Region Hluttaw speaker and ministers, departmental officials, members of social organizations, townsenders, local people and students.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said that the old Shwechaung Bridge was destroyed last October due to storm O2B along with record-high torrents. Therefore, a new bridge was built near the old one.



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party stroll along Shwechaung Bridge No.1.
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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham greets people attending the opening of Shwechaung Bridge No.1.—MNA

Torrential rains in Pakokku and Gangaw Districts on 19 and 20 October last year sparked flash floods and erosions in the wards and villages of Pakokku, Pauk, Myaing and Seikpyu townships, causing losses and damages.

Due to the floods, humans and animals were killed and crop plantations, schools, houses and religious buildings as well as roads, railroads, dams, embankments, power lines and phone lines were destroyed or damaged.

However, thanks to concerted rescue efforts of responsible people, local Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force members, service personnel and social organization members, flood victims relieved themselves to a certain degree.

Due to emergency rescue and relief works with the help and guidelines of State leaders, contributions of local and international NGOs and public wellwishers and close supervision of the region government, the situation has almost returned to normalcy. Furthermore, infrastructures such as roads, bridges and dams have been repaired or are under repair.

While the old Shwechaung Bridge was being repaired, measures were taken in order not to cause disconnections in Shwe Creek and a temporary Bailey bridge was built. As a result, vehicles could have run normally soon after the floods.

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Riots serve no one's interest

Anarchy or any kind of instability is the opposite of democracy as the latter grows well only in an environment where peace and stability and the rule of law prevail. In this regard, the government has been opening peace door to all the national races armed groups whose belief was that equality and rights of their people could be achieved only through the armed struggle line.

Thanks to the seriousness, patience and goodwill on the government part, the internal peace process is gaining momentum in various aspects as never before replacing guns with peace talks convincing the armed groups that the best means to serve their own people is through unity, a force behind all progress and prosperity in a heterogeneous society like us.

In fact, wars will bring nothing good, but only death and destruction followed by all kinds of human sufferings including melancholy, illiteracy, poverty, backwardness as they deny every person's access to education, business and job opportunities and better life ultimately dashing all future hopes of the region concerned.

Likewise, hatred, misunderstanding or any other kind of conflict among the rural people or urbanites serve no one's interest, but invites retaliation, anarchy, stagnation and lawlessness creating an environment where peace is totally absent and where democracy cannot flourish at all.

When there is deep mistrust among the people it turns their home region into a cauldron vulnerable to any piece of misleading information or any kind of act that may be offensive for the other party. In this situation rumours float well spreading to all corners like the evil knocking every one's door as a messenger of death and destruction pushing people nowhere but into a circle of retaliations.

It's common knowledge that riots serve only the evil's interest. So, people must build understanding and trust, discarding all mistrust and hatred while exercising tolerance and openness in bringing back peace and stability in cooperation with the government and respective organizations and persons doing their best to restore every situation back to normal.

Infrastructural development committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—The infrastructural development committee met on 7 June to discuss blueprint of the committee for first time at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Construction here on 7 May.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Construction Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin, the managing director of Public Works and departmental officials, and committee members from different ministries.

Deputy Minister U Soe Tint said in his address that the committee will meet at least once a month. The managing director explained future plans of the committee.

The committee members discussed undertakings of each ministry and future work programmes.—MNA

Tobacco Kills

Union Foreign Minister felicitates Portuguese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Paulo Sacadura Cabral Portas, Minister of State and Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic, which falls on 10 June, 2012.—MNA

Meeting on extraction, storing, transporting and selling of antimony held

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—In producing antimony in regions and states, efforts should be made to establish public companies, to try to produce antimony from small- to large-scale and to set up concentrate plants and refinery plants, said Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik at a coordination meeting on production, storing, transporting and selling of antimony in Myanmar, held at the ministry here yesterday. He added that the country still has many areas where survey has yet to be conducted and there are a lot of green lands and green fields. With rich mineral resources in Myanmar, establishment of refinery plants will create more jobs for local people and develop



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik addresses coordination meeting on production, storing, transporting and selling of antimony in Myanmar.—MNA

transport, education, health and human resources, noted the Union Minister.

Next, the managing director of No.1 Mining

Enterprise reported on extraction of antimony in states and regions. Then, region and state mines ministers discussed

opening of mines branch offices for systematic implementation of exploration tasks.

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Special Refresher Course No (80) for Basic Education Teachers concludes



Chairman of Union Civil Service Board U Kyaw Thu speaks at concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No (80) for Basic Education Teachers at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—Chairman of Union Civil Service Board U Kyaw Thu addressed concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No (80) for Basic Education Teachers at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning.

The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Education Minister U Aye Kyu, Member of UCSB U Soe Oo and officials and 1503 trainees.

The UCSB chairman said education, especially the basic education, is the core foundation of human resource development. HRD plays a key role in developing a nation. In improving the education sector, teachers from various regions must work all the heart to accomplish their missions. The teachers must stick to constant learning to turn

themselves into competent ones. They were also urged to apply child-centered approach. The development largely rests on education, science or arts, which must be taught to students till they could apply their education in their daily life. Teachers must train the schoolchildren to have a good heart and to adopt the civic responsibilities as second nature. Teachers must try to ensure higher attendance of students in the whole academic year through consultations with parents while trying to complete teaching all set lessons on schedule.

The chairman awarded outstanding trainees and presented completion certificates.

The chairman then cordially greeted the trainees.

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Serbian Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic addresses the UN General Assembly after being elected as the president of the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York, the United States, on 8 June, 2012.
XINHUA

UN General Assembly elects Serbian foreign minister president

UNITED NATIONS, 9 June—Serbian Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic was elected president of the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly here on Friday. He won the backing of 99 of the 185 Assembly members in a secret ballot, ahead of Dalius Cekuolis, the permanent representative of the Republic of Lithuania to the UN. Jeremic will assume office at the start of the 67th Session in September. "I pledge to fulfill my duties as president to the very best of my ability in order to try and justify the confidence you have bestowed upon me," Jeremic said after his election.

The post rotates each year between five UN regional groups, with the 67th session being the turn of the Eastern European Group. Jeremic will succeed Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser of Qatar, who was elected last year after endorsement by the Asian Group. Jeremic has held the post of Minister of Foreign

Affairs of the Republic of Serbia since 15 May, 2007. Al-Nasser congratulated Jeremic on the election victory. "Jeremic brings to this position his extensive experience in multilateralism and international affairs," he said. "I have no doubt that you will lead the Member States of this pre-eminent world body, in a truly able and dedicated manner."

In his speech, Jeremic highlighted the theme that he proposed for the high-level debate at the opening of the 67th session, which is bringing about adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations by peaceful means. "Given our experience we believe we could facilitate implementation of any resulting proposals including those related specifically to conflict prevention," he said. "In taking up this critical issue in September and beyond, let us not forget that peace is not merely the absence of war."—Xinhua

Hollande wants to "be helpful" in Middle East peace process

PARIS, 9 June — French President Francois Hollande on Friday said he wanted to "be helpful" to revive the deadlock Israeli-Palestinian peace process, affirming a continuity with his predecessor's diplomacy in the Middle East. "We seek to be helpful, that's the position of France. Be useful to ensure that we can give security, to the ones and to the others," Hollande said at a joint press conference with the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

"We have good relations with the Israelis and the Palestinian Authority, which allows us to pass a number of messages and facilitate the resumption of dialogue," added the president in his first remarks over the Middle East peace issue since his taking office a month ago. Hollande, who has received Abbas at the Elysee Palace on Friday afternoon, expressed his wish to visit Israel and the Palestinian territories without giving an accurate date. The French head of state underlined the need to resume

negotiations "the sooner the better" to find the conditions for peace. "Today we must do everything to facilitate the recognition of a Palestinian state through a process of negotiation," Hollande said.

For his part, the visiting Palestinian leader reiterated his calls on Israel to accept the creation of a Palestinian state based on the territories division in 1967 and said to work further to collect enough support for a seat in the United Nations (UN). "We

will go to UN, if we fail to make progress on the negotiations. The ball is in Netanyahu's camp. We will seek recognition at the UN General Assembly to get the status of non-member state." Direct negotiations between Palestinian and Israeli officials have hit a deadlock since 2008 after an Israeli military raid devastated Gaza strip to halt rocket fires from the enclave ruled by the Hamas movement.

Xinhua



Photo released by the Palestinian presidency press office shows French President Francois Hollande (R) and the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas attending a joint press conference in Paris, capital of France, on 8 June, 2012. — XINHUA

No progress in nuclear inspection talks with Iran

VIENNA, 9 June — No progress was made in talks with Iran to finalize a deal on allowing greater access to its disputed nuclear programme, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said on Friday. "There has been no progress," said Herman Nackaerts, the IAEA Deputy Director General for Safeguards, after talks here with Iran's envoy to the IAEA Ali-Asghar Soltanieh. "This is disappointing," he said. No date for a follow-on meeting on the matter had been fixed, he added. The IAEA had been pressing Iran for a deal that would allow its inspectors immediate access to Iran's Parchin military site southeast of Teheran. Media said the IAEA has received reports that Iran had tested explosives which could be used to set off a nuclear charge. Iran denied such reports, and insisted access to Parchin would only be granted if Iran and the IAEA agree on certain conditions and steps.

"We are ready to remove all ambiguities and prove to the world that our activities are exclusively for peaceful purposes and none of these allegations (of seeking a bomb) are true," Soltanieh told reporters.—Xinhua

UN says seven peacekeepers killed in Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, 9 June—Seven United Nations peacekeepers were killed in an ambush in Ivory Coast on Friday while on patrol near the border with neighbouring Liberia, the world body said. It was not immediately clear who attacked the UN troops or if any Ivorian troops they were patrolling with were harmed. The United Nations said the mission had only recently increased its presence in the area, near the towns of Para and Tai, to boost efforts to

protect civilians. The troops came under attack just a few kilometres from the border with Liberia.

"According to the provisional death toll, seven blue helmets were killed in an ambush... seven blue helmets from Niger," said Sylvie van den Wildenberg, spokeswoman for the mission known by its acronym UNOCI. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told reporters in New York that he was "saddened and outraged" by the attack. "I

understand that their colleagues are still in danger. Even tonight, after the attack, more than 40 peacekeepers remain with the villagers in this remote region to protect them from this armed group," he said. The UN Security Council issued a statement saying it also "condemned in the strongest terms the attack." The 15-nation council "expressed their deep concern at the prevailing insecurity in western Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) and the border area, and continued cross-border movements of armed elements, including militias and mercenaries." Speaking on condition of anonymity, a council diplomat said the border was a serious problem that needed to be dealt with. "It's obvious that the ferocity of the Liberian border poses a threat to the stability of the area," the diplomat told Reuters.

Reuters



United Nations (UN) Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is informed by his spokesperson Martin Nesirky of the killing of seven UN peacekeepers in Para, Cote d'Ivoire, at the UN headquarters in New York on 8 June, 2012.
REUTERS

US, Philippine leaders reaffirm commitment to peace, security in Asia

WASHINGTON, 9 June — The leaders of the United States and the Philippines reaffirmed on Friday their commitment to the peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region. US President Barack Obama met with his Philippine counterpart Benigno Aquino III in his Oval Office over bilateral and regional issues of mutual concern. "The Philippines is a close friend and a key economic and security partner for the United States," said a statement released by the White House after the meeting. "The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the bilateral relationship."

Stating the alliance between the two countries "has contributed to the stability and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region for over 60 years," the statement said. "Both leaders reaffirmed their mutual commitment to the peace and security of the region and to the US-Philippines Mutual Defence Treaty" signed in August 1951.

Xinhua

Russia, Iran agree diplomacy only way to solve nuclear issue

MOSCOW, 9 June — Leaders from Russia and Iran agreed there was no alternative to a political and diplomatic settlement to the Iranian nuclear issue, Russian presidential aide Yuri Ushakov said on Friday. In a statement summing up President Vladimir Putin's visit to China, Ushakov said Putin and his Iranian counterpart, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, reached the consensus during their meeting in Beijing.

"Russia, as an active participant in talks between six nations and Iran, calls for the strictest observance of the nonproliferation regime," Ushakov said. "Putin and Ahmadinejad shared the opinion that there is no alternative to the political and diplomatic settlement to the problem. They also stressed the importance of the upcoming meeting of the political mediators in Moscow," he said.

According to Ushakov, Putin and Ahmadinejad also exchanged views on bilateral relations and cooperation on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Beijing. Iran has maintained its nuclear programme is purely for peaceful purposes, but US-led Western nations suspect it is seeking to develop a nuclear weapon. The latest round of talks between Iran and the six world powers, Russia, China, the United States, Britain, France and Germany, is scheduled to be held in Moscow on 18-19 June.

Xinhua

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US space agency pulls plug on astronomy probe

CAPE CANAVERAL, 9 June—NASA canceled an X-ray astronomy mission designed to shed light on black holes, saying the project would have exceeded its budget by about 25 percent, officials said on Thursday.

The Gravity and Extreme Magnetism Small Explorer, or GEMS, telescope won a NASA competition for a moderately priced space science mission in 2009 and had been scheduled for launch in 2014.

An independent review team estimated GEMS was going to exceed its \$119 million budget by 20 percent to 30 percent, Paul Hertz, NASA's astrophysics division director, told reporters at a conference call on Thursday. "It was clear that they would not be able to complete it within their cost cap," Hertz said. The projected cost overrun was due to technical issues in developing



Tourists take pictures of a NASA sign at the Kennedy Space Center visitors complex in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 14 April, 2010.—REUTERS

the telescope's instruments, which delayed the project and increased payroll costs.

The agency already has spent about \$37 million on the project. It will cost about \$13 million more to cancel agreements with telescope builder Orbital Sciences Corp and other contractors.

The US space agency has faced massive budget

overruns in some of its flagship programmes, including the James Webb Space Telescope, the planned successor to the Hubble Space Telescope, that is now estimated to cost almost \$9 billion. GEMS had been designed, but not manufactured. It would have included a pair of X-ray telescopes sensitive to

polarized light. It was intended to allow astronomers to study the extremely powerful magnetic fields surrounding black holes, neutron stars and other dense, high-energy objects. A black hole is a region of space so dense with matter that not even light can escape its gravitational fist. Black holes are studied indirectly by measuring how they disrupt and affect the space around them and any nearby objects.

Neutron stars are the collapsed remains of extremely massive stars. Although NASA has no other observatories in the works that are similar to GEMS, Hertz said some of the mission's science goals can be tackled by alternative approaches and instruments.

These include NuSTAR, a high-energy X-ray telescope scheduled to launch on Wednesday.—Reuters

Apple eyes new stores in two Chinese cities as iPad suit continues

SHANGHAI, 9 June—Apple Inc is looking to open flagship stores in the major Chinese cities of Chengdu and Shenzhen, government officials said on Wednesday, while it continues to fight a Chinese company over the use of the iPad trademark.

Opening stores in Shenzhen and Chengdu will be a big boost for Apple's China business, which currently has only five stores on the mainland, three in Shanghai and two in Beijing.

In April, Apple reported quarterly profit that almost doubled after a jump in iPhone sales, particularly for the greater China region.

But the possibility of selling iPads in Shenzhen could lead to more legal action after Roger Xie, a lawyer for Provius Technology (Shenzhen), told Reuters that if Apple tried to sell the popular tablets there, Provius would seek an injunction to stop them.

Apple and Provius are battling it out in the Higher People's Court in Guangzhou over the right to use the iPad trademark, which Provius contends it owns. Xie said both sides are currently undergoing court-mediated negotiations.

Apple's flagship stores are normally packed with people tinkering with the latest iPad or iPhone and its product launches draw huge

crowds. But the company faces the problem of unauthorized re-sellers in less wealthy cities selling smuggled imports of its products.

Apple also faces a huge amount of piracy, a problem so pervasive in China that even entire fake Apple stores have been created where employees thought they actually worked for Apple.



A man looks at his iPad while sitting in a cafe in central Beijing on 6 June, 2012. REUTERS

Apple submitted documents on Monday to the Shenzhen government to open a store in Holiday Plaza, an upscale mall in the Nanshan district, according to an official with the Market Supervision Administration who would only give his last name as Ni.

"Apple is in the final stage and only needs to submit an environmental permit in order to gain approval," he said.—Reuters

Apple may seek to stop US launch of Galaxy phone



A shop assistant poses with the new Samsung Galaxy S III after it's launch at the Westfield shopping centre in west London, on 29 May, 2012. REUTERS

SAN JOSE, 9 June—An Apple Inc (AAPL O) lawyer

said the iPhone and iPad maker may seek a legal order stopping the launch of Samsung Electronics Co Ltd's (005930.KS) Galaxy S III phone in the United States later this month.

At a hearing on Thursday in a San Jose, California federal court, Apple attorney Josh Krevitt said the company could file for a temporary restraining order against Samsung as early as Friday.

"Once sales are made, the harm is irreparable," Krevitt

said. Apple sued Samsung for patent infringement last year, accusing the South Korean electronics maker of "slavishly" copying the iPhone and iPad. Samsung denies the claims and countersued. Apple filed papers on Tuesday seeking to ban Samsung's new Galaxy S III, along with the Galaxy Nexus.

Samsung has already booked over 9 million preorders of the Galaxy S III, which is set to be sold by carriers in the United States on 21 June, Apple said in its court filing. Samsung, however, argued that Apple should not be allowed to seek

such a fast injunction against the Galaxy S III.

US District Judge Lucy Koh said she would not address arguments about the Galaxy S III phone at the hearing on Thursday, and would instead focus on the Nexus. Koh said Apple could file for a temporary restraining order on the Galaxy S III, but said it was unclear whether the request could be scheduled and decided before the launch. The case in US District Court, Northern District of California is Apple Inc vs Samsung Electronics Co Ltd. et al., 12-cv-630.

Reuters

Google deploying planes over cities for 3D maps

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 June—Google Inc is deploying a fleet of small, camera-equipped airplanes above several cities, the Internet search company's latest step in its ambitious and sometimes controversial plan to create a digital map of the world.

Google plans to release the first three-dimensional maps for several cities by the end of the year, the company said at a news conference at its San Francisco offices on Wednesday.

Google declined to name the cities, but it showed a demonstration of a 3D map of San Francisco, in which a user can navigate

around an aerial view of the city.

"We're trying to create the illusion that you're just flying over the city, almost as if you were in your own personal helicopter," said Peter Birch, a product manager for Google Earth.

Google's head of engineering for its maps product, Brian McClendon, said the company was using a fleet of airplanes owned and operated by contractors and flying exclusively for Google.

Asked about potential privacy implications, McClendon said the privacy issues were similar to all aerial imagery and that the type of 45-degree-angle pictures that the planes take have been used for a long time.

Google has used airplanes to collect aerial photos in the past, such as following the 2010 San Bruno, Calif gas-line explosion, but the latest effort marks the first time the company will deploy the planes in a systemic manner to build a standard feature in one of its products.

By the end of the year, Google said it expects to have 3D map coverage for metropolitan areas with a combined population of 300 million people. The first 3D cityscape will be available within weeks.

Reuters



Katharine Ng zooms in to Paris on panoramic Google Maps screens at the Google campus near Venice Beach, in Los Angeles, California on 31 Jan, 2012. REUTERS



Students walk out of a showroom at the headquarters of Samsung Electronics in Seoul on 28 Oct, 2011. REUTERS

Samsung to build \$1.9 b logic chip line

SEOUL, 9 June—Samsung Electronics Co (005930.KS), the world's No 2 chipmaker, said it will spend \$1.9 billion to build a new logic chip line to make processors for mobile devices as demand grows for smartphones and tablets.

Samsung, which makes application processors for Apple's (AAPL O) iPhone and iPad, which rival its own Galaxy and Note devices, said the new line will use 300 mm wafers and 20 nanometer and 14 nanometer processing

technology.

The South Korean firm is aggressively pumping up production of logic chips, as growth in the mobile device market outpaces weak computer sales. Demand for system chips used in smartphones and tablets is set to more than double to \$59 billion in 2016 from \$23 billion last year, according to research firm Gartner.

In a statement, Samsung said the new line, which it hopes to complete by the end of next year, would help meet

growing demand for "smart mobile solutions".

The investment plan follows Samsung's recent decision to build its first chip manufacturing plant in China to make NAND type flash memory chips, which analysts estimate will cost some 4-5 trillion won.

Ahead of the announcement, shares in Asia's biggest technology firm closed up 5.2 percent in a broad market rally that sent the benchmark KOSPI index up 2.6 percent.—Reuters

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Commuters walk past the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) building in Mumbai on 28 February, 2011.

REUTERS

Sensex falls; IT hit by global economic fears

MUMBAI, 9 June—The Sensex and the Nifty fall around 0.5 percent, heading to their first decline in five sessions. Global risk assets hit as Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke comments dim hopes for more US stimulus, while a surprise rate cut from China raise fears of a potentially weak batch of key Chinese data on Saturday.

Falls are led by declines

in software services exporters on growing concerns a weaker global economy would hit IT spending. Infosys (INFYNS) falls 1.5 percent, while Tata Consultancy Services (TCSNS) declines 1 percent.

Reliance Industries (RELI NS) falls 1 percent as no positive surprises came from its annual shareholders meeting on Thursday.

Reuters

Shares, euro fall as Europe worries mount

LONDON, 9 June—European shares, the euro and oil fell on Friday as hopes for a fresh round of global monetary policy easing dimmed and investors' focus swung back to Spain's banking crisis and the prospect of slower economic growth in Germany and China.

to act this month and is currently in the midst of making some political adjustments, while the effect of China's easing aimed at supporting its growth will gradually sink in and help resources-related assets and currencies," said Tetsuro Ii, president of Commons Asset Management.

In the debt market a three-notch ratings downgrade for Spain by Fitch at a time of raised expectations it may need an international bailout spurred demand for safe-haven German bonds, sending the yield on 10-year Bunds down four basis points to 1.34 percent.

Reuters



A trader watches screens at his desk at the Frankfurt stock exchange on 5 June, 2012. —REUTERS

Top European shares .FTEU3 opened down 0.7 percent, the euro retreated to below \$1.25 after a two-week high on Thursday, and Brent crude dipped \$1.65 to \$98.30 a barrel.

The lack of a clear signal from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on imminent quantitative easing at its 19 to 20 June meeting in testimony to Congress on Thursday overshadowed what had been a positive reaction in world financial markets to a Chinese interest rate cut.

"I think the Fed is likely

MSCI's world equity index.MIWD00000PUS was down 0.5 percent at 299.65, but it is still set to post the best week since late January, due largely to the belief that central banks will be forced into action by slowing economic growth.

Flagging demand from the euro zone caused a big drop in German exports and imports in April, trade figures on Friday showed, while a deluge of May Chinese data due over the weekend is expected to paint a grim picture.

UNICEF targets deadly diarrhea, pneumonia in poor kids

NEW YORK, 9 June—Concerted efforts to control diarrhea and pneumonia, the biggest killers of children under the age of five, could save the lives of up to 2 million of the world's poorest children each year, the United Nations Children's Fund said on Friday. The lives saved would be largely in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, according to a new study from the Fund. "Scaling up simple interventions could overcome two of the biggest obstacles to increasing child survival (and) help give every child a fair chance to grow and thrive," said Anthony Lake, executive director of the Fund, known as UNICEF.

The study called for coherent and reliable distribution plans for new vaccines against the major causes of pneumonia and diarrhea — including the influenza virus, rotavirus and pneumococcal bacteria.

It noted that one of the simplest and most effective ways to protect babies from disease is exclusive

breastfeeding during the first six months of life, although fewer than 40 percent of infants receive such protection.

"Infants not breastfed are 15 times more likely to die due to pneumonia than are exclusively breastfed children," it noted. Pneumonia and diarrhea, which often occur simultaneously, account for 29 percent of deaths among children under five worldwide — or more than 2 million a year.

Nearly 90 percent of the children who die from the two diseases live in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, the report said. It noted that about half of those deaths occur in just five mostly poor and populous countries: India, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Pakistan and Ethiopia. Current care for children with pneumonia is haphazard in the 75 countries with the highest mortality rate, it added, with fewer than one-third of affected children receiving antibiotics.

Child Health Experts To Confer

Likewise, the study said inexpensive but potentially life-saving oral rehydration salts are used by only one third of the children with diarrhea in developing countries.

"Child deaths due to pneumonia in these countries could fall 30 percent, and child deaths due to diarrhea could fall 60 percent," the report said, if interventions

The UNICEF logo is pictured on a building in Geneva.—REUTERS

among poor children were raised to the level seen in the richest 20 percent of households in the same countries.

In that event, deaths of children from all causes could be reduced about 13 percent in those 75 countries by 2015,

it said. Adequate nutrition, hand washing with soap, safe drinking water and basic sanitation are also deemed vital safeguards against pneumonia and diarrhea, but are largely absent in impoverished regions.

"This report is a call to action" against the two childhood scourges, UNICEF said, adding that a global action plan will be released next year and set out a "clear and integrated vision" of how to proceed.

The UNICEF report was issued ahead of a planned meeting next week in Washington convened by the governments of Ethiopia, India and the United States on child-survival objectives. Some 700 experts from government and the private sector are expected to attend.

UNICEF, a UN agency, works for children's rights, their health, development and protection from violence, exploitation and abuse, according to the www.unicef.org Web site.

Reuters

Japan team create liver from stem cells

TOKYO, 9 June—Japanese researchers have created a functioning human liver from stem cells, a report said on Friday, raising hopes for the manufacture of artificial organs for those in need of transplants. A team of scientists transplanted induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells into the body of a mouse,



Photo illustration of a scientist working with stem cells. Japanese researchers have created a functioning human liver from stem cells, a report said on Friday, raising hopes for the manufacture of artificial organs for those in need of transplants.—INTERNET

where it grew into a small, but working, human liver, the Yomiuri Shimbun said.

Stem cells are frequently harvested from embryos, which are then discarded, a practice some people find morally objectionable. But iPS cells — which have the potential to develop into any body tissue — can be taken from adults.

A team led by professor Hideki Taniguchi at Yokohama City University developed human iPS cells into "precursor cells", which they then transplanted into a mouse's head to take advantage of increased blood flow.

The cells grew into a human liver 5 millimetres (0.2 inches) in size that was capable of generating human proteins and breaking down drugs, the

Yomiuri reported.

The breakthrough opens the door to the artificial creation of human organs, a key battleground for doctors who constantly face a shortage of transplant donors.

Taniguchi's research could be "an important bridge between basic research and clinical application" but faces various challenges before it can be put into medical practice, the Yomiuri said.

An abstract of Taniguchi's research was delivered to regenerative medicine researchers ahead of an academic conference next week, but Taniguchi declined to comment to AFP before the meeting.

Two separate teams, one from the United States and one from Japan, discovered iPS cells in 2006.—Internet

Long-term loan rates sink further

WASHINGTON, 9 June—Average mortgage rates for 30-year, fixed-rate loans fell to record lows for the sixth consecutive week, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp said on Thursday. Average rates for 30-year contracts dropped from 3.75 percent to 3.67 percent with 0.7 points, a record low. Thirty-year mortgage rates averaged 4.49 percent the same week of 2011.

Average rates on 15-year contracts hit a record low of 2.94 percent with 0.7 points, down from 2.97 percent a week ago, Freddie Mac said.

A year earlier, rates on 15-year contracts stood at 3.68 percent. Five-year adjustable rate mortgages averaged 2.84

percent in the week with an average 0.7 points, unchanged from the previous week. Five-year adjustable rate loans averaged 3.28 percent a year earlier. Average rates on one-year treasury-indexed adjustable mortgages rose from 2.75 percent to 2.79 percent with 0.4 points. A year ago, rates for these loans averaged 2.95 percent.

A sluggish recovery is keeping interest rates low, said Freddie Mac Vice President and Chief Economist Frank Nothaft. "Long-term Treasury bond yields declined further following downwardly revised economic growth and job creation data," he said.

Internet

This 6 August, 2008 file photo shows the corporate logo for Freddie Mac seen outside its headquarters in McLean, Virginia. INTERNET





This Tuesday 5 June, 2012 photo provided by the Wyoming State Forestry Division shows smoke rising from a wildfire burning in a rugged area of the Medicine Bow in southeast Wyoming.—INTERNET

Tornado touches down in Wyo; at least one injured

DENVER, 9 June — Storms brought a tornado and golf-ball-sized hail to Wyoming that downed power lines, damaged homes and pushed some empty train cars on their sides on Thursday, a day after thunderstorms pummeled parts of Wyoming and Colorado with 2-inch hail and heavy rain. Five structures were heavily damaged by the tornado on Thursday, and 10 to 12 other structures also have damage, said Kelly Ruiz of the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security.

One person was treated at a hospital for a cut on the head, said local radio station owner Kent Smith, speaking for the Platte County Sheriff's Office. A Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad crew reported the tornado struck a train that had stopped in the Wheatland area due to 55 mph winds and a tornado warning, BNSF spokesman Gus Melonas said. Five empty train cars derailed onto their sides, and another was leaning over, he said. No injuries were reported. Some power lines also were downed, Ruiz said.

The tornado touched down briefly near Wheatland, north of Cheyenne, in a sparsely populated area, officials said. One of the destroyed homes was vacant, Smith said. Hail was reported in the Wheatland area and Laramie, National Weather Service meteorologist Tim Trudel said. —*Internet*



Gabriel Granados Vergara, 52, centre, speaks to the Press after he received a double arm transplant at the National Institute of Medical Science and Nutrition (INCMN) in Mexico City, on 7 June, 2012.— INTERNET

Qatar Airways starts flights to Baghdad

DOHA, 9 June — Qatar Airways on Thursday completed its first flight to Baghdad since Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, a month after launching services to Iraq's autonomous Kurdish Region, an official said. Qatar Airways flight QR442 landed in the Iraqi capital at around 3:40 pm (1240 GMT), an adviser to Iraq's transport minister Karim al-Nuri told AFP. "This flight is the first flight between Doha and Baghdad since the invasion of Kuwait, 22 years ago," Nuri said. The airline began services to Arbil, the capital of Iraqi Kurdistan, last month, and there will now be four flights per week between Doha and Baghdad, and a similar number between the Qatari Capital and the holy Shiite city of Najaf, Nuri said. Iraq became a regional and international pariah following its invasion of the neighbouring emirate of Kuwait, and was hit by waves of violence in the years after the 2003 US-led invasion of the country. But with improvements in the security situation, various airlines from the Arab world and elsewhere are now flying to Iraq. —*Internet*

City kids more likely to have food allergies than rural ones

WASHINGTON, 9 June — Children living in urban centers have a much higher prevalence of food allergies than those living in rural areas, according to a new study to be published in the July issue of *Clinical Pediatrics*. In particular, kids in big cities are more than twice as likely to have peanut and shellfish allergies compared to rural communities. The study included 38,465 children, 18 years and under, who comprised a representative sample of US households. Their food allergies were mapped by ZIP code.

The findings include: In urban centres, 9.8 percent of children have food allergies, compared to 6.2 percent in rural communities, almost a 3.5-percent difference; Peanut allergies are twice as prevalent in urban centers as in rural communities,

with 2.8 percent of children having the allergy in urban centres compared to 1.3 percent in rural communities; Shellfish allergies are more than double the prevalence in urban versus rural areas; 2.4 percent of children have shellfish allergies in urban centres compared to 0.8 percent in rural communities. Food allergies are equally severe regardless of where a child lives, the study found. Nearly 40 percent of food-allergic children in the study had already experienced a severe, life-threatening reaction to food.

The states with the highest overall prevalence of food allergies are Nevada, Florida, Georgia, Alaska, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Xinhua

Kansas family killed in plane crash in Fla swamp

JUNCTION CITY, 9 June — A Kansas businessman, his wife and their four children were killed on Thursday when their small plane crashed into a swampy area of central Florida, and word quickly spread to their hometown where the family was known for their charitable work and always having a house full of neighbourhood kids. The single-turboprop, fixed-wing plane was heading home to Junction City from the Bahamas when it broke apart and went down about 12:30 pm in the Tiger Creek Preserve, according to the Polk County Sheriff's Office in Florida.

Deputies reached the area by helicopters, but it was clear there were no survivors,

the sheriff's office said. The cause of the crash wasn't immediately known, and parts of the plane were found nearly 3½ miles away, investigators said. Ron Bramlage, a prominent businessman in Junction City who owned Roadside Ventures LLC, was piloting the 2006 *Pilatus PC-12/47*. The 45-year-old, his wife, Rebecca, 43, and the couple's children — Brandon, 15; Boston, 13; Beau, 11; and 8-year-old Roxanne — were killed.

"It's just a horrific loss," Junction City Mayor Pat Landes said, adding that the couple supported many local projects and provided college scholarships. The family was well known in town and at Kansas State University, where

the basketball arena is named for Ron Bramlage's grandfather. At least two dozen bouquets of flowers lined the black wrought-iron fence surrounding the family's ranch-style home by Thursday evening. —*Internet*



In this photo provided by the Polk County Sheriff's Office, emergency personnel investigate the site where a *Pilatus PC-12*, a single-engine turboprop passenger plane, crashed near Lake Weohyakapka, aka Lake Walk In the Water, in southeast Polk County, Fla on 7 June, 2012. INTERNET

Mexican man gets double arm transplant

MEXICO CITY, 9 June — A Mexican man whose arms were severely burned by electricity became the first patient in Latin America to receive a double arm transplant, doctors said on Thursday. Gabriel Granados, a 52-year-old father of two whose arms were amputated just below the elbow, received the arms of a 34-year-old shooting victim, said Dr Martin Iglesias, head of the surgical team that performed the operation. Granados told a news conference that the transplant was "terrific" and that he has begun to feel his new hands.

"This is wonderful that after being without hands for some time, all of a sudden I see new hands," said Granados, who is an agent in the financial unit of Mexico City's prosecutors' office. The surgery was in early May, but Granados was discharged from the hospital on Thursday. Doctors said he has recovered well. Granados' arms were amputated after they were badly burned in January 2011, when he received an electrical shock while giving instructions to a group of construction workers building a fence.

Before the surgery, doctors say they practiced the procedure on corpses. "This is a very special day for Mexico from a scientific point of view," said Dr Fernando Gabilondo, director of Mexico City's National Institute of Medical Science and Nutrition Salvador Zubiran, where the surgery was performed. Mexican doctors say there are other 23 patients waiting for arms transplant although only six could be successfully done. — *Internet*

Three French tourists killed in Dominican bus crash

SANTO DOMINGO, 9 June — A bus packed with French tourists plowed into a freight train in the Dominican Republic on Thursday, killing at least three French nationals and injuring 15 others, authorities said.

Civil defence officials said the accident occurred near the city of Higüey, about 100 miles east of the Caribbean nation's capital, Santo Domingo, when the bus slammed into the train loaded with sugar cane at a railway crossing.

The fatalities, described as two men and a woman, were not identified by name, but Civil Defence spokesman Amado Avila said they were all French citizens.

The injured were being treated in area hospitals, including one medical facility in Romana, a popular tourist resort, Avila said. National Police officials said information about the cause of the accident and other details were not immediately available.

Reuters



An Emirati man walks past Qatar Airways planes in 2011.— INTERNET

Exercise books, text books donated to students in Pathein



PATHEIN, 9 June—A ceremony to enroll the needy students at Pathein Basic Education High

School No. 1 and donate exercise books to them, organized by Ayeyawady Region Women's Affairs Organization, was held at the school on 29 May.

At the ceremony, the patron of the Region WAO made a speech and presented K 350,750 for school fee of 70 students and text books. The headmaster accepted the donations.

After that, exercise books and text books were provided to the students.

Myanma Alin

Monsoon tree growing ceremony held in Thayawady

THAYAWADY, 9 June—As a gesture of honouring the World Environment Day 2012, Thayawady District Forest Department of Bago Region organized the rainy season tree growing ceremony at mile post No 71/7 near Ngaphyugale Village of Yangon-Pyay Highway in Thayawady Township on 5 June.

Bago Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Myint Lwin Oo and Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung grew



Mahogany plants.

They then distributed saplings to departmental personnel, members of social organizations and students. At the ceremony, the local people participated in growing over 800 saplings.

Thayawady Township Forest Department distributed over 700 saplings of teak, hardwood and other plants including flowery plants to the local people free of charge.

District IPRD

Environmental conservation, forestry law explained

LOILEM, 9 June—Under the supervision of Shan State Forest Department, Loilem Township Forest Department explained environmental conservation and clarification on forestry law to the local people for understanding the environmental conservation and forestry laws and sustainability of forest resources, taking place at the monastery in Panwoe Village of Loilem Township recently.

The talk was attended by 150 departmental personnel and local people. Staff Officer U Nay Myo Win of Township Forest Department explained slash-and-burn farming works, illegal timber and forest reserve law and distributed pamphlets to the attendees.

Loilem Township Forest Department will distribute 200,000 saplings to the local people for establishment of 40-acre forest in rainy season of 2012-2013 fiscal year.

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DISTRICT NEWS

CSC ISSUED: Moe Pwint-3 Plan is being implemented in Thakayta Township of Yangon Region. Staff members of Immigration and National Registration Department issue citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration to local people at the office of 1/ Htupayon Ward of the township on 6 June.

MYANMA ALIN



Asphalt road, Sasana Beikman, archway to school commissioned into service

KYAUNGKON, 9 June—A ceremony to open the 530 feet long and 10 feet wide asphalt road leading to MyoU Shwemya Nanda Pagoda, MyoU Sasana Beikmandaw built at a cost of K 38 million and the archway of Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in

Kanyin Thonsint Village of Kyaukgon Township on 4 June.

At first, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Tun, wellwisher U Thein Maung and Head of Township Planning Department U Aung Win formally opened

the road.

Next, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Nay Win, Headmaster of No. 1 BEHS U Hsan Myint Oo and U Thein Maung formally opened the Sasana Beikman donated by wellwisher U Thein Maung (Thudhama Manijota-dhara and award winner of Excellent Performance in Social Field (Third Class) and wife Daw Tin Hla (Shwe Lamin Cheroot Industry).

Later, Township Administrator U Myo Kyaw Kyaw, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Tun and wellwisher U Thein Maung cut the ribbon to open the archway of the BEMS (Branch).—Myanma Alin



Mawlamyinegyun holds township school enrollment day

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 9 June—The school enrollment day of Mawlamyinegyun Township was held at Mahahsaung Hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Mawlamyinegyun on 29 May morning. At the ceremony, Region Hluttaw representative U Aung Zaw Hlaing, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Hsan Lin Oo and Township



Education Officer U Tin Min delivered speeches.

Next, departmental personnel, education staff, ward administrators, Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Township Women's Affairs Organization donated 305 dozens of exercise books and stationery worth K 610,000 for needy students.

The township education officer and officials accepted the donations.

Myanma Alin

CASH DONATED: Under the auspices of mother Daw Tin Hlaing, Daw Khin Khin Gyi of No 575 at Parami Avenue in Yankin Township of Yangon Region donated K 300,000 for steel bed of Mibagon Home for the Aged from Twantay recently. Chairman of the Home U Tun Kyaw accepts the cash donations.—MYANMA ALIN

Plan to build staff quarter for personnel of Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 9 June—According to the minutes of the meeting of Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees, a plan to build the staff quarters for the personnel who discharge duties of the pagoda round the clock will be implemented on the plot donated in 1959 to the pagoda board of trustees.

The land plot at 2/4 on Bagaya Valley on Bo Thura Road of Ohbo Ward in Kyimyindine Township is located on 40x50 feet area. The tender will be invited to build the two-apartment six-storey building.

With the aim of ensuring welfare, the staff on the staff quarter must pay K 1000 for water, electricity and housing maintenance charge.

U Kyaw Thura Thet achieved the tender at K 157.8 million on 30 May and he will build the staff quarter beginning June 2012.—Kyemon

Cash assistance for training course donated

YEKYI, 9 June—Ayeyawady Foundation of Max Myanmar Group of

Companies donated K 3 million as cash assistance to the fund of Myat Pyinnya Parami Education Course being opened at Mingala Aungtheikdi Monastery in 8th Street of Bahtoo Ward in Yekyi in Pathein District of Ayeyawady Region on 26 May morning.

Secretary of the foundation U Kyi Than handed over cash assistance to Chairman of the Course Supervisory Committee U Khin San.

Moreover, local people donated 100 dozens of exercise books to the course.—Myanma Alin

CLOTHES DONATED: Ayeyawady Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee donates clothes to older persons of the Home for the Aged in Pathein on 27 May.—HOME FOR THE AGED



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends...

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Newly-opened two-lane Shwechaung Bridge No.1 is of RC type. The construction started on 7 January 2012 and completed within five months due to relentless efforts of Public Works.

Emphasis was put on the bridge construction as Shwechaung Bridge linked departmental offices, factories, workshops, industrial zone in the north part of Pakokku and school,

No.1 was also a part of road linking Pakokku with Patheingyi Road. Local people would be overjoyed as they now could travel easily to Patheingyi in Ayeyawady region and Monywa in Sagaing region via Pak and Myaing townships of Magway Region in short time.

Personnel concerned were obliged to maintain the bridge which contributed to both national and regional

in length and 24 feet in width. The old 868-ft long Shwechaung Bridge was built in 1967 and opened in 1970. The old bridge was damaged in the record-high torrent runoff, cutting the communication links. President U Thein Sein went to the scene on 25 October, 2011 and instructed to build temporary Bailey bridge urgently to avoid barriers in transportation. In response to the instruction, a Bailey bridge was constructed urgently and was opened on 13 November, 2011.

President U Thein Sein



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham speaking at opening ceremony of Shwechaung Bridge No. 1.

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hospital and markets in urban Pakokku. The bridge was built at terrific speed with a view to facilitating swift commodity flow within the entire region up to Yaw and Gangaw in Magway Region, Mindat and Matupi in Chin State and Kalay and Tamu in Sagaing Region via Pakokku.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), the longest bridge in Myanmar was commissioned into service in Pakokku on 31 December, 2011 whose railroad was 3.9 miles long and the motor road 2.56 miles.

Those were the tangible results of the focused efforts of the government for provision of smooth transportation to the local people.

Shwechaung Bridge

interests for its longer lifespan and local people also were responsible to give a hand in maintaining the bridge, noted the Vice-President.

In conclusion, the Vice-President urged them to carry on undertaking unfinished rehabilitation in cooperation with the government, to be always alert for prevention against disasters, to avoid acts harming the environment and to maintain and strengthen the positive changes.

Next, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint explained facts about the bridge, saying that Shwechaung Bridge No. 1 was located on Pakokku-Monywa Road. The bridge was of RC type and 900 feet

again inspected the temporary bridge on 23 December, 2012 and instructed to construct a new bridge.

Shwechaung Bridge No.1 was built across Shwe Creek which flowed through Pakokku, contributing to swift regional commodity flow up to Yaw, Gangaw, Mindat, Matupi, Kalay, Tamu via Pakokku. The whole bridge was constructed in short time just taking five months and two days. It was the compensation of the government to storm victim Pakokku dwellers.

Bridges 180 feet and above long under speedy construction in Magway Region were Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun), Lwachaung Bridge, Mindon Bridge and

Wetkut Bridge. Pinchaung Bridge, Saebwetchaung Bridge, Nwetame Bridge (extended), Sunchaung Bridge and Sinza Bridge would be also constructed soon. Pakokku bypass was also in construction process. Shwechaung Bridge No.2 would be also built on the bypass.

Increased number of trucks damaged roads and bridges, delaying the commodity flow. Every vehicle needs to adhere to the rules and regulations. As the government has built a series of roads and bridges for development of the region, local people should do their bits to ensure durability of the bridge.

Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe

said Shwechaung bridge links departmental offices, factories and industrial zones in the northern part of Pakokku with schools, hospitals and markets in downtown Pakokku as well as it is an exit to Yesagyo, Chaung U, Monywa and Mandalay. The government has committed to developing socio-economic status of local people in remote western part of Ayeyawady Region. Thanks to Shwechaung bridge No (1), the upper Myanmar including Magway and Sagaing Regions are easily accessible.

A local spoke words of thanks.

The Vice-President and party cordially greeted those present at the ceremony.

The Vice-President and party took position at the arch of the bridge and Union Ministers Thura U Myint Maung, U Soe Maung, U Khin Maung Myint, U Zaw Min, U Thein Tun and Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe formally opened the bridge.

The Vice-President and party posed for documentary photo at the arch of the bridge.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge and sprinkled it with scented water.

Then the Union ministers, the chief minister, the deputy ministers and party doused scented water on it.

The Vice-President and party took a stroll on the bridge.

The RC bridge with the length of 900 ft has 24-foot motorway flanked by 3 ft and 6 in wide walkways. It can withstand 75 tons of loads. Its clearance area is 72 ft wide and 9 ft and 9 in high.

The construction of the bridge was implemented by Special Project Group (3) of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.

It is 15th above-180-ft bridge opened in the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and it is fourth bridge opened in Magway Region.—MNA



Shwechaung Bridge No. 1 on Pakokku-Monywa road in Pakokku Township.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon visit...

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The Vice-President and party then offered flower and water to the Buddha image in Myazedi and observed its stone

inscription written in Pyu, Mon, Pali and Myanmar languages.

The Vice-President, wife and party then visited Pagoda No.820 where they observed religious buildings of impressive works of arts.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party paid obeisance to the Sulamani Pagoda built by King Nara Pati Sithu in AD 1183 and stayed for the night in Bagan.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon enjoy the scenic view of Bagan.

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Works of Bagan cultural heritage seen at Myanmar Archaeological Museum, Bagan.

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Lt-Gen Hla Min inspects restoration of peace and stability in Buthidaung, Maungtaung Townships

YANGON, 9 June — As the local Tatmadaw and the police members managed to control violence that was rife in some villages in Buthidaung and Maungtaung townships in Rakhine State on 8 June, peace and stability has already prevailed in those regions.

Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, accompanied by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing and officials, this morning went

to Maungtaung from Sittway by helicopter loaded with relief aids and inspected the restoration of peace and stability.

They were accompanied by medical team of the Tatmadaw Medical Corps comprising specialists and health staff. The medical team is now providing health care services to local people in the township.

Lt-Gen Hla Min and the Rakhine State Chief Minister visited the relief camps set up at local monasteries where they

spoke words of encouragement to local people and provided them with foodstuff, clothes and utensils.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Hla Min airlifted four seriously injured persons whose villages were set on fire to Sittway Hospital for medical treatment.

Local authorities in cooperation with the local Tatmadaw, the police, officials and villagers are making efforts for restoration of peace and stability and rehabilitation in those regions.—MNA

Union Sports Minister views training of new blood athletes

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—New blood athletes of respective sports have been camped in Nay Pyi Taw sports training centres under intensive training to ensure victory in the XXVII Sea Games.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for XXVII SEA Games Preparation Committee Chairman of Myanmar National

Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan viewed sportsmen and sportswomen in training and training centres today and stressed the needs.

The Union Minister also met with coaches of respective sports and gave instructions on training plans.

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Myanmar Libraries Foundation to organize cash and publications donation

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is assisting in development of libraries opened across the nation. It has planned to organize a cash and publications donation ceremony in July, 2012 to help libraries develop. Wellwishers willing to donate may contact the addresses mentioned under.

- (a) Director (Production)
Information and Public Relations Department
Ph-01-371342, 201936
- (b) Myanmar Libraries Foundation
Ph-01-398756

UNYDC (Yangon) graduates 130 in 2011-2012 AY

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—Union Nationality Youths Degree College (Yangon) concluded its course No 11 today, graduating 130 youths in the 2011-2012 academic year.

Secretary of the central committee for development of rural areas and national races Chairman of the work committee for implementing development tasks for rural areas and national races Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay attended the ceremony to conclude the course and delivered an address.

He also awarded the outstanding

students.

After the ceremony, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, deputy ministers, regional ministers and departmental officials posed for documentary photos together with the graduates.

The Union Minister also met with the professor, head of departments and lecturers and called for using ICT in teaching focusing on students-centered teaching system and for making efforts for research and development. He also presented cash assistance to them.

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Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay awards Mg Meng Zaw Win Htwe, Palaung national from Namhkam of Shan State who wins outstanding student award in science.

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Salin Township DAD eases burden of vendors

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—Salin Township Development Affairs Department has provided school uniforms to children of vendors, sharing the burden of the sellers at Salin Myoma market.

The development affairs department used the interest of the money from the vendors of the Salin Myoma Market to

provide uniforms to 109 students for the 2012-2013 academic year. As part of a plan to alleviate the poverty in rural areas, the department borrowed money from the Rural Development Bank and lent it to the vendors.

An official of Salin Township DAD presented uniforms to the children at the department on 6 June.—MNA

Refresher course for deputy head of Settlement and Land Records opens

YANGON, 9 June—The proficiency refresher course No 2/2012 for deputy head of department of Settlement and Land Records Department was opened at the central training school of the department in Taikkyi Township of Yangon Region on 4 June.

On behalf of the director-general of the Settlement and Land Records Department, Principal of the training school Director U Khin Maung Bo made a speech.

Present at the opening ceremony were departmental officials, instructors and 80 trainees. The training course will last up to 27 June.



The course comprises farmland law, tasks for the vacant, virgin and fallow land management law, advanced land survey and production map, correctness of land survey and map,

correctness of farmland statistics and farmland management subjects.

Kyemon

Scholarship awards for matriculation students

YANGON, 9 June—The Scholarship Award will be granted by Siam Cement Group (SCG) which is one of the top businesses in Asia.

In 2012-2013 academic year, the matriculation students may apply for the scholarship award. The awards will be given to 99 students from schools from North Okkalapa, Thanlyin, South Dagon, Shwepyitha, North Dagon, Dagon Seikkan, Mingaladon and Hlinethaya Townships and that of Mawlamyine and Kyaikmaraw of Mon State. The winner can secure K 156,000 and school equipment.

The applicant must submit application with CV and recommendation of teachers concerned. Two photos, photo of family, copy of citizenship scrutiny card and two-page essay with the title of My future dream are to be attached to the application to be sent to post box No 1402, not later than 10 June.

For further information, may contact 01-538660.

Nwe Nwe Kyi-MNA

Winners announced for monthly photo contest of Mandalay Photo Association

MANDALAY, 9 June—The selection of prize winning works was held for the monthly photo championship No 6 of Mandalay Photographic Association at Dhamma Beikman Hall on 80th Street in Mandalay on 4 June.

Panel of judges were U Tun Myint, Vice-Chairman U Tin Win (Geology) and Photographer U Maung Maung Lay (Ngwe Hline).

The prize winners were first prize and No 1 consolation prize winner Ko Hein (Paleik), second prize winner Kyesin Kaung Myat, third Aung Tun Naing (Modern), consolation-2 Ko Win Khaing (Maung Maung Kyaing), and consolation-3 Soe Paing (Yaungbyan) in the novice class. In the senior class, first prize and consolation-1 winner was Win Min Thein (Adipati), consolation-2 and 3 Htet Oo Zaw (Sai Pyun) and third prize Ko Shwe Yi (Golden Era).

For the 6th monthly photo contest, the entrants must compete with model Yin Mon KO.—Kyemon



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DAY OBSERVED: The township school enrollment day was organized at Basic Education High School No. 4 in Tamway Township of Yangon Region on 30 May. Township Administrator U Thein Win speaking on the occasion.—GAD

Kayan Township Association provides assistance to needy students

KAYAN, 9 June—Kayan Township Association (Yangon) provided school uniforms, bags, exercise books and pencils to needy students of basic education schools through respective school heads in Kayan Township on 31 May.

The donations comprised 822 sets of school uniforms, 584 dozens of exercise books, 822 bags and 137 dozens of pencils worth K 2,579,211.

Kayan Township Association (Yangon) has donated school uniforms,



bags, exercise books and pencils worth K 1,601,900 to primary students in the township in 2009, K

1777000 in 2010 and K 2.43 million in 2011.

Kayan Soe Myint

Bus worker courses on 10, 22 June

YANGON, 9 June—A plan is under way to open the basic bus worker course and refresher course. The course will admit 120 bus workers, according to the 36th press meeting of the Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee.

The basic course No 8 will be opened on 10 June and the refresher course on 22 June.

Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee is focusing on educational works for ensuring free from danger of traffic accidents in the region and broadening the horizon of the bus workers.

As the training courses were conducted with the aim of ensuring development of human resources, the basic course No 7/2012 was opened on 13 May and refresher course No 5/2012 on 25 May.

So far, a total of 210 bus workers attended the courses.—Kyemon

Five Myanmar athletes to compete in London Olympic Games



YANGON, 9 June—Five Myanmar athletes will take part in four sports events of the London Olympic Games 2012 to be held in London of England from 27 July to 12 August.

Myanmar athletes will participate in the archery, rowing, shooting and track and field events. Nay Myo Aung will compete in the men's recurve event, Thet

Zaw Win in the men's 400-m race, Nilar San in women's marathon, Shwe Sin Latt in the western rowing and Maung Kyu in the men's shooting event.

Myanmar participated in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games with six players. Of them, Nay Myo Aung (Archery) and Shwe Sin Latt (Rowing) get the chance to competing in the games for the second times.

Although various famous athletes across the world will take part in the

games, it is difficult to secure medals. However, Myanmar players will focus on the games to have experiences. Depending on the best experiences from the Olympic Games, Myanmar players will try hard to achieve greater success in the 2013 SEA Games.

Over 10000 athletes are expected to take part in 302 events of 26 sports in the London Olympic Games. In the competitions, 302 gold medals will be awarded to the winners.—Chit Ko Ko



Offspring of vendors get school uniforms

SHWEDAUNG, 9 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to 75 students of vendors for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of the Township Development Affairs Committee in Shwedaung Township on 6 June.

It was aimed at alleviating the poverty, organized by Shwedaung

Township ADC of Pyay District in Bago Region (West).

Also present were Pyithu Hluttaw representative Dr Daw Aye Myint, Region Hluttaw representative U Tin Maung Myint, executive officer U Han Shein of Township Development

Affairs Committee, members of the microfinance institution service, market elders, vendors and students. At the ceremony, Executive Officer U Han Shein presented one set of school uniform worth K 225,000 to 75 students.

Kyemon

Cash assistance for staff's offspring provided



YANGON, 9 June—Pabedan Township General Administration Department provided cash assistance for students to learning education at its office on 31 May.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Myat Aung Htay and Chairman of the Discipline Enforcement Committee Daw Aye Aye Maw presented stationery and cash worth K 181,700 to 16 students of the staff members.—Kyemon

DISTRICT NEWS

IMF adjusts China growth forecast to 8 pct this year

BEIJING, 9 June—China's economic growth will likely moderate to around 8 percent this year amid downward risks caused by the ongoing crisis in Europe, an official from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Friday. In April, the IMF predicted an annual growth of 8.2 percent for China. David Lipton, First Deputy Managing Director of the IMF, who is in Beijing for annual policy dialogue with China, told *Xinhua* that the latest revision is still a comfortable growth for China under the current circumstances.

He said though it's hard to tell the impact that the European crisis will have on other countries, it's important that China and other countries be ready and attentive to the possible outcomes. He said China has the space for a forceful response if the world economy further slows and then affects the Chinese economy, stressing that the stimulus measures, if necessary, should align with the goal of quality growth that relies less on investment, more on consumption, and is environmentally friendly.

Noting China's recent announcement of an interest rate cut, he said the move reflected the authorities' commitment to achieving their macroeconomic objectives in the face of slowing growth and increased downside risks, especially from Europe. "We also welcome China's step toward the liberalization of interest rate margins, which will lower the cost of financial intermediation and allow market forces a greater role in pricing loans," said Lipton. He added that to realize balanced growth, China should also step up reforms to raise household income, liberalize the financial system, strengthen the social security system. "These priorities also feature in the 12th Five-year Plan, but timely implementation will be the key," he said.— *Xinhua*



A policeman stands near a damaged bus which was hit by a bomb attack in the outskirts of Peshawar on 8 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Bus bomb kills 19 in northwest Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 9 June — A bomb exploded on a bus on the outskirts of the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Friday, killing 19 people and wounding several, police officials said. There have been numerous bombings in Peshawar, capital of the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province, since the Pakistani military stepped up operations against militant groups in 2007.

"The bus was carrying around 40 people, most of them

government employees, when there was a huge blast," police official Merah Khan told *Reuters*. Police said the bus was travelling from Peshawar to the nearby town of Charsadda. Peshawar borders Pakistan's semi-autonomous ethnic Pashtun regions along the Afghanistan border where Islamist militants have found refuge despite a series of military offensives over the past few years.

The Pakistani Taliban, the Afghan Taliban, al-Qaeda and affiliated militant groups are entrenched in the tribal regions, and take advantage of the porous border to launch attacks against NATO and Afghan forces in Afghanistan.— *Reuters*

Colombia seizes nearly 1 ton of cocaine

BOGOTA, 9 June — Colombia seized nearly a ton of cocaine bound for the United States at its northern resort of Baru on Friday, the navy said. The 937-kg cache discovered at a private residence is worth a street value of about 23 million US dollars and belongs to a drug-trafficking group known as Los Paisas, according to the navy.

Naval commander Cesar Narvaez, whose jurisdiction is in Colombia's Caribbean waters, said the operation was carried out on Friday with the aid of an investigation team from the public prosecutor's office. No further details were provided.

Los Paisas mainly operates in the Colombian Caribbean, from where they ship drugs abroad, mostly to the United States, said Narvaez, adding the group is originally from the northwestern city of Medellin.

Like most organized crime groups in Colombia, Los Paisas is composed mainly of former members of the country's disbanded paramilitaries. Since this year, Colombia's navy have seized nearly 35 tons of cocaine, including Friday's capture.

Xinhua

Certain cancers to be included in 9/11 compensation fund

NEW YORK, 9 June — A top US health official approved a recommendation on Friday to include certain cancers among health conditions covered by a 4.3-billion-US-dollar compensation fund to help with treatment costs of people exposed to toxic material after September 11 attacks in 2001.

The decision by Dr John Howard, director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and administrator of the World Trade Center Health Programme, approved all of the 14 cancers recommended by the programme's advisory committee.

"We recognize how personal the issue of cancer and all of the health conditions related to the World Trade Center tragedy are to 9/11 responders, survivors and their loved ones," he said in a statement. The decision comes as welcome news for members of the emergency

services and people who lived or worked in downtown Manhattan and developed cancers after September 11 but were previously ineligible for compensation from the fund. It also covers those affected in the 11 September attack on the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where hijacked United Flight No. 93 crashed.

Thousands of firefighters, police officers, construction workers and other rescue and recovery workers spent months at the site of the World Trade Center towers that were felled by two hijacked jets.

MNA/Reuters

12 killed in passenger vans collision in central Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 9 June — At least 12 people were killed and over 40 others were injured in a head-on collision between two passenger vans in Pakistan's central city of Bhakkar on Saturday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel Express.

The report said that the incident happened on early Saturday morning when a passenger van heading from port city of Karachi to northern city of Rawalpindi rammed into a Bhakkar-bound bus coming from opposite direction at the main highway in Bhakkar, a city in the country's eastern province of Punjab.

Six people died right on the spot while six others succumbed to injuries later at a hospital in Bhakkar where local people and rescued

workers shifted the injured.

The hospital sources said that there are three women and a kid among the dead people adding that the death toll may further rise as several among the injured are in a critical condition.

According to initial investigations by the police, the accident took place due to over speeding. Road accidents frequently happen in Pakistan due to poor driving skills and violation of traffic rules.

Traffic police officials say that 90% of the accidents in the country take place due to human error.

During the present week, over one hundred people were killed in three major and five minor road accidents across the country.

Xinhua



Soldiers from the US Army's Alpha Company, 1-12 Infantry, 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, prepare sandbags at night to reinforce the defences at Combat Outpost Pirtle-King in Afghanistan's Kunar Province on 7 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Husband of Nigeria air crash victim sues Boeing

LAGOS, 9 June — The husband of a woman killed in last Sunday's plane crash in Nigeria is suing the plane's manufacturer, Boeing, and engine maker United Technologies, saying her death was caused by a "dangerous and defective" aircraft. David Chukwunonso Allison, who lives in Lagos, is also suing the estate of the American pilot, Peter Waxtan, according to the lawsuit filed on Thursday in the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.

Allison's wife, Joy, was among the 153 people on board who died in the crash in Lagos, Nigeria's worst in two decades. Waxtan was also killed.

The Boeing McDonnell

Douglas MD-83, operated by privately owned domestic airline Dana Air, hit an apartment block as it was coming in to land in Lagos on Sunday, killing all on board and probably six people on the ground.

Dana and Nigerian Aviation Minister Stella Oduah have said the pilot radioed a distress signal to report engine failure minutes before the airliner crashed. "There was a mayday call for engine failure at 1442 hours (1342 GMT). We don't know if it was one or two," Oscar Wilson, Dana's director of flight operations told a news conference on Thursday. He said all the planes used by Dana have been tested to ensure they can fly on just one engine, in

accordance with international norms. The lawsuit said that "As a direct ... result of defendants' design, manufacture, sale, shipment, distribution, maintenance, service, operation, ownership, leasing, and transfer of the subject aircraft and its component parts in a dangerous and defective condition ... Joy Chiedozie Allison was killed."

It blamed the pilot for failing to "properly execute landing of the subject aircraft", which it said was the result of "negligence and carelessness." Boeing spokesman Doug Alder Jr said it was standard practice for the company not to comment on pending litigation.

Reuters



The opening ceremony of the Euro 2012 football championship was held in Warsaw, Poland, on 8 June, 2012. *XINHUA*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV HANNA MARIE VOY NO (1224)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HANNA MARIE VOY NO (1224) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Italian police arrest suspect for school bombing

ROME, 9 June — Italian police detained on Wednesday a man suspected of being the author of the school bombing that killed one girl and injured others last May. According to local media, police detained a 68-year-old petrol station attendant near Lecce, a city in southern Italy close to Brindisi where the school is located.

Giovanni Vantaggiato, who is father of two daughters and has reportedly confessed his crime, is thought to have wanted to privately revenge against the school for a suffered injustice. Some 1,400 people have been checked by

police or questioned in the past days after the images taken from video surveillance of the probable killer were released.

The bombing outside the vocational school "Francesca Laura Morvillo Falcone" occurred on 19 May as a group of students were entering the building.

Melissa Bassi, a 16-year-old student, was killed in the explosion while another seven girls were rushed to hospital. One of them was in very serious conditions, and has gone through three delicate operations, local doctors said. — *Xinhua*



Photo illustration of traffic in Seoul. South Korea will penalise motorists caught watching dashboard televisions while driving, an official said on Thursday, following a deadly crash blamed on an inattentive trucker. — *INTERNET*

Dozens injured when tour bus overturns in Ky

MUNFORDVILLE, 9 June — Officials say dozens have been taken to hospitals after a tour bus carrying students and parents to Washington, DC, overturned in south-central Kentucky. Kentucky State Police Trooper Jonathan Biven says 55 people, including 34 students, were aboard when the bus crashed on Wednesday evening on Kentucky Route 728 in Hart County, about 70 miles south of Louisville.

He says the injuries include minor scrapes and bruises.

The injured were being transported by ambulance or private vehicle to area hospitals to be checked out. Hardin Memorial Hospital house manager Jerry Taylor said about seven people were being brought there by ambulance with injuries that were not life-threatening. Biven says the private bus carrying Cub Run students and adults had traveled just a few miles before the wreck. The trip was not school-related.

Reuters

Nigerian raid kills 16 suspected militants

LAGOS, 9 June — Nigerian soldiers have killed at least 16 militants, the army said on Wednesday, after gunfire and blasts rocked an area of the country's northeast where Islamists were believed to be hiding. "It's confirmed," Colonel Victor Ebhaleme told *AFP* when asked about reports of 16 Boko Haram members being killed in the city of Maiduguri. "They came to attack part of the city," he

said, declining to provide details. Gunfire and explosions erupted in Maiduguri on Tuesday as soldiers moved into the area where Boko Haram members were believed to be hiding, residents said.

"There have been at least eight explosions in these neighbourhoods and soldiers have moved in with tanks and have taken over the whole area," one resident said on Tuesday.



A house and car are ravaged by bomb explosion by the Islamist group Boko Haram in Maiduguri, northeastern Nigeria on 10 May. Nigerian soldiers have killed at least 16 militants, the army said, after gunfire and blasts rocked the city where Islamists were believed to be hiding. — *INTERNET*

Another said the area was largely deserted of residents after earlier signs that soldiers were preparing a crackdown. Alleyways had been sealed off ahead of Tuesday evening's violence, they said. The explosions and gunfire began rocking the city at around 4:30 pm and stopped at around 9:00 pm.

Maiduguri is at the centre of Boko Haram's insurgency, which has claimed more than 1,000 lives since mid-2009. The group's mosque and headquarters were located there until they were destroyed in a 2009 military assault. Nigerian troops have also been accused of abuses in Maiduguri, including burning homes and killing civilians in the wake of bomb attacks.

Thousands of residents have fled the city amid the spiralling violence. Also on Tuesday in the northern city of Kano, gunmen shot dead a former deputy Nigerian police chief, his driver and a bodyguard, police said.

Internet

Girl accidentally kills mom with car in Texas, US

HOUSTON, 9 June — A 12-year-old girl accidentally pushed the gas pedal instead of the brake and struck her mother, killing her outside a home in the US state of Texas on Wednesday, US media reported. The mother was with her six children looking at a home up for sale when the tragedy happened on Wednesday evening in Jacinto City, Texas, according to local TV channel ABC13.

The mother decided their vehicle should be pulled closer, so she asked her 12-year-old daughter to get in the driver seat of the car and move it. The mother told the girl she would tell her when to brake, but the girl accidentally stepped on the accelerator and struck the mom, according to the report. No one else was injured.

Xinhua

Biodiversity loss poses growing threat to human life: ecologists

VANCOUVER, 9 June — Biodiversity loss is increasingly threatening the planet's ability to provide humans with life's essentials, says a team of international ecologists. In a consensus statement published on Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, the 17 researchers also called for more actions to prevent further losses of species. The team reached its conclusion after combing more than 1,000 ecological studies conducted since the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de

Janeiro, in which the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was opened for signature.

"We've reached a point where efforts to preserve species and biological diversity might no longer be an act of altruism," said Diane Srivastava, one of the authors of the paper and also a professor from University of British Columbia. Biodiversity is of great significance in that it helps, among many others, increase the production of commercial

crops and resist invasion by exotic plants and plant pathogens, according to the study. Experts agree that the loss of such diversity would be harmful to the world's ecosystems, said Bradley Cardinale, leader of the research and an associate professor at University of Michigan.

It might also harm mankind by reducing ecosystem services that are essential to human health and prosperity, he added. "We need to take biodiversity loss

far more seriously — from individuals to international governing bodies — and take greater action to prevent further losses of species," Cardinale stressed. The appeal was published as international leaders are preparing to gather in Rio de Janeiro on 20 June for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as the Rio+20 Conference. Till now the CBD has been endorsed by 193 signatory parties.

Xinhua

Death toll in NW China's avalanche rises to four, six still missing

LANZHOU, 9 June — The death toll in Tuesday's avalanche in northwest China's Gansu Province has risen to four. Rescuers are still searching in snow-packed debris for six other missing prospecting workers on Thursday morning. The avalanche occurred late Tuesday night in a remote part of Subei County, burying the campsite of the Heicigou Antimony Ore Prospecting Station.

Hu Jianzhong, head of the station, said there were a total of 21 people at the campsite at the time of the avalanche. Ten people were buried, and 11 others managed to escape. Rescuers have sent one severely injured survivor to hospital, Hu said. Rescuers are still double-checking the number of workers who may have stayed at the campsite.

Heicigou, situated over 4,300 metres above sea level, is located 180 km away from the county seat of Subei, which is a dense Mongolian ethnic area.

Since Monday, the area had been hit by heavy rainstorms rarely seen in the local history, and the local observatory said precipitation exceeded 500 millimeters in the 23 hours prior to 3 pm on Tuesday. A heavy snowfall hit the mountainous region on Wednesday, which further aggravated the condition of the rescue work. By Thursday, snow on ground reached 60 cm deep. Rescuers could only reach the avalanche site on foot. The prospecting team is owned by Subei Jinze Mining Co Ltd. The share-holding company has prospecting rights on a 1,600-square-km area in Subei. — *Xinhua*



An old style windmill is pictured with newer and larger wind turbines in the background, at a wind farm near Milford, Utah on 21 May, 2012. — *REUTERS*

Colombian forces kill seven guerrillas

BOGOTA, 9 June — Seven members of Colombian guerrilla group National Liberation Army (ELN) were killed on Thursday during a joint military operation, said the country's air force. The early morning raid, carried out by army and air force troops, "neutralized" a riverbank ELN camp in a rural zone in the northwestern department of Choco, according to an air force statement.

"The death in combat of seven narco-terrorists has been confirmed," and another one was captured, said the statement, without identifying the killed and detained. The statement termed the operation as a "strong hit" against the ELN, which emerged in 1964 and is now estimated to have about 4,000 members. — *Xinhua*

Climber BASE jumps from Himalayan peak



A Russian man who spent six days climbing a mountain in the Indian part of the Himalayas became the first to BASE jump from the peak in a wing suit.

Valery Rozov, 47, a veteran jumper, spent 30 days on the 21,466-foot mountain with climbing partners Alexander Ruchkin and

Victor Volodin before jumping on 25 May in his wing suit and spending 90 seconds in the air, Red Bull, Rozov's sponsor, reported on its Website. "This was my first project in the Himalayas," Rozov said. "We had a few difficulties along the way, so I am really pleased that we were able to complete the jump successfully."

Rozov said it took his climbing partners three days to climb back down the mountain. BASE jumping is named for the four categories of fixed objects participants can jump from, buildings, antennas, spans and earth.

News Album

Cusick won't be back for more 'Scandal'



Henry Ian Cusick and his wife Annie arrive at the 62nd Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles on 29 August, 2010. INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 9 June—Actor Henry Ian Cusick isn't returning to the Washington-set political drama "Scandal" for a second season, *The Hollywood Reporter* said.

The former "Lost" star and "Scandal" show-runner Shonda Rhimes parted amicably, but no specific reason was given for the split, the entertainment industry newspaper said.

Joshua Malina, a former "West Wing" cast member who played the recurring role of US Attorney David Rosen on "Scandal" last season, will join the ensemble full-time in Season 2, *The Hollywood Reporter* said.

INTERNET

Lohan involved in car-truck collision

LOS ANGELES, 9 June—Lindsay Lohan's publicist says the actress is "fine" after her car and a dump truck collided on Friday morning near the beach in Santa Monica, Calif.

"She was brought to Santa Monica UCLA hospital as a precaution," her representative told People.com. "She is fine and was released less than 2 hours later and is already headed back to the set to resume work. Fortunately, no one was

seriously injured in the accident."

Lohan, 25, is working on the Elizabeth Taylor biopic "Liz & Dick" in Los Angeles—her first lead role in years as her career was sidelined because of her substance-abuse issues and legal difficulties.

Hollyscoop.com said Lohan was driving with an unidentified assistant, who suffered bumps and bruises, at the time of the incident.

INTERNET



Lindsay Lohan attends the 2012 White House Correspondents Association Dinner held at the Washington Hilton on 28 April, 2012. INTERNET

Syrup spilled across Ohio highway

Authorities in Ohio said a syrup spill on north and southbound Interstate 75 was a "royal pain in the butt" to clean up.

Fort Mitchell police said both sides of the highway were down to two lanes late Thursday and early Friday when an overturned semi tractor-trailer spilled pancake

syrup all over the roadway, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported on Friday. "Every lane of southbound I-75 was covered in pancake syrup," Fort Mitchell Police Officer Mark Spanyer said. "It was a royal pain in the butt."

State transportation crews and officials with the US Environmental Protection

Agency worked overnight to clean up the mess and were finished by 2:45 am on Friday.

The truck driver, whose vehicle was torn in half when it struck the Buttermilk Pike overpass, was taken to University Hospital with minor injuries. Police said no charges were filed against the driver, whose name was not released.

Kids punished by holding sign at roadside

An Indiana mother said she made her 12- and 14-year-old children hold a sign at an intersection as punishment for being "disrespectful" to their stepfather. Amanda Minch of Fort Wayne said she was originally only going to make the children hold the sign at the intersection of Eastwick

Drive and Reed Road for 40 minutes, but she added another 40 minutes when they laughed about the idea, WANE-TV, Fort Wayne, reported.

"We are disrespectful and nasty to our dad. We don't follow the rules and we only do what we want. We hit him

and treat him like crap. We are ungrateful," the sign read. Minch said she picked the sign-holding punishment after previous attempts to alter their behavior failed.



Ryan Reynolds and Denzel Washington arrive for the "Safe House" Premiere at the SVA Theatre in New York on 7 February, 2012.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 9 June—Hollywood film star Denzel Washington says he is

amazed by how much South Africa changed between shooting the drama "Cry

Denzel talks about witnessing changes in S Africa since '86

Freedom" in 1986 and the thriller "Safe House" last year.

Washington, 57, earned his first Oscar nomination for playing anti-apartheid activist Steve Biko in "Cry Freedom."

In "Safe House," Ryan Reynolds plays a CIA agent charged with minding Washington's brilliant, dangerous ex-intelligence

officer, who has gone rogue, in a remote location in South Africa.

"When we shot 'Cry Freedom,' I wasn't even allowed in South Africa," Washington told reporters in New York recently, referring to how the country was racially segregated for decades by the white minority running it.

INTERNET

'Potted Potter' parody opens off-Broadway

NEW YORK, 9 June—"Potted Potter," a British stage comedy in which two actors attempt to sum up all seven Harry Potter books in 70 minutes, has opened off-Broadway.

Preview performances of the show began last month at Manhattan's Little Shubert Theater. It officially opened on 3 June.

This is the production's US premiere after

successful runs in Toronto, London, Edinburgh, Australia and New Zealand.

Starring two-time Olivier Award-nominated actors Daniel Clarkson and Jefferson Turner, the limited engagement in New York is to play through 12 Aug.

In the show, Clarkson and Turner use sparse sets and silly props, as well as the imaginations and good will of audience members, to enthusiastically conjure up the magic of the popular book and film franchises about a boy wizard named Harry.

INTERNET



Jefferson Turner and Daniel Clarkson star in "Potted Potter," a Harry Potter parody now playing off-Broadway. Photo courtesy of the show's Web site. INTERNET

Nero to join Madonna on tour

SANTA MONICA, 9 June—British producers and disc jockeys Dan Stephens and Joe Ray, known as Nero, will open for Madonna on the North American leg of her concert tour.

Interscope Records announced the duo will perform on the same stage as the pop icon during shows to support her most recent album, "MDNA," starting on 28 August in Philadelphia. Nero's sets will feature live vocals from Alana.

Stephens and Ray have

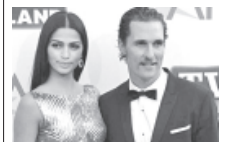
been touring all year in support of their debut album "Welcome Reality," which

was released by Cherrytree/Interscope Records in December.—INTERNET



Madonna (C) performs with Nicki Minaj (L) and MIA during the Halftime Show at Super Bowl XLVI between the New York Giants and the New England Patriots at Lucas Oil Stadium for NFL in Indianapolis, Indiana on 5 Feb, 2012.—INTERNET

McConaughey and Alves set to wed



Actor Matthew McConaughey and his wife Camila Alves arrive for the taping of "TV Land Presents: AFI Life Achievement Award Honoring Morgan Freeman", at Sony Studios in Culver City, California on 9 June, 2011. INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 9 June—Actor Matthew McConaughey plans to marry Camila Alves, mother of his two young children, in Texas this weekend, sources told E! News on Friday.

About two dozen close friends and family members have been invited to the ceremony, the report said.

No other details regarding the happy event were immediately available.

McConaughey, 42, proposed to Alves, a 30-year-old Brazilian model and handbag designer, last Christmas.—INTERNET

10-man Poland held 1-1 tie by 10-man Greece



Robert Lewandowski (L) of Poland heads the ball during the Group A match against Greece at the Euro 2012 football championship in Warsaw, Poland, on 8 June, 2012. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. — XINHUA

WARSAW, 9 June—Ten-man co-hosts Poland were held a 1-1 tie by 10-man Greece in the dramatic opener of the Euro 2012 here on Friday. Two goals, two red cards, one for each, made the eye-catching opener colourful. Poland coach Franciszek Smuda said that the result was acceptable. "Everybody has a chance. The tournament has just begun." Poland dominated

the first half and enjoyed an early 1-0 lead in the 17th minute when striker Robert Lewandowski planted a header into the corner of the net.

Just one minute before, a poor clearance from Greece defender Sokratis Papadopoulos present Lewandowski with a chance to shoot on the turn but he skewed his effort wide. Lewandowski told a Press conference that Poland played fast in the game and Greece showed their experiences. In the 35th minute, Papastathopoulos was given a very harsh booking, maybe for a stray arm as he challenged for a ball in the air. He was the first player getting a yellow card in the tournament. In the 37th minute, from the free kick, Poland wasted a glorious opening to make it 2-0. The ball was loose to Perquis, who fired wide from 14 yards out.

Xinhua

Sharapova wary of Errani threat at French Open



Russia's Maria Sharapova

PARIS, 9 June—It will be power and star-appeal against guile and honest endeavour on Saturday when Maria Sharapova takes on Sara Errani for the French Open title in Paris. Second-seeded Russian Sharapova won through to the Championship match with a 6-3, 6-3 win over fourth seed Petra Kvitová of the Czech Republic, while 21st seed Errani of Italy ousted Australian sixth seed Samantha Stosur 7-5, 1-6, 6-3. The stakes could hardly be higher for Sharapova, who is already assured of regaining the world number one spot she last held in 2008 before a

shoulder injury nearly wrecked her career.

The 2004 Wimbledon, 2006 US Open and 2008 Australian Open champion, will become just the 10th woman to complete a career Grand Slam if she takes Saturday's final, her first at Roland Garros. Errani, who was not rated among the favourites for the title coming into Paris despite winning three clay-court build-up tournaments, will be playing in her first Grand Slam final. A win would make the 21st seed just the second Italian woman to win the French Open title after Francesca Schiavone two years ago.

Internet



Italy's Sara Errani

Djokovic vs Nadal in historic French Open final

PARIS, 9 June—Here comes the French Open final everyone expected and, except for other players, wanted: No 1 Novak Djokovic, one victory from becoming the first man in 43 years to win four consecutive major championships, against No 2 Rafael Nadal, one victory from becoming the only man to win seven titles at Roland Garros. How's that for high stakes? Djokovic is undefeated in his past 27 Grand Slam matches, which includes beating Nadal in the finals at Wimbledon in July, the US Open in September, and the Australian Open in January. Nadal has won 51 of 52 career matches at the French Open; only he and Bjorn Borg have won the clay-court tournament six times.

Internet

International Sports

Clarke takes charge at West Brom

Former Liverpool and Chelsea man replaces Roy Hodgson at the Hawthorns



Steve Clarke has worked alongside Kenny Dalglish at Liverpool since January 2011. — INTERNET

LONDON, 9 June—West Bromwich Albion have named former Liverpool coach Steve Clarke as their new manager. Clarke, replaces Roy Hodgson, who left at the start of May to take charge of the England national team. The 48-year-old, who has also worked at Newcastle United, Chelsea and West Ham United, has signed a two-year contract at the Hawthorns.

West Brom's sporting and technical director Dan

Ashworth said he believed Clarke would move the club forward. "After Roy was appointed as England manager, we cast the net far and wide to identify the most suitable candidate to fill his shoes," he told West Brom's website.

"From the outset, we decided to pursue candidates who are renowned for their coaching ability and Steve was very much at the forefront of our thoughts because of the clubs he has worked at and the high regard he is held in within the game." "After holding talks with Steve, he emerged as the outstanding candidate. "Steve has worked alongside and learned from some top managers and, most importantly, he knows the Premier League inside out and what it takes to succeed at this level."

Internet

Redknapp tips Parker to shine at Euros



Scott Parker looks set to be given a defensive midfield role for England at Euro 2012. — INTERNET

LONDON, 9 June—Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp believes Scott Parker can play a key role for England at Euro 2012. Redknapp expects Spurs midfielder Parker to form a strong partnership with captain Steven Gerrard when England get their Group D campaign under way against France in Donetsk on Monday. "I think he will complement Steven Gerrard well because Steven likes to burst forward at times and Scott will hold in there and protect," Redknapp told Sky Sports News HD.

"When England beat Spain at Wembley, we were under the cosh for most of the game but Spain didn't create too many chances even though they had a lot of the ball, and Scott was instrumental in front of our back four, shutting people down and closing balls into front men." He will do that job for us. He brings a strong base to the team. I think Scott and Steven Gerrard are going to be massive, they are going to be

key." Parker's importance to England has been underlined by injuries to fellow midfielders Frank Lampard and Gareth Barry, who were both ruled out of the tournament. But he admits England will have to be at their best if they are to get off to a flying start against a France side who are unbeaten in 21 matches. "It's probably the best game to play first, it's a massive game. France have a very good side," Parker told Tottenham's website.

Internet

Russia crush Czech Republic 4-1 in Euro 2012 Group A



Theo Gebre Selassie (L) of the Czech Republic shoots during the Group A match against Russia at the Euro 2012 football championships in Wroclaw, Poland, on 8 June, 2012. Russia won 4-1. — Xinhua

WROCLAW, 9 June—Russia, the Euro 2008 semifinalists, crushed the Czech Republic 4-1 in the Euro 2012 Group A here on Friday in the second match of the tournament. Dominating the match with superb speed and accurate passes, the Russian opened the scoring in the 15th minute when an emphatic finish from Alan Dzagoev after Konstantin Zyryanov's cross found Alexander Kerzhakov and his header cannoned back off the post.

Only after nine minutes, Andrei Arshavin's pass eluded Kerzhakov but fell for Yuri Shirokov at the back stick who dinked the ball delicately over Czech keeper Petr Cech and into the net. The Czechs made a fine goal in the 52nd minute when Vaclav Pilar showed composure to round Vyacheslav Malafeev and slid home after an excellent run past Alexander Anyukov, who was keen to try and play him offside.

But the Russians kept on attacking. In the 79th minute, Pavlyuchenko found Dzagoev with a clever pass and he hammered the ball past Cech from 18 yards out. In the 82nd minute, Pavlyuchenko tried for an age to working a shooting opportunity and once he did, he thumped it past Cech from the edge of the box to seal the 4-1 win. With the victory, Russia are topping Group A as co-hosts Poland tied Greece 1-1 in the tournament's opener hours earlier. — Xinhua

In form and in charge, McIlroy takes Memphis lead

MEMPHIS, 9 June—Rory McIlroy showed exquisite timing as he birdied three of his last four holes to surge into a one-stroke lead at the halfway mark of the St Jude Classic at TPC Southwind in Memphis, Tennessee on Friday. The Northern Irishman, who had missed the cut in his last three tournaments, looks to be getting his game on track just in time for the defense of his US Open crown in San Francisco next week with a five-under-par 65 for a total of 133.

"It's nice to see my name on that part of the leaderboard," the 23-year-old McIlroy told reporters. "It's not nice when you're struggling to make the cut on a Friday afternoon. "It's nice to be through to the weekend, obviously. It's obviously



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, hits from the sand on the 17th hole during the second round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament on 8 June, 2012, in Memphis, Tenn. McIlroy finished with a two-round score of 7-under-par 133. — INTERNET

even nicer to be leading and have a great chance." After dispensing the niceties, the world number two faced a tight third-round battle with three players tied for second on 134 and another trio two shots further off the pace.

Internet

Se Ri Pak grabs one stroke lead at LPGA Championship

PITTSFORD, 9 June—Se Ri Pak fired a one-under 71 to take a one-shot lead while slumping Michelle Wie missed the cut with a 10-over 82 after the second round of the LPGA Championship. "I'm happy to be back in this seat," Pak said on Friday. "Before I teed off, I knew it was tougher because of the wind. It was very difficult. I tried not to make big mistakes. I'm very happy about the finish. I got a couple of great up and downs." South Korea's Pak, who is playing for the first time since injuring her shoulder two months ago, is at three-under 141 heading into the weekend of the major championship event.

She has a one stroke lead over South Korean Inbee Park, America Paula Creamer, Japan's Mika Miyazato and Sandra Gal of Germany. — Internet



Se Ri Pak of South Korea hits her tee shot on the second hole during the second round of the Wegmans LPGA Championship at Locust Hill Country Club, on 8 June, in Pittsford, New York. — INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL****(10-6-12 09:30 am ~ 11-6-12 09:30 am) MST**

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- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- Uppatahsandi paritta
- 7:25 am**
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am**
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 12:35 pm**
- 4. How Its Works
- 4:25 pm**
- 5. Song Of National Races
- 4:40 pm**
- 6. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Physic)
- 5:00 pm**
- 7. Documentary
- 6:20 pm**
- 8. Cartoon Series
- 7:00 pm**
- 9. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 10. News
- 11. Cartoon Series
- 12. New Melody

Painting, cartoon, poster and computer art contest held

PYAY, 9 June—In commemoration of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June 2012, the painting, cartoon, poster and computer art contest was held at No 1 Basic Education High School in Pyay on 26 and 27 May.

Bago Region Minister for Security and Border

Affairs Col Thet Tun, Deputy Commissioner of Pyay District GAD U Amt Maw, Commander of Pyay District Police Force Police Lt-Col Thauang Win and departmental officials viewed the participation of contestants in the competition.

Altogether 80 students participated in the contest.

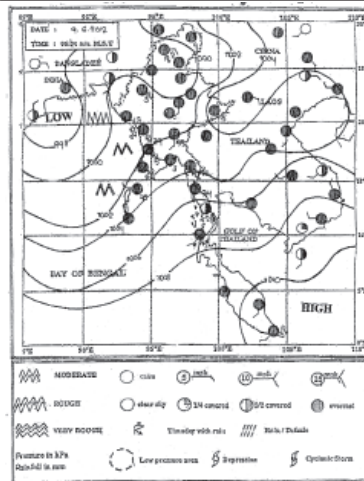
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**Plane crashes in southern Russia, one killed**

Moscow, 9 June—A single-engine plane crashed on Saturday in Russia's southern Rostov region, killing the pilot, local media reported. The aircraft crash-landed near Grachi village in Belokalitvinsk district, the RIA Novosti news agency cited a local emergency official as saying, adding that the pilot, the only one on board, was killed on the scene.

A traffic controller on duty received an alert message at 8:38 am Moscow time (0438 GMT) about the crash, a spokesman from the Emergency Ministry said. The plane broke into pieces when touching the ground, local media reported. The crash caused no damage to ground structures and an investigation was under way, the spokesman said.

Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 10th June, 2012**

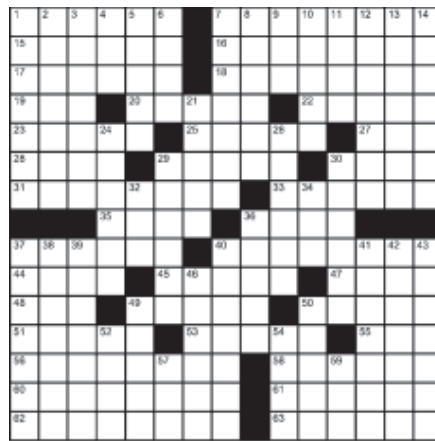
No.	Region/State	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Rachin	38/100	25/78	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
2	Kayah	32/90	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
3	Kayah	32/90	23/75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy fall	(80%)
4	Chin	27/81	17/63	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
5	Upper Sagar	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
6	Lower Sagar	38/100	26/79	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
7	Yamethazi	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy fall	(80%)
8	Bhamo	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
9	Mawmyi	38/100	26/79	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
10	Mandalay	40/104	27/81	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
11	Man	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy fall	(80%)
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
13	Rakhine	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms with isolated heavy fall	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	26/79	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	35/95	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
16	Lamun State	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
17	Ayeyarwady	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
18	Neighbouring New Pyi Taw	35/95	23/75	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	One or two rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40/104	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(80%)

Summary of Forecast for 10th June: Heavy rain or thunderstorms were forecast in Upper Sagar, Mandalay and Mawmyi Regions, Chin State, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with especially heavy falls in Bhamo and Yamethazi Regions and Kayah and Man States, isolated heavy falls in Ayeyarwady Region and Rakhine State. The maximum amounts of rainfall recorded were Thabeik (6.5 inches), Madaya (4.5 inches), Bhamo (5.5 inches), Kyaukse (4.5 inches), Yangon (4.5 inches) and Hsiao (4.5 inches).

Minimum is strong in Sagar in the Arakan Sea and South Sea and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Sea Reference: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Indian, Gulf of Manna, off and along Myanmar coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong Monsoon.

Crossword Puzzle**Across**

1. Wreckage
7. Drank eagerly, esp. a dog (2 wds)
15. ___ skates
16. Bug
17. Butt of jokes
18. Put an abrupt end to
19. Little bird

Down

20. Parkinson's treatment (hyphenated)
22. Group of musical notes
23. Agreeing (with)
25. Small amount
27. "Cool" amount, slang
28. Chimney channel
29. Void
30. Characteristic carrier

31. Charming
33. Compliant one
35. A fisherman may spin one
36. Archaeological site
37. Layers
40. Microorganisms
44. Equal
45. Promise to marry
47. Cleave
48. .0000001 joule
49. Doozie, slang
50. Ottoman title
51. Barbaric
53. Glasgow's river
55. Bounce
56. Grew shoots from the base, as with grass
58. Well-seasoned stew of meat and vegetables
60. Take on duties again
61. Diffuse
62. Sheriff
63. Swedish rapper
8. Secrets
9. Ace
10. Spiel
11. Carve in stone
12. Formerly Benin in Africa
13. Womb-related
14. Hawker
21. Express
24. Flower's sweet liquid
26. Squat
29. Enlarge
30. Family subdivisions
32. Pillbox, e.g.
34. A small amount
36. Threadbare
37. Range of related qualities (pl.)
38. Yorkshire ___
39. Normal
40. Large rounded rock
41. Photograph again
42. Operation on the user's premises
43. Electrical gizmo
46. Flower part
49. Grace word
50. Porridge ingredient
52. "... or ___!"
54. Discontinue
57. Same old, same old
59. Clock standard: Abbr.

Sharapova downs Errani to claim Roland Garros crown

PARIS, 9 June—Maria Sharapova kept her poise to outwit and overpower diminutive Italian Sara Errani and win her first French Open with a 6-3, 6-2 victory on Saturday.

Despite the one-sided scoreline, Italian Errani troubled Sharapova with some cute volleys, sliced forehands, daring dropshots but still found the Russian to be an insurmountable

obstacle. With Errani standing at just 1.64 metres, the statuesque Russian used her 24 cms advantage and wider wingspan to great effect as she chased down everything the Italian could throw at her.

She wrapped up victory when Errani ended a prolonged rally by dumping a backhand into the net, allowing Sharapova to become the 10th woman



Maria Sharapova of Russia celebrates after winning her women's singles final match against Sara Errani of Italy at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 9 June, 2012.

REUTERS



Maria Sharapova of Russia holds the trophy as she poses during the ceremony after defeating Sara Errani of Italy during their women's singles final match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 9 June, 2012.

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to complete a career grand slam after she added the Paris title to her triumphs at Wimbledon (2004), the US Open (2006) and the Australian Open (2008).

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon visit Bagan Ancient Cultural Region



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon visit Bagan Archaeological Museum.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon visited Bagan Ancient Cultural Region yesterday.

On arrival at NyaungU Airport in Mandalay Region from yesterday evening, the

Vice-President and wife were welcomed by Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe and wife, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint's wife Daw Myat Ngwe, members of Mandalay Region government and departmental personnel.

Those who accompanied the Vice-President on his tour were Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and wife, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint and wife, Union

Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and wife, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and wife, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental officials.

The Vice-President and party then proceeded to Bagan Archaeological Museum in Bagan Ancient Cultural Region where the deputy culture minister explained progress in preservation of Bagan cultural heritage and conservation of Bagan cultural heritage zones,

renovation and repair works from 1996 to 2012, number of foreign tourists and foreign currency income, and implementation of Bagan Master Plan for sustainability of Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone.

The Vice-President put questions for his knowledge and instructed to systematically renovate and preserve cultural heritage in Bagan Ancient Cultural Region.

The Vice-President and party then viewed round Bagan cultural heritage including Bagan-era mural paintings, concrete floral plinth, concrete floral items form Myaybontha Pagoda, rock-carven Buddha's footstep from Lawka Nanda Pagoda, sandstone Buddha statues from Ananda Pagoda, Bagan-era glazed earthen reliefs, post-Bagan era woods carvings, stone inscriptions about the biography of King Kyansittha.

The new archaeological museum was opened on 17 April, 1998 and its has special main showroom,

Bagan-era works of arts showroom, architectural zone, royal place showroom, literature showroom, social life showroom, Buddhist arts showroom, Buddha statues showroom, pagoda and stupa paintings showroom, mural paintings showroom in addition to stone inscriptions and different kinds of cultural heritages.

The museum opens daily except Monday, Tuesday and gazette holidays from 9 am to 4.30 pm so that local and foreign guests, researchers, students and the public may visit.

The Vice-President and party then went to Gupyauckyi (Myinkapa) Pagoda built by Yaza Kumara, son of King Kyansittha in AD 1113. The Vice-President paid homage and offered flower and water to the Buddha statue. He also inspected pre-Bagan era mural paintings, concrete floral items, stone carvings, stucco ink inscriptions, and works for mural paintings preservation.

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Situations in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships have returned to normal, peace restored Authorities have called for public cooperation in maintaining peace, stability and rule of law

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—As unrests and violence that broke out in Maungtaw of Rakhine State were detrimental to stability of the State and the rule of law, action was taken to control all the situations in time and a curfew has been imposed under section 144 in order to ensure community peace and tranquility in Maungtaw and Buthidaung Townships.

Members of local police battalion and police force are taking measures such as stopping riots with intimidation, controlling the situation, putting out arsons and protecting the local people for their security.

According to the incidents that happened yesterday evening and night, the rioters set fire to Tharaykonbaung Village of Wawduthara Village-tract, about 12 miles from Maungtaw, and robbed property. In that incident, three people including teacher U Chan Tha were killed and one other injured. Similarly, the mobs set fire to Shweyinae

Village of Nyaungchaung Village-tract and robbed property. Moreover, the villages of Bawdhikon, Kingchaung, Kanthaya, Kanpyintha, Waithali and Mawrawady were burned.

In addition, local security force members foiled the rioters' arson attempts in Ward-4, Ward-5 and Aungbala, U-daung and Pyatha villages of Maungtaw and in Ward-5 and Ywama Village of Buthidaung.

As authorities concerned were able to control systematically and protect the local people, the situations have returned to normalcy since this morning and peace has been restored.

In yesterday's incidents, seven people were killed, 17 were injured and 494 houses, 19 shops and one guesthouse were destroyed.

Authorities have called on all the people to cooperate in maintaining peace and stability and the rule of law taking lesson from the casualties, losses and damages.—MNA

**Noteworthy amounts of rainfall
(9-6-2012)**

Thaton	(6.57)inches
Mudon	(5.16)inches
Launglon	(5.12)inches
Kyeikmayaw	(4.48)inches
Paung	(4.13)inches

Three rescue camps for local people opened in Maungtaw Medical staff arrive in Maungtaw, start providing medical treatments

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—Situations in Maungtaw of Rakhine State have returned to normality since this morning as riots that broke out yesterday were systematically contained.

Three rescue camps which were opened in the philanthropic school, Aung Myay Bodhi Monastery and Baho Monastery in Maungtaw for helping local people who saw their homes burnt down in the riots. Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement provided 3.3 tons of assistances and Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), over 2 tons of 50 bales of clothes. More aids will be sent to the camps.

A team of 32 medics from the Office of C-in-C (Army) and one medical team including 10 members of Ministry of Health arrived at Maungtaw today and started to provide medical treatment to the injured.

Lt-Gen Hla Min from the Office of C-in-C (Army), Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing, Deputy SWRR Minister U Phone Swe were in Maungtaw to keep favourable conditions for the stability and the rule of law and to coordinate assistances to the local people.—MNA

Tatmadaw military columns help local administrative teams, police forces to restore stability, rule of law

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—Tatmadaw battalions in Buthidaung region rendered necessary assistances to government administrative groups and police forces in Maungtaw and Buthidaung Townships since 8 pm on 8 yesterday to restore regional stability and the rule of law and to safeguard the local people in Maungtaw and

Buthidaung Townships where riots broke out yesterday. The situations were restored to normality since this morning.

Some naval ships of Tatmadaw (Navy) have patrolled in Myanmar territorial waters west of Maungtaw to prevent intruders since 9 June morning.

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