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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 Russian President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June— U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June 2012.

*MNA*

## President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Philippine President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—On the occasion of the 114th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2012, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Benigno Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines. —*MNA*

## President U Thein Sein felicitates Russian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June— U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Dmitry A. Medvedev, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June 2012.—*MNA*

## Union A&I Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua at his office, here, this noon. They had a cordial discussion on bilateral cooperation in agriculture sector, constructing factory in Myanmar to produce Value Added Product filling the requirements of Chinese demand, Chinese investment as well and trade. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw and the Directors-General under the head of department in the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua.*—MNA**

## Myanmar martial arts officials leave for Jakarta

YANGON, 11 June—A delegation comprising General Secretary of Myanmar Martial Arts Federation U Myo Naung, Joint Secretary U Aung Naing Oo, Executives U Thein Oo and Daw Yupa Thein, and Coach Mr Syah left here by air this morning to hold discussion at International Pencak Silat Federation in Jakarta of Indonesia from 11 to 15 June.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Presidents of the federation U Ye Myint and Daw Yup Hsai Ein.—*MNA*

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## Historic battleship makes last, brief voyage

***A fireboat sprays water as tugs push the battleship USS Iowa from the dock during its move to its final berth in the Port of Los Angeleson 9 June, 2012.***

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## Nadal wins record seventh French Open

PARIS, 11 June—Spain's Rafa Nadal sank to his knees in celebration after beating Serbia's Novak Djokovic 6-4 6-3 2-6 7-5 to win a record seventh French Open title on Monday.

The number two seed overtook Sweden's Bjorn Borg, who won six Roland Garros titles, and ended Djokovic's hopes of becoming the third man to win four consecutive grand slams.

"For me it is a great honour," Nadal said, clutching the Musketeers Cup under his arm, after the presentation ceremony on court.

"This tournament is probably the most special in the world and having this trophy with me I am really emotional. It is probably one of the most special moments in my career."

Play had been suspended on Sunday, because of rain, with the Spaniard a break down in the fourth set, but he broke back in the first game after the resumption, having rediscovered the penetrating fizz that deserted him in the damp conditions of the previous evening.

Then Nadal had moaned vociferously about the wet surface that made conditions underfoot treacherous and the ball hard to see, but he came out refreshed on Monday with the bit between his teeth.

He was back to the player who had raced into a 3-0 lead in the first set on Sunday, managing to generate his vicious top spin on the dry balls. —*Reuters*

# PERSPECTIVES

**Tuesday, 12 June, 2012**

## Life blood of ongoing reforms

**Transport and communication truly serve as one of the foundations of democratic transition that can go forward through cohesion and cooperation among the ethnic races in a heterogeneous community like the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.**

**Frequent visits among the national brethren of our Union help foster love and understanding between one ethnic race and another strengthening the foundation of national solidarity the life blood of our country as without it our democratic transition will surely face hindrances unacceptable to all our people.**

**Unquestionably, our country needs an excellent network of transport and communication infrastructures and facilities that will help promote relations among the ethnic races through frequent visits and contacts the cornerstone of mutual trust and understanding and cordial ties we all believe as essential part in warding off all sorts of attempts to break up the Union or the soul of all our brethren. In this context, our government is developing the transport sector with utmost efforts for ensuring brethren in any part and corner of the Union equally get access to swift and convenient transport.**

**Recently, the government put into commission Shwechaung Bridge No.1, located on Pakokku-Monywa Road in Pakokku Township of Magway Region. Actually, Shwechaung Bridge No.1 is the fifteenth facility with over 180 feet in length built in the time of the government in office. The bridge links Pakokku and Pathein-Monywa Road. And it also links Pauk and Myaing Townships of Magway Region and Pathein of Ayeyawady Region and then Monywa of Sagaing Region.**

**In fact, the bridge is one of the tangible results of the focused efforts of the government for the provision of smooth transportation which plays vital role in further strengthening national unity, the life blood of our ongoing reforms as democratization process of our country depends largely on transport and communication.**

## Union FM felicitates Russian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 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. Sergey V. Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June 2012.

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## Union FM felicitates Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June— On the occasion of the 114th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2012, 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. Albert F. Del Rosario, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines.—*MNA*

## Union Sports Minister highlights sports to be major social works

*Union Minister U Tint Hsan delivers an address at opening of courses for Karatedo coach/referee and boxing coach/referee.*—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— With a view to enabling Myanmar referees act as international referees and regional referees and juries in sports games proposed to be held in XXVII SEA Games 2013, Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports has been constantly conducting courses for referees and coaches jointly with respective sports federations. Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan addressed the opening of the courses for Karatedo coach/referee and boxing coach/referee at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Camp this morning.

The Union Minister called for success in respective events through combined efforts of talent and experience, urging them to view sports as major social welfare activities in promoting sports activities.—*MNA*

## Union Health Minister inspects medical universities, hospitals

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin on 8 June afternoon met with faculty members and assistant surgeons who passed the post-graduate course at medical university and related Universities at Mandalay University of Medicine in Mandalay.

On 9 June, he inspected Madaya Township People's Hospital and met members of Hospital Supervisory Committee, the head of Township Health Department and staff.

After meeting staff of Yenatha Leprosy Hospital in Madaya Township, the Union Minister visited Letpanhla rural health centre and Kyitaukpauk station hospital in Singu Township.

In Mogok, he inspected 100-bed people's hospital and met officials and staff.

On his inspection tour, the Union Minister stressed the need for health staff to coordinate with local authorities to reduce maternal death rate and mortality rate so as to meet the aim of UN Millennium Development Goals.

*MNA*

## Cash donated to Myitkyina, Bhamo General Hospitals

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— A ceremony to donate cash to the funds of Myitkyina General Hospital (300-bed) and Bhamo General Hospital (200-bed) was held at the hall of Myitkyina General Hospital on 8 June morning.

After delivering an address, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai contributed K 15 million to Midical Superintendent Dr Su Su Dwe of Myitkyina General Hospital and officials of Bhamo General Hospital donated by Kachin State government.

The medical superintendent of Myitkyina General Hospital spoke words of thanks.

Next, the State Chief Minister and party comforted the warded patients and presented cash assistance to them.—*MNA*

***Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe being welcomed by Ambassador of the Philippines Ms Maria Hellen B De La Vega at the reception to mark the 114th Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 11 June, 2012.*—MNA**

## Myanmar, France eye cultural cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— A nine-member delegation led by Head of Europe and International Affairs Department and Heritage Director-General Mr Bruno Favel of the French Ministry of Culture and Communication paid a call on Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin at the ministry here this morning to discuss cultural cooperation between the two countries, human resources development, cultural heritage conservation works and potentials for further cooperation. Also present at the call were Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo, Director-General of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department U Kyaw Oo Lwin and responsible personnel.—*MNA*

## Thaninthayi Region Chief Minister opens new building of Taungthaya Home for Aged in Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— An opening ceremony of a new building of Taungthaya Home for Aged in Kalwin Ward in Myeik took place at its place yesterday morning.

Thaninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko expressed thanks.

Soon after Regional Minister for Transport Dr Kyaw Hsan, Patron U Kyar Maung of the supervisory committee for the home for the aged, Myeik Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo formally opened the new building, the Chief Minister unveiled the signboard and presented cash assistance to the elderly people.

The newly-opened building is 120 feet in length and 30 feet in width. It was built at a cost of K 582,236,741.

*MNA*

# China's submersible reaches Mariana Trench to challenge world's dive record

ABOARD XIANGYANGHONG 09, 11 June — The *Xiangyanghong 09* ship carrying China's manned deep-sea submersible *Jiaolong* arrived at the designated dive area of the Mariana Trench on Monday morning, where it will attempt the world's first 7,000-metre dive. The Jiaolong, depending on local weather and sea conditions, will dive six times, deeper and deeper, to try a new dive record.

The first dive will challenge the depth of over 5,000 metres, but less than 6,200 metres. The fifth and sixth dives are scheduled to challenge the depth of 7,000 meters. The six dives will test various functions and performances of the manned submersible at great depths. Each dive may last for eight to 12 hours. The *Jiaolong* succeeded in diving 5,188 metres in the Pacific Ocean last July, enabling China to conduct scientific surveys in 70 percent of the world's seabed areas.

"Before the formal sea dives, a comprehensive review of the submersible as well as its support system will be taken," on-scene commander Liu Feng told *Xinhua* on the *Xiangyanghong 09*, the mother oceanographic ship of the submersible.

*Scientists work on the Jiaolong manned deep-sea submersible aboard China's oceanographic ship Xiangyanghong 09, on 11 June, 2012.* XINHUA

Experts say, for safety, sea dives can only be conducted in daylight under no-more-than-four-class wind and no-more-than-three wave. — *Xinhua*

# Iran lashes EU over nuclear talks

*Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, Saeed Jalili.* INTERNET

MOSCOW, 11 June—Iran on Sunday hit out at a perceived lack of willingness by world powers to engage it ahead of crucial nuclear talks to take place in Moscow on 18 and 19 June , according to reports. Ali Bagheri, deputy to Iran's top negotiator Saeed Jalili, said in a letter to Helga Schmid, deputy to EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, that he was "surprised" by issues she was raising in correspondence with him. He also complained that preparatory groundwork by experts from both sides was needed before the talks.

The letter, whose Farsi translation was made public by several Iranian news agencies, showed the gulf that exists between Iran and the so-called P5+1 group (the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China) going into the negotiations. Ashton's office represents the P5+1 in dealings with Iran. Bagheri and Schmid are tasked with arranging the talks and have exchanged several letters. The Moscow round follows two earlier meetings since early April, in Istanbul and in Baghdad, that have failed to yield any progress. Bagheri wrote to Schmid: "Your recent letter surprised me; it tabled issues that were a long way apart from the agreements... of the talks in Baghdad between Iran and the P5+1 as well as those agreed in comprehensive talks between the deputies in Geneva." He said that Schmid had "neither introduced any plans nor responded to the proposals of the Islamic Republic of Iran" that were presented in Baghdad as a counter-offer to a P5+1 package of demands and incentives that Iran rejected.

Bagheri also asked why Ashton's office was refusing an Iranian request that the Moscow round be preceded by a meeting of experts and deputies to define its scope and agenda.— *Internet*

# Japan calls for tougher insider trading rules

TOKYO, 11 June — Japan's securities watchdog flexed its muscles by fining a foreign financial institution for insider trading for the first time, but punishments overall remain modest by global standards, sparking calls for tougher laws to deter a practice that has gone unchecked for years. Since March, the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission (SESC) has sought fines against three investment firms in a total of four cases brought so far in its probe into insider trading ahead of public share offerings, a near endemic problem in Japan.

The latest case, unveiled on Friday, showed a more aggressive side of the SESC. The regulator slapped US broker-dealer First New York Securities with a $185,000 fine, its harshest penalty yet. But critics say the penalties are still too lax. The first three cases featured very small fines against the asset management firms that traded on inside information and the broker employees that tipped off their clients remained exempt from prosecution under Japanese law.

"We have to consider harsher punishments. The current penalties are way too light," said Shinsuke Amiya, a lawmaker in the ruling Democratic Party and member of a working group formed to look at strengthening insider trading regulations. Amiya, a former vice chairman of Merrill Lynch in Japan, said he wants to consider rules that would strip offenders of their operating licenses and the establishment of a new fining system to complement to the modest one already in place.

*Reuters*

*A passer-by is reflected in an electronic screen displaying Japan's Nikkei share average, outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 11 June, 2012.*— REUTERS

# Largest narcotics seized in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 11 June — Nepal Police on Saturday night seized the largest amount of refined hashish from the Capital Kathmandu. An anti-drug operation squad seized 2,640 kgs of hashish, which was the largest amount it ever recovered in its single operation in the country. Police claimed that the seized narcotics were the largest quantity ever confiscated in the capital. Police have also arrested five traders for their alleged involvement in the illegal drug trading.

Anti-drug squad confiscated the contraband from Chalnakhel Seti Devi Village Development Committee-9 of Kathmandu. The contraband was packed in 88 jute sacks. "This was the first time in the history of Nepal Police that our special intelligence operation squad involved in anti-drug operation seized the highest quantity of hashish," Sher Bahadur Basnet, Super-intendent of Police, told media. Basnet said the amount of the seized contraband was bigger than the total seizure of last year.

Nepal police confiscated only 1, 271 kgs of hashish last year. "We have succeeded to confiscate the amount within two months of the current fiscal year, which proved intense mobilization of our intelligence," Basnet said. The special anti-drug squad led by police inspector Krishna Gopal Paneru of the Narcotic Drug Control and Law Enforcement Unit, Baneswore, seized the contraband. Speaking at a news conference, Basnet said the traders were arrested after long continued efforts and monitoring.— *Xinhua*

# Malaysia Airlines, Japan Airlines to start code share on 1 July

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 June — Malaysia Airlines (MAS) announced on Monday it would commence a code share cooperation with Japan Airlines (JAL) come on 1 July in a move to expand its network as the national carrier sets to become a full member of the 13-year-old Oneworld airline alliance before the end of this year. The code share agreement, signed on Monday in Beijing, covers up to 347 weekly domestic and international flights, including those on the Malaysia-Japan trunk routes operated by both carriers, the national carrier said in a statement. "The code share between Malaysia Airlines and Japan Airlines is an important first step towards strengthening our relations with partner airlines in the oneworld alliance.

We hope to enter more code share relationships with other oneworld partners progressively in the coming months,"MAS Group CEO, Ahmad Jauhari Yahya said.

"These efforts will also contribute towards greater connectivity options for our oneworld alliance partners," he added. Sales for the code-share begins on 12 June.

MAS currently has code share arrangements with Cathay Pacific Airways and Royal Jordanian Airlines.

It said discussions are on-going to expand code share with those two airlines and other oneworld alliance members.—*Xinhua*

# France's Hollande in strong parliament position

PARIS, 11 June — French President Francois Hollande is on track to win a solid parliamentary majority after a first-round election that leaves him strengthened heading into a flurry of talks with euro zone leaders that could make or break the currency union.

Sunday's vote left Hollande's Socialist Party bloc likely to win the 289 seats it needs for an outright majority in the 577-seat National Assembly, and almost certain to do so with its Greens Party allies on board, polling institutes said.

The seat projections indicated Hollande may not need to rely on eurosceptic hard leftists to pass legislation, relieving him of a potential headache as Berlin pressures its partners to start moving towards a fiscal union in Europe.

"The realization that the crisis is serious and that the government needs elbow room to get the country back on track is playing in favour of the government winning an absolute majority," said Stephane Rozes at the CAP political consultancy.

Socialists were muted in their reaction, anxious to keep the pressure on supporters to vote in next Sunday's runoff, but winning power in the lower house for the first time in a decade would be a triumph for the left after it took the Senate in 2011 and won the presidency in May after 17 years on the outside.

"Change is beginning," Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said, but warned: "Everything hinges on next Sunday."

*Reuters*

*France's President Francois Hollande enters the voting booth in the legislative elections at the polling station in Tulle on 10 June, 2012.* — REUTERS

# Hybrid "ultrabooks" blur line between tablets, laptops

*An Acer 11-inch ultrabook Aspire S7 with Microsoft Windows 8 operation system is displayed during a news conference as part of the preview of the 2012 Computex exhibition at the Taipei International Convention Centre in Taipei on 4 June, 2012.* REUTERS

TAIPEI, 11 June—Slide it, flip it or snap it on and off. The way keyboards are connected to touch screens on the latest generation of computing devices is making it tough to differentiate a tablet from notebook or an ultrabook.

Microsoft Corp (MSFT O), which has long been the dominant force in PCs but has fallen far behind in the tablet race, is set to unveil its Windows 8 operating system later this year, designed to run on super-thin laptops called ultrabooks and tablets powered by Intel Corp's (INTC O) chips.

The impending launch has prompted PC vendors to come up with a rash of hybrid designs, featuring touch screens and myriad configurations of moving or detachable keyboards.

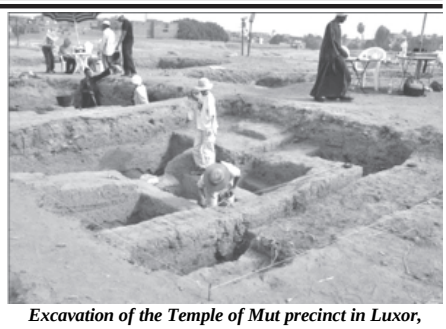
"In future, it'll be a blur in the definition of an ultrabook and a tablet because of convertibles with either detachable or sliding keyboards," said Tracy Tsai, a Taipei-based analyst at research firm Gartner. At Computex Taipei, the world's second largest computer show, visitors flocked to the booths trying out every twist and turn that converts an ultrabook into a tablet.

Lenovo Group Ltd's (0992.HK) IdeaPad Yoga and Asustek Computer Inc's (2357.TW) Taichi have screens that bend all the way back. Samsung Electronics' (005930.KS) Hybrid becomes an ultrabook when the tablet clips onto a keyboard with magnetic hinges.

One tablet-ultrabook convertible that garnered attention was Asustek's (2357 TW) Taichi, whose dual-sided screens can run different applications at the same time.

"There's a lot of use cases on tablets and tablet convertibles that people might approach with lots of fun, content consumption type of activity, but want to pop into it and use a productivity application and a desktop mode," said Chris Walker, Intel's director of microprocessor product marketing.

"The great thing is people don't have to make that choice."—*Reuters*



*Excavation of the Temple of Mut precinct in Luxor, Egypt.*—INTERNET

# Web site follows Egyptian excavations

BALTIMORE, 11 June—Armchair archaeologists can follow an excavation in Egypt courtesy of a Web site set up by Johns Hopkins University researchers, school officials said.

A Johns Hopkins Egyptologist and her team will share the progress of their excavation of the Temple of Mut precinct in Luxor at http://www.jhu.edu/egypttoday/index.html.

A blog by Egyptologist Betsy Bryan and a daily photo journal will give virtual visitors a taste of what life is like for the graduate students, undergraduates, artists, conservators and photographers working on a site yielding important finds from ancient Egypt's New Kingdom, a university release said.

A myriad of discoveries have been made by Hopkins researchers in Egypt over the past decade, including a major find in 2006: a 3,400-year-old nearly intact statue of Queen Tiy, one of the queens of the powerful king Amenhotep III.

The statue is "one of the true masterpieces of Egyptian art," Bryan said.

The "Hopkins in Egypt Today" Web site can bring ancient Egypt to any smartphone, iPad or Internet-ready device around the world, the university said.

The site will be updated daily through June and the posts will remain online as part of the archives of digs dating back to 2001, the school said.

*Internet*

# Fusion power said one step closer

KNOXVILLE, 11 June — US researchers say they've completed an important step in developing a key technology that could lead to clean nuclear fusion power.

Researchers at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, are part of an international effort to develop an experimental reactor that can demonstrate the feasibility of fusion energy for the power grid.

The project, known as ITER, is building a fusion reactor near Cadarache, France, that aims to produce 10 times as much energy as it uses. The Tennessee researchers have successfully tested a technology that will insulate and provide structural integrity to the 1,000-ton central solenoid, the reactor's "backbone."

A fusion reactor uses magnetic fields to confine the plasma within it, and the central solenoid, which consists of six giant coils stacked on top of one another, plays a vital role by both igniting and steering the plasma current.

Researchers had to find the right material —a glass fiber and epoxy chemical mixture that is liquid at high temperatures and turns hard when cured — and the right process of inserting this material into all of the necessary spaces inside the central solenoid.

The UT team has tested the technology inside its mockup of the central solenoid conductor, a university release reported on Friday.

*Researchers and staff at UT's Magnet Development Laboratory prepare the central solenoid mockup for the vacuum pressure impregnation process.*—INTERNET

It took two years to develop the technology and more than two days to impregnate the central solenoid mockup, researchers said.

The ITER experimental reactor in France is set to begin operations in 2020.—*Internet*

# Endangered bison moved to Denmark

*European bison.*—INTERNET

COPENHAGEN, (Denmark), 11 June—Seven endangered European bison have been sent from Poland to a new home on a Danish island in the Baltic Sea, conservationists say.

The island of Bornholm will be home for one male and six females of the species that was nearly wiped out in the last century.

They were taken to the island by ferry, officials said.

"They look very well," project manager Tommy Hansen told the BBC.

Denmark hopes the bison will improve the island's biodiversity by conserving meadows, as they like to eat tree bark which keeps the forest back, and that their numbers may grow and increase tourism on the island.

The 20th century's two major wars were devastating for Europe's bison, as they were hunted for meat in countries hit by widespread hunger, leaving just an estimated 800 animals in the wild, mostly in the Bialowieza forest that straddles Belarus and Poland.

The European bison is Europe's heaviest land mammal, with adults reaching 10 feet in length and weighing as much as 2,000 pounds.

The Bornholm bison will live in a 500-acre enclosure, with the hope in about five years' time they will be released into the wild. "We need to see how they deal with people walking around and in cars, and see if they do help the environment," Hansen said.—*Internet*

# Shrimp's weapon could inspire better armour

RIVERSIDE, (Calif), 11 June—The unique structure of a club-like arm of a crustacean could inspire changes in military body armour and vehicle and aircraft frames, US scientists say.

The bright orange fist-like club of the mantis shrimp, a 4-inch-long crustacean found in tropical waters, accelerates underwater faster than a .22-caliber bullet and can smash through mollusk shells and crab exoskeletons, researchers at the University of California, Riverside, said.

Engineering Professor David Kisailus set out to find what enabled the club to withstand 50,000 high-velocity strikes on prey during its lifespan.

The shrimp's club is a highly complex structure, he found, composed of three specialized regions that work together to create a structure tougher than many engineered ceramics.

The surface of the club is similar to human bone and supports the impact when the mantis shrimp strikes prey.

Under the surface, highly organized and rotated layers of chitin fibers dispersed in mineral act as a shock absorber, absorbing energy as stress waves pass through the club.

Finally, oriented chitin fibers wrap around the sides of the club, keeping it intact during high-velocity impacts.

"This club is stiff, yet it's light-weight and tough, making it incredibly impact tolerant and interestingly, shock-resistant," Kisailus said in a UC Riverside release on Thursday. "That's the holy grail for materials engineers."

Potential applications in structural materials are widespread because the final product could be lighter weight and more impact-resistant than existing products, he said.

The mantis shrimp's impact so powerful, Kisailus said, that he needs to keep his test subject in a special aquarium in his lab so it doesn't break the glass.

*Internet*

*A mantis shrimp in the lab of David Kisailus.*—INTERNET

## Lunch with Warren Buffett: $3,456,789

NEW YORK, 11 June—An anonymous bidder won lunch with billionaire investor Warren Buffett for a record $3,456,789, a charity that works to fight poverty said.

Glide, a charity based in San Francisco, said 10 active bidders kept the price of lunch with Buffett rising during an eBay auction that began Sunday. There were more than 110 inquiries before the bidding closed at 10:30 pm on Friday.

"We are shouting, dancing, rejoicing and celebrating," the Rev. Cecil Williams, Glide's founder, said in a statement. "We have made history, thanks to Warren Buffett."

Last year's winning bid for lunch with Buffett, the chairman and chief executive officer of Berkshire Hathaway, was $2,626,411 by Ted Weschler, CNNMoney reported. Buffett hired the former managing partner of Peninsula Capital Advisors in September. Weschler had also dined with Buffett in 2010 after winning that auction. This year's lunch will be at the Smith & Wollensky steak-house in New York City.—*Internet*

***Berkshire Hathaway Chairman Warren E Buffett rings the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange after the opening bell on Wall Street In New York City on 30 Sept, 2011.***
**INTERNET**

## Health Tip: Don't let allergies or asthma spoil summer fun

Before you head out to your summer gathering, plan ahead to avoid having allergies or asthma ruin your day.

The American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology offers these suggestions:

* Take allergy medication before symptoms start, when the medication is much more effective.
* Don a pair of wraparound sunglasses to help keep pollen from your eyes.
* Avoid stinging insects, especially if you've reacted to stings in the past.
* Carefully inspect food for ingredients to which you're allergic. Be especially cautious of mixed salads, dressings and marinades.
* Stay in the middle of wide open spaces, avoiding any poison ivy lurking around the perimeter.
* Carry an inhaler if you have asthma.—*Internet*

## IMF prescribes $46b for Spanish banks

***A photographer takes pictures through a glass carrying the International Monetary Fund (IMF) logo. —*REUTERS**

WASHINGTON, 11 June — Banks in Spain require an additional $46 billion to survive an economic downturn, the International Monetary Fund said.

The number is just the start, but will likely be considered a solid, credible start by leaders in Europe as they formulate a plan to rescue Spain's financial sector, which is reeling from huge losses in the housing market, *The New York Times* reported on Saturday.

Housing market losses hit first. After that, the economic downturn, which is pulling much of Europe down in a double-dip recession, threatened Spain's financial institutions.

The IMF's aid estimate was based on the Spanish economy contracting by 4.1 percent in 2012 and 1.6 percent in 2013.

The audit said Spain's banking system "appears resilient to further shocks," but it also said rescuing banks required a fast and final solution to reinstate investor confidence.

"In recent years a gradual approach to taking corrective action allowed weak banks to continue to operate to the detriment of financial stability," the report said.

President Barack Obama at a Friday news conference urged "taking clear action as soon as possible to inject capital into weak banks."

In New York, IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said the recent financial crisis in Europe is "now threatening the very existence of the European project," referring to the currency region of 17 countries that use the euro.

In May, Spain nationalized its largest mortgage firm Bankia, but has yet to formally ask for help from the international community. While that step is expected soon, the government said it would wait for the IMF report and two private audits before requesting a bank bailout.—*Reuters*

## Summer sale on in global jet industry

BEIJING, 11 June—A summer battle for orders is underway in the global jet industry, which gathers in Beijing on Sunday for the first of two crucial events in two months, pitting the world's largest planemakers against each other in a race for deals worth $50 billion at catalogue prices. The potential deals span all continents and every pattern of powered flight from the largest airliners to warplanes and luxury business jets, shielding aerospace workers from the worst effects of a slowdown spreading from Europe's debt crisis.

But analysts say Airbus (EAD PA) and Boeing (BA N) are having to offer sporadically hefty discounts to ride out economic uncertainty, especially for maturing models or early batches of new ones like the *787 Dreamliner*.

Boeing is expected to win the fiercely contested annual order race for the first time since 2006 as it catches up with a decision by Airbus to revamp medium-haul jets, resulting in big fuel savings for airlines on the *Airbus A320* and *Boeing 737*.

The dominant civil planemakers are also positioning themselves early ahead of next month's Farnborough air show, with profit unchanged at $3 billion, but unease is growing as Europe discusses a new bailout and China's economy slows.

Major characters in the aerospace industry are in the Chinese capital negotiating on the sidelines of IATA's Beijing summit, which comes

***Models of Boeing Business Jet aircraft are pictured during the Annual European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (EBACE) at Cointrin airport in Geneva on 14 May, 2012. —*REUTERS**

deals worth $14 billion announced in the past 72 hours.

Both companies have accused each other of waging a price war to win hundreds of orders for the revamped *A320neo* and *737 MAX* respectively, and deny cutting corners themselves. Several industry analysts say pricing is under pressure this year.

"Both sides are heavily discounting," said Richard Aboulafia, aerospace analyst at US-based Teal Group.

Although the madeover medium-haul jets offer airlines a reduction of 15 percent in fuel, the industry's highest cost, most carriers remain under financial pressure and some are delaying deliveries to shore up their cash positions. Airlines meeting in Beijing are expected to hear that their industry body, the International Air Transport Association (IATA), has left its forecast for 2012 sector weeks before another showcase, the 9 to 15 July Farnborough air show in Britain.

Chicago-based Boeing was relegated to the background during most of last year's equivalent event as Airbus broke records with sales of the *A320neo*, but later opted for a similar upgrade.

This year will be different.

Boeing is preparing to hit back with a spree that could soon include an order from United Continental (UAL N) for 100 narrowbody jets plus some 70 options, industry sources said. It will want to persuade the top five aircraft leasing companies led by AIG (AIG N) unit ILFC to put firm signatures on undisclosed draft orders that US aerospace analyst Scott Hamilton estimates at 300-400 jets. These will include an order from GECAS, whose General Electric GE LN makes 737 engines.—*Reuters*

## Toddler survives 39-minute heart stoppage

YORK, (England), 11 June—A 2-year-old British boy who had a heart attack and was kept alive by CPR has recovered after his heart stopped for 39 minutes, his mother said.

Trudy Hilary said she found her toddler Zach collapsed on the floor on 26 Jan and performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on him for 10 minutes until the paramedics arrived. They continued CPR until they reached the hospital where the boy was given adrenalin to start his heart again, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Friday.

Doctors at York Hospital were told the parents the boy had swelling on his brain and he was put into a medically induced coma. However, there were concerns he suffered brain damage, his mother said.

However, Trudy Hilary said her son is back to where he was before the heart attack — but it took him several months to relearn how to eat, hold a cup, walk and talk all over again.

When Zach Hilary was taken off a ventilator while in the hospital, a brain scan showed he had brain damage, but he was given physiotherapy and speech therapy and on 27 Feb he was sent home, his mother said.

Doctors said the cause of the heart attack remained a mystery.—*Internet*

***Free HIV tests are offered as part of the Condom Nation tour on 1 June, 2012 in Jersey City, NJ. The AIDS Healthcare Foundation launched a "Condom Nation" tour to help promote condom use in an effort to reduce the HIV/AIDS infection rate. The initiative, which also involves free screenings and education sessions, spans 20 states during a six-month nationwide tour.***
**INTERNET**

# Venezuela's Chavez says tests show him in good health

CARACAS, 11 June— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Saturday medical tests following his cancer treatment show he is in good health, but provided few additional details about an illness that has become an obsession in the OPEC nation. The former soldier's health is seen a key factor in his re-election bid because a serious relapse of his cancer could limit his ability to campaign ahead of the October 7 vote and potentially tip the balance toward opposition challenger Henrique Capriles.

*Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez.*

Chavez, who has undergone three operations for cancer in the pelvic region, said he had taken exams including a CAT scan and a magnetic resonance imaging scan as part of scheduled checks. "This was a few hours ago. Everything turned out absolutely fine," Chavez said in a chat with reporters at the presidential palace in which he appeared healthy and in good spirits. "After the operation and the radiotherapy, I feel very good." He did not comment on whether he would need more treatment or if he planned to return to Cuba, where he has received the bulk of his medical treatment over the past year. Chavez has steadily increased his public appearances after weeks of keeping a low profile and communicating mostly via Twitter or phone calls to state television as he recovered from grueling radiotherapy.But this has done little to quell constant speculation about his health among Venezuelans, many of whom believe his self-styled revolution would struggle to survive in its current form without his charismatic leadership. On Monday, he will officially register his candidacy amid a rally of supporters that is likely to be his biggest since he announced his cancer diagnosis almost a year ago.— *Reuters*

# Toxic mushroom kills Chinese woman in Australia

***An employee harvests mushrooms at a processing facility in India. A woman reported to be visiting Australia from China has died after eating a toxic Death Cap mushroom (not pictured) — the third such fatality in the southern nation this year.—*** **INTERNET**

MELBOURNE , 11 June — A woman reported to be visiting Australia from China has died after eating a toxic Death Cap mushroom — the third such fatality in the southern nation this year. The woman, aged in her 50s, died on Friday at the Austin Hospital in Melbourne, two days after being admitted with severe poisoning due to ingestion of the fungi, which resembles the Paddy Straw mushroom, a popular delicacy in Asia.

Doctors at the hospital said the woman, who was of Chinese descent, fell ill after eating a meal containing mushrooms picked in a local park. She is the third person to die in Australia from eating the silky, white-green tipped Death Cap mushroom this year, after a Chinese chef and his kitchen-hand died in January after mistakenly eating the toxic fungi.

All parts of the Death Cap mushroom are poisonous and eating just one can be fatal. About half of all people who eat them die of organ failure. The Death Cap is native to Europe, where it is widespread, and it can also be found as an introduced species across North and South America, in Australia and in parts of Africa.

*Internet*

# Putin congratulates Sharapova on French Open victory

MOSCOW, 11 June— Russian President Vladimir Putin Saturday congratulated Maria Sharapova on winning the French Open tournament. In his telegram message, Putin praised the Russian-born tennis player for her "talent, great skill and incredible commitment," the Kremlin Press service reported. "You have conquered a peak that has been mastered only by the strongest, the most legendary tennis players in the world: winning all four Grand Slam titles," Putin wrote.

Sharapova won the French Open women's title by beating up Italian player Sara Errani 6-3, 6-2. It was Sharapova's fourth Grand Slam victory, following the Wimbledon Open in 2004, the US open in 2006 and the Australian open in 2008. The world second seed said during the award ceremony it was a "tough game" for her. She thanked everyone who backed her and paved the way for his final victory. She also thanked her parents and said "I love you very much" in Russian.

The Russian player told local media previously that she's happy about her small-town-girl background and proud to be a Russian. The 25-year-old blond, born in the Siberian town of Nyagan, moved to the United States when she was a little girl. Every time winning a game, hearing the broadcaster announcing her place of birth, she was happy to see people "surprised" and felt so proud of "coming from there and getting to the position I am in today," Sharapova said.

*Xinhua*

***Maria Sharapova of Russia holds the trophy during the awarding ceremony of the women's singles at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, France, on 9 June, 2012. Sharapova defeated Sara Errani of Italy 2-0 in the final to claim her first French Open title.*** **XINHUA**

# *Czech doctors perform unique heart replacement surgery*

PRAGUE, 11 June—Doctors from Prague's Institute of Clinical and Experimental Medicine (IKEM) have performed a unique heart replacing operation on a young man, with his heart replaced by two mechanical pumps, said Czech media reports. "The man without a heart" is currently at IKEM's resuscitation ward. He is 37 years old and his heart had a malignant tumour.

The Czech team led by Professor Jan Pirk performed the eight-hour operation on 3 April. The man is the first patient in the world living with the help of two HeartMate II pumps. At present he can do everything except sport. The same operation was previously conducted by heart surgeons in Texas, United States, but the patient died one week later.

*Xinhua*

# *Heavy rains to hit S China*

BEIJING, 11 June—China's meteorological authority on Sunday forecast heavy rain in the nation's southern regions over the next three days as well as thundershowers for northern areas. Most regions south of the Yangtze River, south China and Guizhou Province will see heavy rain from Sunday to Tuesday, according to a statement posted on the National Meteorological Centre's website.

Some of these areas will experience thunderstorms, gales and rainstorms, with precipitation reaching up to 150 millimetres, the centre warned. The centre also forecast thundershowers in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, northeast and north China during the three-day period, with some areas likely to be hit by rainstorms, gales and hailstorms.

*Xinhua*

# Five dead as van carrying Fukushima evacuees crashes

TOKYO, 11 June — Five people were killed when a van carrying elderly evacuees from Japan's Fukushima nuclear accident collided head-on with a truck on Saturday, local police and a report said. The van's passengers were elderly evacuees in their 70s and 80s from Fukushima, where last year's tsunami triggered a serious nuclear accident, *Jiji Press* said.

The van driver and four passengers were killed in the collision, *Jiji* said. The passengers were on the way back from hospital to their temporary homes. A local police spokesman said the van and truck collided head-on in the city of Nihonmatsu, just outside of the no-go zone, but did not confirm further details. A couple in their 30s who were in the truck and were also Fukushima evacuees suffered minor injuries, *Jiji* said.— *Internet*

***A police van moves carefully along a road past damaged homes and amongst piles of debris left by the tsunami in 2011. Five people were killed when a van carrying elderly evacuees from Japan's Fukushima nuclear accident collided head-on with a truck Saturday, local police a reportsaid.—*** **INTERNET**

# Small Calif town shocked by family murder-suicide

SELMA, 11 June —Neighbours of an Indian family killed in a murder-suicide grappled with allegations on Sunday that the man accused in the shooting in a small California agricultural town was a former Indian army officer wanted for years for murder in his homeland. News of Saturday's shooting boomeranged through the area's close-knit Indian community, which numbers 15,500 in Fresno County, including about 750 in Selma, a small town surrounded by vineyards and peach orchards and known as the "Raisin Capital of the World." The majority of Indians in the area are Punjabi Sikhs, like the family.

Authorities have said the former officer, Avtar Singh, shot his wife and two children and gravely wounded a third child early Saturday before turning the gun on himself. Investigators were still trying to determine a motive. "Our community is completely shocked," said Rajbir Singh Pannu, president of the town's Sikh temple. "It's a really bad misfortune, especially for the children who died. Anybody who takes somebody's life, in our religion that's cowardice."

It was just more than a year ago that Singh was arrested after his wife said he had choked her. That set off a process that prompted the Indian government to seek his extradition days later in the 1996 death of a prominent lawyer and human rights activist in Kashmir, a disputed region in the Himalayas. Singh, who in recent years operated a small trucking business in Selma, was released on bail after last year's arrest. It remained unclear Sunday why he was never extradited.— *Internet*

## Zawgyi Dam under maintenance for preventing floods against Kyaukse

KYAUKSE, 11 June—Zawgyi River that originates in Shan State crosses Kyaukse and flows into Myitnge River.

In 2003, Zawgyi Dam was built with the aim of supplying drinking water to local people of Kyaukse and keeping the town clean and pleasant.

In its long time period, Zawgyi River becomes silting, narrowing and piling sandbanks. In consequence, the river occurs improper of flow. Thus, overflow of river broke Kyetmintun and Tadale embankments in 2011.

With the view to preventing the floods of Zawgyi River in Kyaukse Township, the spillway of Naungkham earthen embankment was completely repaired by Irrigation Department. As silt was piled upstream of Zawgyi Dam, silt in 5500 feet long area was dredged from the upstream Zawgyi Dam to Zidaw Dam.

Moreover, 40 excavators and five bulldozers were used in cleaning the 21 miles long water course of the river and expending the water course and upgrading the banks.

The hydraulic shutters have been installed at four valves measuring 134 feet by 20 feet at the sand gate of Zawgyi Dam. As a result, the concerted efforts of upgrading Zawgyi River will prevent overflow at Kyaukse.—*Kyemon*

## Citizenship scrutiny cards issued

YANGON, 11 June—In implementing Moe Pwint-3 Plan, Mingala Taungnyunt Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Yangon East District issued citizenship scrutiny cards and household registrations to the local people at the Dhammayon of Pathein Nyunt Ward in the township from 4 to 6 June.

Deputy Director U Win Khaing of Yangon East District INRD and Head of Township INRD U Khin Maung Nyunt supervised the issuance of the cards to the people.—*Immigration*

## Yankin Township Writers Association puts up signboard

YANGON, 11 June—Under the leadership of Yankin Township Administrative Office of Yangon East District, Township Information and Public Relations Department and Myanmar Writers Association (Yankin) jointly put up the signboard of the township association at the plot for the association and library near Children's Hospital in Yankin Township on 3 June morning.

At the ceremony, writer U Mya Htwe (Minhla Myat Htwe) donated K 100,000 to the association. Chairman of the association U Hla Toe (Toe Htet) accepted the donations. Then, the patrons of the association and the chairman of the association made speeches.

Arrangements are being made to publish Yankin Magazine by Yankin Township Writers Association.

*Kyemon*

## School uniforms provided to needy students

YEDASHE, 11 June—As part of efforts to alleviate poverty, a ceremony to donate school uniforms to students from primary to high school was held at the hall of the Township Development Affairs Committee in Yedashe Township on 7 June afternoon.

Yedashe Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Myo Thant, Township Executive Officer U Tin Moe Hlaing, officials, teachers, parents and students totalling about 400 attended the ceremony.

At the ceremony, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Myo Thant, Township Executive Officer U Tin Moe Hlaing and officials presented school uniforms to 185 needy students.

*Kyemon*

## Plan to establish public bus company

YANGON, 11 June—With the aim of effectively undertaking secure and smooth transport in Yangon Region, Yangon Region Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport is scrutinizing the necessary documents and helping the vehicle owners for handing overage cars to the Yangon Region Transport Ministry and import of new vehicles so as to establish the public bus company, according the press meeting of the Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee held on 6 June.

APBCC has about 1000 overage buses and over 800 buses to be imported. Of the, 61 buses have been imported and they are ready to be used for running the bus line.

A total of 30 buses apply to install natural gas. Chevrolet and BM need to install 200 grams of CNG in two cylinders. The new ones are 540 Hyundai buses, so they need 890 grams of CNG. In so doing, Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Transport are providing necessary assistance for the bus owners.

Due to new techniques, the installation of CNG cylinder will not waste the time, according to an official of APBCC (Central).

*Pwint Oo (Yangon)*

## Japanese women footballers to take joint exercise with Myanmar women

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Under the arrangement of Japan-Myanmar friendship programme, Japanese women footballers will take joint exercises together with Myanmar women's football team.

The Japanese women's team will comprise five players from Fukushima Football Academy and two coaches. Under the arrangement of the Myanmar Football Federation, the guests will play the friendly matches with Myanmar women's team, give talks on football technique and exchange views on football sports from 13 to 18 June.

The Japanese women's football team will visit Myanmar Football Federation on 14 June and meet with Myanmar selected women's team.

On 15 and 15 June, the guest team will take joint exercises with Myanmar selected women's team under control of Japanese coach Kumada.

On 18 June, the Japanese team will play against Myanmar women's combined team in the friendly match, and then visit Shwedagon Pagoda and Bogyoke Market.

*Zaw Min Aung (107)*

## Chilli plantations thriving in Meiktila Township

MEIKTILA, 11 June—Chilli plantations are thriving in Kokkokon Village of Kokkokon Village-tract in Meiktila Township.

At present, chilli farmers are hoping for good prices from harvesting of chilli.

"This year, local farmers have thriving chilli plantations. They expect to get good price of chilli like that of last year. In the previous year, chilli was sold at K 2000-K 3000 per viss. Thus, local farmers from Kokkokon, Kyaukka, Taungkauk, Thabye-aing, Nyaung-aing and Okhnebok villages focused on cultivation of chilli. It can be said that all plots of chills are thriving this year," said a local chilli grower.

The local farmers mainly cultivate Kyaukse chilli strain for long-term storage.

*Kyemon*

## Yamethin Township sets plans for cultivation of crops

YAMETHIN, 11 June—The local farmers from 68 wards and village-tracts of Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region decided to grow various crops in 2012-2013 cultivation season.

Plans are under way to put 51100 acres of farmlands under monsoon paddy, 16400 acres under monsoon groundnut, 16300 acres under sesame, 2475 acres under pre-monsoon cotton, 27700 acres under late-monsoon cotton, 9259 acres under sunflower, 5600 acres under pigeon pea, 48400 acres under green gram, 2700 acres under other beans, 3024 acres under maize, 1594 acres under corns, 36820 acres under chilli and 4800 acres under vegetables.

Under the supervision of district and township level authorities, ward and village-tract administrators will give encouragement to farmers for cultivation of crops meeting the target. Paddy is being grown on 19178 acres of irrigated area and 31922 acres of rain water area, totalling 51100.

*Kyemon*

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Stimulant tablets seized in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 11 June—According to the information that Aung Lin (a) Me Gyi of Anyeint Corner, south of Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Aungzeya Region-3 of Meiktila, SIP Zaw Min Tun and party of the crime combating squad searched the house of Aung Lin with eye witnesses at 11 pm on 3 June.

The team seized one WY brand stimulant tablet and 89 brand pinky stimulant tablets and the proceeds from sales of stimulant tablets worth K 550,000. Meiktila Police Station-2 opened file against Aung Lin (a) Me Gyi for seizing 90 stimulant tablets and K 270,000 from him.—*Myanma Alin*

**CASH PROVIDED:** ***The cash assistance presentation for students of staff of Insein Township General Administration Department of Yangon North District for 2012-2013 academic year was held at its office on 4 June. Township Administrator U Tin Naing Soe presents K 179,000 to 30 students.*—MYANMA ALIN**

# A single spark may well set the whole hillside on fire

**Ko Ko Aung**

I am a Myanmar citizen. I am a Bamar. I value Bamar being of the same race. But, it does not mean I do not value other races and am unwilling to acknowledge their existence. I mean it is human nature to love more of his own race than others. Bamar love Bamar. Bamar value Bamar. Kachin love Kachin and value Kachin. All nationalities such as Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan love and value their own race.

But, not Bamar are the only people in the Union in which we are residing nor it is the soil of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan nationals alone. As it is home to over 100 races, it cannot be called either Bamar or Kachin. It is not the country of a particular race. Many a year has elapsed since the country adopted the collective noun "Myanmar" belonging to all the nationalities as it is a Union.

Myanmar has a rich and colourful history of the First Myanmar Empire under the rule of Bagan King Anawrahta, the Second Empire under the reign of King Baynitnaung, and the Third Myanmar Empire with King Alungmindaya on the throne. The usage of the word "Myanmar" disappeared in late-Konbaung Period during the reign of King Thibaw when Myanmar fell under the yoke of colonialists. The imperialists who colonized Myanmar into slavery that time called the country and the people Burma with British accent in connection with Bamar people of the mainland to whom they had most contact with.

(Remark: Studying the concerted efforts under the leadership of General Aung San in Myanmar's history of independence struggle to claim independence back from the colonialists both for the mainland and highland regions through Panglong Agreement as the British had planned to grant the mainland alone independence, it can be concluded that the British intentionally used the term Burma instead of Myanmar having plotted to create racial tensions.)

As I have mentioned, the country constantly called as Myanmar along the course of history was renamed as Burma in colonial period, which resulted in racial chauvinism leading to disunity among national brethren, ending up with civil war whose legacy drags on till now.

Studying the previous constitutions of Myanmar, the name of the 1947 Constitution formulated in pre-independence period (under the British's rule) was written as "The Constitution of the Union of Myanmar" in Myanmar version. But, in English version, it was written as "The Constitution of the UNION OF BURMA."The Article 1 of the constitution stated as Burma is Sovereign Independent Republic to be known as "The Union of Burma."

However, the 1974 Constitution adopted after the independence was named as "The Constitution of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Myanmar" whose Article 1 prescribed "The State shall be known as Socialist Republic of the Union of Myanmar."

Likewise, the constitution enacted in 2008 was described as "The Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar." It was stated in Section 2 of the constitution that "The State shall be known as the Republic of the Union of Myanmar."

I have certain reason to present the excerpts of the some prescriptions of the constitutions ever emerged along the course of Myanmar's history for I reckon some youth politicians and those who have lived abroad long may have lost track of the evolutionary development of the constitution of the country. Particularly, those are the prescriptions which those engaged in three powers of the State namely legislature (the Parliament), execcitive (governments at different level), and the judiciary (Supreme Court of the Union and courts at different levels) and those who are preparing themselves to run for a seat in respective parliaments as MP (people's representative) have to give special attention to.

It must be aware that Section 9 of the Hulttaw Laws regarding the responsibilities of a MP prescribes that the responsibilities of the MPs are (a) to safeguard the constitution and the existing laws and Section 11 regarding the ethics and conducts of a MP, prescribes as (b) uphold the constitution, this law and existing laws. Furthermore, as MPs have to take oath according to the Schedule Four of the constitution under Section 125 of the constitution, Section 8 of the Hluttaw Laws and Section 5 (c) of the Hluttaw Bylaws to be appointed to the parliament, it should not be forgotten that it was promised as "I…..do solemnly and sincerely promise as an elected representative of …….Hluttaw, I will uphold and abide by the Constitution of the Union" in taking the oath. (Here, the prescriptions of the constitution must be adhered to whether it is said "to uphold and abide by the Constitution of the Union" or "to respect and observe the Constitution of the Union" as some politicians are arguing.

Again, members of political parties must be aware of the prescription in Section 405 (b) of the constitution that a political party shall abide by and respect this Constitution and the existing laws. So it is prescribed as well that political parties, in applying to the Union Election Commission for registration as political party, have to promise to uphold and abide by the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar under Section 6 (c) of Political Parties Registration Law. As every political party (party member) has taken oath to observe the Section 6 of the Party Law, no party should use law-breaking verbal or written expression misusing the significant prescription of the constitution.

As a saying goes, "Ignorance of law is no excuse," using "ignorance" as an excuse is unacceptable. The law would not forgive the ignorance as the excuse for breaching the law. If so, it is questionable whether the commitment is of deliberate one.

No matter what, our people being the Buddhists have a heart filled with patience and forbearance. We tend to forgive giving ourselves such excuses as it is because of ignorance or because it is just used to be called like this. However, if it is done intentionally, a spark may well lead to big trouble. It is not a mistake party members should make. It can affect national unity. It would be implied as neglecting other nationalities such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan in Myanmar.

As I am a Bamar, I prefer the term "Bamar" which represents Bamar people. But, I cannot be egocentric. I cannot have racist attitude. However, if it is associated with the State representing the entire Union, only the term "Myanmar" is appropriate and correct. We have to discard the thought of the colonial period. At present, "The Republic of the Union of Myanmar" is the most correct and official usage prescribed in the constitution as the sign of unity of national brethren of the Union.

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**Translation: TKK**

## Myanmar youth golf team leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 11 June—The Myanmar youth golf team led by U Myo Tun left here by air this morning to take part in the Mercedes-Benz Junior Golf Championships to be held in Burapha Golf and Resort of Thailand from 13 to 15 June 2012.

The Myanmar team comprises coaches professionals U Chan Han and Soe Kyaw Naing, golfers Kaung Min Htut, Kyaw Soe Han, Okkar Myo, Pyae Phyo Thu, Thiha Myo Hset, Hein Sithu in boys' U-12 group, Phone Pyae Chan Han and Than Tun Aung in U-14 group, Aung Myint Htwe and Aung Chit Min in U-18 group, Thiha Htay and Zin Min Thu in U-23 group, Pho Pwint Yati Khaing, Pwint Phu Nadi Khaing and Pwint Phu Nadi Aung in girls' U-12 group, Yin May Myo in U-18 and May Oo Khaing in U-23 group.—*MNA*

## Construction Ministry opens courses

YANGON, 11 June— Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin today addressed the opening of the refresher course for junior engineers civil (4), and the housing-management and storekeeping (4) courses at the central training school (Thuwunna).

A total of 95 trainees— 46 junior engineers civil (4), 20 housing-management trainees and 29 storekeeping ones are taking the six-week courses.—*MNA*

***To mark 25th birthday of Nan Thinzar of North Okkalapa Township, she herself donated K 300,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Secretary U Win Swe recently.***

**NLM**

## Myanmar, Vietnam businessmen to meet on 15 June

YANGON, 11 June—An 89-member Vietnamese economic delegation led by Ho Chi Minh City Investmint and Trade Promotion Centre (ITPC) of Vietnam is due to meet Myanmar businessmen at Sedona Hotel here 15 June.

Those who are interested to attend the meeting may enlist at International Relations Department of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Ph: 214344-9; Ext 120, 122), not later than 14 June.

*MNA*

# F & R Ministry conducts English Language Proficiency course

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun addressed opening of English Language Proficiency Course No. 1/2012 for officers conducted by the ministry here this morning, calling on the trainees to study hard to be able to do and take part in international courses, seminars and meetings.

A total of 36 officers of the ministry are attending the 24-week course on English language.

The Union Minister then attended the opening of English Language Proficiency Course No. 1/2012 for officers of Myanma Economic Bank at Myanma Economic Bank Headquarters on Myat Pan Thazin Street in Nay Pyi Taw Banks Zone.

In his address, the Union Minister stressed the need for English language proficiency along with ICT literacy in moving toward modern banking system. The 12-week course is being attended by 50 officers from Myanma Economic Bank.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun addresses opening of English Language Proficiency Course No. 1/2012 for officers.*—MNA**

# Six civil special appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— A special appellate comprising Chief Justice of Union Supreme Court U Tun Tun Oo and judges of Union Supreme Court U Tha Htay and U Soe Nyunt passed four civil miscellaneous application (writs) at Room No. 1 of Union Supreme Court this morning. Besides, they heard six special civil appeal cases.—*MNA*

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# Mangrove forest pivotal in disaster prevention: Union Environmental Conservation and Forestry Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, accompanied by departmental officials, met with staff of the ministry from five townships of two districts in Bogale, Ayeyawady Region on 9 June.

The Union Minister participated in the tree-planting activity of the locals at Kyeinchaunggyi Village in Bogale Township yesterday morning. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said that careful conservation and establishment of mangrove forest has contributed to local people in ASEAN countries. The ministry initiated projects on mangrove conservation and establishment in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady Region and Taninthayi Region. All are responsible for non-extinction of mangrove swamp due to extension of farmland and prawn farm, and over-chopping for fuel. The extinction of mangrove swamp would also affect the ecosystem of fish and prawn. The value of the mangrove forest should not be underestimated as all had experienced the helpless situation faced with natural disaster. Conservation of mangrove forest could reduce the impact of climate change while fulfilling somewhat the basic needs of locals, preventing against river and coastal erosion.

The Union Minister inspected the thriving mangrove forest established in 2005 in Kadonkani forest reserve plot No. 48 in Bogale Township, mangrove nursery in Byonehmwe Island and mangrove seed production area in Kadonkani forest reserve plot No. 49.

The Forest Department in cooperation with the JICA is implementing all-round rehabilitation of mangrove forest and administration project in Ayeyawady Delta with the contribution of local people.

In addition, preparation works for cultivation of about 3000 acres of mangrove swamp in Kadonkani forest reserve in 2012-2-13 and cyclone shelter construction under mangrove forest rehabilitation project have been initiated with the assistance of the JICA so as to enhance disaster prevention capability in Ayeyawady Delta.

*MNA*

***Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun inspects thriving seed production area of mangrove forest plantation established in 2005 in plot No. 48 of Kadonkani forest reserve in Bogale Township of Ayeyawady Region.***

**MNA**

# Commander-in-Chief (Navy) arrives back from Pakistan

***Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Nyan Tun, who paid a goodwill visit to Pakistan, being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport.***

**MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— A goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Nyan Tun who paid a goodwill visit to Pakistan at the invitation of Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral M Asif Samdila of Pakistan arrived back by air in Yangon yesterday evening.

The Admiral was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters Commodore Maung Oo Lwin, Commander of Mingaladon Airbase Brig-Gen Thein Naing, Pakistani Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Amajad Majid Abbasi and officials.

*MNA*

# MPT informs CDMA 800 mobile phone users of Internet service

The Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is placing emphasis on convenient access of the people to telecommunications. Myanma Posts and Telegraph is giving Internet service to GSM/UMTS mobile phones.

Moreover, Internet service will be provided to CDMA 800 mobile phone users as of 12 June. Those wishing to apply it may contact region and state manager offices of Region and State MPTs and following places in Yangon Region.

Yangon Region:

1. Shwegondine Mobile Communication Office
   No. 74, West Shwegondine Road, Bahan Township
2. Pansodan Mobile Communication Office
   No. 125, Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township
3. Ahlon Mobile Communication Office
   No. 839/841, Bogyoke Street, Lanmadaw Township

**Myanma Posts and Telecommunications**

## Vehicles under surprise checks on Yangon-Mandalay Highway

PYINMANA, 11 June—With the aim of enabling drivers to abide by traffic rules in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and of reducing casualties in traffic accidents, Sgt Than Aung Tun and party of Discipline Enforcement Group-1 of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police checked the vehicle licence, wheel tax and wearing of helmets on Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

The group gave educative talks to vehicle drivers who broke traffic rules.—*Kyemon*

## Librarian multiplier course conducted

YANGON, 11 June—Tamway Township General Administration Department and Information and Public Relations Department of Yangon East District jointly organized the basic librarian multiplier course at the hall of the township IPRD on 5 June.

Assistant Director U Myint Swe of Yangon Region IPRD and Township Administrator U Thein Win made speeches.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Hla Hla Myint explained the disciplines of the training course.—*Myanma Alin*

## Annual plan assigned in Magway District

MAGWAY, 11 June—A ceremony to assign duties on annual plans of Magway District of Magway Region was held at the hall of Magway District General Administration Department of Magway District on 6 June.

Chairman of the Magway District Project Implementation Committee Deputy Commissioner U Min Aye Lwin made a speech.

Secretary of the Committee Head of District Planning Department U Than Aung reported on economic plans for 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The chairman assigned duties of plans to district level departments and township administrators.

*District GAD*

## Drug seized in Phakant

PHAKANT, 11 June—Myitkyina Anti-Drug Special Squad, acting on tip-off at Padauk Myaing tea shop on Hmawshan Ward of Seikmu Village-tract at 10.30 am on 23 May, searched Naing Lwin who entered the shop.

The squad seized 320 grams of suspected raw opium worth K 576,000.

Therefore, file was opened against Naing Lwin, 33, son of U Kyaw Maung of Phalin Village of Namhkam Township, at Phakant Police Station under Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

*Myanma Alin*

## Writing test for Police Code of Conduct held

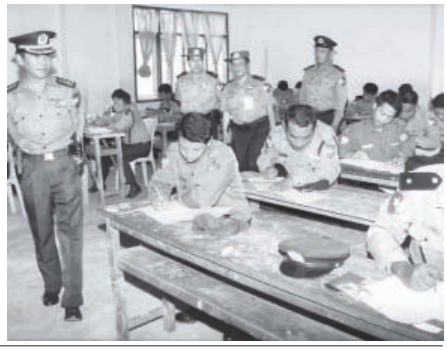
NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—The writing test of the Model Policeman and Police Code of Conduct took place at Basic Education High School No 5 in Zeyatheikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township.

The region level test of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force was held at 9 am on 2 June.

A total of 21 officer and 42 other ranks participate din the Region Level Model Policeman and writing test and 32 officers and 65 other ranks in the Police Code of Conduct.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force Police Col Aung Aung and officials inspected the examination.

*Kyemon*



## Twantay Township WVO provides cash assistance to members' offspring

YANGON, 11 June—A ceremony to present stipends for offspring of members of Twantay Township War Veterans Organization of Yangon Region was held at its office on 2 June morning.

Chairman of the Township War Veterans Organization Captain Mya Thaung (Rtd) presented K 448,000 for assistance of learning education to 50 students.—*WVO*

## Signboard of Ngazun Township Sasana Nuggaha Association put up

NGAZUN, 11 June—A ceremony to put up the Sasana Nuggaha Association, present membership application and donate cash was held at Ngazun Township Sasana Nuggaha Association of Myingyan District in Mandalay Region on 3 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tin Win and Chairman of the Association U Thein Tun formally unveiled the signboard of the association.

Townselder U Tin Hlaing presented membership applications from applicants from the ward to the chairman of the association.

Next, six wellwishers donated cash to the funds of the association. The chairman of the association presented certificates of honour to them.

*Sasana Nuggaha Association*

## Farmland law clarified in Paukkhaung

PAUKKHAUNG, 11 June—A ceremony to clarify Vacant and Virgin, Fallow Land Management Law and the Farmland Law was held at the hall of Paukkhaung Township General Administration Department on 7 June morning.

Head of Bago Region Settlement and Land Records Department U Myo Oo explained matters related to the farmlands.

It was attended by Head of Pyay District Settlement and Land Records Department U Soe Win, the head of Paukkhaung Township SLRD and staff, ward and village administrators and clerks.

*Township SLRD*

## Trees planted on one-acre quota in Bago Township

BAGO, 11 June—The tree growing ceremony was held in Lathagon Village of Bago Township in Bago Region on 4 June morning.

The tree growing movement was participated by Assistant Director U John Tun Oo of Bago District Forest Department, Staff Officer U Myo Lwin of Bago Township Forest Department, staff members, Lathagon Village Administrator U San Lwin, villagers, Headmistress Daw Htay Htay Kywe and students of Basic Education Primary School. They grew 600 saplings of eucalyptus for establishment of village-owned forest on one acre of land.—*Township Forest Department*

## DISTRICT NEWS

## MLF invites cash, book donations

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

**EYE TESTED:** ***As a gesture of honouring the International Day of Cooperatives, Township Cooperative Department Staff Officer Daw Yi Yi Khin and members of Board of Directors give eye test to their members of Myanma Nawarat Glass and Eye Care Cooperative Society Ltd of No 211 on Middle Block of Shwebontha Street in Pabedan Township on 7 June.***

TOWNSHIP COOPERATIVE

## Cash assistance provided to students at Kyaiklat GAD

KYAIKLAT, 11 June—Kyaiklat Township General Administration Department of Ayeyawady Region provided cash assistance to students of the staff members for 2012-2013 academic year at Shwewah Latt Hall of the department on 4 June morning.

Present on the occasion were Township Administrator U Aung Naing, Chairman of Family Disciplinary Committee Daw Myint Thi, the deputy head of department and 48 students.

At the ceremony, the Township Administrator presented K 274,000 to the students.—*Township GAD*

# Structures destroyed, people missing in Colorado wildfire

DENVER, 11 June — An out-of control Colorado wildfire fueled by high winds and hot temperatures left an unknown number of people missing, destroyed 10 structures and prompted evacuations on Saturday, fire officials said.

By nightfall the so-called High Park Fire had blackened some 5,000 acres in an area northwest of Fort Collins on Saturday and was zero percent contained, said fire spokeswoman Jennifer Hillman.

She said authorities have been unable to locate or make contact with an unknown number of people who live in the area.

Authorities ordered the evacuations as winds fanned the flames late in the afternoon. Deputies and firefighters went door-to-door telling residents to flee before flames forced them to leave the area, Larimer County Sheriff Justin Smith told reporters at an evening briefing. One firefighter was hospitalized for heat exhaustion earlier in the day, he said. Plumes of smoke could be seen from the Denver metropolitan area.

"There is a lot of beetle-killed trees up there and it's been a very hot and dry day," Hillman said.

Because of a low winter snowpack and a dry spring, most of Colorado is experiencing tinder-dry conditions, the National Weather Service said in an advisory on Saturday. "The combination of sunny skies ... low humidities and gusty winds will cause critical fire weather conditions," the advisory said.

The High Park blaze was reported about dawn Saturday and is believed to have started on private land and quickly spread into the Roosevelt National Forest, the forest service said.

It is the third major wildfire to hit Larimer County this spring in what has already been an active early wildfire season.

Crews were attacking the blaze with air tankers and helicopter water drops, and 200 firefighters are battling the blaze from the ground, the forest service said.— *Reuters*

***Caravans are damaged by flash floods at Riverside Caravan Park, near the village of Talybont on 9 June, 2012 in Aberystwyth, Wales. Severe flooding has affected mid Wales with a major rescue operation under way taking to safety nearly 100 people so far.***
INTERNET

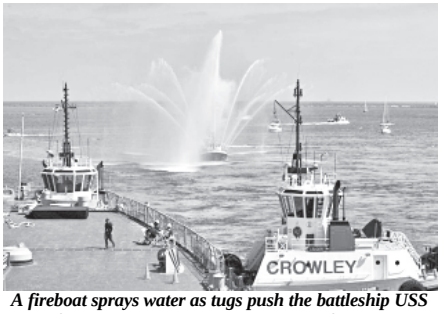
# Rainstorm-triggered mudslides kill three, injure six in SW China

GUIYANG, 11 June — Three people were killed and another six were injured in rainstor-triggered mudslides from Saturday night to Sunday morning in Kaili, a city in southwest China's Guizhou Province, said local authorities. From 11 pm Saturday to early Sunday morning, heavy downpours hit Zhouxi township in Kaili, triggering mudslides, according to the publicity department of Kaili City.

As of 10 am on Sunday, three residents of Zhouxi had been found dead and the six injured people had been sent to hospital. At least 81 houses in Zhouxi have been damaged. Local governments have relocated residents from low-lying areas at risk for flash floods and other geological disasters.— *Xinhua*

# Historic battleship makes last, brief voyage

LOS ANGELES, 11 June — The battleship *USS Iowa*, a storied vessel that served during World War Two and the Cold War, made a brief final voyage on Saturday to its permanent berth at the Port of Los Angeles, where it will open as a naval museum next month.




***A fireboat sprays water as tugs push the battleship USS Iowa from the dock during its move to its final berth in the Port of Los Angeles, where it will become a floating museum in the San Pedro section of Los Angeles, California, on 9 June, 2012.***—REUTERS

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and US Navy veterans who served on the 175-foot-tall (53-metre) ship, which was decommissioned in 1990, were among the hundreds of invited celebrants along for the ride.

The *USS Iowa* was commissioned in 1943. It carried President Franklin Roosevelt across the Atlantic to a meeting with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Joseph Stalin during World War Two.

Later in the war, the *Iowa* pounded beachheads in the Pacific with its 16-inch guns ahead of Allied landings and took part in the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay in 1945. During the Korean War in the 1950s, it conducted gun strikes and bombardments.

After being decommissioned in 1958, it returned to service in 1984 during the latter years of the Cold War. On Saturday, it was towed from a temporary anchorage in the outer harbour through the port's main channel.

As onlookers cheered and a high school band played, the ship arrived at its permanent spot at Berth 87.

It will open as a naval museum on 7 July. "The *USS Iowa*, 'The Battleship of Presidents,' is a symbol of American ingenuity and common purpose," Villaraigosa said onboard the ship shortly after it docked.

*Reuters*

# Three Gorges sees stable, improving water quality

CHONGQING, 11 June — China's Three Gorges Project, the world's largest hydropower project, has seen water quality either remain stable or improve in the section located in the country's southwestern Chongqing municipality.

The water quality of the Yangtze River in the Chongqing section of the Three Gorges reservoir tops that of all China's seven major river systems, according to the Chongqing Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau.

The water quality of the Yangtze River's leave-boundary river section in Chongqing has maintained the level-II national water quality standard, which is second-highest ranking in the five-grade standard.

To maintain and improve the area's water environment, Chongqing has worked to clean up its 21 secondary rivers and set up waste and sewage treatment plants in all of its counties and major townships in the past 15 years.

Located on the middle reaches of the Yangtze River, China's longest waterway, the Three Gorges Project consists of a 185-metre-high dam, a five-tier ship lock, a reservoir and 32 hydropower generators.

*Xinhua*

# 33 militants killed in Afghanistan within 24 hours

KABUL, 11 June — Up to 33 Taleban militants have been killed in military operations carried out by the Afghan force and NATO-led coalition troops within the past 24 hours, the Afghan Interior Ministry said on Sunday morning.

"Afghan police, army and coalition forces launched 10 joint cleanup operations in Kabul, Laghman, Parwan, Helmand, Uruzgan and Farah provinces, killing 33 armed Taleban militants over the past 24 hours," the ministry said in a statement. Six other militants were injured and nine suspects were captured by joint forces during the raids, the statement added.

The joint forces also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces. In another development, eight Taleban militants were killed when a unit of special operation force of army and coalition troop launched an operation in Bati Kot District of eastern Nangarhar Province on Saturday night, a spokesman for provincial government, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, told *Xinhua* on Sunday.

Four other militants were killed when their anti-tank mine went off prematurely in Jani Khil District of neighbouring Pakitka Province, the ministry's statement said.

Afghan forces and some 130,000 NATO-led coalition troops have intensified cleanup operations against militants recently. Records kept by *Xinhua*, based on figures released by Interior Ministry, reveal that around 430 militants have been killed, 130 wounded and over 450 others detained since 1 May by joint forces. However, the militants in retaliation responded by carrying out suicide attacks and roadside bombings. Taleban carried out a suicide bombing in eastern Kapisa Province, killing four French soldiers with the NATO-led coalition and injuring eight others including three Afghan civilians on Saturday morning.— *Xinhua*

***Newborn babies being taken care of at a maternity centre in the Flushing neighbourhood of Queens, New York. The number of women from China taking part in "birth tourism" is on the rise.***
XINHUA

# India to buy eight warships from S Korea

NEW DELHI, 11 June — India is to acquire at least eight warships from South Korea in a bid to bolster its maritime defence, under a proposed defence deal likely to be inked soon, local media reported. As part of a growing "strategic partnership" with South Korea, India will buy at least eight advanced minesweeping and hunting warships — it will get two of the vessels from South Korean firm Kangnam Corporation, while the other six will be manufactured by Goa Shipyard in western India after transfer of technology, *'The Times of India'* newspaper reported.

"The contract is now being finalized after the conclusion of the commercial negotiations," an unnamed source was quoted as saying. India will used these warships to detect and destroy underwater mines, often planted by both state as well as non-state actors, the report said. "Underwater mines are cheap weapons that can be used for high- impact incidents. It's relatively easy for someone to lay mines at the harbor approach or departure routes. There is need to step up the protection of our harbors and offshore installations," an official said.— *Xinhua*

# Va historic area opens new quilt exhibit

WILLIAMSBURG, 11 June — Dozens of quilts produced around the middle of the 19th century are going on display at Colonial Williamsburg.

Officials say the exhibit at the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum features works influenced by quiltmaking in Baltimore, which was the nation's third largest city of the time. It runs through April 2014.

The co-curator of the exhibition says "Quilts in the Baltimore Manner" reflects the strong textile industry and innovative quiltmaking styles of America's largest seaport of the period 1845 to 1855.

Most of the quilts are made in a style known as album quilts made of blocks decorated with intricate designs.

Album quilts were usually a cooperative effort composed of individual signed and inscribed blocks. They were often intended for an honoured recipient within a community.

*Internet*

***A Peruvian police high mountain rescue team prepare to explore the Hualla Hualla area during rescue operations on 8 June, to locate a helicopter lost at more than 4,700 metres (15,500 feet) above sea level in a southern Andean area of Peru. Officials said they hoped to recover on Sunday the bodies of 14 people who died when their helicopter crashed in the Peruvian Andes several days ago.— INTERNET***


## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV DIAMOND EXPRESS VOY NO (057)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIAMOND EXPRESS VOY NO (057) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**
**AGENT FOR: GEN SHIPPING PACIFIC UNE PTE LTD**
Phone No: 256924/256914

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (449)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (449) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.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.

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**
**AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES**
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## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV OSSIAN VOY NO (12013)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OSSIAN VOY NO (12013) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.6.2012 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.

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## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**
**AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD**
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# Thief stole 400K toothpicks in Georgia

ATHENS, 11 June — Who says toothpicks are not valuable? Police in Georgia are trying to figure out who stole about 400,000 toothpicks worth nearly $3,000 from a manufacturer in Athens.Police tell the Athens Banner-Herald (http:/ / bit.ly/K GnzJJ someone took six cases from Armond's Manufacturing Company Inc. about two weeks ago, and another seven cases disappeared last weekend.

Each case contains 288 packages of 100 toothpicks. Police say there were no signs of forced entry. The owner believes a current or former employee might be responsible. Two employees told the owner they saw a man selling containers of Armond's toothpicks at a flea market last weekend.

*Internet*

# Karzai: US failed to consult Afghans on airstrike

KABUL, 11 June — Afghanistan's president said on Saturday that the United States has put the two countries' security pact at risk with a unilateral airstrike that killed 18 civilians, while a Taleban suicide bomber killed four French soldiers responding to a tipoff about a bomb hidden under a bridge.

The violence and the dispute highlight the muddled nature of the international mission in Afghanistan as NATO coalition countries try to shift to a training role in a country that is still very much at war. The majority of NATO and US forces are scheduled to leave the country by the end of 2014, but the exit is looking far from neat at the beginning of the hot summer months when fighting typically surges.

France is already rushing to get its combat forces out by the end of this year, and four deaths in one bombing could precipitate that pullout.

The US, meanwhile, has tried to create an orderly transition through a series of agreements covering detentions, village raids and its long-term commitment to Afghanistan. But the Wednesday airstrike by US forces showed how quickly those deals divorce from the reality on the ground.

*Internet*

# Peru rescuers to recover bodies of helicopter victims

LIMA, 11 June — A police unit was climbing up a snowy peak in the Peruvian Andes on Sunday in a bid to recover the bodies of 14 people, including eight South Koreans, who died in a helicopter crash last week. "We are on our way to the place where the wreckage and the bodies were spotted," Cesar Guevara, the local official in charge of the case in the town of Urcos in the southern department of Cusco, told Canal N television by telephone.

He cautioned that "it could take at least four hours to get to the accident site, depending on weather conditions" and the physical strength of team members. The team will likely finish removing the bodies on Sunday, Guevara explained.

The Peruvian Air Force had tried to reach the crash site by air the previous day, but poor weather forced its helicopters to return to Cusco International Airport by mid-morning Saturday.

A *Sikorsky S-58 ET* chopper vanished on Wednesday while flying in snow and rain in the mountainous region from the town of Mazuco, in Madre de Dios department, to the city of Cusco.

It lost contact with its base in Hualla Hualla between the towns of Ocongate and Marcapata, near the snowcapped Apu Colque Cruz peak.

*Internet*

***Afghan villagers gather near a house destroyed in an apparent NATO raid in Logar Province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 6 June, 2012.—INTERNET***

## Residents rage against doo-wop singers

Residents of New York's West Village neighbourhood say they want the city to put an end to street corner singing by doo-wop groups.

Residents and business owners said the singers, who have been serenading tourists on street corners for years, are too loud and often not very good, the *New York Post* reported.

"I can hear these guys right outside my window, and after 15 years, I would like to shoot them all dead," Bleecker Street resident Rosemary Bella was quoted as saying at a recent Sixth Precinct community meeting, the newspaper said.

Dorothy Green, president of the Central Village Block Association, said she estimates she has to listen to about 700 hours of doo-wop a year.

***New York City doo-wop quartet Spank is one of the groups at odds with some residents of the West Village.***

## *Los Angeles man breaks Ferris wheel record*

A Los Angeles man set a Guinness World Record for longest ride on a Ferris wheel by staying onboard for 25 consecutive hours.

Gus Martinez, a detective who has been with the Los Angeles Police Department since 1994, climbed aboard the 130-foot-tall Pacific Wheel at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica pier at 7:30 am on 31 May and stayed on until 8:30 am on Friday, defeating the previous record of 24 hours, 30 minutes, which was set last year in Ireland, KTLA-TV, Los Angeles, reported.

Martinez said his record raised funds and awareness for the Special Olympics of Southern California.

He said his son, James, who has Down's syndrome, has won more than 30 gold medals in the competition's swimming events.

Martinez was not allowed to sleep during his 25-hour ride and he was allowed 5-minute bathroom breaks each hour.

***A giant Ferris wheel stands at the end of the Avenue des Champs-Elysees in Paris, France.***

## News Album

## IKEA hopes nothing found in translation

A language squad spent four years vetting IKEA product names before the Swedish furniture giant opened its new Bangkok store last year.

Natthita Opaspipat, a member of the team, told *The Wall Street Journal* IKEA's Swedish names "bring a unique character to the brand." But she said misunderstandings are easy when they are heard by Thai speakers.

"We've got to be careful," Natthita said. "Some of them can be, well, a little rude."

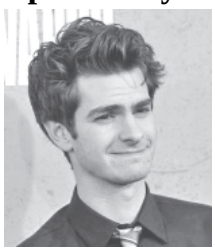
The Redalen bed, for example, named after a town in Norway, sounds like a Thai term for sexual intercourse. Part of the name of the Jattebra plant pot also sounds like a term for the sex act, a term not used in polite society.

IKEA's founder, Ingvar Kamprad, began using children's names and place names in the Scandinavian countries for his products in the 1950s because he himself was dyslexic. While the company's sources of names have expanded along with its product line, it is still Scandinavian.

## Andrew Garfield, star of new 'Spider-Man' flick, up for Tony Award

NEW YORK, 11 June— British actor Andrew Garfield says he approached his role as the titular web-slinger in the upcoming movie "The Amazing Spider-Man" much the same way he did the character of Biff in the current Broadway revival of Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman."

"There's not much difference, weirdly enough. In terms of how I approach it, my only intention was to honor the character. That goes for Biff Loman, as well as Peter Parker/Spider-Man. That was everything to me. So, my approach was the same — just from my heart and guts and I got very upset and stressed out and wanted to do a good job, as is my way. And that's kind of it," the 28-year-old actor told *United Press International* during a Press conference promoting "Spider-Man" in New York on Saturday. "There were certain things that were challenging about Loman, of course," explained Garfield, whose performance in the play has earned him a Tony nod for Best Supporting Actor.—*Internet*



***Actor Andrew Garfield arrives at the MTV Movie Awards at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City, California.***
**INTERNET**

***Actor Tom Cruise who portrays Stacee Jaxx in the motion picture romantic comedy "Rock of Ages", and cast member Julianne Hough attend the premiere of the film at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 8 June, 2012.***
**INTERNET**

## Hough sad lap dance scene with Cruise cut

HOLLYWOOD, 11 June— Actress Julianne Hough said she's disappointed a scene in "Rock of Ages," in which she gives Tom Cruise a lap dance, has been cut from the movie.

Director Adam Shankman cut the scene from the upcoming rock-and-roll musical because it wasn't received well by test audiences, *USA Today* reported on Friday. Audiences will eventually get to view the dance on the DVD release of the film.

Hough said she's bummed because she and Cruise worked so hard on perfecting the routine.

"I don't mean to be on the record saying I'm upset that the world doesn't get to see me give Tom Cruise a lap dance," she said. "The reason I'm upset is we worked so hard on that number. I'm sad no one will see the hard work we put in until the DVD comes out."—*Internet*

## Jennifer Lopez denies engagement rumours

LOS ANGELES, 11 June— US actress and musician Jennifer Lopez has taken to her Web site to deny rumors she's engaged to marry boyfriend Casper Smart.

The rumours began in March when a fake Tweet from fashion designer Roberto Cavalli implied he was making a wedding dress for the actress, *People* magazine reported on Saturday.

"Rumours!!! Don't be fooled by the rocks that I got," Lopez wrote on her Web site. "No engagement!"

Since the March Tweet by Cavalli, Lopez has been photographed with what appears to be an engagement ring on her finger.

"What's the best way to stop a false rumor?" she posted on Friday, along with a self-portrait showing no engagement ring on her ring finger.—*Internet*

***US actress and musician Jennifer Lopez***

## Robert Pattinson regrets picking fight with Adele over career advice

NEW YORK, 11 June—Robert Pattinson has revealed that he once got into a row with Adele after trying to give the singer some career advice.

During an appearance on Canada's 'George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight' on Thursday, the 26-year-old actor recalled the night he wished he could forget.

"I had this argument with Adele, which is probably the most ridiculous thing I've ever said," the *New York Daily News* quoted the 'Twilight' star as saying.

Pattinson explained that he had approached the British chart topping singer and felt the urge to tell her, "You know, you can just really reach for it!!"

"And (Adele) was like, 'You do realize, I'm, like, the biggest-selling female artist ever," Pattinson said.

"And for some reason, I decided to get into an argument with her about it.

"(I remember) waking up and really, really regretting every word I said!" he added.—*Internet*

***Robert Pattinson, Adele***

***Cheryl Cole***

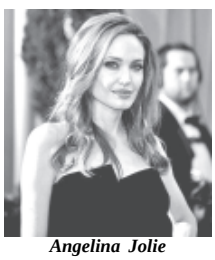
## Cheryl Cole would be perfect for Glee, says Matthew Morrison

WASHINGTON, 11 June— Matthew Morrison has revealed that Cheryl Cole would be a "perfect fit for Glee." The Girls Aloud singer is currently starring in her firs1t movie role as herself in 'What to Expect When You're Expecting' alongside Morrison. "I think she actually has all the tools to be in our show. She'd be a perfect fit for 'Glee'—the acting and singing and dancing," Contactmusic quoted Morrison as saying.

Morrison admitted that they only hung out briefly on the set of the romantic comedy but was impressed with how she dealt with the part.

*Internet*

## Angelina Jolie sets wedding date with Buddhist monk's help



***Angelina Jolie***

WASHINGTON, 11 June— Angelina Jolie who is all set to get married to longtime partner Brad Pitt has picked her wedding date with the help of a Buddhist monk.

According to sources, the 37-year-old actress is expected to marry this summer and the star chose the top secret date with some spiritual help.

"Angie has used Buddhist astrology in the past to help her pick the best or most auspicious days for important moments in her life," Contactmusic quoted a source as telling the *National Enquirer* magazine.

"She's relied on the Buddhist calendar to plan medical procedures and vacations for herself, Brad and the kids. She's even used it for picking the dates of her movie openings.

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# Wieber at her steady best in winning 2nd US title

ST LOUIS, 11 June — Jordyn Wieber likes the challenge of a close competition. Good thing, because it looks as if Gabby Douglas is going to be pushing her all the way to London.

The reigning world champion earned her second straight US title Sunday, getting an assist when Douglas fell off the balance beam at the start of the meet. Wieber finished with 121.900 points, 0.2 ahead of Douglas.

Take away that mistake, and the competition might have looked a lot different.

"I usually thrive off the pressure, and it's so fun to have someone else so close," Wieber said. "It's more exciting."

***Jordyn Wieber competes in floor exercise during the women's senior division at the US gymnastics championships on 10 June, 2012, in St Louis. Wieber took first place overall in the competition.***
**INTERNET**

Aly Raisman was third, further cementing her position as a must-have when the Americans are packing for the Olympics. Kyla Ross, a two-time junior champ, was fourth.

Reigning Olympic champion Nastia Liukin had another rough day in her bid to make it to London, needing to put her hand down on the balance beam and performing a watered-down routine on uneven bars. Still, she made the cut for the Olympic trials, 28 June to July1 in San Jose, Calif.

So did Beijing captain Alicia Sacramone, who was competing for the first time since blowing out her Achilles two days before the start of last fall's world championships.

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# *Croatia trounces Ireland 3-1 to top Euro 2012 Group C*

POZNAN, (Poland), 11 June — Croatia took the initiative in the Euro 2012 Group C after two goals from Mario Mandzukic helped them to a 3-1 victory over Ireland here on Sunday. Mandzukic struck in the early stages of the first and second half, with his two headers firing Slaven Bilic's side above Spain and Italy to the top of the group. Mandzukic, the man of the match, angled his body impressively to beat Shay Given only three minutes into the game, but Ireland's Sean St Ledger levelled the score with a header from Aiden McGeady's free-kick.

But Giovanni Trapattoni's team suffered a bitter blow before half-time as Everton striker Nikica Jelavic netted from what appeared to be an offside position. Mandzukic added a third shortly after the interval after his effort struck the post and went in off Shay Given. Ireland's defeat, just the third competitive reverse during Trapattoni's four-year tenure and the first on foreign soil, means the team heads into Thursday night's showdown with Spain, reigning world and European champions, knowing their hopes of qualification could effectively be over if they do not come away with at least a point.

***Ivan Strinic (R) of Croatia vies with Shane Long of Ireland during their Group C match at the Euro 2012 football championships in Poznan, Poland, on 10 June, 2012.***
**XINHUA**

Ireland emerged from the tunnel before kick-off to be greeted by a sea of green and a torrent of noise as they embarked upon their first game at the European Championship finals for 24 years. Bilic's men scented victory as Mandzukic and strike-partner Jelavic repeatedly stretched Richard Dunne and St Ledger at the heart of Ireland's defence, the signs were ominous.

Full-backs Srna and Ivan Strinic repeatedly made their way forward to occupy wingers Aiden McGeady and Damien Duff in areas of the pitch where they would rather not have been, and with Luka Modric starting to pull the strings in the middle of the field, Ireland were desperately in need of inspiration.

This was the first time Ireland conceded three goals in a match at a major international finals. They had previously gone 17 games without doing so.— *Xinhua*

# *Defending champions Spain held 1-1 tie with Italy*

GDANSK, (Poland), 11 June — World champions and Euro 2008 champions Spain were held to a 1-1 tie by Italy in the Euro 2012 Group C opener here on Sunday. Di Natale, who substituted Mario Balotelli in the 56th minute, gifted Italy 1-0 lead in the 60th minute when he slipped through on goal by a wonderful pass from Andrea Pirlo and found the corner of the net with a cool finish. But Spain striker Cesc Fabregas tied the score only after four minutes. With a fine passing, Silva slid Fabregas in and the latter slammed the ball past Italy keeper Gianluigi Buffon.

Balotelli, the rising star striker from new English Premier League champions Manchester City, stunned the world in the 54th minute when he got a solo run through a tackle. But he hesitated at the goalmouth without any clear action. Then a chasing defender came to ruin the scoring chance. Italy coach Cesare Prandelli forgave Balotelli, telling the post-match Press conference that he would not punish the Man. City striker. "He is still a young player who may make mistakes at any time, " Prandelli said.

***World champions and Euro 2008 champions Spain were held to a 1-1 tie by Italy in the Euro 2012 Group C opener on Sunday. —* XINHUA**

"At that moment, he may thought about several plans but failed to choose the right one." He noted that it was his pre-plan to send in Di Natale to replace Balotelli, which had nothing to do with Balotelli's mistake. In the 74th minute, Spain made a surprising change, Fabregas out and Fernando Torres in. From then on, Torres, who showed poor performances in the 2010 World Cup despite Spain won the title, squandered at least three clear scoring chances. His bad form continued in the Euro 2012. In injury time, Spain would have a stupendous goal as Andres Iniesta beat three men, found Navas, who teed it up for Alonso but his shot squirmed wide of the far post.

The most interesting thing was that the starting list issued one hour before the kickoff showed Spain's no striker plan. Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque said that Fabregas was a special player who could play well in the midfield and the front. "I just tried to use this point today." "Italy is a great team and it was a difficult match. We preferred to win but this is football. We will try to play better in the next two games," he added.

The 0-0 first half was entertaining. There were lots of neat, short passes from Spain, but they did not change the possession into a tangible cutting edge. Neither side got clear cut chances. Prandelli said, "Spain is a great team. They are world champions. It is not easy for us to beat them in ball possession. But we can beat them in other areas. The 1-1 draw today is fair."

*Xinhua*

# *Feng wins LPGA Championship, first major for China*

PITTSFORD , 11 June — Feng Shanshan became the first Chinese golfer to win a major title by firing a bogey-free five-under par 67 on Sunday to capture the LPGA Championship by two strokes. The 22-year-old from Beijing, who began golfing at age 10 and came to America as a teen before joining the LPGA in 2008, took her first career LPGA triumph by finishing 72 holes at Locust Hill Country Club on six-under 282."I still can't believe that I won a major. It just feels so good," Feng said. "I'm just so excited right now. I did it."

Japan's Mika Miyazato, Norway's Suzann Pettersen, American Stacy Lewis and South Korean Eun-Hee Ji shared second on 284. Feng, whose victory was worth $375,000, will rise from 10th to fourth in the world ranking on Monday. She fired the week's low round on the final day. "My goal for the year was to win on the LPGA Tour and a top 10 in a major. I did them at one time," Feng said.

***Feng Shanshan of China kisses the trophy on the 18th green after her two-stroke victory at the Wegmans LPGA Championship at Locust Hill Country Club in Pittsford, New York. Feng became the first Chinese golfer to win a major title by firing a bogey-free five-under par 67 on Sunday to capture the LPGA Championship by two strokes.—* INTERNET**

But as meaningful as the shock victory was for Feng, it could resonate far more in China, which opened its first golf course in 1984, only five years before Feng was born. "Golf wasn't that popular in China," Feng said.—*Internet*

# Johnson tunes up for US Open with Memphis win

MEMPHIS, 11 June — A pulled back muscle after trying lift a jet ski cost Dustin Johnson 11 weeks of golf but in just his second tournament back the big-hitting American had no problems hoisting the St Jude Classic trophy on Sunday. Johnson tuned up for the 14 to17 July US Open by carding birdies on two of the last three holes for a one-shot victory in Memphis, Tennessee, while Rory McIlroy squandered a chance at winning with an errant tee shot on his final hole.

***Dustin Johnson of the US***

"I tried to just play my game today," Johnson said. "I'm hitting the ball well. I was just trying to play my game and get as many looks at birdies as I could. And, you know, I did that." Johnson was injured trying to lift his jet ski off a trailer and, following a return at last week's Memorial tournament where he tied for 19th, he fired a four-under 66 in the final round at TPC Southwind to finish at nine-under 271, one clear of fellow American John Merrick (68). He claimed his sixth PGA Tour title, moved back to 10th in the world and became just the second player after Tiger Woods to win in each of his first five years out of college.— *Reuters*

# Pacquaio's furious mother, fans demand Bradley rematch

MANILA,11 June—Dethroned boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao's furious mother led demands in the Philippines Monday for a rematch with Timothy Bradley, although church leaders said the Catholic fighter should retire. Dionisia Pacquiao has for years publicly urged her son to walk away from the ring but, following the 33-year-old's controversial loss to American Bradley in Las Vegas on Sunday, called for swift revenge.

***Manny Pacquiao (right) of the Philippines fights Timothy Bradley (left) of the US for the WBO welterweight title at the MGM Grand Arena on 9 June in Las Vegas.—*INTERNET**

"I wanted him to retire before, but now I want to see this rematch happen," the ex-champ's emotional mother, 63, told GMA television from her southern Philippine hometown. "I want to let all of Manny's fans to know there will be a rematch, and he will get back his belt."

Pacquiao is a social phenomenon in the Philippines, where his status as one of the greatest boxers ever has propelled him to huge riches, a movie career and election to parliament. He has won world titles in an unprecedented eight weight divisions, but suffered his first defeat since 2005 and slipped to 54-4-2 when Bradley took his World Boxing Organization welterweight belt in a split decision.

Even the fight's Las Vegas promoter Bob Arum questioned the scoring, describing the result as "nuts", and many in the Philippines insisted their hero was robbed.

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## Focus Myanmar TV Programme

### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

**(12-6-12 09:30 am ~ 13-6-12 09:30 am) MST**

* News
* Hailing the World Environment Day 2012
* News
* The Edge of Life (Episode-1)
* News
* BOT System precise and speedy for the people Cooperate shall we...
* News
* Workshop for the Formulation of a Draft ResponsiblE Papar in Myanmar
* News
* Topic On Journal "Fascinating Myanma Tapestry"
* NOTOS Quartet
* News
* Caves of Myanmar
* News
* Goldenwings @ Jenko
* News
* Charming & Fragrant Sabai
* Myanmar Movie "Competition of Consecration"

### MYANMAR TV

**(12-6-2012) (Tuesday)**

**7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

**7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

**7:40 am**
3. Nice & Sweet Song

**7:50 am**
4. Health Programme

**8:25 am**
5. Dance Of National Races

**4:10 pm**
6. Musical Programme

**4:20 pm**
7. Teleplay (Health)

**4:35 pm**
8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Botany)

**4:50 pm**
9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

**5:20 pm**
10. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies

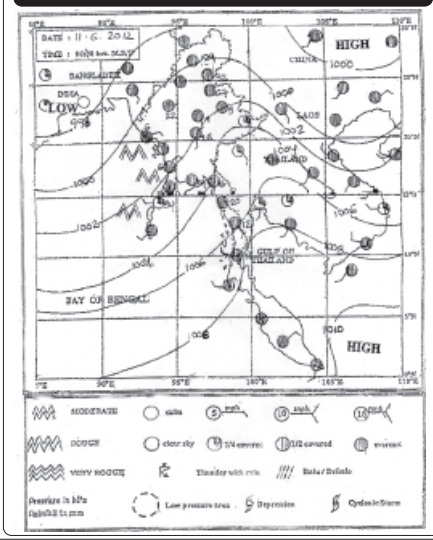
**5:30 pm**
11. Sweet Melody

**5:45 pm**
12. Documentary

**7:00 pm**
13. TV Drama Series

**8:00 pm**
14. News
15. Bakery World
16. India Drama Series

***Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas***




***Weather forecast for 12th June, 2012***

| Sr. No. | Regions/States | Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum | Minimum | For Tomorrow Forecast | Percent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kachin | 27/81 | 24/75 | Widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 2 | Kayah | 27/81 | 22/72 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 3 | Kayin | 31/88 | 23/73 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 4 | Chin | 23/73 | 15/59 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 5 | Upper Sagaing | 31/88 | 25/77 | Widespread rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls | (80%) |
| 6 | Lower Sagaing | 36/97 | 26/79 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 7 | Tanintharyi | 30/86 | 22/72 | Widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 8 | Bago | 30/86 | 25/77 | Widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 9 | Magway | 33/91 | 27/81 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 10 | Mandalay | 36/97 | 27/81 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 11 | Mon | 31/88 | 25/77 | Widespread rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls | (80%) |
| 12 | Yangon | 30/86 | 23/73 | Widespread rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls | (80%) |
| 13 | Rakhine | 31/88 | 23/73 | Widespread rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls | (80%) |
| 14 | Southern Shan | 23/73 | 18/64 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 15 | Northern Shan | 31/88 | 22/72 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 16 | Eastern Shan | 31/88 | 23/73 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 17 | Ayeyawady | 31/88 | 25/77 | Widespread rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls | (80%) |
| 18 | Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw | 36/97 | 26/79 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 19 | Neighbouring Yangon | 30/86 | 23/73 | Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavy at times | (80%) |
| 20 | Neighbouring Mandalay | 36/97 | 27/81 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | (60%) |

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| Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today | During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region and isolated heavy falls in Magway Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (4.29) inches, Katha (3.54) inches, Nyaunglaybin (2.88) inches, Myitkyina (2.44) inches, Phyu (2.20) inches, Gang-gaw (1.97) inches. |
| Bay Inference | Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. |
| State of the Sea | Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. |
| Outlook for subsequent two days | Strong monsoon. |

# Cash assistance provided to students of GAD staff

BAGO, 11 June—A ceremony to present cash assistance for offspring of staff of Township General Administration Department was held for 2012-2013 academic year at the hall of Township GAD in Shwegyin Township of Bago District in Bago Region on 31 May afternoon.

On the occasion, the Township Administrator made a speech. He then presented cash assistance K 180,000, school uniforms, exercise books and stationery to 26 basic education students of the staff.—*Myanma Alin*

# New flood warnings in sodden south

LONDON, 11 June—Severe weather warnings were issued Monday for waterlogged southern England including London as hundreds of Welsh residents evacuated in weekend flooding began a muddy clean-up.

Issuing an amber alert meaning "be prepared", the Met Office warned people along the south coast and north as far as the capital to be ready for flooding from surface water and rivers, as well as "very difficult" driving conditions.

"Rain, heavy at times, will persist well into Monday, before gradually easing away westwards during the afternoon. Further thundery downpours are possible in the southeast later," the government forecasters said. The Environment Agency said some parts of the affected area, including Littlehampton in West Sussex, had been drenched in three to five centimetres (1.2 to two inches) of rain overnight.

"The public is strongly advised to stay away from swollen rivers and not to drive through floodwater," the agency said.

Hundreds of residents were meanwhile returning to homes and caravans in the coastal Welsh county of Ceredigion after they were flooded with up to 1.5 metres of water, facing the prospect of a watery cleanup.

Welsh first minister Carwyn Jones said Sunday he was shocked by the damage after over eight centimetres of rain fell in 24 hours to 7am Saturday.

"Having spent a number of years living and studying in Aberystwyth, I was deeply shocked to see the extent of the damage caused by the flooding in an area I know so well," he said. At the peak of the flooding, 1,000 people had been evacuated from their homes, he said.—*Internet*

***A car prepares to negotiate floods in eastern England in 2008.*—INTERNET**

# US students survive 9 days in New Zealand bush

WELLINGTON, 11 June—Two US students trapped in the New Zealand wilderness by a snowstorm trekked back out to safety after surviving their nine-day ordeal by rationing their meager supplies of trail mix and warming themselves in hot springs.

Alec Brown and Erica Klintworth, both 21, returned to the city of Christchurch on Monday after meeting up with members of a search team — famished but otherwise in good shape, police said.

The two students, on a foreign study programme in New Zealand with University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, had planned to hike and camp for a few days at some hot springs on the country's South Island. But heavy rains and a snowstorm during the Southern Hemisphere winter prevented the couple from being able to cross a river and return. "Unfortunately it rained and rained, day after day, and snowed," Alec Brown wrote in an email to *The Associated Press* on Monday.

He said the nights were tough to take because the rain and sleet pounded down on the tarpaulin covering their sleeping hammock and the river roared — reminding them all the time of their predicament. When they realized they were going to be stuck they started rationing: "a biscuit and jelly one day," Brown wrote "and even less another."

Brown's mother Lisa, of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, said she panicked when she first found out her son was missing. "It's too much for a mom," she told the *AP*. "Especially when they're that far away. I just felt so helpless." She had faith that Alec, an environmental science major, knew the outdoors well enough to survive, she said, adding that Erica, who is studying graphic design, is a strong woman.

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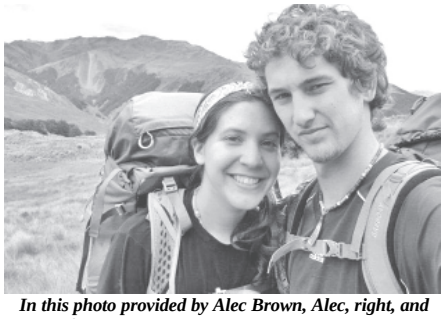

***In this photo provided by Alec Brown, Alec, right, and his girlfriend Erica Klintworth pose near mountains at an unknown location.*—INTERNET**

# S African platinum mine closed due to low prices

RUSTENBURG, 11 June—A South Africa platinum mine owned by global giant Anglo American will temporarily halt operations after low prices made operations unviable, the co-owner said on Monday.

Partners in the Marikana mine "have agreed in principle to place the ... operations on care and maintenance, due to the enduring low platinum group metals basket price environment," Aquarius Platinum said on its website.

"Trading conditions in the platinum industry are expected to remain difficult in the short- to medium-term and these conditions have rendered the operations at the (mine) uneconomic."

Aquarius owns 50 percent of the venture in northwestern town Rustenburg.

The company did not say how many jobs would be affected, estimated at 1,500 by *Business Day* newspaper.

The announcement follows a decision by another mining group, Eastern Platinum, to halt a new platinum project at Steelpoort in the north of the country, for similar reasons, the newspaper said.

South Africa has around 87 percent of the world's platinum resources and is the largest producer of the metal, mostly used in vehicle catalytic converters to cut pollution.—*Internet*

***A mine worker walks to work on 19 January, 2011 at 14 Shaft of the Impala Platinum mine in Rusternburg, South Africa.*—INTERNET**

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# Winners awarded in Myanmar-Thai Traditional Boxing Challenges

YANGON, 11 June—Organized by Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation of the Ministry of Sports and sponsored by H&S Group, the Myanmar-Thai Traditional Boxing Challenges took place at Theinbyu Gymnasium of Yangon Region at 2 pm yesterday.

In seven challenges, the first match came to an end with a draw.

In the second match, Nan Phat (Thailand) beat Yan Taing Kyaw (Myanmar).

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth matches ended at draws.

Yangon Region Minister for Forestry and Energy U Kyaw Soe, Region Minister for Planning and Economics U Than Myint and President of Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation Dr U Khin Maung Tun and the Vice-President presented prizes to the boxers of draw matches.

In the seventh match, Soe Lin Oo (Myanmar) knocked out Chan Su (Thailand) at 1 min 48 sec in the second round.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik presented medal and cash award to Soe Lin Oo (Myanmar).

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# Outstanding students awarded, stipends presented

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—The prize-presenting ceremony to outstanding students for 2011-2012 and giving-stipend for 2012-2013 of the Ministry of Mines were held at Thiriyadanar Hall of the Ministry, here on 6 June with the attendance of Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik.

The Union Minister gave prizes to two five-distinction winners and seven four-distinction winners and the directors-general and the managing directors three-two- and one-distinction winners as well as stipends for staff with low-salary of the ministry.

The five-distinction winner spoke words of thanks on behalf of the outstanding students.

The Ministry of Mines presented a total of K 13,365,000 stipends to students.—*MNA*

# Aids for rehabilitation of local people who lost their properties in Rakhine State requested

Recent situation in Rakhine State has caused loss of homes and property of local people. For the current livelihood of the local people who lost their properties, the government has set up six relief camps, providing food, shelters and health care services to them.

Besides, it needs to carry out rehabilitation tasks for rehabilitating the local people and the government has committed to make plans for the tasks.

For the current livelihood and rehabilitation of the local people, donors, social organizations, non-governmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations are requested to work together with the government and to donate food, clothes, cash and kind to Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of their own volition.

Those wishing to donate relief aids to the ministry may contact the following persons.

(A) Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

(1) Director-General, Fire Services Department, Ph: 01 650351

(2) U Win Htut Oo, Director (Admin), Relief and Resettlement Department, Nay Pyi Taw, Ph: 067-404316

(3) U Thein Htay Aung, Deputy Director, Yangon Region Relief and Resettlement Department, Yangon, Ph: 01-522726

(B) state/region governments

State/region governments will send the cash and kinds donated by wellwishers to victims at the relief camps through the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

**Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement**

# Rice, edible oil and salt donated to refugee camps in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Authorities concerned are providing necessary assistances to victims who lost homes in unrests and violence occurred in Maungtaw, Buthidaung and Sittway Townships in Rakhine State after opening relief camps at Parahita Monastery, Aungmyaybawdhi Monastery, Baho Monastery, Alethankyaw and No. 2 Police Battalion in Maungtaw and No. 1 Basic Education Middle School in Buthidaung Township. The number of victims at six refugee camps is 4154 from 942 households.

Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office donated 159 bags of rice, 165 viss of edible oil and 165 viss of salt to the refugee camps yesterday.

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# Predicting the Formation of New Species

SCIENCE DAILY, 11 June — Why do some groups of species diversify — in just a few thousand years — to the point of forming a wide variety of new species, while others remain essentially unchanged for millions of years? This is one of the key questions for scientists investigating the emergence and decline of biodiversity. From various studies, it is known that speciation is influenced both by environmental factors (e.g. habitat diversity, climate) and by species-specific traits (e.g. coloration, behaviour patterns). However, little is known about how the extrinsic and intrinsic factors interact.

These interactions have now been explored in more detail by a team of researchers led by Eawag and the University of Bern. In a study published in the latest issue of *Nature*, they demonstrate for cichlids from 46 African lakes that the probability of diversification, or "adaptive radiation," depends on a combination of environmental factors and sexual selection. African cichlids are particularly suitable for this type of study because of the extremely high species richness that developed over time from what was originally a small number of species in large African lakes. For Lakes Victoria and Malawi alone, more than 800 endemic cichlid species have been recorded.

According to the study, diversification is more likely to occur in deep lakes and in areas with relatively high solar radiation. By contrast, lake size has practically no influence on the likelihood of speciation —which is surprising, as speciation in terrestrial species is known to depend in part on the available habitat area. Among the species-specific traits, the intensity of sexual selection (mate choice) was shown to be a key factor, as indicated by the association between sexual dichromatism (distinctive coloration of males and females) and diversification.

*Internet*

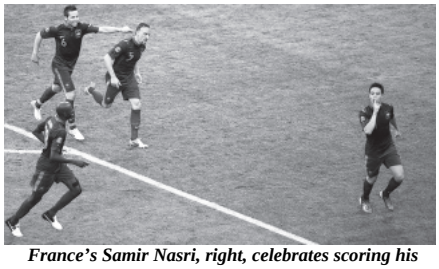
# England thwart France in 1-1 stalemate

DONETSK, 11 June—France and England battled to a 1-1 stalemate in their opening Euro 2012 Group D match on Monday after Joleon Lescott's opener for England was cancelled out by Samir Nasri.

The match, played in warm humid conditions at a less than full Donbass Arena, saw England defend resolutely against a more inventive French side who are now unbeaten in 22 matches.

England made the breakthrough after 30 minutes when Lescott scored his first goal for his country, powerfully heading home a whipped Steven Gerrard free kick that left France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris floundering.

England only stayed ahead for nine minutes, though, before Lescott's Manchester City team mate Nasri fired France's equaliser past another club colleague in England goalkeeper Joe Hart. Nasri beat Hart at the near post with a superbly struck shot from outside the penalty area, shortly after the keeper had made a brilliant reflex save from Alou Diarra's thundering header.



***France's Samir Nasri, right, celebrates scoring his side's first goal during the Euro 2012 soccer championship Group D match between France and England in Donetsk, Ukraine, Monday, June 11, 2012.*** **INTERNET**

***England's Joleon Lescott (L) scores against France during their Group D Euro 2012 soccer match at the Donbass Arena in Donetsk, June 11, 2012.*—REUTERS**

England manager Roy Hodgson, in charge for only six weeks, gambled on a bold line-up with teenager Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain called up for only his third appearance, and although he made some surging runs, his lack of a final product was noticeable compared to a succession of French attempts on goal.

England should have taken the lead in the 15th minute when James Milner rounded Lloris after a neat through ball from Ashley Young, but he fired into the side netting.

France dominated possession and looked sharper in attack than the English who defended well but far too deeply, allowing the French lots of room to manoeuvre.

Yohan Cabaye, Franck Ribery and Benzema all went close for France but could not find a second goal. —*Internet*