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## Our Three Main National Causes

\* Non-disintegration of the Union      \* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity      \* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

**Modest goal of government, eternal peace and equality under same law**  
**EU urged to fully lift economic sanctions like Norway and Australia, hoping that it would finally be lifted soon**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Chairman of the Union Peace-making Central Committee President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation from Peace Donor Support Group coordinators Norway, United Nations, Australia, Britain, the World Bank and European Union at Myanmar International Convention Centre here this morning.

Present together with President U Thein Sein were Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Working Committee Union Minister U Aung Min, Union Ministers U Soe Thein, U Thein Nyunt, U Ohn Myint, U Zaw Min, U Than Htay, U Khin Yi, U Win Tun, U Khin Maung Soe and departmental heads.

First, President U Thein Sein extended a warm welcome to personalities of the Peace Donor Support



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Group (PDSG).

The President, in his discussion, said the government is making efforts focusing on peace and stability and economic development, the two major requirements for flourishing of democracy in the country whose democracy is nascent

with little democratic experience and practice. It has taken necessary measures in order that all can participate in political process, the first requirement for peace and stability of the country.

As to the efforts for building lasting peace, the second requirement of the

country, armed conflicts of ethnic armed groups date back to over 60 years under the clouds of doubts. The successive governments had committed themselves to peace-building works, some met with success and some with failure.

Since taking the office,

the incumbent government has made contact with those armed group separately, and now it has made contacts and built somewhat understanding with 10 out of 11 armed groups. Local people in those regions have begun to see the fruits of peace and stability.

The government also has initiated contacts with the KIA group in Kachin State and it is believed to see the good results sooner. There are still loads of works such as better livelihood, job creation, education, health, rehabilitation to be carried

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## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Singaporean Emeritus Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong and party



NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Emeritus Senior Minister of Singapore Mr Goh Chok Tong and party at Zabuthiri Meeting Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 6.15 pm today.

Present together with the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw were Chairmen of the Pyithu Hluttaw Committees U Soe Tha, U Thein Swe, U Hla Myint Oo, U Thurein Zaw and U Htay

Myint, Commission member U Than Tun and officials.

The Singaporean Emeritus Senior Minister was accompanied by ministers, senior officials and Ambassador of Singapore to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussions on further strengthening of Myanmar-Singapore relationship and investment matters between the two countries.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### FDI friendly environment

Currently, the international community already has started exploring the investment opportunities in Myanmar a country in the eyes of most global nations is a new frontier with much more to offer. In this regard, series of forums, seminars and business meetings are taking place between Myanmar officials, citizen entrepreneurs and foreign businesspersons and diplomats eager for a business partnership or a business initiative through financial capital they will bring into our country.

In fact, local and foreign investments are a very important issue of Myanmar that is ever accelerating and promoting its reform process till it grows powerful enough to cover every corner and every sector, as the country needs significant progress in multiple aspects.

Here, larger amount of investments from local and abroad requires wider cooperation, greater transparency, better services and warmer relations especially from the government institutions for a robust growth in gross domestic production the source of bigger income for the whole Union.

Other vital sources are the laws, rules and regulations that are applicable and strongly in force as in the foreign countries enjoying progress for a long time; plans and actions that really serve the interest of the entire people and not just the interest of a handful of cronies; and also transparency, flexibility and sustainability all of which are foundations of the market-economy friendly to both the domestic entrepreneurs and the international business partners.

We must also invite criticism and suggestions, lift unnecessary restrictions and controls, carry out staff capacity-building programmes and facilitate work procedures and foreign currency flow so that our country will be ready for any foreign partnership, foreign joint-venture or foreign firm wishing to make investments and do business with us on mutual interest. So, an environment friendly to foreign direct investment and international businesses is a must for our country.

### Union Commerce Minister receives Singaporean delegation



NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received an economic delegation led by Executive Officer Mr Ho Meng Kit of

International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore) and Singapore Business

Federation (SBF) under the Ministry of Trade and Industry of Singapore, at his office yesterday morning. At the call, they had a cordial discussion on prospects for trade and economic cooperation.

This morning, the Union Minister met with an economic delegation from Europe-ASEAN Business Alliance (EABA) and discussed extension of trade and private sectors cooperation. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan, directors-general, managing directors and officials.

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## Myanmar delegation requests to 101<sup>st</sup> ILC to fully lift sanctions imposed on Myanmar



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Labour U Aung Kyi addresses the 101<sup>st</sup> International Labour Conference held in United Nations Office, Geneva.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin attended the 101<sup>st</sup> International Labour Conference held in Geneva of Switzerland. The conference was held from 30 May to 15 June.

The Union Minister and the Attorney-General of the Union arrived Geneva on 5 June and attended the conference at UN Office in Geneva on 7 June. The Union Minister in his address to the conference expressed a welcome to the Republic of South Sudan joining the ILO as the 184<sup>th</sup> member. The Union Minister gave an account on achievements for interests of the labour force of Myanmar and cooperation between ILO and Myanmar. He said a law was firmly enacted against forced labour as part of ward or village-tract administration law.

Following the emergence of labour union law, there had established labour unions and employers associations across the nation. Labour affairs dispute settlement law had been promulgated. It was not doubtful that the law would settle labour affairs disputes through tripartite system of government, employer and employees. Moreover, the new social security bill was submitted to the parliament so as to effectively secure social security affairs of the workforce including pension allowance and social security housing project.

Eradication of forced labour was the top priority of the government, for which comprehensive working plan had been made and it was believed to attain the goal before 2015. 1998 Investigation Commission had made suggestions regarding Myanmar's observance of Convention 29. The country had fully acted to the suggestions. It was required to acknowledge the Myanmar's fight against forced labour.

The pace of change in political, economic and social

reforms of Myanmar was accelerating. So, it needed to view Myanmar through different lens and support its reforms. It was requested to quash the decisions made at 87<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> International Labour Conferences. Quashing of decisions was what was of most appropriate to Myanmar people, otherwise it would affect their anticipation.

In his address to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw during his visit to Myanmar, UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon noted that more lifting, postponing, and relaxing of sanctions imposed on Myanmar should be done, which was viewed as the acknowledgement of Myanmar's democratization and reform process. The country had every right to get the same value what it had paid for. It is requested to the ILC to squash all the 1999/2000 decisions in one time.

The Union Minister and the Attorney-General of the Union attended the working breakfast hosted by the Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia at Inter Continental Hotel together with Labour Ministers from ASEAN nations on 8 June. In their discussions about progress in Myanmar labour affairs and its prospects, they expressed thanks to ASEAN fellow nations for their joint-declaration in favour of Myanmar at Standard Committee Meeting, their support for Myanmar together with government representatives from many other nations, employer associations and labour unions at the selection committee meeting for lifting of restrictions imposed by the ILO on Myanmar, ASEAN ministers' strong support in plenary meeting of the conference. They also requested the ASEAN fellow countries to stand by Myanmar with other governments, employer associations and labour unions if the squashing of decisions went to voting.

The Myanmar delegation attended the meeting held with Director-General of the ILO together with ministers from Asia-Pacific Group (ASPAG).

The Union Minister also addressed the ASPAG Meeting on 12 June. In his address, the Union Minister said that the government was focusing on creating jobs for the youth, revealing Myanmar's readiness to cooperate with any nation and any international organization to claim justice and equality in migrant worker issue. He said that making investment in Myanmar was helping Myanmar migrant workers go back home. He requested international assistance for enhancing living standard of the workforce, competency and technological standard improvement and better job opportunities.

The deputy leader of Myanmar delegation Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin met Mr Greg Vines, chairman of ILO governing body on 6 and 11 June and attended the Labour Ministers Meeting of Non-Aligned Movement member countries. In his addresses to the meeting, the Union Attorney-General also requested the ILO to honour its promise as Myanmar had fulfilled its demands in 87<sup>th</sup> ILC and 88<sup>th</sup> ILC to the full under international law and domestic law and to speak for Myanmar in within the frame of rules and regulation to get all the sanctions imposed on Myanmar lifted.

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## Fed officials amplify concerns over Europe

CHICAGO, 12 June — Three Federal Reserve policymakers amplified their concerns over Europe's crisis on Monday, offering some praise for the weekend deal to bail out Spanish banks but warning that much is yet to be done to avoid global spillovers. The euro zone's simmering financial and debt crisis is front and center as the Fed meets next week to

decide whether it needs to take yet more policy action to insulate the weak economic recovery from slowing even more.

The European Union deal struck over the weekend to bail out debt-stricken Spanish banks "is good news and it alleviates slightly some of the concerns. Nonetheless there are many issues that Europeans are going to face,"

Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank President Dennis Lockhart said at a conference in Chicago. "Markets are looking for the details of how much will be injected into what banks, whether that will be sufficient to stabilize those particular banks ... and what the terms and conditions are," he told reporters.

The EU agreed to a bailout of up to 100 billion euros for Spain's banks. But Spanish and Italian bond yields jumped on Monday as doubts set in about the impact and terms of the deal, which was designed to avoid a run on Spanish banks. On 17 June, Greece holds elections that could cause it to exit the euro zone - yet another possible source of vulnerability for the world's interconnected financial markets. The Fed, frustrated by a faltering US recovery, is keenly interested in European events.—Reuters



Pedestrians walk past the Federal Reserve Building in Washington on 3 April, 2012. —REUTERS

## Sub-Saharan Africa's giant cement factory opens

LAGOS, 12 June — Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan on Monday inaugurated one of sub-Saharan Africa's biggest cement factories, with a capacity to produce 5.25 million metric tonnes a year. The Dangote conglomerate is "spearheading a silent industrial revolution in the country through its laudable activities that have put Nigeria on the world map as an emerging economic giant in Africa," Jonathan said.

"Today's event will ...

fast-track Dangote Cement's ambition of ranking among the top eight cement-producing companies in the world by the year 2015," he said. Jonathan said that with the current expansion in cement production, Nigeria, Africa's largest oil producer, will be self-sufficient in cement by 2015 and able to export to other countries.

The conglomerate is owned by Nigerian tycoon Aliko Dangote, Africa's richest man according to Forbes magazine.

The new plant in Obajana, a town in the central state of Kogi, together with two existing plants with a total installed capacity of five million metric tonnes per year, "will become the single largest cement plant in the world with a combined capacity of 10.25 million metric tonnes per annum," Dangote said.

Jonathan also performed a groundbreaking ceremony for a fourth plant at the Obajana complex that will add three million metric tonnes per



Yemeni army forces fire a missile towards positions of al Qaeda-linked militants in the southern province of Abyan on 10 June, 2012. —REUTERS

## Yemeni army says retakes militant stronghold of Jaar

ADEN, 12 June — The Yemeni army has retaken the southern town of Jaar from al Qaeda-linked militants after heavy fighting that killed at least 24 people, the Defence Ministry and residents said on Tuesday.

The capture of Jaar is considered a major victory for the US-backed Yemeni army offensive launched last month to recapture several towns seized by Ansar al-

Sharia (Partisans of Islamic Law) during political turmoil in Yemen last year.

The Defence Ministry said the army, backed by local fighters from popular committees set up during last year's uprising against President Ali Abdullah Saleh's rule, entered the city on Tuesday after heavy fighting that killed at least 20 militants and four Yemeni soldiers.

An Ansar al-Sharia spokesman said the army had taken control of the town of more than 100,000 people and said a statement would be issued later.

Residents said the militants fled under cover of darkness, leaving behind flyers asking inhabitants to forgive them and asserting that they did not want to "cause any harm to Jaar and its inhabitants".—Reuters



Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan, pictured in May, inaugurated one of sub-Saharan Africa's biggest cement factories, with a capacity to produce 5.25 million metric tonnes a year. —INTERNET

year to the output when it begins operations in 2015. —Internet

## Iran hopes Moscow nuclear talks would be "step forward": FM

TEHRAN, 12 June — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali-Akbar Salehi expressed hope that the upcoming nuclear talks in the Russian Capital Moscow would be a "step forward" in resolving the existing differences between Iran and the West, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Monday. Salehi said that the progress in the upcoming talks between Iran and the P5+1 (the five permanent UN Security Council members plus Germany) in Moscow depends on creation of an atmosphere of mutual trust, said the report. "In concordance with the prevailing atmosphere of mutual trust and good will, I hope we should witness progress in the trend of Iran-P5+1 talks," he was quoted as saying. The next round of talks between Iran and P5+1, is scheduled to be held in Moscow on 18 to 19 June.

On Monday, Iranian senior lawmaker, Kazem Jalali,

said that the upcoming nuclear talks between Iran and world powers in Moscow would test the West's will to help the process of talks yield positive results, the semi-official Mehr news agency reported. The Islamic republic has always regarded transparent and purposeful negotiation as the best approach to the Iranian nuclear issue, Jalali told Mehr. Also, another Iranian lawmaker said Monday that the upcoming talks between Iran and the world powers will test Russia's foreign policy, Fars reported.

Mehdi Sanayee, who also directs the Russia Studies at Teheran University's Faculty of World Studies, underlined the necessity for close relations between Teheran and Moscow, and added that the two countries enjoy ample economic, political and cultural potential and capacities to increase mutual cooperation. The upcoming talks between Iran and the six world powers in Moscow next week "will be a major test for Russia's foreign policy," especially now that Vladimir Putin has again ascended to power as the Russian president, Sanayee made the remarks at a conference on Iran-Russia cooperation in Teheran. The Russian Foreign Ministry announced on Monday that Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will visit Iran on Wednesday to discuss Iran's nuclear programme and the situation in Syria.—Xinhua

## Sinopec resists bargain on Iran crude, eyes US ties

BEIJING, 12 June — Chinese refining giant Sinopec Corp, the biggest buyer of Iranian oil, has no plans to raise its Iranian crude imports for the rest of this year so as to avoid falling foul of tough US sanctions on Teheran's oil trade, a senior Chinese oil executive said. China is the only one of Iran's four major Asian oil buyers that could still face penalties from the United States once sanctions kick in on 28 June. Washington on Monday added India and South Korea to a list of countries, that already includes Japan, exempt from sanctions.

Washington has exempted countries it considers have significantly reduced imports, in line with its aim of choking Teheran's oil revenue to force a halt to a nuclear programme the West suspects is aimed at making weapons.—Reuters

## US pulls negotiators from Pakistan with no supply deal

WASHINGTON, 12 June — The United States said on Monday it was withdrawing its team of negotiators from Pakistan without securing a long-sought deal on supply routes for the war in Afghanistan, publicly exposing a diplomatic stalemate and deeply strained relations that appear at risk of deteriorating further.

Pakistan banned trucks from carrying supplies to the war effort in neighbouring Afghanistan last year to protest a cross-border NATO air attack that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers, a measure US officials initially hoped would be short term.

That strike fanned national anger over everything from covert CIA drone strikes to the US incursion into Pakistan last year to kill al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, and the supply routes evolved into a lightning-rod issue between the two countries.

After six weeks of negotiations that at least once appeared close to a deal, the Pentagon acknowledged that the team had failed to clinch an accord and was coming home.

"I believe that some of the team left over the weekend and the remainder of the team will leave shortly," Pentagon spokesman George Little told reporters.

They could return to Pakistan at any time, if

warranted, he added.

With the Pakistan routes unavailable, NATO has turned to countries to the north of Afghanistan for more expensive, longer land routes.

Resupplying troops in Afghanistan through the northern route is about 2-1/2 times more expensive than shipping items through Pakistan, a US defence official told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Reuters



Fuel tankers, which are used to carry fuel for NATO forces in Afghanistan, are seen parked at a compound in Karachi on 13 April, 2012. —REUTERS

## Science & Technology Science & Technology Science & Technology

### Lasers help scientists probe jungle sites

HOUSTON, 12 June—US researchers say they've completed the first laser mapping of a remote region of Honduras that may contain the legendary lost city of Ciudad Blanca.

The University of Houston and the National Science Foundation National Centre for Airborne Laser Mapping project was the first light detection and ranging (LiDAR) survey of Honduras' Mosquitia Region, one of the world's least-explored virgin rainforests, a university release reported on Tuesday.

An initial analysis of the

LiDAR survey has identified ruins that could be those of pre-Columbian Ciudad Blanca or other long-hidden sites, the researchers said.

Scientists studying the Mosquitia rainforest have long been frustrated by the inability of satellite imagery to see under the extremely thick jungle canopy.

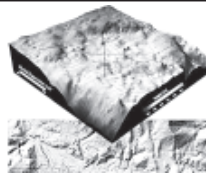
In the project, researchers blanketed the area with as many as 25 to 50 laser pulses per square metre, a total of more than 4 billion laser shots.

A number of areas were mapped and the images

collected were reduced and filtered to remove the vegetation and provide "bare earth" digital elevation models in near real-time in the field, they said.

Those images were searched by eye to study geomorphological features as well as potential archaeological ruins.

In a previous project in Belize in 2009, in an area covered with dense rainforest, the LiDAR data captured building ruins and agricultural terraces not discovered by archaeologists working on the ground for



**The University of Houston and National Centre for Airborne Laser Mapping team produced this 3D digital topological map which when examined shows a man-made plaza ringed in red.**

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more than 25 years, researchers said.

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### 'Smart' pumps help Africa water supply

NAIROBI, 12 June—"Smart" hand water pumps that can report when repairs are needed could deliver the promise of cleaner water to Africa, British researchers say.

Scientists at Oxford University have developed data transmitters that fit in hand pumps and send text messages if the devices break down.

Hand pumps are critical for hundreds of millions of people in rural Africa to provide water but an estimated one-third are broken at any given time, researchers said.

The growing availability of mobile networks and cellphones could be utilized to signal when hand pumps are no longer working, they said.

Researchers have built and tested the concept of implanting a mobile data transmitter into the handle of the pump. "It measures the movement of the handle and that is used to estimate the water flow of that hand pump," Oxford researchers Patrick Thomson told the BBC.

"It can periodically send information by text message back to a central office which can look at that data and when a pump breaks, very quickly a mechanic can be dispatched to go and fix it."

In a trial funded by the Britain's Department for International Development, around 70 villages in the Kyuso District in Kenya will have the smart hand pumps installed.

The aim of the trial is to see if the technology can reduce the time needed to repair pumps, researchers said.

"Twenty-four hours is the key aim," Oxford's Rob Hope said. "Eighty percent of breakdowns are small, involving rubber rings and seals, and a mechanic would be able to fix them on the spot."—Internet



### Samsung denies interest in Nokia

HELSINKI, 12 June—Samsung Electronics denied it was interested in acquiring Nokia, sending shares in the

**A mobile phone made by Nokia is pictured in this photo illustration taken in Warsaw on 8 May, 2012.—INTERNET**

Finnish mobile phone company down 2 percent.

Nokia shares rose 6 percent last Friday on speculation of a possible buyout offer.

"Such reports are purely speculative and are not true," the company said.—Reuters

### 'Purified' silicon nudges quantum computing ahead

TORONTO, 12 June—The quantum computer is a futuristic machine that could operate at speeds even more mind-boggling than fastest super-computers in existence.

Physicist Mike Thewalt of Simon Fraser University, Canada, offers a new step towards making quantum computing a reality, through the unique properties of highly enriched and highly purified silicon.

Quantum computers right now exist pretty much in physicists' concepts, and theoretical research. There are some basic quantum computers in existence, but nobody yet can build a truly practical one, or really knows how.

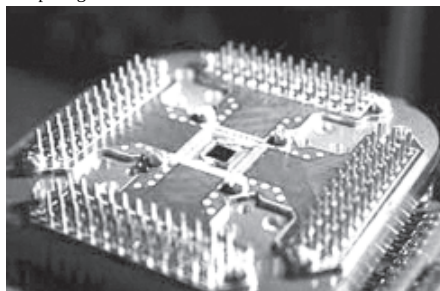
Make a practical quantum computer with enough qubits available and it could complete in minutes calculations that would take ultrafast super-computers years, and your laptop perhaps millions of years.

Such computers will harness the powers of atoms and sub-atomic particles (ions, photons, electrons) to perform memory and processing tasks, thanks to strange sub-atomic properties, according to a Simon Fraser statement.

What Thewalt and colleagues at Oxford University and in Germany have found is that their special silicon allows processes to take place and be observed in a solid state that scientists used to think required a near-perfect vacuum.

And, using this 28Si they have extended to three minutes, from a matter of seconds, the time in which scientists can manipulate, observe and measure the processes.

"It's by far a record in solid-state systems," Thewalt says. "If you'd asked people a few years ago if this was possible, they'd have said no. It opens new ways of using solid-state semi-conductors such as silicon as a base for quantum computing."—Internet



### Scientists grow human bones from fat

LONDON, 12 June—Scientists have grown a human bone from stem cells taken from fat, paving the way for repair or replacement of broken bones with those grown from a patient's own cells. The researchers started with stem cells taken from fat tissue, which took nearly a month to grow into sections of fully-formed living human bone with a maximum size of two inches.

An Israeli biotechnology company that has been working with academics on the technology, will be conducting the first patient trial later this year, the *Telegraph* reports. Avinoam Kadouri, professor and head of the scientific advisory board for Bonus BioGroup, said: "There is a need for artificial bones for injuries and in operations. We use three dimensional structures to fabricate the bone in the right

shape and geometry. We can grow these bones outside the body and then transplant it to the patient at the right time.

"By scanning the damaged bone area, the implant should fit perfectly and merge with the surrounding tissue. There are no problems with rejection as the cells come from the patient's own body," added Kadouri. The technology, which has been developed along with researchers at the Technion Institute of Research in Israel, uses three dimensional scans of the damaged bone to build a gel-like scaffold that matches the shape.

Stem cells, known as mesenchymal stem cells, which have the capacity to develop into many other types of cell in the body, are obtained from the patient's fat using liposuction. These are then grown into living bone on the

scaffold inside a "bioreactor"—an automated machine that provides the right conditions to encourage the cells to develop into bone.

Already animals have



successfully received bone transplants. The scientists were able to insert almost an inch of lab-grown human bone into the middle section of a rat's leg bone, where it successfully merged with the remaining animal bone.

The technique could ultimately allow doctors to replace bones that have been

**Scientists have grown a human bone from stem cells taken from fat, paving the way for repair or replacement of broken bones with those grown from a patient's own cells.—INTERNET**

smashed in accidents, fill in defects where bone is missing such as cleft palate, or carry out reconstructive plastic surgery. Kadouri said work was also under way to grow the soft cartilage at the ends of bones, which is needed if entire bones are to be produced in a lab.

Internet

### Scientists discover microbes that survive extreme environment

WASHINGTON, 12 June—Researchers have discovered organisms that eke out a living in some of the most inhospitable soils on Earth and appear to have a different way of converting energy than other microbes.

A new DNA analysis of rocky soils in the martian-like landscape on some volcanoes in South America has revealed a handful of bacteria, fungi, and other rudimentary organisms, called archaea, which seem to have a different way of converting energy than their cousins elsewhere in the world.

"We haven't formally identified or characterized the species, but these are very different than anything else that has been cultured," Ryan Lynch, microbiologist with the University of Colorado in Boulder, who is one of the finders of the organisms, was quoted as saying in the *Journal of Geophysical Research-Biogeosciences*. "Genetically, they're at least five percent different than anything else in the (DNA) database of

2.5 million sequences. The database represents a close-to-comprehensive collection of microbes," he added, said a university statement. Life gets little encouragement on the incredibly dry slopes of the tallest volcanoes in the Atacama region, where Lynch's co-author, University of Colorado microbiologist Steven Schmidt, collected soil samples.

Ultraviolet radiation in this high-altitude environment can be twice as intense as in a low-elevation desert. And, while the researchers were on site, temperatures dropped to minus 10 degrees Celsius one night, and spiked to 56 degrees Celsius the next day. How the new found organisms survive under such circumstances remains a mystery. Although Lynch, Schmidt, and their colleagues looked for genes known to be involved in photosynthesis, and peered into the cells using fluorescent techniques to look for chlorophyll, the scientists couldn't find any evidence that the microbes were photosynthetic.—Internet

## Business & Health Business & Health Business & Health

### Revealed: Secret of HIV's natural born killers

WASHINGTON, 12 June—Scientists on Sunday said they had found a key piece in the puzzle as to why a tiny minority of individuals infected with HIV have a natural ability to fight off the deadly AIDS virus.

In a study they said holds promise for an HIV vaccine, researchers from four countries reported the secret lies not in the number of infection-killing cells a person has, but in how well they work.

Only about one person in 300 has the ability to control the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) without drugs, using a strain of "killer" cells called cytotoxic T lymphocyte (CTL) cells, previous research has found.

Taking that discovery further, scientists from the United States, Canada, Japan and Germany reported that the strain has molecules called receptors that are better able to identify HIV-infected white blood cells for attack.

Until now, it was well known that people with HIV "have tonnes of these killer cells," Bruce Walker, an infectious diseases expert at



the Ragon Institute in Massachusetts, told AFP.

"We have been scratching our heads since then, asking how, with so many killer cells around, people are getting AIDS. It turns out there is a special quality that makes them (some cells) better at killing."

The study looked at 10 infected people, of whom five

*A researcher at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative laboratory works on samples at the lab in 2010 in New York.*

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to see infected cells and engage them was different," said Walker.

"It is not just that you need a killer cell, what you need is a killer cell with a (T cell) receptor that is particularly good at recognising the infected cell. This gives us a way to understand what it is that makes a really good killer cell." Walker said attempts at creating vaccines had so far failed because the T cell receptors they generated were not the efficient type.

But while the research has showed scientists how to find and measure the good cells, they still do not yet know how to generate them.

"The next step is to determine what it is about those receptors that is endowing them with that ability," said Walker.

"HIV has revealed another one of its secrets and that is how the body is able to effectively control the virus in certain individuals. "Each secret that HIV reveals is putting us in a better position to ultimately make a vaccine to control the virus."—Internet

### Kodak failing to find 'pre-auction' bid

ROCHESTER, 12 June — An opening bid for auction of bankrupt Eastman Kodak patents eluded the Rochester, NY, company, sources told *The Wall Street Journal*.

Kodak is attempting to use an auction of its digital patent portfolio to help it emerge from bankruptcy court. But the firm has yet to find a so-called "stalking horse bidder," which is bid made before an auction starts that at least sets the bar for other bids to follow.

A stalking horse bidder is considered a huge asset for an auction, said James Malackowski, chief executive officer of Ocean Tomo LLC, an brokerage firm that handles intellectual property.

A pre-auction bid "almost universally" pushes prices higher, he said.

Kodak is attempting to repeat the success of Nortel Networks, which raised \$4.5 billion auctioning patents

while in bankruptcy.

Motorola Mobility Holdings Inc, raised \$12.5 billion selling a line-up of patents to Google Inc.

An independent review estimated Kodak's 1,100 patents at a value of \$2.6 billion. Nevertheless, after pitching the portfolio to a number of firms, interest in the cache of patents appears weak, the newspaper said.

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### Spain agrees to EU financial aid plan

MADRID, 12 June—Spain's finance ministry says it would use a massive bailout from the European Union to get the nation's banks back on solid ground.

Spain on Saturday formally applied for assistance from the EU to the tune of up to \$125 billion which would be used to "recapitalize" Spain's financial institutions.

Economy Minister Luis de Guindos told reporters on Saturday the funds were not considered a "full bailout" but would add a level of security and stability to the banking industry.

Think Spain said on Sunday the latest assessments concluded that Spanish banks needed about 90 billion euros (\$112.6 billion) to erase their combined debt. The rest would be used as a

safety cushion.

Spain became the fourth and largest European nation to agree to emergency assistance amid the continent's continuing financial crisis.

*The New York Times* said there was an overall sense of relief in Europe and the United States that a plan was in place for Spain.

"It is a calming signal at a time when calming signals are badly needed," said Jens Boysen-Hogrefe, an economist at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy. "The uncertainty is still high and bad news can pop up anywhere in the euro area. This is not a final solution."

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*The flag of Spain is seen among the flags of various nations on 8 June, 2012.—INTERNET*



Hyundai cars are seen ready for shipment at a port in Chennai on 27 Nov, 2006.

REUTERS

### Car sales rise just 2.8 percent in May

NEW DELHI, 12 June—Car sales in India rose an annual 2.8 percent in May, according to data from an industry body, a seventh consecutive monthly increase but far below industry expectations, with demand hit by a hike in excise duty on the vehicles.

India's car sales have

slumped over the past year, hit by high interest rates, rising fuel prices and the recently-announced excise hike that dashed manufacturers' hopes of a rebound from just 2.2 percent sales growth in the year that ended in March.

Automakers sold 163,229 cars in the domestic market in

May, according to data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on Monday.

Sales of trucks and buses rose 9.1 percent in May to 62,025 vehicles. Motorcycle sales rose 7.2 percent to 887,634 vehicles.

Reuters

### Nikkei closes 1.96 pct higher following Spanish bank bailout

TOKYO, 12 June — Nikkei closed sharply higher on Monday with its key index up 1.96 percent, following a Spanish bank bailout plan.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended up 165.64 points, from Friday at 8,624.90. The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange finished 12.33 points, or 1.72 percent, higher at 730.07.

Gainers included the sea transport, nonferrous metals and electrical machinery sectors. The sole decliners were the fishery and forestry, and retail sectors.

The turnover was about 892 billion yen (about 11.20 billion US dollars).—Xinhua

### New polio cases in Pakistan alarms WHO

ISLAMABAD, 12 June—The World Health Organization (WHO) has expressed concern over emergence of new polio cases in Pakistan's northwest tribal region, where around 150,000 children have reportedly not been immunized against the deadly virus.

At least eight cases have been detected in Khyber agency this year, one from Tirah and seven from Bara town, *Dawn News* reported.

Khyber agency is the only area in Asia having both the polio virus 1 and 3 types.

Zabia, the 23-month-old daughter of Noor Jan, a resident of Akakhel area of Tirah, has become the latest case recorded in the region.

Zabia did not receive any dose of the oral polio vaccine, as the area where she lives has not been visited by any medical team since September 2009 due to fear over terror attacks.

The WHO said spread of the virus will continue unabated as long as anti-polio programmes continue to miss a significant number of children, either due to insecurity or poor quality health campaigns.

Internet

## Thirty insurgents killed in operations within 24 hours

KABUL, 12 June — A total of 30 Taliban insurgents were killed in six joint cleanup operations carried out by Afghan forces and NATO-led coalition troops within the past 24 hours, the country's Interior Ministry said on Tuesday morning. "Afghan police, army, NDS or intelligence agency and coalition forces launched six cleanup operations in Baghlan, Kandahar, Zabul, Logar and Ghazni Provinces, killing 30 armed Taliban insurgents over the past 24 hours," the ministry said in a statement.

They also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces. Afghan police also found and defused 11

mines and roadside bombs besides defusing an explosive-laden motorbike over the same period of time, the statement added. The Taliban insurgent group, which announced the launching of a spring offensive from 3 May against Afghan and NATO forces, has not to make comments yet.

Afghan forces and NATO-led coalition troops have intensified cleanup operations against insurgents across the country recently. Over 1,050 insurgents have been killed and more than 1,700 others detained in the country so far this year, according to the figures released by the Interior Ministry. However, the insurgents in retaliation responded by carrying out suicide attacks and roadside bombings.—Xinhua



The Shenzhou-9 manned spacecraft will face tests of thunder, high temperatures and other adverse weather conditions this summer ahead its launch.—XINHUA

## Vietnam, Indonesia to further boost trade ties

HANOI, 12 June — Despite long traditional relations, the bilateral trade cooperation between Vietnam and Indonesia is still not commensurate with the actual potential of both sides, said Nguyen Thanh Bien, Vice Minister of Industry and Trade of Vietnam on Monday.

Bien made the remarks during the first Indonesian Trade, Tourism and Investment Forum, with the theme "Indonesia-Vietnam: Partnership for Prosperity" co-held by the Indonesian Embassy and the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI). Vietnam and Indonesia share similarities in many aspects and have features that can complement each other to further boost comprehensive cooperation, Bien said. According to Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade, in 2011, two-way trade turnover between Vietnam and Indonesia reached 4.6 billion US dollars, of which, Vietnam's export turnover to Indonesia was 2.4 billion US dollars and import turnover was 2.2 billion US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

A worker examines uranium ore at an open mine in Niger.—INTERNET



AMMAN, 12 June — A joint venture between Jordan Energy Resources Incorporated and French nuclear giant Areva said on Tuesday it has discovered

## 20,000 tonnes of uranium found in Jordan

more than 20,000 tonnes of uranium in the Middle East kingdom.

The Jordanian French Uranium Mining Company said 12,300 tonnes of uranium had been found in central Jordan last year, and now "the overall uranium potential on the licensed 70 square-kilometre (27 square miles) area exceeds 20,000."

"These potential resources are considered strategic for Jordan since they should enhance its future

nuclear fuel supply security," JFUMC said in a statement. The joint venture said "technical and economic studies will be conducted in 2012 to assess the feasibility of a uranium extraction programme... taking into account the current and future uranium market outlook."

It would seek to identify "the best scenarios for the future mining activities in central Jordan," taking into consideration the country's economic situation and plans

to build "a strategic stock for its independence along with the development of a nuclear programme".

Jordan, which imports 95 percent of its energy needs, is currently struggling to find alternatives to unstable Egyptian gas supplies, which normally cover 80 percent of the kingdom's power production. Since 2011, the pipeline supplying gas from Egypt to both Israel and Jordan has been attacked 14 times.

Internet

## US agricultural economy recovers faster than many others

WASHINGTON, 12 June — The US agricultural economy had recovered more quickly from its worst recession since the 1930s than many other sectors, according to a report released on Monday by the federal government.

The total value added to the US economy from the farm sector rose about 35 percent between the second quarter of 2009 and the fourth quarter of 2011, said the report prepared by the Council of Economic Advisers, the White House Rural Council and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Strength in agricultural production also supported other parts of the

economy. Farm machinery shipments reached nearly 3 billion dollars in 2011 while manufactured food product shipments exceeded 710 billion dollars, both of which were record high.

The report cited innovation, increasing agricultural exports, strengthened clean energy demand, organic industry booming and supportive policies as factors driving the growth. Studies found that every dollar invested in public agricultural research generated ten to twenty times that amount in benefits to society. For instance, in 1950 the average dairy cow produced about 5,300

pounds of milk and now the average cow produced about 22,000 pounds of milk due to improvements in cow genetics, feed formula, and management practices.

In order to keep the momentum, the federal government requested 2.3 billion dollars in 2013 budget for agricultural research and development.

During fiscal year 2011 ending 30 Sept, 2011, American agricultural exports reached an all-time high of 137.4 billion dollars, roughly 11 percent of total exports. Also, the country ran a record level of trade surplus in agricultural goods, over 42 billion dollars.—Xinhua



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon prepares to address the 66th session of the General Assembly on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic at the United Nations, on 7 June, in New York. Ban was named on Tuesday as the winner of this year's Seoul Peace Prize, according to the prize foundation.—INTERNET

## UN chief wins S Korea peace prize

SEOUL, 12 June — United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon was named on Tuesday as the winner of this year's Seoul Peace Prize, the prize foundation said.

Ban was chosen for promoting the rights of women and children, efforts to eliminate poverty in developing nations, and contributing to the democratisation of Middle Eastern countries, the foundation said.

He is the first South Korean to receive the prize — awarded every two years — which was established in 1990 to commemorate the success of the 1988 Seoul summer Olympics.

Ban, who was elected to a second five-year term as UN chief in 2011, is the 11th recipient of the award, which recognises people who

devote themselves to transcending race and ideology to build world peace.

Previous winners include the then-International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch, the then-UN secretary general Kofi Annan and Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus.

The winner receives a diploma, a plaque and a \$200,000 payment. Ban said in a statement he was deeply honoured by the award, which he "humbly accepts" on behalf of the United Nations as a whole.

The former South Korean foreign minister said he would keep striving "to respond to the need for peace, human rights and development of the world's people".

Internet

A woman wears a mask as she walks along a street in front of a Chinese temple during a hazy day in Wuhan, Hubei Province on 11 June, 2012.—INTERNET



WUHAN, 12 June — Young and old residents of the Chinese metropolis of Wuhan were advised to stay indoors on Monday after a thick haze blanketed the city

of nine million people, official media said. Described by residents as opaque with

## China's Wuhan city covered in mysterious haze

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The official Xinhua news agency quoted the environmental protection department of Hubei Province saying in a statement: "Children, the elderly and people with heart or respiratory diseases are advised to stay indoors." Xinhua said straw burning was the cause and denied there had been any industrial accidents in or near Wuhan, after Internet rumours suggested there had been an explosion at a chemical complex northeast of the city. "I looked out of the window of my office and I could not believe my eyes," said resident Li Yunzhong.

"At first I thought it was going to rain. In 31 years in

Wuhan I have never known anything like it. We are very worried because we do not know what it is." France's consulate-general in the central city advised residents to stay at home, close their windows and limit the use of air-conditioning. "The source of the thick cloud that has covered the city of Wuhan since this morning is at present unknown," it said on its website.

"Local authorities have promised us the information as soon as possible." Xinhua described the haze as grey-yellow in colour and said it was seen in seven cities in Hubei Province, including Wuhan.

Internet

## Performance of marionette entertained at Home Theatre



YANGON, 12 June—As it lacks opportunity to enjoy performance of Myanmar marionette, Htwe Oo Myanmar traditional marionette troupe presents performance at its residence as Home Theatre. So, the audiences have the opportunity to enjoy marionette performance.

At the home theatre, the troupe presented variety of dances in tradition within 45 minutes.

Everybody may enjoy the performance of marionette at 12 on first floor

on Yama Street in Ahlon Township with fee. Foreign tourists prefer to enjoy the performance with family type. The audiences make interviews with entertainers with regard to the Myanmar marionette, observe puppets and take practise of controlling the puppets friendly.

The art of Marionette is being trained to marionette lovers at basic level. With the aim of enabling the people to know value of marionette, the troupe presents its performance at schools and social welfare units free of charge.

Hlaing Maung



## School uniforms provided to offspring of vendors

PYAPON, 12 June—With the aim of ensuring alleviation of poverty, Pyapon Township Development Affairs Committee of Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region presented school uniforms to offspring of vendors of Myoma market at its office in Pyapon on 9 June.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of the Microfinance Institution Executive Officer U Myint Maung, Deputy Head of Market Department U Aung Soe, the chairman of the market committee and vendors.

At the ceremony, Executive Officer U Myint Maung presented 76 school uniforms to the students of 51 vendors.—Kyemon

## Workshop on Innovation with Ecotechnology 14 June

YANGON, 12 June—Myanmar Association of Japanese Alumni (MAJA) and Honda Foundation will jointly organize the Workshop on Innovation with Ecotechnology on the first floor of UMCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmdaw Township from 9 am to 12 noon on 14 June.

Those wishing to attend the workshop may dial 098612151 and 098613848.—Maung Aung



**TREES PLANTED:** As a gesture of hailing World Environment Day, local people, teachers and students led by staff of Gwa Township Forest Department of Thandwe District in Rakhine State cultivate over 1200 eucalyptus plants on one acre of village forest in Nyaungchaung Village on 5 June.—FOREST DEPARTMENT

## 62<sup>nd</sup> roundabout demolished in Mandalay due to traffic jams

MANDALAY, 12 June—Although the roundabout was built at the corner of 62<sup>nd</sup> and Theikpan streets in Manaungmye and Chanmyathazi townships for pleasant of the city by Mandalay City Development Committee, its large area causes traffic jam with vehicles and pedestrians between 5 pm and 7 pm daily.

That is why the roundabout was demolished on 25 May and then the area was installed with traffic lights.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Street roundabout is located on the road leading to the entrance to the satellite town and it connects the road to PyinOoLwin. Thus, the area causes traffic jams.—Ko Ko



## Township School Enrollment Day observed in Insein

INSEIN, 12 June—The Insein Township School Enrollment Day of Yangon North District was held at Ayeya Hall of Basic

Education High School No. 1 in Insein on 31 May, opened with the song of students.

Yangon Region

Minister Dr Myint Thein made a speech. The Deputy Commissioner, the chairperson of District Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Insein Township Administrator, the chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization, the chairman of Royal Club Co, U Kyu Family Flour Factory of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone-3, NGO (World Vision) and F&B (NGO) donated books stationery and school equipment worth K 4,515,600.

Officials accepted the donations.—Kyemon



## DISTRICT NEWS

### Overheat of cable causes outbreak of fire at transformer



YESAGYO, 12 June—A fire broke out at 5 MVA transformer due to wire shock at 11 KV main cable that is supplying electricity to eight wards, 22 villages and five river water pumping stations in Yesagyo of Magway Region recently.

In the incident, Township Administrator U Khaing Tun and officials, Township Electrical Engineer U Hla Myo and officials carried out necessary works for

outbreak of fire.

Due to cutout of electricity, some summer paddy plantations need water in the irrigated area of five river water pumping station up to 20 June. Officials at different level are striving for installation of new transformer so as to supply electricity to the area as soon as possible.

Investigation is being conducted for outbreak of fire at the transformer.

Kyemon

### Stipends provided to students at Chin State Police Force

HAKA, 12 June—A ceremony to present stipends for offspring of members of Chin State Police Force was held at Ye Zarni Hall of the force on 28 May morning.

Commander of Chin State Police Force Police Col Kyi Lin explained the purpose of providing cash assistance and urged students to pursuing education to become reliable educated persons of the State.

Next, Police Col Kyi Lin, Family Disciplinary Committee Chairperson Daw Phyu Htwe Nge, Deputy Commander of the force Police Lt-Col Tun Oo presented stipend worth K 2,120,100, school equipment and stationery to 306 primary students, 220 middle school students and 26 high school students.—Kyemon



**OXYGEN CYLINDER DONATED:** In memory of father U Maung Pu, daughter Ma Aye Lay and family of Lanmadaw Road in East Letpankhon Ward of Thonze in Thayawady Township donated an oxygen cylinder worth K 140,000 to Karuna Blood Donation Association of Thayawady Township on 4 June. Vice-Chairman-1 of the association U Ko Ko Lwin and Vice-Chairman-2 U Po Htoo accept the donation.

MYANMA ALIN

## Modest goal of government...

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on in regions which have regained peace. The assistance of the international community is critically needed for implementation of those works to be met with success. The President requested the guests to share capital, technology and valuable experiences, which will become the major prerequisite in implementation process.

Expressing his heartfelt thanks for the PDSG's visit to cooperate with the government in peace-making process of the country, the President revealed that the country would implement strategic programmes in cooperation with the PDSG as the country had established Myanmar Peace Center. The President made clear the goal of his government as eternal peace and equality under the same law.

The President urged the EU to fully lift the economic sanctions like Norway and Australia, expressing his hope that it would finally be lifted soon.

Again, the President extended his grateful thanks to Australia and Britain for their mental and physical assistance to the country when Myanmar was hit by natural disasters. The current incidents in Rakhine State should be seen against the

backcloth of deep and complicated issues. The government is systematically controlling the situation to minimize the loss to the lowest possible level. The government at the moment still can afford to aid those who have lost homes and properties. The President then told the ambassadors that he could understand their concerns over the case.

Next, the Norwegian Ambassador said that Norway in the PDSG takes the responsibility of acting as coordinator between Myanmar and donor nations and the international community. She expressed full support for the reforms of the President, promising to assist its best in complete success of the reform process. She said that as prioritized measure, initial plans would be made for rehabilitation works on which the Myanmar President placed special emphasis.

UNSG Special Advisor and UN Under-Secretary General Mr Vijay Nambiar conveyed the wish of the UNSG to see Myanmar President in coming United Nations General Assembly. He promised the UN would initially contribute USD 5 million from the peace fund confirming to contribute further when the works go into practical operation.

The Australian Ambassador said he would strongly support the reform process of Myanmar. The Australian Foreign Minister had paid a visit to Myanmar and contributed USD 5 Million to be used in health care services. Australia would dispatch technicians for clearing land mines. He promised to cooperate with the PDSG and the MPC in reform process.

The British ambassador said the British Prime Minister recognized reforms and fully support implementing the process based on partnership. He conveyed the message from the Prime Minister inviting the President to Britain in the end of this year. He said Britain would provide US\$ 5 million assistance package for currently needed sectors and US\$ 300 million for coming three years.

The EU resident representative said the plan to assist Euro 150 million for development programmes in 2012-2013 fiscal year had been announced. EU planned to provide technical assistances and initial cash aid package of Euro 3-4 million for clearing landmines and would render sector-wise assistances.

The World Bank resident representative said strategies are being drafted to render helps in dealing with Myanmar again. The World Bank is in



**Chairman of Peace-Making Central Committee President U Thein Sein meets Peace Donor Support Group (PDSG).—MNA**

negotiation with Myanmar officials to provide cash and technical assistances in construction of infrastructures and socio-economic improvement as well as in paying debts. After the debts have been paid off, Myanmar would be able to borrow US\$300 million yearly.

Peace Donor Support Group (PDSG) is formed with such institutions as UN, EU and WB and is designed to render aids in Myanmar's current peace making processes. Although such group was not formed in the past, it is established as a more effective international

support programme in political developments and peace making processes. The Myanmar government will manage international assistances flowing into the country through the group.

The group will ensure that the processes meet international norms and minimize the wastages. Norway is initiator of PDSG for implementing peace processes.

It is the programme where global nations and international institutions that form PDSG show their full-fledged recognition in peace making process of

President U Thein Sein's administration. PDSG will be extended with countries that are willing to provide assistances to Myanmar in peace making processes. Assistances to be rendered to Myanmar by PDSG will cover technical aids and consultations and discussions will be made with international organizations.

As a part of the agreement reached today, Myanmar Peace Centre is established to get strategic support in peace making processes and linkage with international organizations will be established.—MNA

## Lt-Gen Hla Min and party meet Islam townsenders from wards, villages of Sittway Township



**Lt-Gen Hla Min of Office of C-in-C (Army) and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin meet Muslims in Thechaung.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing met Islam townsenders from wards and villages of Sittway at Bandoolla Yeiktha in Sittway this morning.

At the meeting, Lt-Gen

Hla Min, the Chief Minister explained arrangements of the government for restoring peace and stability, for assisting local people to be able to return home and for their livelihood and gave instructions on measures to be taken for peaceful co-existence among the people.

Deputy Minister for

SWRR U Phone Swe explained the best way of short-term and long-term plans for providing basic needs for the needy people.

Islam townsenders submitted difficulties and requirements and expressed their thanks for looking after them.

Lt-Gen Hla Min and party visited the places where

Islam people reside. At first, they cordially greeted Islam people at Basic Education High School (Branch) in Setyonsu Ward of Sittway Township.

The Chief Minister and the deputy minister presented bags of rice and instant noodle packets to officials. After visiting the place of Islam

people in Yenwesu Ward, they gave aids to them.

Lt-Gen Hla Min and party met Islam people in Thechaung Village and explained peace and stability of the region, returning to home, working of owned business including agriculture, and current and long-term plan of the state

government to provide assistance to them before going back to home.

The Chief Minister and the deputy minister presented bags of rice and packets of instant noodle to officials.

Later, townsenders spoke words of thanks.

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## Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Nay Pyi Taw

Announcement No. 30/2012

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(12 June, 2012)

### Shan Nationalities League for Democracy granted permission to register as political party

Shan Nationalities League for Democracy, headquartered at Room No. 26 on Pyay Road at 9<sup>th</sup> Mile in Ward 5 of Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, was allowed to register in accord with Article (9) of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 12 June, 2012.

The registration number of Shan Nationalities League for Democracy is 56.

By order,

Win Ko  
Secretary  
Union Election Commission

## Union CPT Minister inspects GSM/UMTS mobile phone installation project

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun on 10 June inspected control rooms of Auto-exchange in NyaungU of Mandalay and gave instructions on providing Internet lines to auto-telephones, availability

of Internet services for GSM/UMTS mobile phones, and completion of GSM/UMTS mobile phone installation project on schedule.

He looked into BTS station near Bu Pagoda in NyaungU and BTS station in Bagan Myothit.

He visited BTS station

on Myakantha Hill in Pakokku and Pakokku Auto-exchange. He also viewed installation of machinery at mobile telephone stations at Pakokku Auto-Exchange. The Union Minister gave instructions on timely completion of machine installation.—MNA

## Union Sports Minister calls for success in XXVII SEA Games, int'l competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—New generation athletes who have the potential to achieve success in the XXVII SEA Games and international competitions would be trained by local and foreign coaches and trainers at Nay Pyi Taw

Challenge Cup 2012 at the Paunglaung Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinana today, he also stressed the need for training the athletes to be endowed with the athletic spirit.

Athletes for the upcoming SEA games would

basic education schools, the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and Myanmar Police Force. Winners of the Champion Challenge Cup 2012 and athletes at Nay Pyi Taw Training Camp would also be selected for the XXVII SEA Games.



Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan enjoys Sepak Takraw competition.—MNA

Training Camp for success, said Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan.

Speaking at a ceremony to open the Champion

be selected from those who are undergoing trainings at the camps of Myanmar Sports Federation, Sports and Physical Institutes (Yangon and Mandalay), universities, colleges and

The Champion Challenge Cup comprises golf, martial arts, cycling, weight lifting, Karateado, Sepak Takraw, boxing, Futsal (male/female) competitions. There are being held at the

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Union Minister for National

Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein received a business delegation led by Executive Director Mr Melaine Vilarasau Slade of Europe-ASEAN Business Alliance (EABA) at his office, here, this afternoon.

They discussed sector-wise investment in Myanmar.

Likewise, First Senior

Vice-President Mr Tadaaki Hamada and party of Japan-based NIDEC Corporation held a discussion with the Union minister on investment opportunity in Myanmar and prospects of participation.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister Dr Kan Zaw, departmental heads and officials.

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## Security force trying to bring peace and stability to Rakhine State

### Action taken against mobs to prevent arson attacks, clashes

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—To bring security of the people and community peace to Rakhine State, the government has declared the State of Emergency in the state as of 10 June and has been controlling the situation, taking actions against mobs who jeopardized the community peace and stability, tried to set houses on fire and made hostilities towards each other.

The security force had to quell the hostilities between two groups before they clashed in Byaingphyu and Thanhtawli villages in Sittway Township around 1.25 pm yesterday.

Similarly, the security force dispersed a group from Ohntabin Ward as they went to Byaingphyu Village around 2.15 pm. Around 2.45 pm, six houses were burnt down in the arson attack.

The security force also quelled arson attacks in Magyimaing Ward, Satyonsu Ward and Danyawady Ward-7 by the mobs in the evening.

The police force also put out the fire in Danyawady (A) and (B) wards around 5.20 pm and dispersed the crowd. Around 6.50 pm, the security force dispersed the crowd of around 400 rioting at Narzi Market.

Besides, six houses were burnt down as some unscrupulous persons set fire on homes in Ywathitkay and East Myoma wards in Maungtaw.

Similarly, some houses burnt down during the clashes between two crowds at Ward 3 and 4 in Pauktaw.

A total of 1662 houses burnt down, 21 died and 21 were injured while 18 motorbikes, six shops, three trawlers and nine bicycles were destroyed during the unrest from 8 to 11 June in Rakhine State.

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## Two Hluttaw Committees meet Magway Region government, Hluttaw representatives and local people

YANGON, 12 June—Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee and Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee met Magway Region government and representatives of the region Hluttaw at the region government office yesterday.

Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe extended greetings. Next, committee chairman U Sai Paung Nup said the two committee's visits to regions and states were aimed to collect the feedback of the people to make required assessment for interconnection among Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and region and state Hluttaws.

Region Hluttaw Speaker U Ye Myint explained the actions of the region Hluttaw and committee secretary U Khet Htein Nan and secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee Daw Dwe Bu about the tour.

Next, the attendees presented the interests of the region, rights and privileges, followed by discussions between the region chief minister, committee chairman, Hluttaw Speaker and law officers over the presentation and concluding remark of the region chief minister and committee and chairman.

Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs

Committee U Sai Paung Nup and committee members met the region Hluttaw Speaker, and Hluttaw representatives, lecturers from universities, colleges and institutes, senior citizens, social organizations, businessmen, national race people, member of pagoda board of trustees, ward administrators. On the occasion, the chairman said his visit was intended to strengthen mutual understanding between national brethren, foster unity, make sure eternal friendship among national brethren and stability, observe fundamental rights and responsibilities of national races, observe their literature, traditional customs and socio-economic life which are the goals and objectives of the committee. He promised to convey what he heard from the hearts of the national people to the Hluttaw for further measures.

The region Hluttaw Speaker spoke on the occasion and committee secretary U Khet Htein Nan explained the purposes of the visit.

The attendees put questions for their knowledge, followed by discussions of the committee chairman, the region Hluttaw speaker and law officers.

Next, Committee Chairman U Sai Paung Nup made a concluding remark. He and committee members visited Shinpin Sekkeinte Pagoda and Mt. Nagapwet in Minbu.

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB) held

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—The 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB) sponsored by the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and the ASEAN Secretariat was held at Shwenandaw Hotel here this morning with an address by Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun.

Union Minister U Win Tun in his address said that since it has become an ASEAN member Myanmar has been cooperating with the member countries in biodiversity conservation tasks, adding this meeting is the second of its kind being held in the country which already held the 12th AWGNCP meeting in 2002 for the first time. According to topography, biodiversity in the ASEAN regions whose

ASCC Blueprint, progress of biodiversity works adopted in the ASEAN region and participation of member nations in the conservation process.

The first environment conservation region was established in Myanmar in 1920 for the country to be able to continue its biodiversity works. From 1981 to 1984, the country in cooperation with UNDP had been able to implement the National Parks construction projects for environmental conservation. Moreover, it has been striving for conservation of environment and wildlife after forming the environment and wildlife conservation division under the ministry. So far, five per cent of the country's area has been turned into the natural reserve, and work is under way to extend the area to ten per cent. Based on



Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun addresses opening of 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity.—MNA

area constitutes 3.3 per cent of the total global area including Myanmar is slightly different.

The ASEAN region with 20 per cent of flora and fauna species could play a leading role in the long-term conservation of global environment. With different geological features, the ASEAN region is said to be a region where the greatest biodiversity was and its conservation proved the best. Meanwhile, one third of rare coral reefs was found in the region. Therefore, all the ASEAN nations are to cooperate to conserve biodiversity based on understanding so that they can be continuing as a region blessed with biodiversity.

The aim of the meeting is to discuss progress of biodiversity conservation included in the 2009-2015

different ecosystems, 5.6 per cent of the country's area has been formed into 36 environmental conservation areas, and work is under way to form 1.07 per cent of the country's area into seven natural reserve, bringing the total natural conservation area to 6.7 per cent.

Forest degradation, forest fire, species reducing, illegal marking of wildlife, transnational smuggling of species are the problems to be addressed in all seriousness for the conservation of biodiversity. And it is believed that result of the meeting will contribute to the effective implementation of the 2006-2007 ASCC agreements and all nations in the region will be able to strive for conservation of environment and biodiversity.

Next, the Union

Minister had a documentary photo taken together with the delegates.

Afterwards, the working group meeting took place in which those present from the ASEAN nations participated and the first day session came to an end in the evening.

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## Lt-Gen Hla Min encourages victims of West Model Village in Sittway Township

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Lt-Gen Hla Min of Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe, State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Htein Lin, Vice-Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win and officials, encouraged victims from West Model village who flee their homes due to unrests and violence, at Local Battalion Organizing Training School and Sudaungpyae Pariyatti Monastery in Sittway yesterday morning, and presented food stuff to them.

In meeting with State Hluttaw Speaker, deputy speaker, ministers, State Hluttaw representatives, State-level departmental officials, social organizations and townselders, at State Hluttaw



Lt-Gen Hla Min, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and Deputy Minister U Phone Swe meet local people of West Model Village of Sittway.—MNA

Hall, Lt-Gen Hla Min explained the unrests and violence occurred in Rakhine State. He also said that they have already looked round Maungdaw and Buthidaung Township;

these regions have restored peace; necessary assistances are being provided to victims at rescue camps; and State-level departments, social organizations and townselders are to provide necessary assistances to settlement and rehabilitations of victims.

After that, the Chief Minister reported on condition of regions and reconstruction of damaged homes and buildings. Deputy Minister U Phone Swe explained the assistances to be provided by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and local incharges. Afterwards, State Hluttaw Speaker U Htein Lin, the ministers and

townselders discussed peace and stability of the region, and Lt-Gen Hla Min, the Chief Minister and the deputy minister reviewed the discussions. In the morning, Director-General U Soe Aung of Relief and Resettlement Department and officials presented relief aids for victims of Dhanayawady, Mingan, Thayetchaung and Byaingphyu wards in Sittway Township, at makeshift rescue camps in Mahazeyathedi-Adeikdan monastery, Kaingchay monastery, basic education primary school in Ywahgyimrauk ward, Buddawmaw monastery, Kaweiyanadanat monastery and Aungthedi monastery.—MNA



## Cash, foodstuff donated to victims in Rakhine State

YANGON, 12 June—A ceremony to donate cash and foodstuff to victims who have lost homes and properties in the unrests and violence in Rakhine State, was held at Maykhala Hall of Fire Services Department (Headquarters) of the Ministry of Social Welfare,

Relief and Resettlement, in Mayangon Township, here, this afternoon. At the ceremony, on behalf of the Union Minister, Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department accepted K5 million donated by members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation;

K 5 million by Red Link Communication; 18000 packets of Yum Yum instant noodle worth K 2.22 million by Yum Yum instant noodle industry; K 1 million each by Ayeyawun press and book binding and Manawahla music band, Pyae Naing Thu Co., Ltd; and K 30,000 by U Sein Lwin and Daw Nyunt Nyunt Yi and daughter Ma Phyto family. And the director-general spoke words of thanks.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint being welcomed by Russian Ambassador Dr Mikhail Mgeladze at reception to mark National Day of Russian Federation at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 12 June.

MNA

## Village library celebrates six-month ceremony

TATKON, 12 June—The opening Shayhsaung Lanpya Zanathukha Library was held at the library in Uyin Village of Kyetthunkhin Village-tract in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 6 June.



**GOODS SOLD:** As a gesture of honouring International Day of Cooperatives 2012, Tamway Township Cooperative Syndicate Ltd sells foodstuff and personal goods at fair prices to its members and local people.—MYANMA ALIN

Writer U Kyaw Zeya-Daw Khin Po Po family donated an EVD player, 114 CDs and VCDs, 546 books, 119 copies of magazines and 350 copies of journals.

On behalf of the wellwisher, U Thet Win presented donations to Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Tint Tint Khaing.

Township IPRD

## Myawady Township grows saplings marking World Environment Day



MYAWADY, 12 June—In commemoration of the World Environment Day 2012, the rainy season tree growing ceremony was held on the bank of Thauingyin River in Ward 1 of Myawady in Myawady District in Kayin State on 5 June.

State on 5 June.

Deputy Commissioner U Myint Tin of Myawady District General Administration Department, Myawady Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Kan, departmental personnel, staff members, social organizations, ward administrators and local people, totalling 270 participated in growing of 540 saplings.—Kyemon

**CASH PROVIDED:** A ceremony to provide cash assistance to all students from Yedashe Basic Education High School who get chance to join University of Medicine was held at the school on 5 June. Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Myint and family present cash assistance to Maung Kyaw Zaw Lwin who passed matriculation examination in 2011.—EDUCATION



## School uniforms, stationery provided to needy students

YANGON, 12 June—Yesagyo Township Women's Affairs Organization and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association of Magway Region jointly organized the ceremony to donate school uniforms and stationery to 30 needy students of Basic Education Primary School in Ywahtauung and Kokkosu villages in Yesagyo Township on 6 June.

Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Khin Mya Aye Si and Secretary of Township MCWA Daw Yi Yi Htay presented school uniforms and stationery to the students.

Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)

## Livestock breeding tasks under inspection in Dedaye

DEDAYE, 12 June—Aung Gyi of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department met livestock breeding groups and village cooperative societies in Dedaye Township at the office of the Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department on 28 May.



**SCHOOL UNIFORMS PRESENTED:** A ceremony to give cash assistance to offspring of vendors was held at the office of Township General Administration Department in Thabaung Township on 1 June. An official presents school uniforms to 66 students individually.—MYANMA ALIN

The deputy director-general explained nurturing of animals and disadvantages of livestock breeding groups and replied to the queries raised by those present.

After that, the deputy director-general and party inspected health of pigs being bred by Thinpungchaung Village Cooperative Syndicate and breeding techniques.

LBVD

## Strong winds destroy housings in Kyauktan Township

KYAUKTAN, 12 June—Due to strong winds, houses and concrete lamp-posts fell down in Mingalun and Boeba villages of Kyauktan Township on 7 June evening. At 5.30 pm, seven huts, three houses and

Dhammayon were destroyed in Shwenyaungbin Village of Boeba Village-tract in the strong winds. A total of 15 huts were also blown by the strong winds in Mingalun Village-tract.

Likewise, the strong winds fell down eight concrete lamp-posts between Mingalun and Khanaung villages.—Kyemon

## Bullock cart owners earn increased income in rainy season



YEDASHE, 12 June—When transport facility is poor in some areas in rainy season, the local people rely on bullock carts as transport gear for rice and other domestic commodities. Owners of bullock carts can earn increased income by transporting rice, paddy,

mango, chilli and onion and buying goods from urban areas daily.

"As there rains daily, roads are in bed conditions. We cannot go anywhere by motorcycle conveniently. If we afford K 5000 to K 6000, commodities can be transported by bullock carts," a local explained.

Local people of rural areas can earn increased income by giving transport service with the use of carts before rainy season, so they can cover cost of the kitchen and other social works.

Ko Lwin (Swa)

## ERKE Co sponsors Yadanarbon FC for its competition

MANDALAY, 12 June—A ceremony to offer sponsorship of ERKE sports suit to MNL Yadanarbon FC was held at Loi Hein Co on Wadan Street on 9 June morning.

Export Manager Mr Allen Wei of ERKE Co explained the sponsorship for Yadanarbon FC.

U Sai Kyaw Win gave a supplementary clarification. CEO U Han Min Tun of

Yadanarbon FC and Export Manager Mr Allen Wei of ERKE Co exchanged documents for sponsorship contract.

Next, ERKE Co presented sports suits and sports gear to the coaches and Captain Aung Kyaw Moe. Manager of the Club U Aung Tun Oo spoke words of thanks.

China-based ERKE Co will give sponsorship of

sports suits and materials to Yadanarbon FC by the end of 2012 MNL competition.

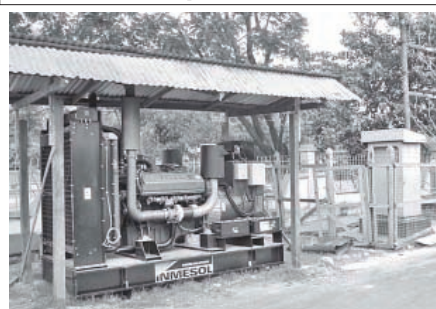
ERKE brand sports suits and materials worth US 12000 are being sponsored for the club. A plan is under way to give more sponsorship for the club next season.

Chit Ko Ko

## Generators add necessary electricity in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 12 June—As part of supplying electricity through rotation system in Mandalay, a total of 24 500-KV and 300-KV generators are placed in Mandalay District for adding more electricity to hospitals and water pumps when supply of power load declined.

Thiha



**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV HOANG ANH-05 VOY NO(-)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HOANG ANH-05 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.6.2012 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.

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

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

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AGENT FOR: G LINK EXPRESS PTE LTD**

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**Two Kenyan ministers among six killed in plane crash**

NAIROBI, 12 June —Two Kenyan ministers were among six government officials who were killed when a police helicopter crashed early on Sunday near the capital, Nairobi. Internal Security minister Professor George Saitoti and his deputy Orwa Ojode, two pilots, and two of their bodyguards were burnt beyond recognition when the helicopter crashed at Ngong Forest in the outskirts of Nairobi. The two ministers and their bodyguards were heading to the church service in Oyugis of western Kenya before the helicopter crashed. The cause of the accident has not been established.

In a statement issued after the accident, Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki termed the deaths of the six Kenyans as "a devastating

loss to our country." "On behalf of the Government and the people of Kenya I send my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and relatives of the six Kenyans," Kibaki said. He said Saitoti would forever be remembered as a hardworking and determined public

servant who dedicated his time to the service of the Kenyan people." Just last Friday at the Conference on Peace in Mombasa, Saitoti spoke eloquently and passionately about the many police reforms that his ministry was undertaking," Kibaki said.



**Six Kenyan government officials, including Internal Security minister and his deputy Orwa Ojode, were killed when a police helicopter crashed early Sunday near Nairobi.**—XINHUA

Witnesses said there were six bodies which have been burned beyond recognition. They said senior government officials have rushed to the scene of the accident in the Ngong Forest, some few kilometres north of Nairobi. Prime Minister Raila Odinga regretted the incident, saying the plane crash brought a great loss of the east African nation, saying he received the sad news with shock and disbelief." It is particularly poignant and a bad coincidence that the deaths of Saitoti and Ojode have occurred on the fourth anniversary of the death of the late minister Kiplaya Kones and the late MP for Sotik Loma Laboso who also perished in plane crash in the same area," Odinga said.

Xinhua



**Torrential rains triggered landslide in Hunan Province on Sunday evening, disrupting traffic on the Hukun Railway, local authorities said on Sunday.**—XINHUA

**Landslide disrupts railway traffic in central China**

CHANGSHA, 12 June —Torrential rains triggered landslide in central China's Hunan Province on Sunday evening, disrupting traffic on Hukun Railway, linking Shanghai and Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, is a major rail line across eastern, central and southwest China.

The landslide, which occurred at 7:54 pm in Lianyuan City, Hunan, buried parts of the railroad track, according to sources with Guangzhou Railway (Group) Corporation.

Workers were dispatched to the spot to clean and repair the railway, local railway department said.—Xinhua

**Vietnam reports progress in fight against HIV/AIDS**

UNITED NATIONS, 12 June —Vietnam on Monday reported progress in the Asian country's fight against HIV/AIDS, but also noted that "challenges still remain and hinder the implementation of HIV interventions."

The statement came as Le Hoai Trung, Vietnam's permanent representative to the UN, was speaking at a plenary session of the UN General Assembly on HIV/AIDS. "Vietnam has initially been able to contain the rise of HIV infection, with HIV infected people currently accounting for about 0.26 percent of the population," he said.

"In concrete terms, the prevalence rate among injecting drug users declined from 30 percent in 2011 and 2002 to 17 percent in 2010; and the number of HIV/AIDS-related deaths has gone down from more than 6,000 a year to some 2,500 a year for the last two years," he said.

In 2011, 49 of 63 provinces had carried out community outreach activities for people/persons who inject drug and female sex workers; 60 provinces implemented some level of needle and syringe programme and 57 provinces distributed condoms free of charge, he noted. —MNA/Xinhua

**Heavy rains flood homes, jail in Fla Panhandle**

MIAMI, 12 June —Floodwaters from torrential rains damaged homes and closed roads throughout the Florida Panhandle, cutting power to the county jail and sending residents to emergency shelters as the area braced for additional rains on Sunday. A tornado connected with the storm system also uprooted trees and destroyed chicken

houses Sunday in southeastern Alabama, where an emergency official said a few homes were damaged but no injuries were reported.

"I actually saw it myself coming out of our church door — my first tornado I have ever witnessed," said Margaret Mixon, emergency management director for rural Geneva County. More than 600 inmates at the Escambia

County Jail in Florida were without power and air conditioning after the rains left more than 5 feet of water in the bottom floor, which also houses the laundry and kitchen facilities. Extra deputies were brought in to beef up security, and generators powered lights outside the facility to shine into the jail. Officials worked Sunday to pump out the excess water and assess the damage.

"The whole electrical system is underwater. It's going to be extensive damage," said Sgt Mike Ward. The parking lot of the sheriff's office was completely flooded, leaving some patrol cars and other fleet vehicles with water up to the hood.

Some homes and businesses also had several feet of water inside, he said. Authorities estimated \$3 million to \$4 million in damages at the sheriff's facilities.

Internet



**A funnel cloud appears in the distance in Level Plains, Ala, near US Highway 84 and Dale County Road 1, on 10 June, 2012. The area was under a tornado warning until 12:15 pm. There is no official word of any injuries.**

INTERNET

**Hundreds evacuated as Colo, NM fires spread**

LAPORTE, 12 June —Firefighters on Sunday were fighting wildfires that have spread quickly in parched forests in Colorado and New Mexico, forcing hundreds of people from their homes and the evacuation of wolves from a sanctuary. The Colorado fire, burning in a mountainous area about 15 miles west of Fort Collins, grew to more than 31 square miles within about a day of being reported and has destroyed or damaged 18 structures. Strong winds, meanwhile, grounded aircraft fighting a 40-square-mile wildfire near the mountain community of Ruidoso in southern New Mexico.

Crews were working to build a fire line around the blaze, which started on Friday and has damaged or destroyed 36 structures. It wasn't immediately clear how many of the structures lost were homes. "We're still trying to take a tally," Kerry Gladden, public information officer for Ruidoso, said late Sunday afternoon. In Colorado, the



**Smoke billows from the Little Bear fire in southeastern New Mexico near Ruidoso, on 9 June, 2012. Spanning only a few acres on Wednesday, the Little Bear fire began to grow Friday as spot fires formed outside established fire lines due to windy conditions.**—INTERNET

fire sent up heavy smoke, obscuring the sun and creating an eerie, orange dusk in the middle of the day. The smell of smoke drifted into the Denver area and smoke spread as far away as central Nebraska, western Kansas and Texas.

The latest New Mexico fire is smaller than the Whitewater-Baldy fire — the largest in the state's history — but it's more concerning to authorities because it started closer to homes, said Dan Ware, a spokesman for the

New Mexico State Forestry Division. He said the number of Ruidoso evacuees was in the hundreds, but he didn't have an exact figure. Gladden said preliminary evacuations could be issued for some areas closer to town due to wind shifts. Karen Takai, a spokeswoman for the Ruidoso fire crews, said smoke is heavily impacting the community of Capitan, about 5 miles to the northeast. She said Capitan and others could also face evacuation.—Internet

## Woman wins contest by downing 12 hot dogs



**Joey Chestnut competes at the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest in Coney Island, NY. Canada's Nicole Anderson will compete in Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest finals at New York's Coney Island.**

A Canadian woman won a national eating championship near Calgary, Alberta, by downing 12 hot dogs in 10 minutes and is

now headed to New York.

Nicole Anderson of Calgary took the top spot at the Canadian Women's Championship at the CrossIron Mills mall, just north of Calgary, and will now compete at the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest finals at New York's Coney Island, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported.

Anderson, who said her secret was taking the time to put ketchup on her franks, will be joined by Calgary men's competition winner Aaron Osthoff of Iowa, who downed 33 hot dogs in 10 minutes, and the second-place men's finisher, University of Alberta grad

student Lee Vilinsky, who ate 16 dogs in the same time period.

The competitors will shoot for the top spot at the international competition and have the chance to aim for the world record of 68 hot dogs, set by competitive eating superstar Joey Chestnut.

## Artist turns deceased cat into helicopter

A Dutch artist said he decided to pay tribute to his departed cat by turning the departed feline's taxidermied remains into a working helicopter.

Bart Jansen said his cat, Orville, was named after legendary aviator Orville Wright and the feline's

## Man 'sells' body fat for charity

A Barcelona man says he is selling his body fat for charity. Oscar Rando is raising money by running and walking the full length of Spain — 1,864 miles — and having people donate per gram he loses, thinkSpain reported.

Sponsors are paying Rando 2.5 euros (\$3.12) per

gram of fat he loses. So far, he has raised 31,500 euros (\$39,393) and has lost 63 pounds, or 28,576 grams.

Rando said he hopes to raise 75,000 euros (\$93,795) by the end of the year for the El Prat-based charity Gats, which helps local disadvantaged people find jobs and provide for themselves.



Kunstrai art festival in Amsterdam, is a tribute to his beloved pet. "After a period of mourning he received his propellers posthumously," he said.

## Students receive 'graduataion' diplomas

The 2012 graduating class at Spring Creek High School in Nevada received diplomas with the word graduation misspelled as "graduataion," officials said.

Corrected diplomas have already been sent out to the 203 students who received the ones with the misspelling, Elko (Nev.) Daily Free Press reported.

High School Principal Keith Walz said the diplomas were spell checked when they arrived from Jostens. "It was an inadvertent mistake," Walz said. "On our end, we check the kids' names and the names of school personnel."

## News Album

### Lady Gaga hit by pole in New Zealand

AUCKLAND, 12 June — US pop singer Lady Gaga took it in stride when bonked on the head by a metal pole during her Sunday night concert in Auckland, New Zealand.

ONE News reported Gaga was performing her



**US pop singer Lady Gaga**

2011 song "Judas" when a backup performer accidentally dropped the pole on her. "I want to apologize," she told her fans. "I did hit my head and I think I may have a concussion but don't you worry I will finish this show."

And soldier on she did, cranking out another 16 tunes, TMZ.com reported.

The singer's makeup artist, Tara Savello, confirmed the injury on Twitter overnight. "Gaga has a concussion but she is going to be okay," Savello tweeted. "She wants u to know she loves u. I'm taking care of her. cant believe she finished the show."

Lady Gaga was in Auckland for three concerts as part of her Born This Way Ball world tour.—Internet



**Maroon 5 singer Adam Levine**

### Adam Levine loves British game shows

LONDON, 12 June — Maroon 5 singer Adam Levine loves British game shows like "Deal or No Deal" and "Countdown".

The 33-year-old admits that programmes fronted by Noel Edmonds and Nick Hewer are amongst his favourites for mind

relaxation.

"Daytime TV quiz shows like 'Deal or No Deal' and 'Countdown' are brilliant. We don't have anything like that in America, grab some tea and slob out," contactmusic.com quoted Levine as saying.

Internet

### Miley Cyrus' refuses to travel without her trainer

LOS ANGELES, 12 June — Singer Miley Cyrus spends USD 200 per hour on her trainer to ensure he travels with her everywhere.

The 19-year-old singer wants her trainer to be by her side all the time so that she can exercise whenever she wants to and this habit makes her spend USD 25,000 each month on her trainer.



"I don't mind flying him wherever I am. It's worth every cent. I never thought I could look like this," National Enquirer magazine quoted Cyrus as saying.

She recently got engaged to actor Liam Hemsworth.—Internet

**Singer Miley Cyrus**



**Ben Stiller arrives for the premiere of "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York on 7 June, 2012.**

INTERNET

### 'Madagascar 3' wins weekend box office

LOS ANGELES, 12 June — "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted," the third installment in the adventures of escaped New York zoo animals, was No 1 at the US box office.

The animated sequel took in \$60.3 million in its first weekend at theatres, followed by the lavish sci-fi flick "Prometheus" with \$50 million.

"Snow White and the Huntsman," starring Charlize Theron, fell to the third spot with \$23 million.

"Men in Black 3," starring Will Smith, earned \$13.5 million for fourth place.

Internet

**Cheryl Cole**

### Moss to enter movies?

LOS ANGELES, 12 June — Supermodel Kate Moss may soon make her debut in movies.

She did a cameo in "Absolutely Fabulous" special charity episode and impressed the show creator Jennifer Saunders with her co-operation. Now the latter wants Moss to appear in the upcoming spin-off film.

"Kate got on so well with the team, we'd love to work with her again. I'm currently writing the movie, so watch this space," Closer magazine quoted Saunders as saying.

"Kate's great, she's lovely. She behaved so nicely and was such a sweet person. She didn't have any tantrums or any airs or graces. There was no nonsense.

"We've done stuff with

Kate before and she's been wonderful so it was great to work with her again. She's really good, she's really professional and she looks amazing," she added.

Internet



**Supermodel Kate Moss**

### I haven't forgiven Simon Cowell, says Cheryl Cole

LONDON, 12 June — Cheryl Cole has admitted that she still has not forgiven Simon Cowell for her 'X Factor' USA sacking.

The former 'Girls Aloud' singer took a dig at the music mogul when asked by TV host Graham Norton if she had "kissed and made up" with Cowell.

"I wouldn't say I've kissed Simon — I tell you one thing he can kiss..." the *Daily Mail* quoted the 28-year-old singer as saying in 'The Graham Norton show' before receiving a huge cheer from the audience.

The Georgie star, was left humiliated in May last year when she was suddenly fired from the US version of the reality TV show. According to reports, her

accent was to blame, while other reports suggested that Cowell was under pressure to get rid of the singer after bosses were left unimpressed with her presence at the auditions. Since then, Cole has snubbed a return to the UK version of the 'X Factor'

and clearly hasn't made up with Cowell either.

"I don't care what anyone says about my accent," she said after claims that she was told to tone down her accent for a US audience to understand.

Internet



## Mignolet has 'learnt' from injury

LONDON, 12 June — Sunderland goalkeeper Simon Mignolet says he feels he can learn from the experience of recovering from a serious facial injury. The Belgian suffered a broken nose and a fractured eye socket during the 2-2 Barclays Premier League home draw against Aston Villa in October. The injury kept him out of action for over two months, but Mignolet told Sunderland's website that he was still able to build on the experience.

"I don't really remember much about what happened," he admitted. "The first thing I



Simon Mignolet has been in the thick of the action since returning for Sunderland. — INTERNET

knew was I was waking up in hospital the next day with the doctor standing by the bed. I asked him if I could play the next game with the broken nose and he said 'no, it will be a little longer than that.' The injury meant more than 10 weeks on the sidelines, but the experience is something I've got in the bag and touch wood it won't happen again.

"As a footballer you know you can get injured and you have to know how to deal with those things." It was the first major injury for Mignolet, who had to wear a protective mask upon his return to action. "I had never been injured before so it was something new for me and I think I learned from it," he said. "It was strange having 10 weeks being only in the gym and not being able to train like I was used to. But I learned and was then lucky to come straight back into the team under the new gaffer."

Internet

## Casey and Snedeker pull out of US Open

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 June — Andy Zhang of China, aged 14, was set to become the youngest competitor at a US Open since World War Two after American Brandt Snedeker and Britain's Paul Casey withdrew from the event on Monday due to injuries. Zhang, who attends school in the United States, gained his spot in the 156-strong field at the Olympic Club when Englishman Casey pulled out because of a shoulder injury. American Tadd Fujikawa was previously the youngest player since World War Two at a US Open — aged 15 years, five months and seven days during the 2006 edition at Winged Foot.

US Open records are not fully comprehensive before 1945, but United States Golf Association officials told Reuters Zhang was believed to be the youngest player ever at the championship. Casey, who dislocated his shoulder while snowboarding in



Paul Casey of England

January, has competed in only seven events worldwide this year, missing the cut in five of them. "You're always disappointed to miss time due

to injury but it's especially true when you have to withdraw from the US Open," Casey said in a statement. "I've been trying to play my way back from my shoulder injury, and I feel like I probably came back too soon originally and it's affecting my ability right now to be ready for the test of a major."

"I do feel like I'm very nearly ready but not quite ready for this week," added Casey, whose world ranking has dropped from 20th to 58th since he suffered the injury. Earlier on Monday, three-times PGA Tour champion Snedeker withdrew from the year's second major due to a rib injury. — Internet

## Cart pioneer Martin back at Olympic for US Open

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 June — Fourteen years after becoming the first player to use a golf cart at a US Open, Casey Martin is back at the same venue for the same tournament hoping he can make the cut. The 40-year-old American, who has a rare circulatory disorder in his right leg, booked his place in this week's championship at Olympic Club via two stages



Casey Martin of the US watches his shot on the first fairway during a practice round for the 2012 US Open PGA golf tournament on the Lake Course at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, California on 11 June, 2012.

Reuters

of qualifying, and he could not be more delighted.

"It really was kind of a magical day for me to get here," Martin told reporters on Monday while preparing for Thursday's opening round. I had a wonderful experience here in '98 and I thought it would be fun to try to maybe get back. "It worked out in my schedule with recruiting and coaching that I could make it to the first stage (of US Open qualifying) up in Washington," added Martin, who now works as the men's golf coach at University of Oregon. "And then the second round was right in my backyard at Emerald Valley. So it all worked out that way quite nicely, and here I am."

Martin claimed one of two spots available for the

year's second major in a sectional qualifier at Emerald Valley in Creswell, Oregon but knows he faces a tough task this week as he has not played professionally in six years. "I would like to make the cut, I would like to get paid," he smiled. — Reuters



Los Angeles Kings' Jarret Stoll is pursued by photographers as he holds up the Stanley Cup after his team defeated the New Jersey Devils in Game 6 of the NHL Stanley Cup hockey final in Los Angeles, on 11 June, 2012. — REUTERS

## Shevchenko kicks off Ukraine party

KIEV, 12 June — Ukraine's Euro 2012 party started in style when they sealed a thrilling 2-1 comeback win over Sweden as Andriy Shevchenko struck twice to complete a perfect evening for the co-hosts in Group D on Monday. The 35-year-old Shevchenko powered in two headers, cancelling out Zlatan Ibrahimovic's opening goal and reminding everyone of his sheer class, grit and determination. Shevchenko left the pitch to a standing ovation after being substituted and the final whistle triggered wild celebrations in the stands before "Sheva" embraced coach Oleg Blokhin and ran towards the crowd with his arms raised in celebration.

Ukraine's first win in a European championship match also resounded in Lviv with thousands of happy fans walking through the streets chanting 'Ukraine' and 'Sheva, Sheva'. In Kiev, car horns were honking around the Olympic stadium as thousands of fans



Ukraine's Andriy Shevchenko (L) scores his second goal against Sweden during their Group D Euro 2012 soccer match at the Olympic stadium in Kiev, on 11 June, 2012.

Reuters

headed towards the fan zone next to Independence square. The win was not only down to Shevchenko as Ukraine played neat football in the first half and Sweden looked nothing like the team who had scored

31 goals in their qualifying campaign. "Go Ukraine!" was played at a deafening volume to the sound of old school techno music before kickoff in a friendly and festive atmosphere with the fans

appearing as one wearing yellow shirts, either Swedish or Ukrainian. With UEFA president Michel Platini among the crowd, none of the racism fears that have clouded the build-up to the tournament materialized as the game was played in a loud but peaceful Olympic stadium.

Ukraine, who had lost their last two warm-up games, sit proudly on top of Group D after France and England shared the points in a 1-1 draw in Donetsk. "We have good chances to qualify from the group," said man-of-the-match Shevchenko. Sweden coach Erik Hamren added: "For us to win these games, we need 11 players on top, together. Today maybe five or six showed the quality that I want. That is not enough."

Reuters

## Americans take on Guatemala in qualifier

GUATEMALA CITY, 12 June — Central America or Europe, it doesn't matter. World Cup qualifiers are tough. Ask Jurgen Klinsmann, coach of the US team that plays Guatemala in its second CONCACAF group qualifying match on Tuesday night. "It's a global game. Wherever in the world you want to qualify for the World Cup, you go through different stages and different places," said Klinsmann, who starred as a player for Germany, winning a world championship, and also coaching his nation to third place in the 2006 tournament. "I'm very happy to be in Guatemala and have that opportunity tomorrow with our team to play here and experience the atmosphere here.

"The players are aware of the difficulties playing in a

game like this, but they are also very, very focused and confident to get the points we need in order to get to the next round and to Brazil in 2014." The Americans come off a 3-1 home victory over Antigua and Barbuda, probably the weakest team in the group. Guatemala lost 2-1 at Jamaica. The top two teams from each of three divisions will advance to the CONCACAF finals, with the top three from that round advancing to Brazil 2014.

While the United States was peppering its opponent with shots in Saturday's opener, its marksmanship was a bit off. That might be a problem against Guatemala, mainly because this is a road game. "So far I've really enjoyed what happens here in CONCACAF, playing all the different teams I hadn't experienced yet as a coach,"



United States head coach Jurgen Klinsmann, right, encourages player Clint Dempsey during a soccer training session in Guatemala City, on 11 June, 2012.

INTERNET

Klinsmann said on Monday night. "It's normal that you adjust and you adapt to where you go." Central American opponents traditionally test the United States, particularly Costa Rica and Honduras. But Guatemala has not been so imposing. — Internet

## Fancied Dutch under pressure against Germany

KHARKIV, 12 June — Clashes between Netherlands and neighbours Germany always have extra spice but Wednesday's Euro 2012 Group B encounter is about much more than regional rivalry after the Dutch began with a surprise defeat by Denmark. A win in that game would have given Bert van Marwijk's team a little breathing space against the highly-fancied Germans but now three points are a must.

"It is going to be a battle but we have to show that we can become champions," said Netherlands defender John Heitinga. "We have to win now, there's no excuse, and we are aware of that. We know we have to win against the Germans." In the loss to the



Germany's national soccer coach Joachim Loew gestures during a news conference ahead of their Euro 2012 match against Netherlands, in Gdansk on 11 June, 2012. — REUTERS

Danes Van Marwijk left Schalke 04 forward Klaas-Jan Huntelaar, the continent's top scorer in qualifying with 12 goals in eight games, on the bench until 19 minutes from time but he could now start the prolific striker.

If he does, Ibrahim

Affelay, who was not impressive against the Denmark, would likely be dropped to allow Robin Van Persie to move to the left flank. Regardless of the formation, the Dutch can afford a repeat of the poor finishing they produced against the Danes with Van Persie and Arjen Robben guilty of some bad decision-making and poor execution. At the back, first choice central defender Joris Mathijsen could return to the starting lineup after resuming full training. If he is deemed match fit then stand-in Ron Vlaar would miss out.

Reuters

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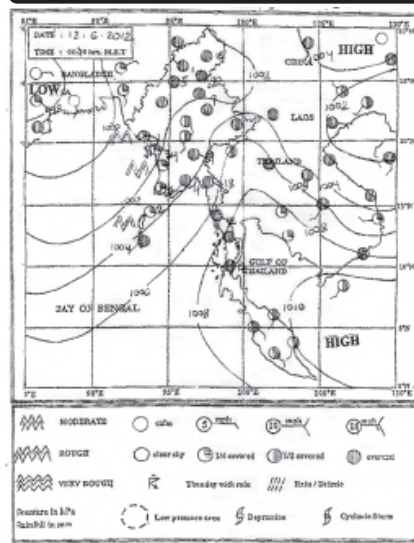
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- 7:40 am 3. Nice & Sweet Song
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- 8:45 am 5. Teleplay (E.P.C)
- 4:15 pm 6. Musical Programme
- 7:10 pm 7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 pm 8. Song of National Races
- 4:35 pm 9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (English)
- 5:10 pm 10. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:30 pm 11. Documentary
- 5:45 pm 12. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 7:10 pm 13. Documentary
- 8:00 pm 14. News
- 15. Korea NG Award
- 16. Myanmar Video Feature

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas****Weather forecast for 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2012**

| Sr. No. | Regions/States           | Temperature (°C/°F) |         | Forecast                                                    | Percent |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
|         |                          | Maximum             | Minimum |                                                             |         |
| 1.      | Kachin                   | 26/79               | 24/75   | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers                    | (80%)   |
| 2.      | Kayah                    | 28/82               | 21/70   | Isolated rain or thundershowers                             | (80%)   |
| 3.      | Kayah                    | 30/86               | 22/72   | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers                    | (80%)   |
| 4.      | Chin                     | 26/79               | 16/61   | Scattered rain or thundershowers                            | (80%)   |
| 5.      | Upper Sagar              | 34/93               | 26/79   | Scattered rain or thundershowers                            | (80%)   |
| 6.      | Lower Sagar              | 36/97               | 27/81   | Isolated rain or thundershowers                             | (80%)   |
| 7.      | Tanintharyi              | 31/88               | 24/75   | Widespread rain or thundershowers                           | (80%)   |
| 8.      | Bago                     | 32/90               | 26/79   | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers                    | (80%)   |
| 9.      | Magway                   | 34/93               | 27/81   | Isolated rain or thundershowers                             | (80%)   |
| 10.     | Mandalay                 | 37/99               | 28/82   | Isolated rain or thundershowers                             | (80%)   |
| 11.     | Mon                      | 32/90               | 25/77   | Widespread rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls | (80%)   |
| 12.     | Yangon                   | 32/90               | 24/75   | Widespread rain or thundershowers                           | (80%)   |
| 13.     | Rakhine                  | 34/93               | 26/79   | Widespread rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls | (80%)   |
| 14.     | Southern Shan            | 25/77               | 19/66   | Scattered rain or thundershowers                            | (80%)   |
| 15.     | Northern Shan            | 31/88               | 23/73   | Scattered rain or thundershowers                            | (80%)   |
| 16.     | Eastern Shan             | 33/91               | 24/75   | Scattered rain or thundershowers                            | (80%)   |
| 17.     | Ayeyarwady               | 33/91               | 26/79   | Widespread rain or thundershowers                           | (80%)   |
| 18.     | Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw | 35/95               | 26/77   | Isolated rain or thundershowers                             | (80%)   |
| 19.     | Neighbouring Yangon      | 32/90               | 24/75   | Isolated rain or thundershowers                             | (80%)   |
| 20.     | Neighbouring Mandalay    | 37/99               | 28/82   | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers               | (80%)   |

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS PROVIDED: A ceremony to present school uniforms to offspring of vendors from Myoma Market in Hsenwi Township was held at the office of Township Development Affairs Committee on 31 May. Township Administrator U Win Hlaing hands over school uniforms to a parent.—EDUCATION**



**FIELD TRIP : Staff of Nattalin Township Forest Department made a field trip to area of the department. On 3 June, they inspect thriving of 30,000 saplings grown at the forest plantation of the township.—FOREST**

## 245 rhinos poached in S Africa since January

LIMPOPO, 12 June—The slaughter of rhinos driven by the soaring illegal trade in their horns continues at a record pace with 245 killed in South Africa since January, authorities said on Tuesday.

The country's northeast and largest of game reserves, the Kruger National Park has been the hardest hit, losing 60 percent of the national toll, or 147 rhinos, to poachers, the Department of Environmental Affairs said in a statement.

With roughly 20,000 animals South Africa is home to between 70 and 80 percent of the world's rhino population, increasingly being targeted by poachers despite heightened security.



**Two white rhinoceroses pictured in Limpopo, South Africa, in March. INTERNET**

Last year poachers killed 448 animals compared to 333 in 2010. In 2007 only 13 animals fell prey to illegal hunters.

The animals' distinctive horns are hacked off to be smuggled to the lucrative Asian black market, where the fingernail-like substance is falsely believed to have powerful healing properties.

On the black market, the horns fetch almost 50,000 euros (\$62,700), or the same price as an ounce of gold, according to several experts. Efforts to curb the killings include the deployment of soldiers in the Kruger Park and specialist investigators.

Police have arrested 161 suspects, including 138 poachers, since the start of the year, the ministry— The slaughter of rhinos driven by the soaring illegal trade in their horns continues at a record pace with 245 killed in South Africa since January, authorities said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

## India to elect new president next month



**India's presidential poll will be held on 19 July, with Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee, seen here in April 2012. INTERNET**

NEW DELHI, 12 June—India's presidential poll will be held on 19 July, the election commission announced on Tuesday, with Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee the leading candidate for the largely ceremonial role.

Presidential candidates have until June 30 to file their nominations and results will be announced on 22 July, election commission spokesman Rajesh Malhotra told AFP. "The counting of votes will be held on July 22 and the result will be declared the same day," he said.

The winner will replace Pratibha Patil, the first woman to hold India's highest constitutional post. Her five-year term began on 25 July, 2007 and is scheduled to end on 24 July. Indian presidents are elected by an electoral college comprising MPs from the federal parliament's two houses and lawmakers of state legislatures.

Mukherjee, 77, a member of the ruling Congress but whose popularity cuts across political lines, is seen as the frontrunner to become the new head of state amid speculation that he has the backing of his party and some of its key electoral allies.

The president is the supreme commander of India's armed forces and must approve all new legislation, but under the constitution executive power rests with the prime minister and his cabinet.—INTERNET

## Rare find at Waterloo of intact 200-year remains

LONDON, 12 June—Almost 200 years after Prussian and English troops defeated Napoleon at Waterloo, Belgian archeologists have unearthed the complete remains of a young soldier in what they dubbed a rare find. "You can almost see him dying," Belgian archeologist Dominique Bosquet said of the skeleton, lying on its back with the spherical musket bullet that felled the soldier still between his ribs. "The skeleton is intact," Bosquet told RTL television on Tuesday.

Believed to have died June 18, 1815, the remains were found under 40 centimetres (15 inches) of soil as if the young soldier's comrades had hurriedly buried him when he fell on the battleground. His uniform had been eaten away but archeologists were studying a spoon, a coin, a leather strap and a piece of wood carved with the initials CB to see whether they might help to identify the skeleton.

It was found last week on land held at the time by English troops by a team of archeologists investigating the site ahead of major renovation. Bulldozers rolled into action a month ago to spruce up the site in a project that will see the demolition of restaurants, stores and parking lots.

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**More than 1,200 history enthusiasts re-enact the Battle of Waterloo in 2009.—INTERNET**

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
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Announcement No. 2/2012  
8<sup>th</sup> Waning of Nayon, 1374 ME  
(12 June, 2012)**

**Fourth Regular Session of  
First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw summoned**

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced today that according to Section 79 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 13 of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law, Fourth Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be convened in Nay Pyi Taw, at 1 pm on Wednesday on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (1<sup>st</sup> Waning of First Waso, 1374 ME).

**Sd/ Khin Aung Myint  
Speaker  
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw**

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Pyithu Hluttaw  
Announcement No. 2/2012  
8<sup>th</sup> Waning of Nayon, 1374 ME  
(12 June, 2012)**

**Fourth Regular Session of  
First Pyithu Hluttaw summoned**

Pyithu Hluttaw announced today that according to Section 126 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 34 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law, Fourth Regular Session of First Pyithu Hluttaw will be convened in Nay Pyi Taw, at 10.00 am on Wednesday on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (1<sup>st</sup> Waning of First Waso, 1374 ME).

**Sd/ Thura Shwe Mann  
Speaker  
Pyithu Hluttaw**

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Amyotha Hluttaw  
Announcement No. 2/2012  
8<sup>th</sup> Waning of Nayon, 1374 ME  
(12 June, 2012)**

**Fourth Regular Session of  
First Amyotha Hluttaw summoned**

Amyotha Hluttaw announced today that according to Section 155 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 34 of Amyotha Hluttaw Law, Fourth Regular Session of First Amyotha Hluttaw will be convened in Nay Pyi Taw, at 10.00 am on Wednesday on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (1<sup>st</sup> Waning of First Waso, 1374 ME).

**Sd/ Khin Aung Myint  
Speaker  
Amyotha Hluttaw**

## Notice to all Hluttaw representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Fourth regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be convened in Nay Pyi Taw at 1 pm on 4 July 2012 (Wednesday) and fourth regular sessions of First Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw at 10 am on the same day. Invitations have been sent to Hluttaw representatives to attend the sessions.

The Hluttaw representatives are to report to Nay Pyi Taw Hluttaw office not ahead of 2 July and not later than 3 July so as to make necessary preparations whether they receive invitations or not. They are to take Hluttaw representative certificates and representative identity cards in reporting to the Hluttaw office.—MNA

## Czech Republic beats Greece 2-1

WROCLAW (Poland), 12 June—Petr Jiracek and Vaclav Pilar scored in the first six minutes to give the Czech Republic a 2-1 win over Greece on Tuesday at the European Championship.

Jiracek shot the ball past Greece goalkeeper Costas Chalkias in the third minute after a pass from Tomas Hubischmann sliced through the Greek defence.

Three minutes later, Pilar scored his second goal of the tournament, beating Greek defenders to a ball sent across the goal by Czech Republic defender Theodor Gebre Selassie.

Substitute Fanis Gekas pulled one back for Greece in 53rd minute with a tap in after Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech spilled the ball and bumped into defender Tomas Sivok.

The Greeks, who played the Group A match without two key central defenders, nearly scored another in the 41st, but the header from Giorgos Fotakis was called back for offside.

The Greeks recovered well after their disastrous start, but lost another player when Chalkias limped off the field in the 23rd minute. He was replaced by Michalis Sifakis.

Despite the defensive problems, Greece coach Fernando Santos stuck with his attacking lineup of three forwards. The strategy helped the Greeks dominate the second half. Czech Republic captain Tomas Rosicky came off with a foot injury in the second half.

The Czech fans booed coach Michal Bilek at the start of the match, but the team rebounded from its opening 4-1 loss to Russia in Group A. The Czechs also avenged their semifinal loss to Greece at Euro 2004.

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**Czech Republic's Vaclav Pilar (14) scores his side's second goal during the Euro 2012 soccer championship Group A match between Greece and Czech Republic in Wroclaw, Poland on Tuesday.**—INTERNET

## UEC Chairman receives EC delegation leader and party



**Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye receives Leader of delegation of European Commission Ambassador Mr David Lipman and party.**—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received Leader of the delegation of European Commission Ambassador Mr David Lipman and party at the hall of the Union Election Commission, here,

at 9 am today.

Also present on the occasion were members of the UEC U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, U Win Kyi and U Nyunt Tin and officials of the Commission office.

At the meeting, they discussed assistance to

be provided for electoral process of Myanmar in the future, promotion of bilateral relations between Myanmar and the European Commission and sending of monitoring group to observe rules and regulations of the commission.—MNA

## Myanmar delegation requests to 101<sup>st</sup> ILC to fully lift sanctions imposed on Myanmar

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### Mignolet has 'learnt' from injury



**Simon Mignolet has been in the thick of the action since returning for Sunderland.**

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### Shevchenko kicks off Ukraine party



**Ukraine's Andriy Shevchenko (L) scores his second goal against Sweden during their Group D Euro 2012 soccer match at the Olympic stadium in Kiev, on 11 June, 2012.**

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## Medical entrance applications invited for 2012-2013

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—The Medical Science Department of the Ministry of Health has invited the students who passed the 2012 matriculation exam from self-administered zones and the regions of difficult

access where required allowances are granted by the State to apply for the entrance to the University of Medicine for the 2012-2013 academic year. The applicants must meet the set qualifications.

The applications are to be directly sent to the department, not later than 27 July 2012. For further details, do contact the Medical Science Department.

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB) held

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