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True patriotism

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

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

Union Election Commission Chairman receives US delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received a delegation led by Mr Michael E Thurston, Chargé d' Affaires at the Embassy of the United States of America at his office here this afternoon.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed

matters on reforms and progress in Myanmar, elections, political parties, promoting the relations and cooperation between the two countries.

The meeting was also attended by members of the UECU Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, U Win Kyi, U Nyunt Tin and Secretary U Win Ko.—MNA

Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye holds discussions with Mr Michael E Thurston, Chargé d' Affaires at the Embassy of the United States of America and party.—MNA



ILO lifts most of restrictions on Myanmar

Lifting, removing and suspending of restrictions benefits Myanmar in trading with EU for interests of people

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Press release of Ministry of Labour

ILO lifts most of its restrictions on Myanmar

1. Restrictions were imposed on Myanmar at 87th International Labour Conference in 1999 and 88th International Labour Conference in 2000 as regards measures for ending forced labour in Myanmar. From 6 to 11 June 2012, ILO governing body, selection committee comprising representatives from employers and employees reviewed the country's actions for ending forced labour in Myanmar and submitted the draft for resolutions on Myanmar to the 101st International Labour Conference on 13 June, 2012.

2. The draft of the resolutions submitted by the Selection Committee was unanimously supported by representatives of governments, labour unions and employers organizations and the draft was approved at 6.10 pm local time (10.40 pm Myanmar standard time) on 13 June, 2012.

3. Following are the key notes of the resolutions on Myanmar at the 101st International Labour Conference.

- To lift all restrictions imposed on Myanmar at the 87th International Labour Conference in 1999.
- Five restrictions were imposed on Myanmar at the 88th International Labour Conference in 2000. Out of them, it was decided to lift sub paragraph (d) which is to review on Myanmar by international labour unions, sub paragraph (c) which is to make resolutions at the United Nations General Assembly and ECOSOC meeting, and sub paragraph (d) which is to report Myanmar's

fulfillment of the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry to international organizations. As regards sub paragraph (b), it is decided to suspend ILO's measures to make necessary review in engagement with Myanmar for one year. Minutes of the Selection Commission state that Special Sitting held under sub paragraph (a) is to be suspended as long as all measures against such forced labour are taken.

- To provide technical assistances to Myanmar by International Labour Organization and necessary financial resources by member countries and organizations in order that the country which is experiencing rapid reforms may not lose the opportunity.
- Myanmar government is to implement the joint-strategy urgently for ending of forced labour ahead of targeted time.
- Thanks to lifting, removing and suspending of restrictions, the country may get special benefits in trading with the EU for the interests of Myanmar people.
- Myanmar delegation comprising representatives of employers and employees led by the Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Attorney-General of the Union attended the 101st International Labour Conference at which the Union Minister and the Attorney-General of the Union met representatives of international governmental institutions, employers organizations and labour unions and gave a clear and complete account of developments and implementation in Myanmar, bringing fruitful results for the interests of Myanmar people.

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US robotic rover to seek Martian life with new focus



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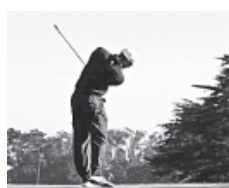
This artist's concept features NASA's Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity rover, a mobile robot for investigating Mars' past or present ability to sustain microbial life as seen in this handout NASA image received by Reuters on 8 June, 2012.



A tea specialist performs Japanese tea ceremony at a traditional Japanese cultural exhibition in Shenyang in Liaoning Province, on 3 June, 2012. Several activities were held during the Shenyang Japan Week to promote cultural exchanges between the two countries.

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Woods facing big test at Olympic for US Open



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Russia draw with Poland leaves Group A open



Jakub Blaszczykowski scored Poland's equalizer in the second half with the left-foot strike.

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The follow-up task

By and large, natural disasters leave behind wholesale death and destruction coupled with unthinkable human sufferings generating a mammoth burden for the government concerned which in many such cases asks emergency help from international institutions and global countries.

Armed internal strife or civil wars also bring immeasurable human miseries mostly for a longer period. Unlike natural disasters that normally hits a country with single terrible blow once at a time, most of the civil wars drags on fueling misunderstanding and doubts among the locals and causing human casualties and property damages for many years.

As we in Myanmar have faced the horrible consequences of internal armed conflicts for about six decades, it's not unusual that we all are hoping for a lasting peace which actually is the indispensable and undisputable platform for every progress for our country from national unity to sustainable economic growth, better social status and equality, freedom and justice the cornerstone of democracy.

Fortunately, we are now seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, thanks to the peace overtures and endeavours the government in office has been making for a happy ending after many years of tears, bitterness and hostilities resulting from armed conflicts among our own kith and kin living in the same land which is called the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Lingering armed civil strife had already drained off a lot of country's resources. But the task of rebuilding the lives of people hit by the conflicts or the people who come back to the legal fold is also enormous. Anyhow, the government has committed itself to implementing the task with heart and soul while exploring many more areas including international cooperation to accelerate its momentum.

Apart from countries in East and West having aid programs for Myanmar, the Peace Donor Support Group has also come to us with a package of ideas, schemes and suggestions for further cooperation and assistance in multiple areas including the said follow-up task.

19th Myanma Tatmadaw Medical Symposium continues

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—The 19th Myanma Tatmadaw Medical Symposium continued at Hsinbyushin Hall of No. 7 Transit Camp in Nay Pyi Taw today. The Medical Services Corps, the researchers from the Ministry of Health and enthusiasts attended the symposium.

At the symposium, they gave talks on backache, medical codes of conduct, impaired kidney, challenges for new nurses and opportunities. They also read medical papers, public health papers, studying medicine papers, obstetric and gynecological papers, orthopedic papers, physical rehabilitation papers, nursing papers, pathology, physiology, physiochemistry and anatomy.—MNA

Educative talk on traffic rules given

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Under the road accidents reduction programme of the Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee of Pindaya Township, Danu Self-Administered Region, an education talk on traffic rules was

Union ministers meet farmers, inspect rice mill and research plantation



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing meets farmers who grew Palethwe hybrid paddy at 288-acre advanced plantation in Zabuthiri Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint met farmers who successfully grew Palethwe hybrid paddy at 288-acre advanced plantation in Zabuthiri Township today.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing said the government is striving to provide farmers with advanced cultivation techniques from the ministry's Research and Development Labs and negotiating with the Commerce Ministry and merchants to help farmers fetch good prices. He urged the farmers to use quality strains to produce quality paddy.

Union Minister U Win Myint said his ministry is encouraging establishment of sophisticated rice mills and

called on farmers for cooperation with agriculturalists to develop agriculture sector.

Managing Director U Zaw Win Shein of Ayeyya Hintha Company and Secretary of Myanmar Rice Industry Association U Ye Min Aung submitted reports.

The Union ministers then inspected the rice mill near Ahlyinlo village.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and party also visited research farm in western Kyaku village met China and Myanmar agriculturalists at the briefing hall of the plantation.

He urged them to seek solutions for needs of farmers after making field trips to the plantations.

MNA

Duties assigned for yearly projects in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Duties for yearly projects for 2012-2013 fiscal year of Kachin State were assigned yesterday. Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai delivered a speech at the ceremony held at City Hall of Myitkyina.

He said the purpose of assigning duties was to exceed targets in implementing the projects this year. The plans were drafted to ensure equitable development, correct statistics, poverty alleviation and socio-economic

development of the local people. Performances in agricultural, industrial and service sectors must go beyond the set targets, he said.

Head of State Planning Department U Than Myint explained assignments of duties for this year's projects.

The chief minister tasked Head of State Agriculture Department U Aye Myint and deputy commissioners of Myitkyina, Bhamo, Mohnyin and Putao Districts with duties of the projects.—MNA

Dy FM receives Kazakhstani counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint received Mr Kairat Sarybay, Deputy Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Republic of Kazakhstan and party at MOFA, at 4.30pm today and exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation.

MNA



Fuel station in Tatkon inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Director U Than Kyaw Kyaw of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department inspected Fuel Station of Green Luck Trading Co., Ltd at the entrance of Tatkon this morning. He gave necessary instructions on prevention of fire.—MNA

organized at Phwe Hla Model Village Basic Education High School in Pindaya Township this morning.

Police Inspector Win Naing gave talk on causes of road accidents and road accidents and leader of traffic rules enforcement corp Police Corporal Tun Win Zaw on specific rules for motor bike racers.

MNA

Construction Dy Minister inspects road works

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected road works on Nyaung U-Myingyan Street with BOT by Myat Noe Thu Co., and paving tarred and gravel works between the mile post Nos 21/6 and 21/7 on 9 June. He gave the necessary instructions on them.

As soon as the deputy minister met the staff from district and townships and responsible persons from companies at Myingyan District Senior Engineer Office, he looked into Myingyan-Natogyi-Yaywun road section with BOT by Gulf Power Company.

He inspected staff housing complex in Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay being implemented by Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development.—MNA



A helicopter drops water on trees burning behind homes on the High Park wildfire near Fort Collins, Colo, on 11 June, 2012. The wildfire is burning out of control in northern Colorado, while an unchecked blaze choked a small community in southern New Mexico as authorities in both regions battled fires on Monday.—REUTERS

Iraq bombs kill 70 Shi'ite pilgrims, police

BAGHDAD, 13 June—Bombers struck at Shi'ite pilgrims celebrating a religious festival in Baghdad and across Iraq on Wednesday, killing more than 70 people in one of the bloodiest days since the last US troops left the country in December.

The bombings appeared to be the work of Sunni insurgents who often hit Shi'ite targets to try to reignite the intercommunal violence that killed tens of thousands of people in 2006-2007. With the government's Sunni, Shi'ite and ethnic Kurdish parties already locked in a crisis

that threatens to shatter their delicate power-sharing agreement, the attacks revived fears that Iraq risked sliding back into sectarian bloodshed.

It was the worst day of violence since early January, when four bombs in Baghdad killed 73, and the latest in a spate of bombings on Shi'ite religious sites. At least 30 people were killed when four blasts hit pilgrims across Baghdad as they marched through the city to mark the anniversary of the death of Shi'ite imam Moussa al-Kadhim, a great-grandson of Prophet Mohammad.

One car bomb exploded outside a Baghdad Shi'ite mosque while another blast tore into groups of pilgrims

as they rested at refreshment tents along the route to a shrine in Kadhimiya District. "A group of pilgrims were walking and passed by a tent offering food and drinks when suddenly a car exploded near them," said Wathiq Muhana, a policeman whose patrol was stationed near the blast in central Karrada District.

"People were running away covered with blood and bodies were scattered on the ground," he said. In a separate attack in the mainly Shi'ite southern city of Hilla, police said two simultaneous car bombs, including one detonated by a suicide bomber, exploded outside restaurants used by security forces, killing 22 people.

Reuters



People and security forces inspect the scene of a car bomb attack in the Karrada neighborhood of Baghdad, Iraq, on 13 June, 2012.—INTERNET

Record dive planned for Chinese submersible on 14 June

ABOARD XIANGYANGHONG 09, 13 June — China's manned deep-sea submersible, Jiaolong, will attempt a new dive as part of a bid to go down 7,000 metres into the Mariana Trench on the morning of 14 June, according to mission headquarters. If water and weather conditions are favorable, the submersible and its three crew, Ye Cong, Cui Weicheng and Yang Bo, will move into the dive site to test for seawater parameters and install kentledge (ballast) at 2 or 3 am Beijing time (1800 GMT or 1900 GMT) on 14 June.

Everyone should be ready by 7 am (2300 GMT), an hour before the actual dive, Liu Xincheng, an on-site official, told *Xinhua*. The first dive will reach a depth of 5,000 metres and last eight hours. "This will be the first dive attempt of the 7,000 metre dive mission," Liu said onboard the *Xiangyanghong 09*, the submersible's oceanographic mother ship, "and also the first dive Jiaolong will take after its successful dive to 5,188 metres last July."

"Much remains uncertain. If everything goes well with the 5,000-metre dive, we hope to go deeper," he said. The team will analyze data retrieved from the first dive to identify any malfunctions and prepare for possible problems before finalizing the plan for the second dive.—*Xinhua*

Insight: When Romney wasn't so tough on China

WASHINGTON, 13 June—Mitt Romney may bed down on China and threatening to declare Beijing a currency manipulator from day one if he is elected US president, but his past dealings with the country show he was not always so hostile. From his early days at private equity firm Bain Capital to his time as Massachusetts governor, Romney welcomed investments from China, and bought and expanded companies that benefited from its low labour costs and controlled currency. As chairman of the 2002 Winter Olympics, he also said Beijing should not be punished for human rights abuses.

All this is in sharp contrast to the Republican presidential candidate's current line of attack on the world's second-largest economy, which is now the United States' most important trading partner and largest foreign creditor. And that

makes political strategists, China experts and business leaders wonder whether Romney will really follow through on his campaign promises if he is elected. So far in his campaign, Romney has accused China of cheating Americans out of jobs and said a country that represses its own people cannot be a trusted partner. He has also promised to label China a manipulator of the yuan. On

the surface, that would just be a symbolic gesture because it only requires Washington to start talking to Beijing about adjusting its currency. But Beijing could easily see it as threatening enough to trigger major trade tensions and reduce the chances of Chinese cooperation over international issues, business executives, analysts and former US government officials said.

Reuters



Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney addresses supporters during a campaign rally at Con-Air Industries Inc. in Orlando, Florida, on 12 June, 2012.

REUTERS

China wins saw blades dispute against USA at WTO

GENEVA, 13 June — China won a World Trade Organization ruling on Friday after the United States decided not to contest the facts of its complaint against US anti-dumping duties on shipments of diamond saw blades and frozen warm-water shrimp from China. China's complaint, which it made in February 2011, was based on the fact that the US anti-dumping duties were calculated in a way that has repeatedly been ruled as illegal under WTO rules.

The WTO dispute panel that examined the case said the US Department of Commerce

had acted inconsistently with WTO rules and said it should bring its rules into line.

The United States has said that its calculation method, known as "zeroing", is superior to the WTO's approved methodology, but it has nevertheless promised not to use it in future, after losing numerous legal rulings over the issue.

A country is usually considered to be dumping a certain product if the export price is unfairly low, which generally means below the price in the country where it came from.

Reuters



US President Barack Obama speaks at a campaign fund raising event in Baltimore, Maryland on 12 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Obama, after tough week, defends record on economy

PHILADELPHIA, 13 June — Barack Obama stoutly defended his economic record on Tuesday after a stream of bad news — and an uncharacteristic verbal misstep of his own — rallied Republican hopes that they can defeat him in November. Acknowledging there is still a "long way to go" to repair the damage done by a recession he inherited, Obama insisted the American economy was on the right track despite recent signals that the country's recovery might be fading.

"What we have been able to do over the last 3-1/2 years, after a decade in which we had been moving in the wrong direction, is to begin to point towards a trajectory where here in this country, everybody is getting a fair shot," he told supporters at the first of a string of fundraising events. His remarks to supporters, after what some political pundits say has been the worst week of his presidency, took care not to deny the subdued tone of recent economics indicators, but remained upbeat about the country's future.

Disappointing May jobs data has challenged Obama's claim that his policies are healing the economy. His own comment to reporters on Friday that the private sector is "doing fine" helped Mitt Romney, his Republican challenger in the 6 November election, argue that the Democratic president is out of touch with ordinary Americans.

Obama later tried to explain that comment, saying he meant the private sector has seen some momentum while other areas of the economy need help more urgently. He returned to the issue on Tuesday, saying "there are a lot of folks out there who are hurting, a lot of folks who are looking for work or are underemployed, a lot of folks whose homes are underwater."

Reuters

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US robotic rover to seek Martian life with new focus

CAPE CANAVERAL, 13 June—This summer, if all goes well, a robotic geologist will arrive on Mars to try out a new strategy for searching for life beyond Earth. Rather than hunt for microbes like the Viking missions of the 1970s, NASA's Mars Science Laboratory, a wheeled rover nicknamed Curiosity, will look for places that could have hosted and preserved life.

"The term 'life-detection' is so ill-defined and so hard to ascertain it doesn't make a good starting point," said geologist John Grotzinger of the California Institute of Technology, who is the lead scientist for the Curiosity mission. Instead, NASA's new Mars mission, scheduled for landing on 6 August, is primarily a geological expedition to an intriguing piece of real estate called Gale Crater, located just south of the Martian equator.

Scientists believe the crater formed some 3.5 billion to 3.8 billion years ago when Mars, Earth and the rest of the planets in the inner solar system were regularly bombarded by meteorites.

Gale's most striking feature is not the 96-mile (154-km) wide pit in the ground, but a 3-mile-high (5-km-high) mound of debris rising from the crater's floor. Scientists believe the mountain, located in the centre of the basin, is the layered remains of sediment that once filled the crater.

Over time and by a process not well understood, the sediment was carried away, leaving what is now known as Mount Sharp, which scientists hope will reveal the geological



This artist's concept features NASA's Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity rover, a mobile robot for investigating Mars' past or present ability to sustain microbial life as seen in this handout NASA image received by Reuters on 8 June, 2012.—REUTERS

history of Mars like no similar formation can do on Earth.

"There is no place on Earth you can go to get the whole history at once," Grotzinger told journalists during a field trip last month to California's Death Valley, one of the few places where chunks of Earth's geologic record covering large spans of time are exposed.

"At Gale you don't need to reconstruct the layers. You can see how they go from older to younger. You've got time's arrow always pointed in the right direction. It's all laid out very simply," Grotzinger said.

Preservation of life

Previous missions to Mars revealed compelling evidence that the planet was once warmer and wetter than the cold, dry desert it is today. For example, NASA's Mars Exploration Rovers, one of which is still operating after more than seven years on the planet's surface, found

minerals that on Earth form only in the presence of water.

Liquid water is one of three key ingredients needed for life—at least life as we know it. Life's recipe also requires an energy source, such as solar or chemical, and a source of carbon.

"One of the ingredients of life is water. We're now looking to see if we can find other conditions that are necessary for life," said Mary Voytek, director of NASA's astrobiology programme.

A key goal for the Mars Science Laboratory is to find organically produced carbon, a tricky proposition because almost every process that makes rock destroys organics. "Even on Earth finding signs of past life isn't easy. Whatever was happening biologically, if anything, for the first 4 billion years there is no record. For the first 3 billion years, there's no rock record either," Grotzinger said.

One technique that has

proven useful on Earth is to search for chemistry that can preserve life, a system scientists are adopting to hunt for signs of life on Mars as well. On Earth, for example, minerals, such as silica, are important because they preserved the record of carbon.

"You pickle the organics early on," Grotzinger said.

"Let's assume life did evolve on Mars. Where are the places that have habitable environments and the highest preservation potential?" he said. "If you do this as a random walk, you're doomed to failure because you only have so much time and the clock is ticking."

If the Mars Science Laboratory touches down safely, which it by no means is given, scientists expect to have two years to collect information about Mount Sharp and the surrounding area. NASA hopes to land the rover on a flat surface as close as possible to the base of Mount Sharp using a first-of-a-kind, rocket-powered sky crane. The exact landing spot will depend on the craft's final steering maneuvers as it races toward Mars.

Mission managers said on Monday they would aim for a 12-by-4-mile (20-by-7-km) patch of land, far smaller than original estimates, which would shave off months of drive time to reach the mound. The rover blasted off aboard an unmanned Atlas 5 rocket on 26 November for a nine-month, 60-million mile voyage that is due to end at 1:30 am EDT on 6 August.

Reuters

Record-breaking solar flare described

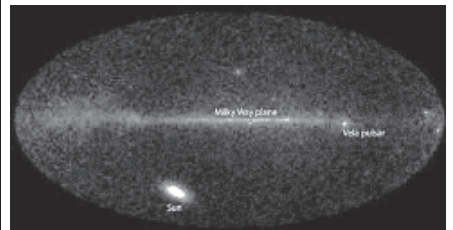
GREENBELT, 13 June—A NASA space telescope detected the highest-energy light ever measured in an eruption on the sun during a powerful solar blast, the space agency has reported.

The powerful solar flare, observed on 7 March by the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope, produced such an outpouring of gamma rays—a form of light with even greater energy than X-rays—that the sun briefly became the brightest object in the gamma-ray sky, NASA said on Monday. "For most of Fermi's four years in orbit, its LAT saw the sun as a faint,

steady gamma-ray source thanks to the impacts of high-speed particles called cosmic rays," Nicola Omodei, an astrophysicist at Stanford University, said. "Now we're beginning to see what the sun itself can do."

The March flare produced high-energy gamma rays for about 20 hours, two and a half times longer than any event on record, researchers said.

Solar eruptions are increasing as the sun moves toward the peak of its roughly 11-year-long activity cycle, expected in mid-2013, they said.—Internet



This image from Fermi's Large Area Telescope (LAT) shows how the entire sky looked on 7 March in the light of high-energy gamma rays.—INTERNET

Flame pieces found in Stuxnet virus — expert

LONDON, 13 June—A leading computer security firm has linked some of the software code in the powerful Flame virus to the Stuxnet cyber weapon, which is believed to have been used by the United States and Israel to attack Iran's nuclear programme.

Eugene Kaspersky, chief executive of Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab, which uncovered Flame last month, said his researchers have since found that part of the Flame programme code is nearly identical to code found in a 2009 version of Stuxnet. The new research could bolster the belief of many security experts that Stuxnet was part of a massive US-led cyber programme that is still active in the Middle East and perhaps other parts of the

world.

Although Kaspersky did not say who he thought built Flame, news organizations including Reuters and the *New York Times* have previously reported that the United States and Israel were behind Stuxnet, which was uncovered in 2010 after it damaged centrifuges used to enrich uranium at a facility in Natanz, Iran. Instead of issuing denials, authorities in Washington recently launched investigations into the leaks about the highly classified project.

On Stuxnet and Flame, "there were two different teams working in collaboration," Kaspersky said at the Reuters Global Media and Technology Summit in London on Monday.

Reuters

World's biggest telescope project approved

Observatory has approved construction of what will be the world's largest optical telescope, to be located on a mountaintop in Chile.

ESO member states approved the project at a meeting in Germany on Monday, the BBC reported.

The European Extremely Large Telescope will have a primary mirror around 130 feet

in diameter, and will be built in Chile's Atacama desert region to take advantage of the area's extremely arid conditions, conducive to excellent astronomical observation, officials said. Although the telescope has been approved, there is still the matter of its \$1.2 billion in funding, which has not been fully secured.

That could happen by

the time of the ESO's next meeting in December, when Brazil is likely to have become the 15th full member of the organization, spreading the telescope's cost and making it more affordable for member nations. The telescope is intended to be complete and ready to begin astronomical observations in 2022.

Internet

is determine if the observed warming pattern can be explained by natural variability alone," Gleckler said. "Although we performed a series of tests to account for the impact of various uncertainties, we found no evidence that simultaneous warming of the upper layers of all seven seas can be explained by natural climate variability alone. Humans have played a dominant role."

Internet



Artist's impression of the the European Extremely Large Telescope (E-ELT).

INTERNET

GARCHING, 13 June—The European Southern

50 yrs of ocean warming attributed to man

LIVERMORE, 13 June—Human activity has been the primary cause of global ocean warming during the past 50 years, a team of US and international researchers says.

Scientists say the observed ocean warming in the last 50 years is consistent with climate models only if the models include the effects of observed increases in greenhouse gas during the

20th century.

"We have taken a closer look at factors that influence these results," lead author Peter Gleckler at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California said. "The bottom line is that this study substantially strengthens the conclusion that most of the observed global ocean warming over the past 50 years is

attributable to human activities."

The scientists looked at the average temperature, or heat content, in the upper layers of the ocean and found the global average ocean warming, from the surface down to 2,300 feet, has been around 0.025 degrees Celsius per decade, a LLNL release reported on Monday.

"What we are trying to do



Young men use a computer at their "Lonja" in Guernica on 20 April, 2012.—REUTERS

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Chrysler, Kia, Ford, call in vehicles

WASHINGTON, 13 June—US regulators said Chrysler, Kia and Ford Motor Co, announced vehicle recalls on Monday ranging from 346,900 affected vehicles to 128 of them.

Chrysler Group LLC announced an expanded recall of Jeep Liberty vehicles to include 2004-07 roll outs in which rear suspension lower control arms could fracture to due excessive corrosion following winters in areas that use road salt.

Chrysler will replace rear lower control arms free of charge in affected vehicles originally sold or currently registered in states that use

road salt, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported.

Kia is recalling 21,912 2009 Borregos made from 2 May, 2008, to 20 Jan, 2009, equipped with non-adjustable brake pedals.

Certain brake pedal mounts have a fiberglass composition that may break in the event of a collision, the NHTSA said. Kia said it would replace the brake pedal mounts free of charge.

Kia also said it was recalling 72,568 model year 2006-08 vehicles made from 20 Feb, 2005, through 9 Dec, 2007, due to faulty air bag sensors that could fail to



A Chinese model poses next to a KIA Borrego at the 2008 Beijing Auto Show on 22 April, 2008.—INTERNET

detect a child in a seat with an airbag.

"The system will not be able to detect whether a child passenger is in the seat and the airbag will deploy during a crash," regulators said.

Kia said it would replace the sensors free of charge.

Ford Motor Co said it would recall 128 model year

2013 Lincoln MKT Limousines made from 6 March to 3 April with rear brake rotor bolts that are not fully seated.

This could lead to a wheel separation. However, "All the affected vehicles have been quarantined and will be repaired before delivery to owners," Ford said.—Internet

Vietnam, Latin America to promote trade ties

HANOI, 13 June—Vietnam will hold the first ministerial level forum on trade and investment between Vietnam and Latin America in capital Hanoi on 5 to 6 July, Vietnam News Agency reported on Tuesday, quoting the source from Vietnam's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as saying.

Delegates from 27 Latin American countries including ministers and deputy ministers in charge of international trade and investment, representatives from Latin American embassies in Vietnam and businesses from the continent will participate in

the forum.

To date, Vietnamese firms have pledged to invest seven billion US dollars in the region while Latin American countries plan to invest three billion US dollars in Vietnam.

Vietnam exports to Latin American countries mainly with rice, textiles, seafood, rubber and coffee.

It imports animal feed, raw materials for textiles and garments, steel, chemicals and medicine.

In 2011, two-way trade turnover between Vietnam and Latin American countries reached 4.5 billion US dollars.—Xinhua

380,000 US deaths yearly due to smoking

ROCKVILLE, 13 June—Death attributable to smoking is declining, with 200,000 such deaths annually for US men, and 180,000 for women, researchers said.

Brian Rostron of the Centre for Tobacco Products at the US Food and Drug Administration said smoking is the leading cause of preventable mortality in the United States, but the methods and data used in the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's estimates of adult smoking-attributable mortality have not been substantially revised since their introduction in the

1980s.

"We employed the CDC's general methodology for estimating smoking-attributable mortality but produced improved estimates by using recent, nationally representative relative risk data from the National Health Interview Survey—Linked Mortality Files and adjusting for confounding risk factors.

We also produced estimates by smoking status and over time," Rostron said in a statement.

"Our use of more recent and nationally representative relative risks tended to decrease estimates of

smoking deaths for men and increased estimates for women compared with the CDC's estimates."

Adjustment for confounding factors further refined the estimates, particularly by smoking status, Rostron said.

"Estimated smoking-attributable mortality has finally begun to decline for both US men and women," Rostron said.

"Our approach offers several substantive improvements in the estimation of smoking-attributable mortality by cause for the United States." Internet



A boy holds a balloon with an image of a red ribbon and the Indian chief Atlatcatl which reads, "Atlatcatl Association, I live positive, making yourself visible" during an AIDS candlelight memorial ceremony in Cuscatlan, on the outskirts of San Salvador on 18 May, 2012. People came together for the ceremony to remember those who have been affected by HIV/AIDS.—REUTERS

Amount of nightly sleep linked to stroke

BOSTON, 13 June—Routinely sleeping 6 hours or fewer a night significantly increases the risk of stroke symptoms among middle-age to older adults, US researchers say.

Lead author Megan Rutter of the University of Alabama at Birmingham said the study involved 5,666 normal-weight adults who were at low risk for obstructive sleep apnea.

The study participants were tracked for as long as

three years.

Rutter and colleagues recorded the subjects' first stroke symptoms, along with demographic information, stroke risk factors, depression symptoms and various health behaviours.

After adjusting for body-mass index, the researchers found a strong association for middle-age to older adults with daily sleep periods of fewer than 6 hours and a greater

incidence of stroke symptoms — even beyond other risk factors.

However, the study found no association between short sleep periods and stroke symptoms among overweight and obese participants.

"In employed middle-aged to older adults, relatively free of major risk factors for stroke such as obesity and sleep-disordered breathing, short sleep duration may exact its own

negative influence on stroke development," Rutter said in a statement.

"We speculate that short sleep duration is a precursor to other traditional stroke risk factors, and once these traditional stroke risk factors are present, then perhaps they become stronger risk factors than sleep duration alone."

The findings were presented at Sleep, the 26th annual meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies in Boston.

Internet



A cashier (L) counts currency notes as customers wait inside a bank in Hyderabad on 22 March, 2010.—REUTERS

Bank shares gain on hopes for CRR cut

HYDERABAD, 13 June—Banking shares reverse earlier losses on rising hopes of twin cuts in the repo rate and the cash reserve ratio at the RBI meeting on 18 June.

Data showing industrial output grew a weaker-than-expected 0.1 percent in April from a year earlier, adds to the case of more aggressive action from the RBI, traders say.

Inflation data on Thursday will be key: a Reuters poll shows WPI

likely accelerated 7.60 percent in May from a year ago, the fastest pace this year.

Banking shares, as measured by the NSE banking index, gain 0.9 percent after earlier falling as much as 0.8 percent before the output data. ICICI Bank (ICBK NS) gains 0.75 percent, while SBI Bank (SBI NS) gains 1 percent. Sensex gains 0.2 percent, while the Nifty adds 0.2 percent.

Reuters

Sensex falls ahead of industrial output data

MUMBAI, 13 June—The Sensex falls around 0.4 pct, ahead of industrial output data.

Industrial output, due out at 11 am IST, is seen rising 1.7 percent in April from a year earlier, and will precede the more important inflation data due on Thursday.

Global shares fall on worries the euro zone's aid to Spanish banks will aggravate the country's rising public debt.

ITC (ITC NS) falls 1 percent, Wipro (WIPR NS) loses 1.6 percent, while Tata Consultancy Services (TCS NS) declines 0.5 percent.—Reuters



A broker monitors share prices at a brokerage firm in Mumbai on 9 Aug, 2011.

REUTERS

Four dead in Taipei mudslides

TAIPEI, (China), 13 June — At least four people died and one was injured when mudslides triggered by torrential rains hit two areas in central Taipei, rescue officials said on Tuesday. Schools were suspended in several large cities, as Taipei faced the most serious flooding since Typhoon Morakot lashed the island in 2009, triggering massive mudslides that killed more than 600 people.

Two were killed and one was wounded when a makeshift shelter in a mountainous area of Nantou county was buried by

mudslides, said the national fire agency, adding downpours also damaged roads and disrupted electricity. Two men who worked for the forestry bureau in Taichung City were rushed to a clinic on Monday with severe injuries caused when a mudslide crushed their office, but despite efforts to save them they died later in the day, the agency said.

In northern Taoyuan county, 20,000 chickens were drowned when a farm was submerged by a flash flood, officials said. Massive flooding was reported across the island since late Monday,



Rescuers drag rafts to evacuate people in Tucheng area of New Taipei City, on 12 June. At least four people have died and one was injured when mudslides triggered by torrential rains hit two areas in central Taipei, according to rescue officials.— INTERNET

with more than 700 millimetres of rain (27 inches) in some areas while Taipei's central weather bureau warned of more heavy rains this week.

As of mid-morning Tuesday, Taipei and three other large cities had suspended classes and work in government offices.— *Internet*

Bulldozers dig for victims of Afghan earthquakes



A crane is used to search for victims of Monday's earthquake in Baghlan, north of Kabul, Afghanistan on 12 June, 2012.—INTERNET

KABUL, 13 June—Bulldozers dug through tons of rocks and dirt on Wednesday in hopes of recovering 71 victims of a landslide that occurred after two earthquakes struck in northern Afghanistan earlier this week. Two bodies have

been recovered so far and 69 other people are feared dead — entombed in the rubble in Baghlan province's Burka district, Mahmood Haqmal, the spokesman for the province, said Wednesday.

Wielding shovels, nearby villagers and Afghan policemen dug into the dirt alongside three bulldozers as they uncovered beams of houses crushed under the weight of the landslide. "We have to dig and find the 69 other bodies," Haqmal said. "I do not know how long it will take. It is not an easy task, but the government has promised that they will not leave the bodies under the rocks... they will stay until they find the last bodies."

The US Geological Survey said one earthquake with a magnitude of 5.4 struck the region on Monday morning, followed by a magnitude 5.7 quake. Both caused buildings to shake in the Afghan capital, Kabul, 190 kilometers (120 miles) to the south.

Damage was reported in five areas of the province, but the worst was in the village of Sayi Hazara.—*Internet*

Iraq attacks kill four

MOSUL, 13 June—Gun and bomb attacks killed three policemen and a soldier and wounded six other people in Iraq on Monday, security and medical officials said.

Police Lieutenant Colonel Saad al-Hamdani said gunmen opened fire with light weapons on a checkpoint in the Hamam al-Alil area, 35 kilometres (21 miles) from the restive northern city of Mosul, then fled the scene.

The attack killed three policemen and wounded two others, Hamdani said. Gunmen also shot dead a soldier in Baquba, in central Iraq's Diyala Province, a police colonel and a medical

source at a local hospital said.

A roadside bomb against a police patrol wounded three police in Kholes, 65 kilometres (40 miles) north of Baghdad, a police major and a medical source said.

And gunmen wounded a police first lieutenant in the Karrada area of central Baghdad, an interior ministry official said.

Violence in Iraq has declined dramatically since its peak in 2006-2007, but attacks remain common, especially in Baghdad, Diyala and Mosul.

A total of 132 Iraqis were killed in violence in May, official figures show.

—*Internet*



An Iraqi policeman takes pictures of debris at the site of a blast in Baquba, the provincial capital of the Diyala Province, in February 2012. Gun and bomb attacks killed three policemen and a soldier and wounded six other people in Iraq.

INTERNET



Photo illustration of fruit bats. A huge colony of fruit bats that live in Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens are such a pest that desperate officials have taken to blaring industrial noise and banging sounds to scare them off.

INTERNET

Industrial music scares off pesky Sydney bats

SYDNEY, 13 June — A huge colony of fruit bats that live in Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens are such a pest that desperate officials have taken to blaring industrial noise and banging sounds to scare them off.

And the ploy appears to have worked. A week ago some 5,000 of the large mammals could be seen hanging in trees throughout the park, a popular haunt for both locals and tourists on the harbour near the city's famous Opera House.

But now just 10 are left, said the executive director of the Royal Botanic Gardens Brett Summerell. "The majority of bats have been

evicted from the gardens," he said on Tuesday. "We've been playing a range of industrial type noises — basically annoying sounds for about 45 minutes in the mornings and 35 minutes in the evening."

Over the past 20 years, the bats, also known as flying foxes, have caused extensive damage in the gardens, with more than 28 trees and 30

palms already lost and several hundred more trees and plants damaged, 60 critically. Summerell said 100 bats had been fitted with satellite collars to track their movement and they were dispersing around the Sydney region, up the coast, and even as far as Queensland state, some 700 kilometres (434 miles) away.

—*Internet*

In this photo taken on 8 June, 2012, "sub-adults" African elephants eat hay at their new habitat of the Africom Safari wildlife preserve, near Puebla, Mexico. The nine elephants from Namibia needed a new home and the owner of a 900-acre wildlife preserve in central Mexico jumped at the chance to buy them and add them to his menagerie that includes ostriches, lemurs, giraffes, zebras and monkeys.—INTERNET

Nine young elephants find new home in Mexican zoo

PUEBLA, (Mexico), 13 June — It was the stuff of a major film studio's next animation project: Nine African baby elephants orphaned after their parents were poached, but then miraculously rescued to a wild game park in Latin America. In the highlands of central Mexico, pee wee pachyderms the size of Volkswagen Beetles could wander around, wide-eyed as they munched on tortillas and donned sombreros in their new home.

Except that the government of Namibia, where they came from, says it didn't happen that way. The nine elephants that made a big media splash last week lumbering off a cargo plane, on their way to a reserve in

Puebla, were the result of a commercial sale. Despite reports to the contrary, the creatures had never been truly, fully free. They also aren't babies, but youngsters ranging from 4 to 10 years old, said Boas Erkki, deputy director at the Namibian Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

The elephants were sold by the original owner, a farm, to the Namib Game Services private reserve and their mothers were not poached, Erkki told *The Associated Press* on Monday.

The Namib Game Services sold the animals because they didn't have enough space to keep them, he said.

—*Internet*



Chinese police destroy 100,000 illegal guns

BEIJING, 13 June — Police in 150 Chinese cities jointly destroyed more than 100,000 illegal guns on Tuesday, the Ministry of Public Security said.

About 250 tons of illegal explosives will also be disposed of in the next few days, according to the statement from the ministry. A large portion of these guns were seized by police during raids, and others were submitted by citizens, the statement said.

Half of the guns were confiscated during a national campaign targeting illegal guns and explosives, which started in February and will last until December, it said.

So far, police have busted more than 180 criminal organizations and detained 7,800 suspects involved in the illegal possession of guns and explosives, the statement said.

MNA/Xinhua

Live and learn

Ma Than Htay

I am way over 50, and near to the retiring age. But I am still learning, everyday. Some days I learn a few things and some days I learn a lot. Everyday I learn to transform myself to become a better person.

The new things I learn might be at home or at office or from social dealings or from reading. I may learn from my superiors, associates and even from my lowest staff. What is important is that I must take the good things I learnt and wipe out the bad things that I encountered through out the day.

We should be able to slide well to the twists and turns of life. Our roller coaster life-rides are full of highs and lows. The road you take might be bumpy, but check your conscience and take the right turn. We must avoid the bad turns which would end to a disastrous fall.

At the end of the day, I recollect on what I have done right and what I should not have done, for that day. The 'done rights' should definitely exceed the 'shouldn't dos'. I should try to do only the good things everyday, which is how my parents had raised me. The happiness

that you feel, after doing a good deed cannot be matched with any other happiness.

To be able to learn and do the good things, your mindset must be clear and free of conscience. Then you can absorb what is needed to learn and turn yourself and your surroundings to be better. Try it, you will attain a satisfying feeling which will make you deliriously happy as well as to the people around you. Being content to your present life and making the best of it, is also a feel-good factor.

Going down on the right track means being adaptable. You might not have the best ideas in everything. You might have missed some, therefore you must listen to others, whose ideas might be better and more appropriate. The thing is that you must not be -simply -stubborn, period!

Adapting to new things and concepts needs 'genuine courage and wisdom' to look squarely and forge forward-looking attitudes. What is most important is to address on humanitarian grounds. You must learn, and

enhance and improve your social management.

If you can ensure and improve people's livelihood and upgrade basic public services for people to benefit the fruits of life, you can say that you have learnt and achieved well in life and your merits will carry you to a better next life. This is one of the marvels of life. This is the way of life that is worth living. Make your life to a leapfrog development of merit making.

But along the path, it does not mean that everything will be okay and of course there will be challenges. We need to strengthen our capacity reflecting to the challenges. Learning well will be a main factor to achieve what you seek.

As Buddhists, this life we are having is just a short period to the circle of many lives we are destined until we reach Nirvana. There is no reason for not making this life the best of it.

Live and learn, to make a better world —as well as a better you!

Summer cricket related to health knowledge



MANDALAY, 13 June—As day temperature is higher and higher in some areas of upper Myanmar in couple of day, crickets come out from their holes.

Crickets processed with ice from Htigyaing, Katha and Maunggon regions of Thabeikkyin Township and Hsedawgyi of Madaya Township flow into Mandalay.

The crickets transported from Htigyaing and Katha are lack of freshness and it may cause dysentery. The crickets from Hsedawgyi and environs of Mandalay are fresh. Local people sell 100 numbers of fresh cricket per K 1500.—Kyemon

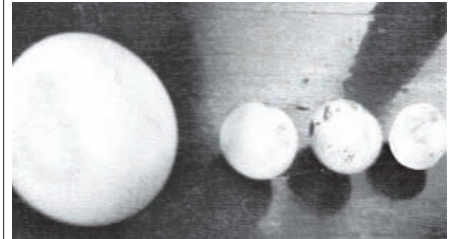
Tree growing ceremony held in Myawady Township

MYAWADY, 13 June—The Eucalyptus plants growing ceremony was held in Thinganninaung Village of the township on 8 June.

Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Kan, Assistant Director U Khin Maung Oo of Forest Department and staff, Thinganninaung Village Administrator U Tin Win and party, village people's militia members and local people totalling over 120 participated in growing 600 eucalyptus plants.

Kyemon

One-inch-sized eggs laid



YANGON, 13 June—A hen from the poultry farm of U Ohn Nyunt from No. 8/6/26/B on Bo Min Yang Street in Zawtika Park in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region laid three one-inch-sized eggs in a month.

The hen laid once three eggs and it laid three significant eggs on 10 May,

4 and 6 June.

The eggs are in one inch high and the egg laid on 4 June was smaller than one-inch size.

Although the sizes were smaller than the ordinary size, its characters are similar to other ones. Due to significant features, the farm owner dated on them.

Khaing Khaing

Over 20-year vehicles allowed to be substituted after overage vehicles

MANDALAY, 13 June—Overage vehicles are accepted at Directorate of Road Administration through three steps.

As of 1 June, overage vehicles with number plate of Pa alphabet are being accepted. After the vehicles with number plate of Pa alphabet, a plan is under way to accept over 20 years old

vehicles. In realizing the plan, a total of 51471 vehicles have been handed over to the directorate up to 30 May 2012.

As overage vehicles consume more fuel than the new ones and they are lack of strengthening, the vehicles may cause traffic accidents and air pollution with their smokes. That is

why overage vehicles are allowed to be substituted with new ones.—Kyemon

DISTRICT NEWS



CSC ISSUED: Staff Officer U Aung Myint and staff of Kungyangon Township Immigration and National Registration Department made field trip to Thabyusan Village-tract of the township on 8 June to implement Moe Pwint-3 Plan. They issue citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people.

TOWNSHIP IPRD



CASH DONATED: With the aim of improving all-round education standard at Basic Education Primary School in Ohnbinsu Village of Ottwin Township, U Aung Win-Daw Khin Aye Kyu and family of Shwekyia-in Ward 2 of Taungdwingyi donate K 1 million and K 200,000 for stationery to Patron of School Board of Trustees U Aung Lwin.—MYANMA ALIN

MLF invites cash, book donations

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

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

Books, cash donated to library in Hmawby Township

YANGON, 13 June—A ceremony to donate books and cash to Lin Yuang Chi Library was held in Wanetchaung Village of Hmawby Township in Yangon Region on 10 June.

Staff Officer Daw Khin Thida Oo of Yangon North District Information and Public Relations Department and townselder U Ohn Maung made speeches.

Wellwisher U Tin Hlaing (Yamanya Aung Naing Thu)

explained the purpose of donation.

Next, District IPRD Staff Officer Daw Khin Thida Oo, U Tin Hlaing (Yamanya Aung Naing Thu), Wapadaw Sayadaw and Malaria Controller of Yangon Region U Khin Maung Hsan donated books and U Thant Zin Maung K 200,000 to the library. Wanetchaung Village Administrator U Myint Thein accepted the donations.

Township IPRD

Wellwishers donate books and cash to Lin Yuang Chi Library in Wanetchaung Village of Hmawby Township.



Foreign companies to invest in energy sector

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Chairman of CEW Media Group of China Ms Zoe Zuo and party paid a call on Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay at the latter's office here yesterday evening.

The chairman proposed the Union Minister to assist the group as they were planning to organize international-class energy exhibition in Myanmar. The Union Minister welcomed their cooperation for attracting new investments in country's energy sector and promised to render assistance necessary.

The Union Minister then received BG Group Vice-President Mr Jim Seaton of Britain and party. He explained potentials for investment in Myanmar offshore oil rigs and discussed energy policies with the guests.



Union Minister U Than Htay receives Vice President of BG Group Mr Jim Seaton and party.—MNA

The Union Minister also received CEO Mr Takashi Ikeda of Sojitz of Japan and explained potentials for investment in down-stream

part of the country's energy sector, estimated volume of oil and gas available after the exploration period of the international companies

making investment in the country and potential for cooperation with the ministry in Thanlyin Oil Refinery.

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Myanmar ambassador presents Credentials to His Majesty King of Sweden

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—U Kyaw Myo Htut, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, presented his Credentials to His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf, the Kingdom of Sweden, on 4 June 2012 in Stockholm.

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Myanmar Ambassador accredited to Norway

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Kyaw Myo Htut, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Norway.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister receives Singaporean Emeritus Senior Minister

YANGON, 13 June—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe met with the delegation led by Emeritus Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong of Singapore at the government office of Yangon Region, here, this morning.

They discussed mutual cooperation with Yangon Region.

Also present at the call were region ministers, Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua and officials.—MNA



Deputy Cooperatives Minister views cooperatives works

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun together with four staff groups of the ministry including the director and the deputy directors yesterday paid a field trip to 14 villages and three wards in Yekyi, Kangyidaunt, Thabaung and Kyaunggon

Townships in Ayeyawady Region where they formed four agriculture livestock and micro-credit cooperative societies, nine agriculture production and odd-job cooperative societies, two agriculture producing cooperative societies and one employees' micro-credit cooperative society.

Next, the deputy minister presented cash prizes to distinction winning students and ordinary ones passed for 2011-2012 matriculation examination in Thabawtkan Village School of Shwethaungyan sub-township in Patheingyi and looked into the school as well.—MNA



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin inspects construction of the Seikkyi-Khanaungto Suspension Bridge.—MNA

Union Sports Minister enjoys sports matches in Champion Challenge Cup

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—The Champion Challenge Cup 2012 kicked off at Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Sports Zone, Paunglaung Gymnasium, Lewe Sports Training Zone and Nay Pyi Taw City Golf Course this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan enjoyed first round matches of

women's Futsal tournament at Zabuthiri Sports Zone.

Moreover, the Union minister watched women's and men's cycling contests in front of long-range sports control office, the women's and men's weightlifting events at Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Gymnasium, Pencak Silat events at the gymnasium in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Training Zone.—MNA

Thaton District Hospital gets new two-storey maternity and child ward

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—A ceremony to open Nyan Wai Yan two-storey maternity and child ward of Thaton District People's Hospital was held at the building on 10 June morning, with an address by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint.

The building is 110 feet long and 65 feet wide two-storey RC facility constructed at a cost of K350 million by U Nyan and family.

At University of Computer Studies (Thaton), the Chief Minister met officials and instructed them to keep the campus clean and green and grow rubber plants

on vacant lands for raising fund of the university.

After inspecting Theinseik-Seikkyun-Mayangon inter-village road, the Chief Minister met

officials at Seikkyun and Mayangon sluice gates. Later, he looked into proper flow of water in the canal and dredging of silt and sand.

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Dy Construction Minister assists in Seikkyi-Khanaungto Suspension Bridge construction

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin inspected construction of the Seikkyi-Khanaungto Suspension Bridge in Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township on 10 June.

Out of 124 bore piles, 105 have been drilled and the work of drilling bore piles will be completed in third week of June.

The bridge is located on Hlinethaya-Seikkyi Road and on completion, the bridge will be 480 ft long and 11 ft and three inches wide. The bridge will have a clearance of 422 ft wide and 40 ft high and can withstand 36 tons.

The distance of the two approach roads of the bridge is 1200 ft long. The approach road is 30 ft wide and it is flanked by pedestrian lanes which is three ft wide.

During his tour of inspection, the deputy minister held a meeting with officials from the special group for construction of roads, bridges, airports and buildings, senior engineers and personnel from BOT companies.

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

Union I & P Minister inspects issuing of household registration certificates, citizenship scrutiny cards in Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi and Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, together with State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Aung Kyaw Min, State ministers, Country Director Mr Christopher Bleers of Yangon-based Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and officials, viewed issuing of household registration certificates and citizenship scrutiny cards at Assembly office in Paingkyone, Hpa-an district on 11 June.

As Moepwint level -3, household registration certificates and citizenship scrutiny cards have been issued free to more than 350 local people from wards villages in Paingkyon, through one-stop service. It was also attended by Battalion 101 of KNU No.7 Brigade Commanding Officer level Lt-Col Phaw Do and members. At the ceremony, the Union Minister U Khin Yi said that the Ministry is giving relaxation on issuing of household registration certificates and citizenship scrutiny cards by means of Moepwint-1, 2 and 3 projects. Due to the government's reforms, Yangon-based NRC which is a social organization makes cooperation with the

ministry and donated the expenses for issuing of household registration certificates and citizenship scrutiny cards. NRC is providing assistance for rural development tasks of Kayin State.

After that, the State Chief Minister expressed thanks for

Bleers explained the facts about issuing of census and citizenship scrutiny cards in the State. In meeting with 13 media teams at the assembly office, the Union Minister and officials replied the questions on Moepwint projects and follow-up programme, NRC's assistance and issuing

through the Union Minister. Head of State Immigration and Population Department U Thaug Zaw presented national scrutinizing cards to local people, and director-general U Maung Maung Than, gifts for KNU members through Lt-Col Phaw Do of KNU. Local people also



Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi speaking of issuing citizenship scrutiny card.—MNA

the help of regional development and urged the local people to make cooperation. Afterwards, Lt-Col Phaw Do of KNU also expressed thank to the government and organizations. Then, Country Director Mr Christopher

of census and national citizenship scrutiny cards to KNU members and family.

Afterwards, the Country Director donated computer and related materials, photo copier, copier, generator, office equipments, to be used in Moepwint projects

expressed the thanks for it. Afterwards, the Union Minister and officials cordially greeted those present. Issuing of household registration certificates and citizenship scrutiny cards has started across the country as of 1 June.—MNA



**World Blood Donor Day 2012
14 June**

Ministry of Health

Cash and kind donated to Rakhine ...

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territory west of Maungdaw not to be infiltration of unscrupulous persons.

A team of 32 medical staff of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) opens the relief camps to provide health care services to the local people to prevent diseases and send emergency patients by Tatmadaw helicopter.

Moreover, the Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office sent 50 bales, and Tatmadaw families 692 bags of rice, 978 viss of edible oil, 326 viss of salt and other foodstuffs and personal goods to the local people. In addition, clothes, foodstuffs and personal goods donated by wellwishers were transported to the relief camps by Tatmadawmen with the use of Tatmadaw aircrafts, helicopters and vehicles.

Officials of the Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office in person gave relief aids to the local people and gave encouragement to them.—MNA



Wellwishers donate cash through Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin.—MNA

Consultation Meeting for Implementation of Comprehensive Education Sector Review-CESR continued for the second day



Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe addresses second-day Consultation Meeting for Implementation of Comprehensive Education Sector Review-CESR.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—The Consultation Meeting for Implementation of Comprehensive Education Sector Review-CESR continued for the second day at Thingaha Hotel here today, attended by Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe who called for clear outcomes of the discussions.

Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Director-General

Dr Soe Win chaired the Management System for CESR Implementation Meeting and Secretary of CESR Guidance Committee Director-General of Education, Planning and Training Department U Bo Win explained management plans to be implemented in CESR works.

It was followed by Key Stakeholder's Expression for Support in CESR Process

Meeting, chaired by Deputy Director-general of Myanmar Education Research Department Dr Daw Khin Myo Myint Kyu. Education Advisor Mr David Coleman of Aus Aid discussed support programmes for the CESR Process.

International Consultant Ms Amanda Seel of MDEF and Dr Cliff Meyers of UNICEF Office for East

Asia and Pacific Region led the discussion on Finalization of TOR of CESR Meeting, followed by Next Step for Implementation of the CESR Process Meeting.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remark of UNICEF resident representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha and the deputy minister.

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Dy Construction Minister meets Mandalay Public Works staff

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Deputy Construction Minister U Soe Tint met staff of Heavy Machinery Company (North) of Public Works in Mandalay on 11 June.

He inspected maintenance of the machinery and called for completing the maintenance works on schedule, arranging the list of priority, collecting spare parts, using quality alternatives and conducting proficiency courses for mechanical engineers.—MNA

Mid-level officer management course opened at CICS (Upper Myanmar)

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—The mid-level officer management course No. 34 was opened at Padamya Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) on 11 June morning.

Member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Win Myint delivered an address.

Altogether 60 trainees at assistant director and deputy director levels from various ministries attended the four-week course.—MNA

Book donation ceremony held in Kyauktan Township

YANGON, 13 June—A ceremony to donate books to Pyinnya Alinyaung Library was held at the village library in Ywathitgyi Village of Kyauktan Township on 29 May morning.

The library was built with contributions of the Myanmar Libraries Foundation and local wellwishers.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U

Zaw Min Tun made a speech. The head of Township Information and Public Relations Department explained development of the libraries in line with five-point standard.

Next, the township administrator donated 200 books, the head of Township IPRD 200 books, Chairman of Township Writers Association Maung Ni Hmaing (Kyauktan) 100

copies of poem books, Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Township Women's Affairs Organization 120 books each, and wellwishers furniture to librarian U Htein Win.

The library was formally opened by the township administrator, the head of Township IPRD and village administrator U Hsan Htay. Township IPRD

Coord meeting on Asian Youth & Junior Weightlifting C'ships held

YANGON, 13 June—The executive committee meeting of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation was held at its hall in Aung San Stadium, here, on 5 June.

President of the

federation U Thet Win made a speech.

The participants discussed preparations for successfully holding the Asian Youth & Junior Weightlifting Championships 2012 to be hosted

by Myanmar from 5 to 12 November 2012, offering of sponsorships, training of athletes under Bulgarian Coach Mr Trandafi Stoyches and assistance to be provided for the lifters.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Tree growing ceremony held in Thingangyun Township



YANGON, 13 June—The rainy season tree growing ceremony of Thingangyun Township Forest Department in Yangon Region was held along Aung Thida Road in Kyeepwayay Ward on 9 June morning.

Thingangyun Township Hluttaw representative U Kyaw, Saw San San Myint, Township Administrator U Kyaw Lwin, Staff Officer U

Aung Naing Win of Township Forest Department and staff, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Phyu Win and party, the chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization and people participated in cultivation of over 300 saplings along both sides of the road.

Myanma Alin

Modern express bus to be sold through banking installment system



MANDALAY, 13 June—Young Man Buses manufactured by the People's Republic of China applying Germany technology will run along the route of Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Road.

Young Man express buses are formed with advanced toilet, driver room, store and 37 comfortable seats for passengers.

Top motor car company

Man SE of Germany puts its investment in China to manufacture the express buses.

The buses are facilitated with ESP break system for safety of passengers. The buses will be sold through banking installment system. The owners of the buses will be allowed to run in the Shwe Nan Taw Bus Line and Yazar Aung Bus Line free of line fee.—Ko Ko

Drive Safely

School uniforms provided to offspring of vendors

PYAPON, 13 June—A ceremony to present school uniforms to offspring of vendors in Bogale Township of Pyapon District was held at the office of Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee in Bogale Township on 3 June, attended by parents and

students.

Executive Officer U Kyi Soe of the committee explained the purpose of providing assistance to the students.

After that, the executive officer presented school uniforms to 49 students through their parents.—Myanma Alin

Rural health branch facilitated to Mawlamyinegyun Township

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 13 June—The opening ceremony of rural health branch was held in Paungtachaung-2 Village in Kyetsha Village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 7 June morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Htay Maung and Head of Township Health Department Dr Aye Aung formally opened the branch. Kyetsha Village-tract

Administrator U Tun Aung handed over documents related to the health branch to the head of Township Health Department. Kyetsha Health Assistant U Htay Win and townselder U Mya Ohn explained participation of the local people for regional health tasks.

The rural health branch is 30 feet long and 20 feet wide, built at a cost of K 3 million.

Myanma Alin

Stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 13 June—IP Myint Naing Oo of Anti-Drug Special Squad and Police Captain Thein Tun Wai of Myanmar Police Force and party while discharging their duties at Maiyan Checkpoint at the entrance to Tachilek at 5.50 pm on 6 June searched Suzuki brand motorcycle without licence driven by Aik Kyin from Kengtung to Tachilek.

The authorities seized 185 WY brand pinky stimulant tablets weighing 18.5 grams worth K 518,000 hidden in his underwear.

Tachilek Police Station opens file against drug trafficker Aik Kyin, 40, son of U Nanda of Wamsaukhon (Upper) Village of Mongphone (B) Village-tract in Tachilek Township.—Myanma Alin

Information for trafficking in person

The government is carrying out undertakings of prevention against trafficking in person with momentum.

In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as the connections with authorities concerned for enabling the people to actively participate in trafficking in persons.

These telephone numbers are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-49555666 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555888 and 09-49555999 in Yangon.



CSC ISSUED: Staff of Kamayut Township Immigration and National Registration Department carried out issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards in Ward 6 of the township in line with the Moe Pwint-3 Plan. On 8 June, Region Hluttaw representative U Mya Ngwe and Head of Yangon West District INRD U Yin Htwe inspect their works.—MYANMA ALIN

50000 saplings planted in Shwegyin Township

SHWEGYIN, 13 June—The collective tree growing ceremony was held in Shwegyin Township of Bago District in Bago Region on 2 June.

The ceremony was aimed at establishing rural housing for alleviation of poverty by assigning duties of growing three teak plants and 20 hardwood plants to each household.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung made a

speech. Head of Township Forest Department U Sai San Thein explained the cultivation of trees.

After that, the township administrator and the head of township forest department distributed saplings to ward and village administrators.

In 2012 monsoon season, Shwegyin Township grew 50,000 saplings of teak, ironwood and eucalyptus plants.

Agriculture

Hybrid sunflower strain thriving in Meiktila



YAMETHIN, 13 June—Indian hybrid sunflower strain was successfully cultivated in Hsegvi Village of Yamethin Township in 2012-2013 rainy season.

The hybrid sunflower can produce 50-60 baskets of sunflower per acre and about 5 viss per basket. As it is a suitable sunflower strain, the local people are eager to

use such sunflower strain. In 2011-2012 cultivation season, cultivation of such sunflower strain achieved success in Meiktila District.

In fact, cultivation of sunflower will contribute much to poverty alleviation and increasing the income of farmers across the nation.

Myanma Alin

UAE no longer most expensive place in Middle East

DUBAI, 13 June — Abu Dhabi lost its lead as the Middle Eastern City with the highest cost of living to Beirut, while Dubai fell back 12 places in the global ranking, the Worldwide Cost of Living 2012, which was published by consultancy firm Mercer, showed on Tuesday.

The annual Mercer study examines the cost of living for expatriates in 214 cities globally. In the Middle East, Abu Dhabi fell to place 76 from 67 last year. Beirut, on the other hand, moved up by eight notches to land on

number 67 in the global Mercer ranking. Mostly due to pressure on real estate prices and rents, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) capital was replaced by Beirut as the most costly metropolis regionally. The UAE's trade and business hub Dubai is regionally the third, as globally, Mercer said that Dubai has fallen to position 94 from 81, also because the property market saw an ongoing value decline.

Nevertheless, the UAE remains the most expensive place to live in the Gulf Arab union. Both Abu Dhabi and

Dubai are ahead of Saudi Arabia's Capital Riyadh (123), Manama, Bahrain (156), Kuwait City, Kuwait (134), Doha, Qatar (169), Muscat, Oman (179) and Jeddah, the western port city in Saudi Arabia (186). Globally, the most expensive city to live for foreigners is Tokyo, which replaced Angola's capital Luanda, Mercer said. Mercer compares costs for over 200 factors in each location including housing, transport, food, clothing, household goods and entertainment.

Xinhua

Economist takes US Commerce reins for 2nd time

WASHINGTON, 13 June — One day after Commerce Secretary John Bryson said he would take indefinite medical leave following three car crashes in California, his second-in-command, Deputy

Bryson's predecessor, Gary Locke, left to become the US ambassador to China. Bryson told employees he trusts her to manage the agency while he seeks medical treatment, and President Barack Obama

two vehicles — one of them twice — near his home in the Los Angeles suburbs.

The Commerce secretary was found unconscious behind the wheel of his Lexus on Saturday after crashing into the same car twice, leaving the scene and then hitting another vehicle, police in southern California said. Police are investigating at least one crash as a felony hit-and-run accident. "As you know, Dr Blank has strengthened our Department in this role before. I have every confidence in her," Bryson said in a note to Commerce Department employees on Monday night.

Reuters



John Bryson at a business conference organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in New Delhi on 26 March, 2012. — REUTERS

Commerce Secretary Rebecca Blank, stepped up to run the agency — for the second time in less than a year. Blank, an economist, headed Commerce for three months last year after

also has confidence in her leadership, his spokesman said.

Commerce officials have said Bryson, 68, suffered a seizure before crashing into

Canton Fair to further boost Italy-China commercial ties

MILAN, 13 June — The upcoming 112th biannual Canton Fair, or China Import and Export Fair, was discussed at a Press conference here on Tuesday, and is expected to further promote Italy-China economic ties. The fair, founded by the Chinese government in 1957 and the largest trade fair in China, not only fosters international commercial exchange but also provides a unique platform for sharing knowledge and information, Liu Jianjun, deputy director-general of the China Foreign Trade Centre, told the press conference in Milan.

With an exhibition area of 1.16 million square metres and over 210,000 buyers from more than 210 countries and regions in the world, the fair enhances the leadership of best-performing enterprises in the competitive international market, he said. "The fair also attaches a lot of importance to innovation, and has created a Fair Product Design and Trade Promotion Centre," Liu said. Other officials, including the Canton Fair's secretary general Wang Zhiping and Chinese Consul General in Milan Liang Hui, also attended the Press conference.

Innovation, which is typical of many Italian businesses, can further enhance bilateral relations that "have significantly grown both in cultural and economic terms since 2004," Liang said. Italy is China's fourth-largest trading partner in Europe as bilateral trade reached 51 billion US dollars last year, and its annual investment in China is estimated at 5.5 billion dollars, the consul general said. Events such as the Canton Fair can help Italy further strengthen its dialogue with China that besides promoting exports also has the goal of balancing international trade by promoting imports as well, Liang said. — Xinhua



A tea specialist performs Japanese tea ceremony at a traditional Japanese cultural exhibition in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 3 June, 2012. Several activities were held during the Shenyang Japan Week to promote cultural exchanges between the two countries. — XINHUA

Nuclear power more costly than renewables

BEIJING, 13 June — Like a modern-day Pompeii, the streets and buildings of Prypyat stand frozen by a disaster. But, unlike the eruption of Mount Vesuvius nearly 2,000 years ago, Prypyat was destroyed by a manmade — and thus preventable — catastrophe.

Weeds and gray desolation are all that thrive in this once-bustling community, which housed the workers of Chernobyl's doomed nuclear power plant, whose devastating meltdown 26 years ago still inflicts physical and socioeconomic harm on many in Ukraine and nearby countries.

Back then, the world was, for an instant, shocked by the folly of nuclear technology. But, as with Hiroshima, Three Mile Island, and last year's Fukushima meltdown in Japan, the spike in global dismay was all too fleeting.

This myopia is a symptom of steady population growth, coupled with consumption-driven economies and ever-increasing demand for cheap energy. But the risks clearly outweigh the alleged benefits.

While nuclear energy's advocates often claim that there have been only two major calamities, a very different picture emerges if we consider other "accidents" that caused loss of human life or significant property damage.

Between 1952 and 2009, at least 99 nuclear accidents met this definition worldwide, at a cost of more than US\$20.5 billion, or more than one incident and US\$330 million in damage every year.

This recurrence rate demonstrates that many risks are not being properly managed or regulated. The

meltdown of a 500-megawatt reactor located 50 kilometres (31 miles) from a city would cause the immediate death of an estimated 45,000 people, injure roughly another 70,000, and cause US\$17 billion in property damage. During a visit to Chernobyl in April, I learned about a new project to build, by 2015, a "shelter" to lock in the radiation still emanating from the reactor.

The price tag is estimated at US\$1.9 billion. But this sarcophagus is no more than a wildly expensive Band-Aid, which will be ripped off a still-festering wound in 100 years, by which point, it is hoped, a permanent solution will have been found. A 30-kilometre exclusion zone still rings Chernobyl, leaving once-fertile land unable to be tended by local farmers.

Xinhua

Murdoch confidante in court over hacking scandal

LONDON, 13 June — Rebekah Brooks, a trusted confidante of Rupert Murdoch and friend to a succession of British prime ministers, appears in a London court on Wednesday accused of hindering a police investigation into phone hacking and corruption by staff at his British tabloids. Huge media interest is guaranteed for the first appearance in the dock of the 44-year-old, a former editor of two of Britain's top-selling newspapers who counts the upper echelons of the British establishment and senior politicians in her network of friends.

Those include Prime

Minister David Cameron whose close relationship with Brooks and other figures in Murdoch's media empire will come under the microscope when he appears before a public inquiry into press ethics on Thursday. Brooks is charged with concealing material from detectives, and hiding documents, computers and other electronic equipment.

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Former News International chief executive Rebekah Brooks leaves Lewisham police station in London on 15 May, 2012. — REUTERS

secretary and three other staff from News International are due to appear at London's Westminster Magistrates Court on Wednesday to face charges of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

Reuters

Mexican cartel accused of laundering cash in

US horse racing

MALLEN, (Texas), 13 June — Authorities said they arrested seven members of one of Mexico's largest drug cartels on Tuesday and accused them of laundering money in the United States by buying, breeding and racing American racehorses. The case points to the increasing corrupting influence in the United States of the billion-dollar illegal drug trade across the border in Mexico, an official said. The leader of Mexico's brutal Zetas

drug cartel, Miguel Angel Trevino Morales, and 13 others, including his brothers, used false businesses to conceal the true owners of the horses, according to charges in an indictment unsealed in District Court in Austin on Tuesday.

Federal authorities arrested seven of the 14 defendants in California, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. They include one of the drug lord's brothers, Jose Trevino Morales and his

wife, Zulema Trevino, the Justice Department said in a statement. Miguel Angel Trevino Morales, known as "Z-40," and another brother, Oscar Omar Trevino Morales, known as "Z-42," are believed to be at large in Mexico, authorities said.

The Zetas have fought their way to become one of Mexico's two largest drug cartels and have thousands of members across Mexico and into Central America, a vast

trafficking network with a stronghold in Nuevo Laredo, across the Rio Grande from Texas.

Its key business is smuggling cocaine, heroin, marijuana and crystal meth into the United States, but the cartel is also involved in extortion, kidnapping, oil theft and other crimes. Court papers said the Zetas poured millions of dollars in proceeds from drug trafficking into the purchase, training and racing of American quarter horses in New Mexico, Oklahoma, California and Texas since 2008. — Reuters

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A shipping container area at Yangshan Port of Shanghai on 11 May, 2012.—REUTERS

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Centuries old scripture found in Lhasa

LHASA, 13 June — Cultural specialists in southwest China's Tibet autonomous region have found more than 100 pages of Tibetan scripture that dates back to the 13th century, local authorities said on Wednesday. The document, whose content covers traditional Tibetan medicine and religion, was found at a monastery in Nyemo county on the outskirts of Lhasa last week, said Tashi Gyatso, an official with Lhasa's cultural bureau.

"The pages were loose and the document was incomplete," he said. But the text, written in black ink and on quality Tibetan paper made of bark fiber, was still legible, he said. Though the text was written in Tibetan, most of the pages were numbered with Chinese characters, the official said. "The document was compiled during the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368), almost 800 years ago," said Pempa Tsering, a Lhasa-based specialist on ancient Tibetan literature.

Xinhua

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Three electric bicycles used to deliver Domino's Pizzas can be seen parked on the footpath outside a small Domino's Pizza restaurant located in a shopping mall in central Beijing in this on 12 June, 2012 file photo.
REUTERS

Four dead in Sacramento gang shooting

SACRAMENTO, 13 June — Four people, including two ethnic Hmong shamans, were killed in a gang-related shooting in California's capital of Sacramento, officials and media said on Sunday. The dead included the gunman, police said. A fifth person was hospitalized in critical but stable condition with gunshot wounds, they said. The Sacramento Bee newspaper said the two shamans — traditional spiritual healers or guides — were in their 50s.

The shooting occurred late on Saturday in a southern

Sacramento neighbourhood, said Michele Gigante, a spokeswoman for Sacramento Police Department. Authorities said they believe that the gunman was let into the home before he opened fire with a handgun, killing three of the occupants of the home and wounding a fourth person.

"We are pretty confident that this was not a random act," said Gigante. "We're looking into this being a gang-related crime." Gigante said she could not confirm the report that two of the dead

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A Sacramento Police Department officer lets a crime scene unit leave the scene of a shooting in Sacramento, California on 10 June, 2012.
REUTERS



Found on LA sidewalk, looks like lungs

Authorities said it would be up to the county coroner to determine whether a pair of lungs found on a Los Angeles street came from a human.

Sgt. Robert Dean of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said a citizen reported finding the organs night on Avalon Boulevard, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

Dean said the Los Angeles County Coroner's office took possession of the remains and would conduct tests to determine whether they were indeed lungs and if they came from a human or an animal.

"We don't know what they are," Dean said. "It's really weird."

A guest room at the Clarion hotel featuring unique artwork.



Hotel offers stays in exchange for art

A hotel in the Swedish capital is offering free stays to guests who donate a piece of self-made art to the facility.

The Clarion Hotel in Stockholm said the art-for-stays scheme was inspired by New York's Chelsea Hotel, which allowed prominent artists and musicians to stay for free in exchange for their works of art. The *Local.se* reported *Thursday*.

"It all started with the fact that our general manager's grandfather was an artist," said Tess Mattisson, public relations and marketing manager for the Clarion Hotel. "He actually had some of his work hanging in the Chelsea Hotel and now that their hotel has closed down, the manager was so inspired that our hotel will continue the tradition."

Mattisson said there would be no limitations on the art, provided it can fit on a sheet of paper.

Two play baseball simulation for 54 hours

Two fans of the tabletop Strat-O-Matic Baseball game set a world record for the game by playing for 54 hours non-stop at a New York restaurant.

Brett Carow and Sam Hennemann, who are from Minnesota, said they traveled to New York after

Foley's Pub & Restaurant agreed to host their marathon gaming session, MLB.com reported.

Carow and Hennemann, who were allowed 5-minute breaks every hour, said they played more than 100 rounds of the game starting on 7 June and became world

record-holders on 9 June.

Carow said the accomplishment left him feeling "extremely exhausted." "The low point for me was between 4 and 5 [am]. We took an hour nap ... and that was the first time we slept. That was 40 hours in," Carow said.

Runaway train makes it 2 1/2 miles

Indian transportation officials said two train drivers and supervisors were suspended after a train traveled about 2 1/2 miles without a driver.

Officials said the Shramjeevi Express from Delhi was in the parking bay

in Rajgir, in central Bihar, in the evening of 9 June when it began moving on the tracks due to a technical mistake by the driver, who turned off the engine and brought down its systems, NDTV reported.

The officials said the

train was moving slowly, but managed to travel about 2 1/2 miles before its pursuers were able to climb into the driver's cabin and pull the brake.

News Album

'Mad Men' Season 5 finale a ratings hit



Writer and producer Matthew Weiner of "Mad Men" accepts the outstanding drama series award, surrounded by cast members during the 63rd annual Primetime Emmy Awards held at Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles on 18 September, 2011.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 13 June—AMC says an average of 2.6 million viewers tuned in for Sunday night's Season 5 finale of its New York-set drama "Mad Men."

The programme about the owners and employees of a 1960s-era advertising firm was

the highest rated finale in the series' history, the cable network said.

"[Writer-producer] Matthew Weiner and his remarkable team have again delivered a season of television beyond compare. We couldn't be more proud of this programme and the brilliant writers, cast and crew that bring it to life," Charlie Collier, AMC's president, said in a statement on Monday. "As in each season prior, Season 5 is now 'Mad Men's' most-watched season, an uncommon television growth record and a testament to the ongoing quality and uniqueness of this rare property. I'd be remiss if I didn't point out that the record live-same-day Nielsen ratings that gain so much attention are only a small part of the 'Mad Men' success story. Congratulations to the entire 'Mad Men' team on another terrific season."

"We make 'Mad Men' for the fans. My goal is to tell a compelling story and entertain people and it thrills me that people keep watching," said Weiner.—INTERNET



Deena from hit show Jersey Shore backstage at the 2011 MTV Video Music Awards at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles on 28 August, 2011.—INTERNET

'Jersey Shore' star Deena Cortese arrested

SEASIDE HEIGHTS, 13 June—"Jersey Shore" cast member Deena Cortese was arrested in Seaside Heights, NJ, during the weekend and charged with disorderly conduct, police said.

Seaside Heights Police Chief Tommy Boyd told NBC 4 New York Cortese was picked up on Sunday afternoon after officers allegedly saw her in the middle of a street, slapping cars as they went by. "Nothing major, but we can't put up with it," Boyd said. "We don't treat the cast [of the reality series] differently than anyone else." Cortese was issued a summons and released, NBC said.—INTERNET

Cyrus and Song call of engagement

LOS ANGELES, 13 June—US singer Trace Cyrus says he has broken up with his fiancée, actress Brenda Song.

Cyrus, 23, and Song, 24, announced their engagement in October. "Brenda and I have decided to go our separate ways," Cyrus said in a

statement to People.com. "We split up a couple of months ago. We will continue to focus on our careers. I wish Brenda the best and much success in the future. I hope everyone can respect our privacy about this situation."

Song is a former star of the sitcom "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody." She also played a supporting role in the film "The Social Network." Cyrus' younger sister, singer/actress Miley, announced her engagement to actor Liam Hemsworth last week.—INTERNET



Brenda Song attends the premiere of the animated film "Up" in Los Angeles on 16 May, 2009. INTERNET

Joy Behar to host new prime-time chat show

NEW YORK, 13 June—Current TV said on Monday its new hourlong nightly programme "The Joy Behar Show" will premiere on the US cable network this

September.

"Joy Behar is a beloved veteran television personality with her finger on the pulse of what viewers care about," Current TV Chairman and former US Vice President Al Gore said in a statement.

"Millions of Americans tune in daily to hear her take on the issues along with her inimitable style. We are honored that Current TV will be Joy's new prime-time home."

Behar is an award-winning talk-show host, comedian, writer and actress. She has been a co-host of "The View" since 1997.

Her new show will air on Monday through Thursday nights.—INTERNET



Joy Behar

Lindsay Lohan sued after car accident

LOS ANGELES, 13 June—Actress Lindsay Lohan has been sued for her involvement in a car accident last week.

The troubled actress was travelling on the Pacific Coast Highway near Los Angeles when her Porsche crashed into an 18-wheel truck on 8 June. The driver of the truck, James, has hired a lawyer and sued the 25-year-old actress, reports femalefirst.co.uk. James accused that Lohan's people tried to give him money on the spot to dismiss the case.

In defence, Lohan claimed James was responsible for the crash, telling friends that the truck had cut her off.

However, she has since said the brakes were not working properly on her rented car. "Lindsay is sticking with the 'truck cut me off' story, but with a twist, she claims she slammed on the brakes, but nothing," femalefirst.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

Following the crash, Lohan was taken to hospital and after being given the all clear, she returned to work to



Actress Lindsay Lohan

carry on filming movie "Liz & Dick".

Internet

'Being Human' starts taping in Montreal

NEW YORK, 13 June—Syfy says Season 3 of its supernatural series "Being Human" began shooting on Monday in Montreal.

The show stars Sam Witwer, Meaghan Rath and Sam Huntington as a vampire, ghost and werewolf, who live together in a Boston brownstone.

Next season will consist of 13 one-hour episodes, the cable network said.

Internet



Meaghan Rath attends the NBC Universal Press Tour All-Star Party in Pasadena, California on 6 January, 2012. INTERNET

Polish midfielder Jakub Blaszczykowski vies with Russian midfielder Alan Dzagoev during their Euro 2012 championships Group A match, on 12 June, at the National Stadium in Warsaw.
INTERNET



Russia draw with Poland leaves Group A open

WARSAW, 13 June — Poland and Russia match ended in a 1-1 draw. A superb Jakub Blaszczykowski goal earned co-hosts Poland a deserved draw against Russia in Group A. Russia went in front when Andrey Arshavin's dangerous free-kick was headed in by Alan Dzagoev, his third goal at Euro 2012.

But Polish skipper Blaszczykowski scored one of the best goals of the tournament so far when he cut inside and fired in a left-foot shot that gave Russia goalkeeper Viacheslav Malafeev no chance. The



Jakub Blaszczykowski scored Poland's equalizer in the second half with the left-foot strike. — INTERNET

result means all four teams in Group A can still qualify for the knockout stages.

INTERNET

Hodgson calls for finishing touch

KRAKOW, 13 June — A satisfied Roy Hodgson has challenged England to hone their attacking threat against Sweden but believes his side will possess an "ace in the hole" when Wayne Rooney returns from suspension. A weary England returned to their Krakow training base early Tuesday reflecting on a job well done after securing a hard-earned point in their 1-1 draw against Group D favourites France. As expected, England's gameplan was based on defensive solidity, with

France's dangerous attacking players mostly kept at bay by Hodgson's well-drilled side for long periods.

While Hodgson will not be the least concerned by barbs directed at his team — with French World Cup



Roy Hodgson

winner Marcel Desailly disparaging England's display as "feeble" — the coach is hoping to cause more problems for Sweden in attack when the two sides meet on Friday. "It's in the final third, isn't it, really?" Hodgson reflected when asked where his side could improve.

"Once or twice, especially in the first half (against France), there were some very promising counter-attacks and they broke down because we tried a one-touch pass to finish it

off rather than taking that extra touch." The French were just the opposite. They don't play a lot of one-touch football around the penalty box.

They play a lot of two, three touches, holding onto the ball and asking another question. "Sometimes I think we want to try and finish it off too quickly. I think that's because of the intensity of the Premier league," Hodgson is confident that England's strikeforce of Ashley Young and Danny Welbeck will improve as they gain greater experience.

INTERNET

Man Utd to sign Crewe teenager Powell

England under-18 international agrees four-year deal with Sir Alex Ferguson's side

LONDON, 13 June — Manchester United have reached an agreement to sign Nick Powell from Crewe for an undisclosed fee.

The 18-year-old passed a medical and agreed a four-year contract that will start on 1 July, with United manager Sir Alex Ferguson saying he was delighted to have recruited the promising youngster.

He told Manchester United's official website: "We have scouted Nick for months now. He is an exceptional talent and has been schooled well at Crewe."

"I'm delighted he has chosen to come to United. He

has a lot to offer and we are all looking forward to working with him."

England under-18 international Powell said it was a "dream come true" to be signing for United.

"I have had a great time at Crewe and I would like to thank them for helping me to develop as a player over the past 13 years," he added.

"I'm excited about continuing my development with Sir Alex and the world-class players in the squad."

The thought of making the step up to the Premier League next season is an exciting prospect. I can't wait to get started."

INTERNET



New Manchester United signing Nick Powell has been with Crewe for 13 years.
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McIlroy ready to defend at US Open

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 June — It has been a curious last few weeks for Rory McIlroy as he prepares to achieve what no man has done in 23 years — successfully defend the US Open. The last man to do so was Curtis Strange in 1989, but such was the convincing manner of the Northern Irishman's eight-stroke victory at Congressional last year, that many believed he was capable of back-to-back wins.

Three missed cuts in recent tournaments though have cast doubts on his current form. Although he

showed improved form at the St Jude Classic in Memphis last week, a poor finish was not the best way to come into The Olympic Club.

The 23-year-old world number two believes that getting in the extra tournament play ahead of the year's second major — when he's usually taking time off to prepare — fits the bill this time around. "It's not like it was my fourth tournament in a row and I've been in contention for four weeks in a row and it drains you and takes a lot out of you mentally and physically," he said. — INTERNET



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland speaks with the media during a practice round prior to the start of the 112th US Open at The Olympic Club on 12 June, 2012 in San Francisco, California.
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Woods facing big test at Olympic for US Open

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 June — Beaten down at Augusta, now the man to beat at the US Open. The expectations that have followed Tiger Woods this year are a lot like the fairways at The Olympic Club — up, down, often sideways. He couldn't close out tournaments the way he once did.

He lost his putting stroke. His left Achilles tendon might be more of a problem than he was letting on. He had his worst finish ever at the Masters. He missed a cut. And in the midst of such a gloomy outlook, Woods

won by five shots at Bay Hill and delivered an uppercut fist pump at Memorial when he chipped in for birdie to complete a stunning rally for



Tiger Woods hits a drive on the fourth hole during a practice round for the US Open Championship golf tournament on 12 June, 2012, in San Francisco.
INTERNET

his second win of the year.

So when the question came up Tuesday at the US Open — whether Woods had to win a major to end such prognosticating — he all but rolled his eyes. "I think even if I do win a major championship, it will still be, 'You're not to 18 yet' or 'When will you get to 19?'" It's always something with you guys," Woods said. "I've dealt with that my entire career, ever since I was an amateur and playing all the way through and to professional golf. It hasn't changed." — INTERNET



Canada's Dwayne De Rosario and Honduras' Mauricio Sabillon (L) battle for the ball during the second half of their World Cup qualifier soccer match in Toronto on 12 June, 2012. — REUTERS

Canada spurn chance to open gap in World Cup group

TORONTO, 13 June — Canada missed the chance to take command of their 2014 World Cup qualifying group on Tuesday when they were held to a 0-0 draw by Honduras. Canada, looking to reach their first World Cup since 1986, missed several golden chances to score in front of their home fans, Kevin McKenna's header coming closest to

breaking the deadlock.

Midfielder Atiba Hutchinson was at the heart of Canada's offense in a physical first half that saw five yellow cards dished out. Canada, who beat Cuba last week, have four points from two matches in Group C, while Honduras earned their first point. Panama are in second place with three points. — REUTERS

Liverpool win Premier League U11 Festival

LONDON, 13 June — Liverpool's young Academy players enjoyed their first taste of the big time as they claimed victory at the Premier League U11 Festival. The competition at the University of Warwick in Coventry featured under-11 sides from 18 of the top English clubs, as well as Barcelona, Ajax and Sporting Lisbon. The two-day event gave most players their first experience of tournament football, and Liverpool Academy Manager Steve Cooper said it had been a fantastic all-round occasion. "At this level and age group they just tend to play regional teams," said Cooper.

"So it was a chance to play against other teams we don't normally play against, and to socialize with them as well, to hear some different accents and see some different styles. The beauty of 10 and 11-year-olds is that they will speak to anybody and to see the kids interacting as they did between games was really refreshing. "It's obviously great to win and we're really proud of the boys, but wherever we had finished up it would still have been a fantastic experience."

After finishing top of their group, Liverpool beat Barcelona on penalties in the semi-final after drawing 1-1 in normal time. Fulham also reached the final on penalties after drawing 0-0 with Arsenal in their semi-final, and the final went to another shoot-out after finishing goalless. Manchester United claimed victory in the Plate competition with victory over Newcastle United in the final. — INTERNET



The Premier League U11 Festival featured 21 clubs, including Barcelona and Ajax. — INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL****(14-6-12 09:30 am ~ 15-6-12 09:30 am) MST**

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- * Fete De La Musique
- * French Music Festival
- * News
- * The Edge of Life (Episode-3)
- * News
- * Topic on Journal "Spend Your Precious Time"
- * Music Up...Close
- * News
- * Media Briefing on HIV and Children UNICEF Myanmar
- * News
- * Cultural Heritage Preservation (Part-I)
- * News
- * Cultural Heritage Preservation (Part-II)
- * News
- * Flying Without Wings
- * My Great Limitless Adventure (Inlay Lake) (Part-1)
- * News
- * Housing, Living & Automobile Exhibition 2012
- * Myanmar Movie "Kyar Phyu"

MYANMAR TV**(14-6-2012) (Thursday)**

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am**
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am**
- 4. Health Programme
- 8:25 am**
- 5. Dance Variety
- 4:10 pm**
- 6. Musical Programme
- 4:25 pm**
- 7. Cute Little Dancer
- 4:35 pm**
- 8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Geography)
- 4:55 pm**
- 9. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:20 pm**
- 10. World Blood Donor Day
- 5:30 pm**
- 11. Science and Environment
- 5:40 pm**
- 12. Documentary (MAPDRR)
- 6:20 pm**
- 13. Myanmar Series
- 6:35 pm**
- 14. Approaching Science
- 8:00 pm**
- 15. News
- 16. TV Drama Series

Hosepipe ban being lifted by three water companies

LONDON, 13 June—Three major water companies announced an end to hosepipe bans on Wednesday after unusually heavy rainfall during the last three months.

Thames Water, Anglian Water and Southern Water will officially end their bans on Thursday. Hosepipe restrictions were introduced in April to combat drought in southern and



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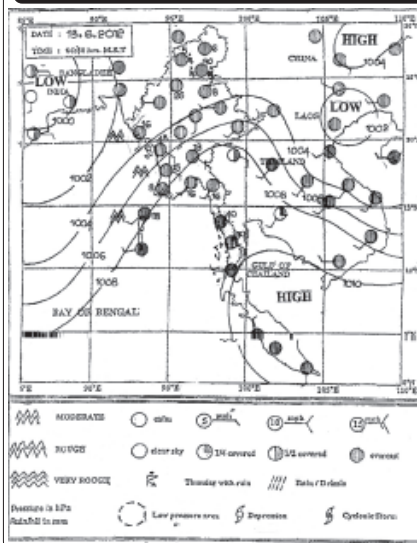
eastern England after two consecutive dry winters.

"We have had two-and-a-half times the average rainfall for April, we have had steady showers in May and then monsoon downpours in June. That's changed things," a spokesman for Thames Water said. Richard Aylard, the firm's sustainability director, told the BBC that some other water companies were still "heavily dependent" on ground water and therefore needed to keep hosepipe bans in place.

"But those of us who are fortunate enough to have lots of surface water... we can lift the bans now," he added.

Anglian Water said that a combination of factors influenced it to remove the ban. "It's been because of supply and demand, it has recharged. It also is because we have had such a cold, wet May and June following a wet April, which means demand has been suppressed," a spokesman said.

Southern Water said it would be lifting restrictions in Kent and Sussex. The Environment Agency in its latest briefing said the wet weather had significantly increased river and reservoir levels, thus reducing the risk of drought and water restrictions.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 14th June, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers with isolated heavy falls	(80%)
2	Kayah	28/84	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayin	22/50	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	26/79	17/63	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sgawing	34/93	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sgawing	37/99	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	33/91	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	35/95	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	37/99	28/82	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	32/90	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers with regionally heavy falls	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyarwady	33/91	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	25/77	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	28/82	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today
 During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sgawing Region, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan State, fairly widespread in Upper Sgawing and Tanintharyi Region and widespread in the remaining Region and States with isolated heavy falls in Upper Sgawing Regions, Kachin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Tamar (4.53) inches, Ye (3.55) inches, Myittha (1.14) inches, Paung (2.52) inches, Shwebo (1.01) inches and Khamti (1.78) inches.

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

State of the Sea
 Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days
 Likelihood of increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.



CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: Microfinance Service of Township Development Affairs Committee present school uniforms worth K 171,500 to 51 students of vendors at Thiri Mingala Market in Loikaw on 3 June.—MYANMAALIN

Austrian minister says Italy too may need bailout

VIENNA/ROME, 13 June — Raising the stakes in Europe's debt crisis, Austria's finance minister said Italy may need a financial rescue because of its high borrowing costs, drawing a sharp denial on Tuesday from the Italian prime minister. Maria Fekter's assessment of the euro zone's third largest economy stoked investors' fears that Europe is far from ending 2-1/2 years of turmoil — a feeling reinforced by Dutch Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager, who said the euro zone was "still far from stable".

A deal by euro zone finance ministers on Saturday to lend Spain up to 100 billion euros (\$125 billion) to recapitalize its banks was seen by many in the markets as yet another



Italy's Prime Minister Mario Monti (L) looks on before a meeting with Switzerland's President Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf (not pictured) at the Chigi palace in Rome on 12 June, 2012.—REUTERS

sticking plaster. Spanish 10-year bond government yields soared to 6.81 percent, their highest level since the euro's launch in 1999. Euro zone rescue funds, already stretched by supporting Greece, Portugal, Ireland and soon Spain, might be insufficient to cope with Italy as well, Fekter said in a television interview on Monday night.—Reuters

Top contender Schleck out of Tour de France

PARIS, 13 June — Yellow jersey contender Andy Schleck has pulled out of this year's Tour de France due to injuries suffered in last week's Criterium du Dauphine race, according to his family.

Schleck was among the favourites for the 98th edition, which will begin in Liege, Belgium on June 30 and end in Paris on 22 July, but will take no part after being diagnosed with a pelvis fracture in recent days. The RadioShack climbing specialist, who has finished runner-up three times on the world's premier cycling event, had recently been crowned the 2010 champion following the disqualification of Spain's Alberto Contador for doping offences.

Schleck's joy at finally securing the yellow jersey was, however, tempered by the injuries he suffered in a crash last Thursday at the Criterium, an eight-day race which is a major tune-up for the Tour. During a 53 km time trial a strong gust of wind literally picked Schleck and his bike up off the ground and dumped him at the side of the road.

Schleck continued, but complained of leg and back pain and despite beginning Saturday's sixth and penultimate stage he pulled out after 63 km. "He couldn't pedal anymore," RadioShack sporting director Alain Gallopin told the race's official website.—Internet

Luxembourg's Andy Schleck pictured on the sixth stage of the 64rd Criterium du Dauphine cycling race between Saint-Aban-Leyse and Morzine in the French Alps on 9 June.—INTERNET



Cash and kind donated to Rakhine State government



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin speaks words of thanks at the cash donation ceremony.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—The cash donation ceremony was held at Rakhine State government today in Sittway this morning.

It was attended by Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein

Htay, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe, state ministers, departmental officials and donors.

The Chief Minister spoke words of thanks for

donations to be spent on reconstruction in Rakhine State.

U Aung Ko Win, Patron of Myanmar Football Federation; Chairman of MFF U Zaw Zaw, U Yan Win, Chairman of Ayeyawady United FC, and U Phyo Ko Ko Tint Hsan, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw FC, U Hla Htay, owner of Zwegapin United FC, U Kyaw Hein of Chan Hein Company, U Saw Nyein of Aungmyinthu Companies Group, U Hla Myo and U Zaw Win Shein of Ayeya Hintha Company U Zaw Min Thein, owner of Rakkhapura United FC, Dr Sai Sam Tun, owner of Yadanabon FC, U Thurein, Chairman of Zayyar Shwemyay FC, U Aung Moe Kyaw, owner of Hanthawady United FC, U Wan Sein, chairman of Mawrawady FC and U Zaya Thura Mon of Kan Kul Engineering Group donated K 420 million to the chief minister.

MFF President U Zaw Zaw explained the purpose of donations from owners of football clubs.

Chairman of Rakhine State emergency aids sub-committee U Thar Lu Chay spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, Deputy Minister U Phone Swe, officials and donors visited the refugee camps and encouraged and distributed aids to the people sheltering at the camps.

As riots occurred in Rakhine State, local battalions arrived at the scenes to restore peace and stability and prevalence of law and order of the region and safeguard the life of the local people as of 8 June. Beginning that evening, the local battalions are providing necessary assistance to the local people. Moreover, some naval vessels are discharging duties of patrol to protect Myanmar waters

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NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received delegation led by Country Director Mrs Annette Dixon of South Asia and Pacific Region of the World Bank (WB) and party, at his office, here, this morning.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on the WB loan procedures, assistance to be provided for flourishing of Myanmar democracy and the success of internal peace-making process, WB's aids to accommodation, living, job, education and health of members of local peace-making groups, granting of loans and providing technological assistance to short-and long-term projects and strategic projects and aids to village libraries.

Also present at the call were departmental heads and officials of the Ministry.—MNA

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives a delegation led by Mrs Annette Dixon, Country Director of WB's South Asia and Pacific Region.—MNA

Union Information & Culture Minister receives WB Country Director of South Asia and Pacific Region



Portugal beat Denmark 3-2 in thriller



Portuguese players celebrate after at late goal puts them ahead 3-2 against Denmark at the Euro 2012 football match in Lviv.—INTERNET

LVIV, 13 June—Silvestre Varela came off the bench to score an 87th-minute winner as Portugal beat Denmark 3-2 in a Euro 2012 thriller on Wednesday and put themselves right back in the Group B mix.

Portugal, beaten 1-0 by Germany in their opener, went

ahead after 24 minutes when Pepe glanced in a header from a corner and doubled their lead in the 36th with simple finish by Helder Postiga from a low Nani cross.

Nicklas Bendtner pulled one back in the 41st minute and, after Cristiano Ronaldo had missed a

glorious chance to make it 3-1, looked to have secured a point for the Danes when he headed his second after 80.

Varela had the final word, however, when, at the second attempt, he smashed in the winner three minutes after coming on.

Portugal and Denmark have three points, as do Germany, who take on pointless Netherlands in Kharkiv in the other Group B game later on Wednesday.

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Little mighty creature of ocean inspires strong new material for medical implants and armour

SCIENCE DAILY, 13 June—A scientist from Nanyang Technological University (NTU) may be onto an ocean of discovery because of his research into a little sea creature called the mantis shrimp.

The research is likely to lead to making ceramics — today's preferred material for medical implants and military body armour — many times stronger. These findings

were published in a recent issue of the journal Science, and focused on the mantis shrimp's ability to shatter aquarium glass and crab shells alike.

The common creature native to the Indo Pacific, has club-like 'arms' which can strike prey at speeds matching that of a 5.56mm rifle bullet. Each impact generates a force exceeding 50 kilograms, which is

hundreds of times the mantis shrimp's weight.

Assistant Professor Ali Miserez, from NTU's School of Materials Science Engineering (MSE) and School of Biological Sciences (SBS), collaborated with Dr James Weaver from Harvard University as well as scientists from the University of California-Riverside, Purdue University, and Brookhaven National Laboratory in the United States.

They have observed down to the nanoscale the highly unique composite structure of the mantis shrimp's club and discovered that it is weaved together in a unique fashion to create a structure tougher than many engineered ceramics.

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Flower mantis shrimp.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (13-6-2012)

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