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Union Minister on inspection tour of villages in southern Maungtaw Township

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June— Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay yesterday made a trip to seven destroyed national races villages in the southern part of Maungtaw Township of Rakhine State. Afterwards, he went to Bengali villages and enquired the situation there and gave educative talks on legal affairs. During the trip, he also explained arrangements for resettlement of 484 displaced villagers at Alethanyaw relief camp and presented cash assistance to them and looked into 12 burnt houses in Myoma ward of Maungtaw.

The Union Minister instructed officials to rebuild 367 destroyed houses from seven villages, repair the remaining houses, and create livelihoods for villagers after

restoring security.

According to the findings from the field trip, the Union Minister went to four Bengali villages around the destroyed national races' villages and enquired the villagers. In meeting with some Islam leaders of the villages, the Union Minister explained announcement of the State of Emergency for ensuring peace and stability of the region and issuance of Section-144. He urged them to live in their region peacefully in line with the advices of the Islam religious leaders from Yangon on their tour of Maungtaw.

Afterwards, the Union Minister went to the Alethanyaw relief camp and gave instructions to officials on fulfilling requirements of the Sanpya villagers there.

During the meeting with the villagers there, the Union Minister encouraged them,

saying that the government would assist them in their livelihood for the first step and in rebuilding their homes for the second step. He also pledged that the government would help them to be able to work in their farmland and would take necessary measures not to happen such kind of unrest in the future. He continued to say that he inspected some Bengali villages and the government would take actions against those who committed the unforgivable violence. All national brethren in the country felt sympathy to the victims, sending aids to them while UN agencies were making arrangements to provide assistance to them as they had witnessed the situation he said. The Union Minister encouraged the victims and stressed the need for work hard and for unity, courage, strength and stability

to be able to rebuild their lives. He presented assistance in cash to a representative of the local people.

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Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay gives encouragement to villagers at relief camp in Ahlalthanyaw Village.—MNA

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 Minister meets Indian, Singaporean guests



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik receives General Director Mr Mike BW Tan of Tonkin Resources Pte., Ltd of Singapore and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June— Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received an Indian

delegation led by General Manager Mr. Sachin Mittal of Ultra Tech Cement Ltd at his office here this morning.

During the meeting, the delegation discussed matters related to exploration of mineral

resources such as limestone, coal and gypsum mining, as well as construction of a cement plant with high technology. After that, the Union Minister explained construction of cement plants being implemented by local companies to them.

Similarly, the Union Minister held a meeting with a delegation led by General Director Mr. Mike BW Tan of Tonkin Resources Pte, Ltd of Singapore at his office at noon today.

During the meeting, the guests raised queries to the Union Minister on laws, rules and regulations on exploration of gold and tin-tungsten in Myanmar. The Union Minister and officials concerned declared procedures on the work step by step. Also present at the call were Directors-General and Managing Directors of the ministry.

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Project duties assigned to officials, ward/village administrators in Hsihseng Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June— Project duties for the 2012-2013 fiscal year were assigned to departmental officials and ward/village administrators in Hsihseng Township in PaO Self-Administered Zone in Shan

State (South) today.

Hsihseng Township administrator U Soe Lwin presented letters of assignment of project duties to township level departmental officials and ward/village administrators

at Hsihseng Township General Administration Department and Executive Officer U Mya Sein of Hsihseng Township Planning Department clarified the project duties for the 2012-2013 academic year.—MNA



Twenty six newly wed couples held a group wedding on the first day of 2012 in Zhanjiang, Guangdong Province, aiming to raise the public awareness of environmental protection.

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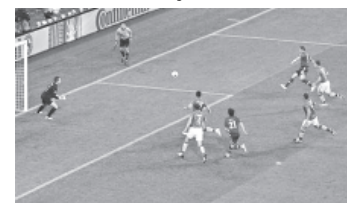
Billionaire selling private island



Billionaire Craig McCaw is selling James Island.

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Torres blows away Irish at Euro 2012



Spain's Fernando Torres (top R) scores a goal against Ireland during their Group C Euro 2012 soccer match at the PGE Arena stadium in Gdansk, on 14 June, 2012. PAGE 14

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Nice note

The distribution of new banknote of K 10,000 started Friday. Economists foresee subsequent changes in the Myanmar economy. They see the move as the attempt to boost money supply in the market and increase the exchange rate.

It is the latest move in a series of attempts to increase the foreign exchange rate including changes in car import policies and monetary reforms. Many believe that farmers, the vast majority of the country's population, will particularly profit from the change.

The rise in price of Myanmar Kyat led to decline in production rate as a result of decreased profitability.

The introduction of new banknote to the market will stimulate the demand and will increase the exchange rate. If with proper distribution, it could become a catalyst for boosting production of the country.

The government in office has taken a variety of measures to help the farmers rise above poverty with the commitment to advancing towards the industrialization with the firm foundation in the agricultural industry.

Despite some concerns over inflation, local economists are optimistic about the printing of new note. Also, the deputy governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar insisted recently that the printing of new note has no direct link with inflation.

The Central Bank of Myanmar adopted managed float for Myanmar Kyat starting previous April as a significant step in monetary reforms.

In moving towards the industrialized country with vibrant economy, we need further reforms that could help the working class in rural areas earn more incomes and decent livings.

Security, peace and stability in Rakhine State bounce back Only two riots break out on 14 June

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Due to the recent unrests and violence occurred in some townships of Rakhine State, authorities concerned are controlling situations and taking security measures after declaring a state of emergency. Now, the regions are restoring peace, stability and security. According to the latest data, 50 people

were dead, 54 got injured, 78 riots broke out, and 2230 houses and buildings were destroyed by fire, during the periods from 28-5-2012 to 14-6-2012. Yesterday, there were only two riots in the state, and authorities concerned could handle these two cases peacefully in accord with respective law.—MNA

Talks on traffic rules given in Pyinmana BEHS No. 3

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—According to the plan of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee to decline traffic accidents, educative talks on traffic rules were held at

Basic Education High School No. 3 in Pyinmana on 12 June morning.

The talks were attended by Deputy Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Nyo and five teachers, and 160 students.

At the talks, Head of Branch IP Win Myint of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force explained disciplines for vehicle drivers, pedestrians and slow-moving vehicles, root causes of traffic

accidents, incidents of traffic accidents and status of injured and deaths in the accidents.

He then replied to queries raised by the students.

Later, pamphlets on traffic rules were distributed to the students.

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Myanmar to launch satellite with Japanese aid

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—The ceremony to present letter of recognition for initial feasibility study to launch a satellite with the aid of Japanese government was held at Taw Win Nay Pyi Taw Hotel here yesterday evening.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito,

Programmes Manager of Marubeni Aerospace Corporation Mr Shouchi Satoh, departmental heads and officials.

The Union Transport Minister and the programmes manager delivered addresses and Director-General of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Dr Harin Naing Ti Yan explained measures taken for launching the satellite.

The Union Transport Minister handed over the letter of recognition to the programmes manager. The director-general and the programmes manager then met the press.—MNA



Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung hands over letter of recognition for initial feasibility study to launch a satellite to Programmes Manager of Marubeni Aerospace Corporation.—MNA

Dy Education Minister meets UNMAS Director, party

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe received UNMAS Director Ms. Agnes Marcaillou of the United Nations Joint Mission to Myanmar on Mine Action and delegation at the Ministry here this afternoon.

Both sides discussed matters related to the ministry's partaking in the educative measures for land mines.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Bo Win of the Education, Planning and Training Department and officials concerned.

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Local residents in Rakhine provided cash assistance, foodstuff

YANGON, 15 June—The ceremony to provide cash assistance and foodstuff to local residents who lost properties on account of present conditions in Rakhine State was held at Makhala Hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Mayangon, Yangon this morning.

At the ceremony, Ayeyawady Region Government donated 200 bags of rice in total K 3 million, Yangon Region Federation of Commerce and Industry and Myanmar Pulses, Beans & Sesame Seeds Merchants Association foodstuff in total K 2406400, U Saw Lwin-Daw Saw Saw Naing family K200000, Piti Social Services K700000, Dr U



Wellwishers donate cash and kind for local people of Rakhine State through officials.—MNA

Khin Maung Aye-Daw Thin Thin Maung family 14 bags of rice, U Khin Htwe and Ma Mi Maw four bags of clothes and a package of Yum Yum, Piti Thukha Well-wishers

Association K200000, U Tun Zaw-Daw Mya Sein K10000, Daw Hla Myat Mon K100000, Tawwin Housing Complex in Dagon Myothit (North) K 350000 and 21 bags of clothes, U San Win-Daw Mya Moe family K200000 and three bags of clothes, U San Aung Tun-Ma Thaw Thaw Hlaing family two bags of clothes,

Total Care Co., Ltd clothes in total K 100000 and the blanket trading in the east of Sangyoung K300000 to U Tin Moe, Director-General of Fire Services Department and returned certificates of honour to well-wishers and spoke words of thanks.

Sofar, K107675376 has been donated.

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

Obama vows "we remember, we rebuild" at World Trade Centre

NEW YORK, 15 June — President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama on Thursday toured the soaring skyscraper being built to replace the twin towers destroyed on 11 Sept, 2001, in a poignant visit to mark a new chapter of recovery from the traumatic attack. Inscripting one of the steel beams that will be part of the building's framework, Obama wrote: "We remember, we rebuild, we come back stronger!" followed by his signature.

Obama has touted the killing of Osama bin Laden, the al Qaeda leader behind the attacks on the United States, as one of his top national security achievements and refers to it often as he campaigns for re-election. The president and first lady looked



US President Barack Obama talks with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (C) and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie as he tours the One World Trade Centre building which is under construction, in New York on 14 June, 2012.—REUTERS

down on the 9/11 memorial from One World Trade Centre's 22nd floor, which is still under construction, after walking beneath bare pipes illuminated by light bulbs

strung from the unfinished ceiling.

"We couldn't be prouder of you guys. This is what the American spirit is all about," Obama told construction

workers after a brief outdoor ceremony in the shadow of the building, which is scheduled to be completed in late 2013. Obama visited the site last September to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the 2001 attacks by al Qaeda that killed nearly 3,000 people and destroyed the landmark twin towers.

In April, One World Trade Centre surpassed the Empire State Building as New York's tallest structure, with a horizontal beam laid at a height of 1,270 feet. When completed, it will rise 1,776 feet to the tip of its antenna, taller than the World Trade Centre towers. Construction began six years ago on the edifice, which was formerly called the Freedom Tower.

Reuters

Russia warns against extremist groups in Mideast, condemns violence in Iraq

MOSCOW, 15 June — Russia found it "highly dangerous" that extremist groups like al-Qaeda were increasing their activities in the Middle East, the Foreign Ministry said on Thursday. "It is not a coincidence that al-Qaeda leaders openly call for armed fighting against the regime in Damascus and all those standing for inter-confessional peace, tolerance and cultural co-existence," the ministry said in a statement.

Russia was also concerned over the situation in Iraq, where several terror attacks happened on Wednesday, killing at least 78 people and wounding some 300 others, the statement said. "The recent terror attacks in Iraq targeted Shiite religious centres and pilgrims. Russia is concerned about the rising of inter-religious confrontations, which appear in many countries in the region, including (Iraq's) neighbouring Syria," it said.

"Moscow condemns these inhumane crimes, which cannot be justified," it stressed. The ministry also urged all healthy forces in the Middle East, as well as the international community as a whole, to facilitate peaceful solutions to domestic conflicts in the region by broad national dialogue, without external involvement and armed intervention.

Xinhua

Joint SCO military drill a success

BEIJING, 15 June — The ninth counterterrorism joint military exercise conducted by Shanghai Cooperation Organization members concluded in Khuzhand, Tajikistan, on Thursday. The exercise, code-named "Peace Mission 2012", involved about 2,000 military personnel from China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan, and was the first of its kind held in Tajikistan. Participating troops topped off the drill with a series of military maneuvers, including air and ground strikes, encirclement

and suppression as well as pursuit and vertical interception.

The performance was highly appreciated by the SCO observation mission, which included Tajik President Emomali Rahmon, Deputy Chief of the General Staff Ma Xiaotian of the Chinese People's Liberation Army and senior defence officials from other participating countries. The observers said the troops demonstrated superb military and counterterrorism capabilities in the successful drill, which would play a



Soldiers participate in the Peace Mission 2012 anti-terror drill held by Shanghai Cooperation Organization countries in Tajikistan on Thursday.

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significant role in deterring and crushing the "three evil forces" of terrorism, separatism and extremism. The exercise,

which started on Saturday, will also help deepen defence and security cooperation within the SCO and promote

the member countries' ability to jointly confront new threats and challenges, they said.

Xinhua

Colombia, S Korea wrap up FTA talks

BOGOTA, 15 June — Colombia and South Korea on Thursday wrapped up negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA) here, a sign that Latin American countries are increasingly boosting trade with Asian ones.

"Today, we want to officially announce that the negotiations for a free trade agreement with South Korea have concluded," said Colombia's Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism Sergio Diaz-Granados at a Press conference in the Capital Bogota.

The impending FTA will be signed on 25 June, following two and a half years of negotiations, during which delegates from both countries have met 11 times since November 2009, with the final round of discussions ending on Thursday in the South Korean Capital Seoul. "South Korea is a very important player in global trade," Diaz-Granados said.

Colombia plans to mainly export fruits, vegetables and meat to South Korea, while South Korea expects to export more vehicles and electrical appliances to Colombia. Tariffs on both sides will gradually decrease.

According to official statistics, trade between the two countries surpassed 1 million US dollars in 2011.

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Twenty six newly wed couples held a group wedding on the first day of 2012 in Zhanjiang, Guangdong Province, aiming to raise the public awareness of environmental protection and a low-carbon lifestyle.—XINHUA

US, Thailand hold strategic dialogue to enhance partnership, cooperation

WASHINGTON, 15 June — The United States and Thailand held the fourth strategic dialogue here on Thursday to further expand their strategic partnership and cooperation on tackling bilateral and regional challenges. The dialogue was attended by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her Thai counterpart Surapong Tovichakchaikul, who held a comprehensive discussion of bilateral, regional and global issues "that reflected the richness and breadth of our long-standing friendship,"

said a joint statement issued at the conclusion of the dialogue.

The two sides pledged to strengthen political, security, and economic cooperation and "the commitment the two countries share to promote peace, security, and prosperity throughout the Asia-Pacific," the statement said. The US side reaffirmed its support for the centrality of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the evolving ASEAN-led regional architecture in the Asia-Pacific. Both sides underscored their continued

support to increase cooperation in regional frameworks, including ASEAN, the Lower Mekong Initiative, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, and the East Asia Summit (EAS).

They "welcomed recent, positive developments and reforms in Myanmar and emphasized that it is important for the international community to continue to support in concrete ways democratization and national reconciliation," the statement said.—Xinhua

Indonesia to boost geothermal energy development through direct appointment mechanism

JAKARTA, 15 June — Energy Minister Jero Wacik said that Indonesian government is planning to expand use of the direct appointment mechanism to grant geothermal concessions in a bid to boost the sector's development, local media reported on Friday. Under the current system, the government can directly appoint a company to expand an existing geothermal concession. According to Wacik, under the new regulation, such direct appointment could also be used for new concessions.

He said the move is expected to help accelerate the development of geothermal energy and reduce dependency on fossil fuels for power generation. "We are currently

preparing the government regulation [PP] that will govern the development of new geothermal concessions without having to go through tenders and use a direct appointment," Wacik said on Thursday. He said with the new regulation, the direct appointment system could be used as long as the company involved had already obtained other geothermal concessions or had experience in the industry.

With the direct appointment, the state utility firm Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN) will have to automatically buy the electricity produced by the concession holder without renegotiation, which is a hindrance to the development of geothermal energy, the *Jakarta Globe* reported.—Xinhua

The International Toy Show kicked off in Tokyo on Thursday, showcasing a total of about 35,000 products by 143 toy manufacturers.—XINHUA



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Study: More Earth-like planets possible

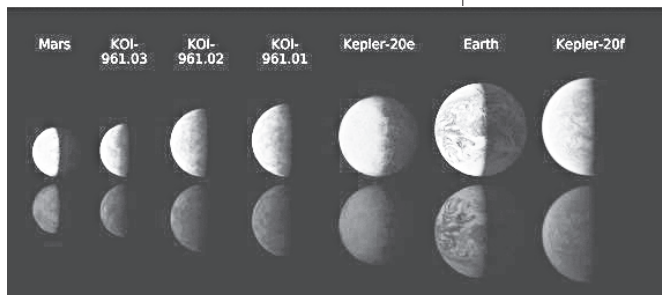
COPENHAGEN, 15 June—Small, rocky planets similar to Earth may be more common in our Milky Way and other galaxies than previously thought, European astronomers say.

While large numbers of Jupiter-like exoplanets have been found around stars with high concentrations of what astronomers term “metals,” elements heavier than hydrogen and helium, smaller terrestrial planets don’t need metal-rich stars to form, they said.

“Small planets could be widespread in our galaxy, because they do not require a high content of heavy elements to form,” study lead author Lars Buchhave of the University of Copenhagen told SPACE.com. The researchers analyzed observations by NASA’s Kepler planet-seeking space telescope of 226 planet candidates circling 152 stars.

More than three-quarters of them are smaller than Neptune, and some of them are as small as the earth, they said.

A study of the stars’ spectra showed small, rocky worlds are associated with stars with a much broader



range of metal content than those with giant planets.

“Naively, one might think that the more material you have in the [protoplanetary] disk, the more likely you are to form [small] planets,” Buchhave said.

“What we see, though, is that small planets form around

stars with a wide range in heavy element content, while the close-in Jupiter-type planets seem to predominantly form around stars with a higher metal content.”

The findings suggest Earth-size worlds may not be rare inhabitants of the Milky Way, which increases the

This chart compares the smallest known alien planets discovered by the Kepler space telescope to Mars and Earth.
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possibility of life on other worlds, Buchhave said.

“Since small planets could be widespread in our galaxy, the chances of life developing could be higher, simply because there could be more terrestrial-sized planets where life could evolve.”

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Oldest census record of Japan discovered

DAZAIFU, 15 June—Archaeologists say wooden tablets found in southwestern Japan and dated to the seventh century are believed to be the oldest census record in Japan’s history.

Unearthed in the city of Dazaifu in Fukuoka prefecture, the tablets were examined in infrared light, which revealed writing on one 12-inch by 3-inch tablet, China’s *Xinhua News Agency* reported on Wednesday.

The writing contains at least 16 names of families together with their titles and relationships along with words related to change of address or historical place names, researchers said.

The tablet is believed to be a census registration note of a type used in the period between AD 685 and 701, they

said. “The discovery is epoch-making to learn how the ancient government controlled people living in regions of the southwestern Japan before the Nara period (701-794), when the enactment of Taiho Ritsuryo formed a nation managed under the ‘ritsuryo’ legal code system,” Nobuhide Yamamura, a representative of Dazaifu’s cultural assets section, said.

Although similar wooden tablets dating to the eighth century have been found in other areas of Japan, the Dazaifu artifact is the country’s oldest record of information about local residents, researchers said.

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Apple to drop Ping social/music network

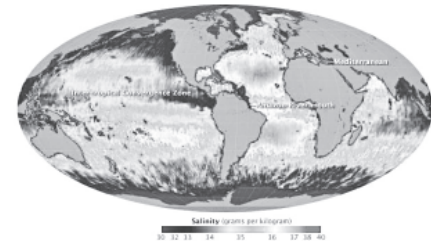
CUPERTINO, 15 June—Apple says its Ping social network tied to iTunes music, which failed to gather a significant following, will be dropped in the next iTunes version. Ping, which still exists today in iTunes 10.6.3, will be gone with the software’s next major release expected in the fall, sources told allthingsd.com.

At that time Apple will shift its social networking offerings to Twitter and new partner Facebook entirely, allthingsd.com reported on Wednesday. Analysts said Ping, introduced in September 2010, focused too much on enabling commerce and too little on enabling social interaction, with users having trouble finding and connecting with others.

Apple chief Tim Cook acknowledged that in recent comments.

“We tried Ping, and I think the customer voted and said, ‘This isn’t something that I want to put a lot of energy into,’” Cook said.

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A map of ocean salinity created by the Aquarius instrument. Areas of highest salinity are shown in yellow and red.—INTERNET

Satellite measures globe’s salty seas

SEATTLE, 15 June—A NASA instrument has completed a year of measuring ocean salinity from space, providing important data about Earth’s water cycle, the space agency said.

Launched 10 June, 2011, the satellite mission — a combined effort between NASA and Argentina’s Comision Nacional de Actividades Espaciales — is compiling a more complete picture of the salty sea and how it varies on a global scale, the agency reported on Wednesday.

NASA’s Aquarius instrument aboard the Argentine satellite is the first such device specifically designed to study surface ocean salinity from space, making 300,000 measurements per month. It uses three passive microwave sensors, called radiometers, to record the thermal signal from the oceans’ top 10 millimetres, about 0.4 inches.

Aquarius has confirmed what oceanographers have known for many years, that the Atlantic Ocean is saltier than the Pacific and Indian oceans, and that rivers such as the Amazon carry tremendous amounts of fresh runoff from land and spread plumes far into the sea.

In the tropics, particularly near the Pacific’s Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone, extra rainfall makes equatorial waters somewhat fresher, researchers said.

“An overarching question in climate research is to understand how changes in the Earth’s water cycle — meaning rainfall and evaporation, river discharges and so forth — ocean circulation, and climate link together,” said Gary Lagerloef, Aquarius principal investigator at Earth and Space Research in Seattle.

“Salinity is the variable we can use to measure that coupling. It’s a critical factor, and it will eventually be used to improve climate forecasts,” he said.—Internet

Mozilla enters Web app store arena

REDMOND, 15 June—Mozilla says it is entering the app universe, opening its own Web Marketplace to compete with Apple’s App Store and Google Play. The Mozilla Marketplace is intended to give users a one-stop shop for Web-based apps and games directly through it Firefox browser, *TG Daily* reported on Wednesday.

Fully compatible with Windows, Mac and Linux, the Mozilla Marketplace seems intent on providing users the same point-and-click convenience as its Apple or Google competitors, analysts said.

One difference is that the Mozilla Marketplace actually presents its apps as desktop

applications, with each app treated as a regular computer program that can be launched from the Windows Start Menu or given its own desktop icon.

This ties the Mozilla

Marketplace closely to a user’s operating system, making it more than just an extension of a user’s browser, *TG Daily* said.

Internet



X-ray space telescope launched

PASADENA, 15 June—NASA said it’s successfully launched its NuSTAR X-ray observatory into orbit Wednesday after it was dropped from an aircraft over the central Pacific Ocean.

An L-1011 “Stargazer” aircraft, operated by Orbital Sciences Corp of Dulles, Va., took off from Kwajalein Atoll with the Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope attached to Orbital’s Pegasus XL rocket, both strapped to the belly of the aircraft.

At noon EDT, the rocket dropped from the L-1011, free-falling for 5 seconds before firing its first-stage motor.

About 13 minutes later, NuSTAR separated from the rocket, reaching its final low-Earth orbit, NASA’s Jet

Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., reported on Wednesday.

“NuSTAR spread its solar panels to charge the spacecraft battery and then reported back to Earth of its good health,” Yunjin Kim, the mission’s project manager at JPL, said. “We are checking out the spacecraft now and are excited to tune into the high-energy X-ray sky.”

NuSTAR will detect the highest energy X-ray light from the cosmos, seeing through gas and dust to reveal black holes lurking in our Milky Way galaxy, as well as those hidden in the hearts of faraway galaxies, mission officials said.

“With its unprecedented spatial and spectral

resolution to the previously poorly explored hard X-ray region of the electromagnetic spectrum, NuSTAR will open a new window on the universe and will provide complementary data to NASA’s larger missions, including Fermi, Chandra, Hubble and Spitzer,” Paul Hertz, NASA’s Astrophysics Division director, said.

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The Orbital Science Corporation’s “Stargazer” plane is shown releasing its Pegasus rocket. NASA’s NuSTAR will also launch from a Pegasus carried by the Stargazer plane.
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JPMorgan Chase chief says sorry

TOKYO, 15 June—The chief executive of JPMorgan Chase has apologized to a US senate hearing on the bank's 2-billion-dollar losses on bad trades.

Jamie Dimon testified at

the US Senate Banking Committee on Wednesday.

He said, "We have let a lot of people down, and we are very sorry."

Dimon said the trade that created huge losses was

originally done to ease risks. However, he said that after a strategic review earlier this year, the trade morphed into something that created new and larger risk.

He said the impact of the losses on business is limited, as the bank is expected to report a profit for the second quarter this year.

Some lawmakers criticized Dimon for failing to recognize problems at an earlier stage. They also questioned his lack of supervision.

The massive losses have led to stronger calls from some sectors for greater government controls on financial institutions.

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President and CEO of JPMorgan Chase Jamie Dimon testifies before a Senate Banking Committee hearing on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Psychotherapy by phone said effective

CHICAGO, 15 June—Patients who had psychotherapy sessions over the phone were more likely to complete 18 weeks of treatment than face-to-face patients, US researchers say.

Lead author David Mohr, a professor of preventive medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, found phone therapy is a rapidly growing trend among therapists.

About 85 percent of psychologists deliver some of their services over the phone

because competing demands, transportation time and other problems make it difficult for many patients to get to their offices. "Now therapists can make house calls," Mohr said in a statement. "Our study found psychotherapy conveniently provided by telephone to patients wherever they are is effective and reduces dropout. This suggests these services now should be covered by insurance."

The randomized control trial, involving 325 primary care patients with major depressive

disorder, found 20.9 percent of patients who had cognitive behavioral therapy over the phone dropped out compared to 32.7 percent for face-to-face therapy. Patients in both therapies showed equally good improvement in their depression when treatment ended. Six months after treatment ended, all patients remained much improved, the study found.

The findings were published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.—Internet

Barroso seeks banking and fiscal unity within EU

TOKYO, 15 June—The President of the European Commission has called for bold measures to strengthen banking and fiscal integration within the eurozone.

Addressing the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, on Wednesday, Jose Manuel Barroso said the zone had reached a decisive moment that will determine its fate.

He said member countries must acknowledge the structural flaws that prohibit integration, and come up with a framework for the future.

Barroso said leaders will



Barroso(L)

discuss at a 2-day EU summit starting on 28th June a proposed banking union that will centralize control of major banks within the

eurozone.

He said they will also discuss introducing eurobonds, or jointly issued European debt.—NHK

Milk with more fat may help weight loss

SANTA MONICA, (Calif), 15 June—Many nutritionists argue the fat in a moderate portion of whole milk or 2 percent milk make many feel fuller and reduce food cravings, a US food expert says.

"Whole milk has 8 grams of total fat, 5 saturated; 2 percent milk contains 5 grams of fat, 3 of them saturated; there's 2 grams of fat in 1 percent milk, both grams saturated; skim milk checks in at less than 1 gram," Phil Lempert, a food industry

analyst, trend watcher and creator of super-marketguru.com, said.

"Milk is a nutritious beverage and contains about one-third of the recommended daily value of calcium in one 8-ounce cup.

Calcium is important for bone health as well as muscle and nerve conduction among other things. In terms of dairy foods, milk, yogurt and cheese are great sources of calcium."

Milk usually has 8 grams of protein—whey and casein.

Whey accounts for about 20 percent of the protein in cow's milk, Lempert said.

"Nearly all varieties of milk have 12-13 grams of carbohydrates, all from lactose, milk's famous sugar," Lempert said.

"For this reason, the higher fat versions may be better for those with blood sugar issues, as the fat slows the carbohydrate absorption. Having a high fiber food like oatmeal or other whole grains can also buffer the effect."

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A Global Movement for Change

By Ban Ki-moon

Next week, world leaders gather for a momentous occasion — the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro. Will it be a success? In my opinion, yes. To be sure, the negotiations have been lengthy. Even now there is more disagreement than agreement on the details of the so-called "outcome document" that will emerge. Yet that will not be the defining measure. Far more important is what the Rio conference has already accomplished. And that is to build a global movement for change.

Rio+20 is a milestone on a long road. The famous 1992 Earth Summit put sustainable development on the global agenda. Today, we have come to a broader and more nuanced understanding of this age-old imperative: how to better balance the development needs of a growing world population — so that all may enjoy the fruits of prosperity and robust economic growth — with the necessity of conserving our planet's most precious resources: land, air and water. At Rio, more than 100 heads of state and government will join an estimated 25,000 participants to map our way ahead. For too long we have sought to burn and consume our way to prosperity. That model is dead. At Rio, we must begin to create a new one — a model for a 21st century economy that rejects the myth that there must be a zero-sum trade-off between growth and the environment. Increasingly, we understand that, with smart public policies, governments can grow their economies, alleviate poverty, create decent jobs and accelerate social progress in a way that respects the earth's finite natural resources.

In this larger sense, I believe that momentum for change is already irreversible. The evidence is all around, hiding in plain sight in countries large and small, rich and poor. Barbados, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea and South Africa, among many others, are already adopting "green growth" strategies that use limited natural resources more efficiently, create jobs and promote low-carbon development. Armenia, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Kenya, Jordan, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Senegal and Ukraine are applying new green-growth technologies in a variety of industries, from agriculture to tourism. China has committed to supply 16 percent of its energy needs from renewable sources by 2020 and plans to invest more than \$450 billion in waste recycling and clean technologies under its current five-year plan.

In Brazil, waste management and recycling employs more than 500,000 people, most of whom live on society's margins. Under its new National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, India has begun paying people to better manage natural resources, such as forests and fresh water. Wherever you look, national and local authorities are adopting principles and practices that, taken together, could help move us from a prospect of environmental ruin and growing social inequality toward a new era of inclusive and balanced sustainable growth.

Governments and nation-states are not alone in driving this transformation. At Rio, more than 1,000 corporate leaders from all continents will deliver a common message: business as usual no longer works. Many are members of the United Nations Global Compact — volunteers in a growing private-sector movement that understands that 21st-century corporate responsibility means corporate sustainability. Thus Nike (a champion of so-called "closed loop" manufacturing that minimizes industrial pollution) has initiated a new programme called Mata no Peito — a Portuguese colloquialism for "taking on a challenge" by helping protect Brazilian forest ecosystems. Unilever has pledged to source all its raw materials from sustainable sources by 2020. Kenya's Safaricom has integrated gender equality into its internal policies to create a mother-friendly environment.

Meanwhile, Microsoft has announced it will soon go carbon-neutral. China's Broad Group produces non-electric air conditioning units that are 200 percent more energy efficient; it is now diversifying into other energy-saving products and sustainable buildings. ToughStuff from Mauritius seeks to bring affordable and reliable solar energy to 33 million people in Africa by 2016, and the Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company is working to provide rural electrification in Afghanistan and the South Pacific island nation of Tonga.

Energy will be a major focus at Rio. I call it the "golden thread" that connects the dots to a sustainable future—the key driver for development, social inclusion and environmental protection, including climate change. That is why, in 2011, I established a new initiative called Sustainable Energy for All. Our aim: to ensure universal access to modern energy services for the one in five people worldwide who lack them; to reduce energy waste by doubling energy efficiency; and to double the share of renewables in the global energy mix. In Rio, leaders from government, business and civil society will announce a galaxy of actions to advance these goals, from promoting cleaner, more efficient cook-stoves to helping governments scale up their geothermal and other renewable energy potential.

Sustainable Energy for All is the partnership model of the future. The principle is simple but powerful: the United Nations uses its unrivalled convening power to bring all relevant actors to the table so they can work in common cause for the common good. At bottom, this is what Rio+20 is all about. Yes, the negotiations themselves are very important. Agreements that can be committed to paper today will shape the debates of tomorrow. But Rio+20 goes beyond that. It is the expression of a dynamic global movement for change — and a big step forward toward the future we want.

Ban Ki-moon is Secretary-General of the United Nations

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Research has found that Omega 3 fish oils do not help older people with cognitive abilities. INTERNET

India steel factory explosion kills 10

HYDERABAD, 15 June — At least 10 people were killed and several others seriously injured in an explosion at a steel factory in southeast India, a local government official said on Thursday. "Ten people died in the blast on Wednesday evening and about nine are battling for their lives in hospital," Lav Agarwal, district administrator of Visakhapatnam in the state of Andhra Pradesh, told

AFP. A spokesman for the plant who declined to be named said that first reports suggested that the explosion occurred in a control room, but that the cause of the blast was uncertain. "We found people with 75 percent burns who were rushed to the hospital," he said. "An oxygen supply pipe burst and we are investigating." The state-owned Rashtriya Ispat Nigam plant, situated in

Visakhapatnam, 600 kilometres (370 miles) from the state capital Hyderabad, was hit by another fatal accident last month when two workers were killed at the furnace site. Local media reported that a fire broken out on Wednesday after a huge blast heard at about 8:00 pm, and that firefighters continued to battle the blaze in the morning as a full search for any further bodies was undertaken.

Many of the victims, who were all factory employees or contract workers, were treated at a hospital on the plant site with some of the injured moved to public hospitals in the coastal city of Visakhapatnam. The Hindu newspaper reported on its website that eight people died at the scene and two others had died of their injuries in hospital. It said that one general manager and three deputy general managers were among the dead.

Internet

India factory explosion



Graphic showing Visakhapatnam in India where at least 10 people were killed and several others seriously injured in an explosion at a steel plant, officials said on Thursday. — INTERNET

Niger farmland threatened by locusts

ROME, 15 June — Large swathes of farmland are threatened by locusts in Niger even as the drought-prone African nation is grappling with a severe food crisis, a pest-control official said on Wednesday. "Unless swarms are destroyed very early, locusts will reproduce and reach the cropland," Yahaya Garba, director of the CNLA agency in charge of pest-control, said in the latest bulletin of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Niger.

At least 500,000 hectares (1.2 million acres) of farmland and one million hectares (2.5 million acres) of pasture land

could be devastated.

"Locusts are about to reach the Sahel (region), and notably northern Mali and Niger," Garba said adding that the migratory species was invading the area from southeast Algeria and neighbouring Libya.

The first swarms were spotted in northern Niger late last month and have started to migrate south where most Niger farmland is concentrated. More than 80 percent of Niger's population of 15 million live on farm produce and six million are facing a new food crisis already, out of 18 million in the entire Sahel belt, according to United Nations

figures.

"The fight (against the



locusts) must be fought intensively and immediately," warned Garba, appealing for international assistance.

Large swathes of farmland are threatened by locusts in Niger even as the drought-prone African nation is grappling with a severe food crisis, a pest-control official said on Wednesday. — INTERNET

HK to issue special stamps to celebrate 15th anniversary

HONG KONG, 15 June — Hongkong Post announced on Thursday that a stamp sheetlet entitled "The 15th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" would be released for sale together with associated philatelic products on 1 July. On 1 July, 2012 marks the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Hongkong Post is issuing the stamp sheetlet to commemorate this important milestone of the HKSAR.

The stamp sheetlet boasts a motif of bauhinia, the floral emblem of Hong Kong. The iconic images on the five petals highlight scenes of prosperity and the core values of the city. The background of the stamp sheetlet is decorated with wavy colored ribbons, which reflect the vibrancy and versatility of Hong Kong. — Xinhua

Ariz asks for haikus to promote dust storm safety

PHOENIX, 15 June — Arizona transportation officials are getting the message out about dust storm safety — in precisely 17

syllables.

The Arizona Department of Transportation is encouraging Twitter users to tweet haikus around the theme safe driving in haboobs — severe dust storms that hit Phoenix in the summer. An example, from Phoenix resident Mindy Lee, who goes by the Twitter handle mindyblee: "Haboobs blow through town / In one instant it is dark / Pull over and wait."

Transportation department spokesman Timothy Tait says the agency was looking for a creative way to engage residents in its "Pull Aside Stay Alive" campaign. So far they've seen more than 30 entries and are re-tweeting some of the best ones.

Internet

Australia's marine network proposal

The government has announced protection plan for more than one-third of Australian waters 3.1 million square kilometres ■ A network of 60 reserves



Australia to create world's largest marine parks

CANBERRA, 15 June — Australia on Thursday announced plans to create the world's largest network of marine parks to protect ocean life, with limits placed on fishing and oil and gas exploration off the coast. The new reserves would cover 3.1

million square kilometres (1.2 million square miles), or more than one-third of Australian waters, taking in significant breeding and feeding grounds.

The announcement, after years of planning and consultation, came ahead of the Rio+20 summit on sustainable development next week in Brazil, which Environment Minister Tony Burke and Prime Minister Julia Gillard will attend.

"It's time for the world to

turn a corner on protection of our oceans," Burke said in the lead-up to the meeting, which marks the 20th anniversary of the Earth Summit that declared the environment a priority. "And Australia today is leading that next step." "This new network of marine reserves will help ensure that Australia's diverse marine environment, and the life it supports, remain healthy, productive and resilient for future generations."

Internet

Graphic showing Australian plans to create the world's largest network of marine parks to protect ocean life. INTERNET

The wonders of Garlic

Khin Aye Kyu

In my teenage years I loved going to the movies with my parents and siblings. The day out to the movies was a grand occasion for us. It was a special occasion because my parents would find time to spend with us at the movies. It was also great because we would be treated to snacks and ice cream before or after the movies.

In those days the movie houses showing English films were Palladium on Sule Pagoda Road, Royal and Carlton Houses which were a stone's throw away from Scot Market (Bogyoke Market). These movie houses have been demolished and Traders Hotel and Central Hotel have been built in their places.

The movies I like seeing are thrillers and horrors. 'Count Dracula', 'Vampires', the 'Brides of Dracula' were then quite popular. Christopher Lee was the blood sucking Count Dracula and Peter Cushing acted as the Dracula killer. In these movies, young maidens were the victims of Count Dracula who would suck the blood from their throats and the victims would become the living dead like the Count. Peter Cushing the Dracula killer would kill off these monsters by driving a wooden stake through their hearts or shooting them with a silver bullet. The villagers near the castle where Dracula resides were warned to make garlands

of garlic flowers or keep garlic near them to frighten and ward off the evil creatures from coming near the maidens.

So garlic has been playing quite an important role even in those ancient times. Now-a-days garlic also is an essential commodity for cooks, for without garlic our curries would not have an appetizing flavour. Housewives need garlic in the kitchen. We would pound the garlic and make puree for our curries.

I recently read in the newspaper that researchers have isolated a compound in garlic that is 100 times more potent than antibiotics in combating the campylobacter bacteria, one of the commonest causes of intestinal illnesses. Many people are affected by campylobacter every year, according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Many suffer from cramping, abdominal pain and fever. The compound diallyl sulphide in garlic reduces disease-causing bacteria in the environment and in our food supply, said a postdoctoral researcher who led the study. He and his colleagues looked at the ability of the garlic compound, diallyl sulphide, to kill the bacteria when it is protected by a slimy biofilm that makes it 1,000 times more resistant to antibiotics the *Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy* reports. They found the garlic compound can easily

penetrate the protective biofilm and kill bacteria cells by combining enzymes, changing the enzyme's function and effectively shutting down cell metabolism. The researchers found that diallyl sulphide was as much as 100 times effective than much of the antibiotics Cerylromycin and Ciprofloxacin and would then work in a fraction of the time.

The fruits and vegetables we eat everyday have qualities which combat many forms of diseases. Garlic is good for the blood. It prevents gastro-intestinal problems. It also digests food. It kills bacteria. It prevents leprosy and skin diseases. One garlic contains 30 percent starch, 6 percent protein, 60 milligram vitamins and 4 percent of other minerals. If there is too much cholesterol in the blood, high blood pressure, clotting of the blood and finally stroke and heart failure results. Taking garlic neutralizes the blood.

Mahatma Gandhi, one of the world's famous peace architects included garlic in his daily meals and said that it cured him of his high blood pressure.

Therefore, we also should have garlic always in our kitchens for its medicinal qualities and to cook healthy food for our family.

Traffic rules talks given in Pyapon BEHSs

PYAPON, 15 June—Pyapon District Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee of Ayeyawady Region held educative talks at Basic Education High School No 2 in Pyapon on 7 June morning.

At the ceremony, in-charge of Pyapon District Traffic Police Force IP Chit Sein and party gave talks on traffic rules.

Similar talks were held at BEHS No 1 and BEHS No 3 in Pyapon.

Traffic rule educative



School uniforms presented to students of vendors

HSIHSENG, 15 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to offspring of vendors and slow-moving vehicle drivers was held at the office of Hsihseng Township Development Affairs Committee on 3 June morning.

Officials presented school uniforms worth K 581,250 to 60 primary students, 52 middle school students and 22 high school students.—Myanma Alin



ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: The executive officer of Township Development Affairs Committee provides school uniforms and stationery to offspring of vendors and slow-moving vehicle drivers in Minhla Township on 6 June.—MYANMA ALIN

period is being realized in the township.

Myanma Alin

Crime reduction talk given in Kawa Township

KAWA, 15 June—Educative talks on crime reduction were held at the monastery in Kamakale

Village of Nabebin Village-tract in Kawa Township of Bago Region on 3 June morning.

Before the talks, Township Administrator U Kyaw Swa Ohn made a speech. Commander of Township Police Force

Police Captain Myint Thein gave talks on preventive measures to be taken for gambling case, trafficking in person and other cases.

Township Law Officer U Htaik Zaw also explained matters related to legal affairs.—Township GAD



School enrollment day observed in Phayathonzu Sub-Township

KYA-IN-SEIKKYI, 15 June—The school enrollment day for 2012-2013 academic year was organized in Phayathonzu Sub-Township of Kya-in-seikkyi Township of Kayin State on 28 May morning.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Township Education Committee Sub-Township Administrator U Thein Tun made a speech, and Headmistress Daw Khin Hla Wai explained matters related to enrollment task.

After that, the Sub-Township Administrator handed over 1080 dozens of exercise books and 2500 copies of primary textbooks donated by the Ministry of Education to the headmistress.

Next, the headmistress shared exercise books and school textbooks at primary school level to schools in the sub-township.

On the occasion, departmental personnel and entrepreneurs of the sub-township donated K 3 million to the education fund.

Township IPRD



CSC ISSUED: As part of implementing Moe Pwint-3 Plan, Head of Insein Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Hein Lin Thein and party carrying out issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to local people at the administrative office of East Gyogon Ward in Insein Township on 10 June.—MYANMA ALIN

DISTRICT NEWS

Summer Palethwe hybrid paddy harvested on model plot

KYANGIN, 15 June—The harvesting of summer high yield Palethwe hybrid paddy was held at the farm of farmer U Myint Aung in Kunchaung Dam irrigated area of Betye Village-tract in Kyangin Township of Hinthada District on 10 June.

A total of 178 baskets of paddy per acre was produced from the paddy plantation.

The paddy harvesting ceremony was attended by the Township Administrator and party.

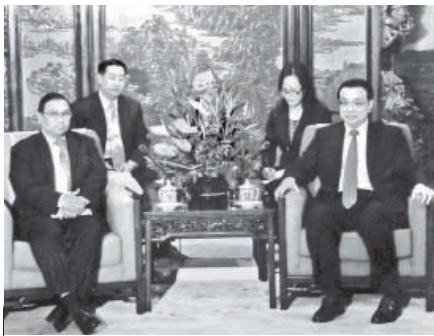
They then inspected progress in reclamation of advanced model farmland of Ayeya Kyangin Paddy Company at No 70 field in Zeebinkwin Village-tract.

Kyemon



LIBRARIAN COURSE OPENED: The librarian multiplier course No 1/2012, jointly organized by Thakayta Township General Administration Department and Information and Public Relations Department, was opened at the hall of the Township GAD on 9 and 10 June. Township Administrator U San Min presented first prize to the winner.—KYEMON

Union Foreign Minister visits People's Republic of China



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin calls on Vice-Premier of the State Council of China Mr Li Keqiang. —MNA

YANGON, 15 June—Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin visited China from 9 to 14 June at invitation of Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Yang Jiechi.

During the visit, Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin called on

Chinese counterpart Mr Yang Jiechi and Vice-Premier of the State Council of China Mr Li Keqiang separately on 13 June.

At the meeting with the Chinese FM, both sides overviewed on development of bilateral relations and economic cooperation. They also

exchanged views on regional and international issues in a frank and cordial manner. After the meeting, the Union minister attended a luncheon hosted by the Chinese counterpart.

At the meeting with the Vice-Premier, Mr Li Keqiang reiterated to accelerate the Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership Relations based on the traditional Pauk Phaw relations and to promote mutually beneficial cooperation and made assure that the China will support the on-going reform process in Myanmar. The Union minister updated the Vice-Premier on recent political, economic and social developments of Myanmar, striving for the national reconciliation and discussed on promotion of friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and China.

On 10 June, the Union minister visited Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) and met with Dr Yang Jiemini, President of SIIS in Shanghai. In the afternoon, he met Vice-Mayor of Shanghai Municipal People's Government Mr Tu Guangshao and attended a luncheon hosted by Mr Zhao Bing, Deputy Director-General of Foreign Affairs Office of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government.

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin visited Great Wall in Beijing on 12 June. In the afternoon, he met Mr Jiang Jemin, President of CNPC. The Union minister also visited Beijing Foreign Studies University and met Administrative Committee Chairman of the university Professor Yang Xueyi and Chinese students studying Myanmar language at the university. Also present at the meeting was the Vice-Chairman of China-Myanmar Friendship Association.—MNA

F & R Ministry honours outstanding students, staff, athletes

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Ministry of Finance and Revenue honoured outstanding students, staff and athletes of the ministry at the ministry today.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said that the ministry honoured those who bring pride to the ministry with the aim of encouraging them to become intellectuals and intelligentsia.

He also called on them for working hard to achieve success in the future so that the country and the ministry can take a pride in their achievements.

Afterwards, managing-directors and directors-general of the ministry awarded the athletes of the ministry who won prizes in national-level competitions and outstanding staff who won prizes in the courses of the Central Institute for Civil Service.

Managing Director of Myanmar Economic Bank U San Thauung and wife of the governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar presented prizes to three-distinction winners of the 2011-2012 matriculation examination, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and Deputy Minister U Win Than to four-distinction winners, Daw Khin Than Win, wife of the Union minister, to five-distinction winners and Union Minister U Hla Tun to six-distinction winners.

The union minister also presented exercise books and stationery to students of the staff of the ministry through Director of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Aung Aung.

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Union Sports Minister awards winning teams in cycling, archery

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—The matches of Champion Challenge Cup 2012 continued at sports zones today.

Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan this morning enjoyed semifinal matches of Pencak Silat sports at Lewe Sports Training Zone and Kumite events of Karatedo sports at the training hall.

The Union minister inspected installation of competitive and training devices at the gymnastic hall.

The Union minister also attended the prize presentation for cycling contest at Zabuthiri sports zone.

Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thauung Htaik gave championship shield to

Bago Region women's team, and the Union Minister, Magway Region men's team.

After inspecting Myanmar Archery Federation, the Union minister attended the prize presentation ceremony at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe sports training zone. He gave championship shields to Yangon Region men's and women's teams.

MNA

UMFCCI to hold educative talks

YANGON, 15 June—Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Myanmar

Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association will jointly organize the subject-wise educative talks on the first floor of UMFCCI Office Tower at 1 pm on 30 June.

Dr Than Htut (retired deputy director of Worksite Health) and specialist Dr Shein Myint of Parami Hospital will give talks on impacts of noise and worksite health.

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Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Talal M.S. Abdulsalam handed over 200,000 kilograms of date jam presented as gifts by Saudi Arabian Government to the Government of Republic of the Union of Myanmar to representatives of ministries at Saudi Embassy in Yangon on 15 June.—MNA

Regional ASEAN Dengue Day marked

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—The ceremony to mark the Regional ASEAN Dengue Day was observed at Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin.

Director (Infection) Dr Soe Lwin Nyein read the resolution in the Dengue Preventive Measure Meeting (Yangon).

The Union Minister presented prizes to the winners in the high school level essay contest and Senior Officer Ms Jintana of ASEAN Secretariat, winners in the middle level poster contest in commemoration of the Regional ASEAN Dengue Day.



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin and ASEAN guests view booths on preventive measures against dengue fever.

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After the ceremony, the Union minister and party viewed round the booths on preventive measures against dengue.—MNA

Cash assistance, exercise books provided to students

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—A ceremony to provide cash assistance for families of Kayah State Police Force for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of the State Police Force in Loikaw on 12 June afternoon.

Commander of Kayah State Police Force

Police Col Kyaw Swe made a speech and presented cash assistance and exercise books to university and high school students.

Daw Khin Swe Nyein, wife of the police commander, gave cash assistance and exercise books to university and basic education students.

Deputy Commander of the police force Police Lt-Col Khin Maung Zaw handed cash assistance and exercise books to middle and primary students. At the ceremony, they provided cash assistance and exercise books worth K 260,000 to 42 children of policemen.

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Union A & I Minister meets Belgium guests

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received a delegation led by Minister of Economy, SMEs, Foreign Trade and New Technologies of Belgium and Vice-President of Wallonia Region Mr Jean-Claude Marcourt and Belgium Ambassador Rudi Veestraeten, at his office here this morning. At the call, they discussed matters related to cooperation in development of agriculture sector and investment.

They also had a discussion on cooperation in the sector of technologies for development of agricultural sector, making investments in the export of

value-added industrial crops, paddy, and vegetables, cooperation of research and development between Agricultural Universities of Belgium and Myanmar and exchange of technology.

Also present at the meeting were directors-general of departments under the ministry, rector of Agricultural University, Mr Philippe Suinen (CEO), Dr Jylien Compere (head of Cabinet), Ms Florence Giet (Economic Advisor), Prof Dr Pierre Bultez (Pr Columbia University Business School), Pr Dr Eric Haubruge (Deputy Rector), Pr Dr Pasal Leroy (Dean of Veterinary Medical Science) and Mr Hans Rhdpius (M.D.).—MNA

Union NPED Minister receives Belgium, Swiss delegations



Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing receives Ambassador of Switzerland Mr Christoph Burgener.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—An entrepreneurs delegation led by Minister of Economy, SMEs, Foreign Trade and New Technologies of Belgium and Vice-President of Wallonia Region Mr Jean-Claude Marcourt called on

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing at his office, here, 9.30 am today.

They discussed seeking of trade and investment opportunities, penetration to the European market, commodity transport and

development of the infrastructure.

The Belgium delegation is interested in steel industry, agro-based foodstuff production and livestock-based foodstuff production, ship building, port building, rail transportation, monetary and

banking services, automobile manufacturing, control of vehicles, management of draining out sewerage. It was reported that they would like to hold a meeting on setting up of strength for development of investment and trade sector soon.

Likewise, Ambassador of Switzerland Mr Christoph Burgener called on the Union minister at 10.30 am today.

They discussed technology and financial cooperation between Myanmar and Switzerland, draft agreement for providing humanitarian aids, and formation of the Foreign Aid Management Central Committee and Work Committee in Myanmar.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Kan Zaw, directors-general and officials.—MNA

Union Health Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received President Dr Shigeru Suganami and party of AMDA Group at 2 pm on 13 June, Charge d'Affaires of the US Embassy Mr Michael E Thurston at 3 pm and Director of (PISA) Ms Linda J Yarr and party of Partnership for International Strategies in Asia-PISA at 3.30 pm today.

At the call, AMDA Group submitted a report that AMDA and Health Department cooperated in preliminary health care services, maternal and infant care and success in water and environmental sanitation in

Pakokku and Meiktila Townships. The group expressed continuous cooperation with the department and discussed the observation plan of Japanese delegation to the projected areas.

In meeting with the US Embassy officials, they discussed exchange of technologies between medical universities and public health universities of the US and the Ministry of Health, progress of works, assistance of the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and malaria, maternal and infant health care services, raising of health care services and training of health

staff.

At the call, Asia-PISA Group discussed impacts on health of the people in climate change, change of nature at insects and bacteria and adoption for future tasks with all-round discussions of departments concerned and organizations.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department, Deputy Director-General (Public Health) Dr Thein Htay of Health Department and officials.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairman receives Sweden's Ambassador for Human Rights



Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo receives Swedish Ambassador for Human Rights Swedish Permanent Representative to Geneva and New York and former Swedish Foreign Minister Mr Hans Dahlgren.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo received Sweden's Ambassador for Human Rights Swedish Permanent Representative to Geneva and New York and former

Swedish Foreign Minister Mr Hans Dahlgren at the committee hall in Hluttaw Complex here this noon.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Bill Committee U T Khun Myat, Member of Legal Affairs and Special Cases

Assessment Commission U Than Tun and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

They frankly exchanged views on parliamentary affairs, legal affairs, human rights and promotion of mutual relations.

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Dy Minister meets UNMAS delegates

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win received Director of UNMAS Ms. Agnes Marcaillou at the ministry here this morning.

During the meeting, the deputy minister discussed cooperation between the ministry and WFP in distribution of rice and foodstuff to Kachin, Chin, Rakhine (North), Shan States and Magway Region, bilateral cooperation between the ministry and UNDP in narrowing the gaps of giving education, health and supply of drinking water as well as ensuring food security and opportunities for getting more incomes in rural areas. Besides, the deputy minister added that under the supervision of UNHCR, the ministry is carrying out development tasks in Kayin, Mon States, Taninthayi Region, and holding talks on

eternal peace, noting that the ministry would cooperate in the programmes for land mine removal and help of the disabled.

The Director of UNMAS reported to the deputy minister on making field-trips with a formation with mine experts after surveying probable places, giving educative talks on mines, accepting technological assistance, as well as cooperation with neighbouring countries and

international organizations in mine removal.

Delegation members Mr. Timothy Homer of UNDP and Ms. Judy Grayson of UNICEF presented reports on conditions for participation in mine disposal actions.

It was attended by Director-General U Myo Hlaing of the Education and Training Department under the ministry, Deputy Director-General U Soe Tint of the Progress of Border Areas and National Races



Successful candidates for NPE junior reporter posts announced

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information today announced 13 individuals who passed both written exam and personal interview for vacancies of junior reporters (salary rate: K 59000-1000-64000).

The roll numbers of the successful applicants are 96, 109, 21, 15, 56, 51, 85, 82, 53, 30, 31, 116 and 40.

The successful candidates may report to the chief editor of Myanmar News Agency (Internal), Nay Pyi Taw Newspaper Complex, Khayebon Junction, Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, at 11 am on 29 June in order to start discharging duties as of 1 July.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win meeting with Director of UNMAS Ms. Agnes Marcaillou.—MNA



New school building handed over in NyaungU

NYAUNGU, 15 June—A ceremony to open new building of Basic Education Primary School was held in Nyaungbintha Village of NyaungU Township, NyaungU District, Mandalay Region, on 3 June.

Deputy Commissioner U Tun Tun Win of District General Administration Department and wellwisher Daw Myint Hlaing formally

opened the new building.

Then, the deputy commissioner made a speech.

Township Assistant Education Officer U Sein Hla explained matters related to the new building.

Wellwisher U Win Oo (a) U Win Htet of Yangon handed over documents related to the new building to the Ministry of Education

Farmers educative course commences

KYA-IN-SEIKKYI, 15 June—The Agriculture Department of Kya-in-Seikkayi Township in Kayin State held the farmers educative course No. 4 on 25 May morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Soe Win explained the purpose of opening the course.

Head of District Agriculture Department U Naing Lin and Head of Township Department U Thet Lwin gave lectures to the trainees.

Agriculture



Cash, books donated to library in Kya-in-Seikkayi Township

KAWKAREIK, 15 June—A ceremony to donate books and publications to Bawa Alinyang Library was held at the library in Mingalagon Village of Kya-in-Seikkayi Township, Kawkareik District, Kayin State, on 3 June.

At the ceremony, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Chit Myo Oo made a speech. Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Hnin Kyi explained the procedure for durability of library.

Staff Officer U Win Hsint of Township Immigration and National Registration Department donated K 10,000, local people K 10,000 and books and the

Township IPRD books. Library Committee Chairman U Tun Khin accepted the donations.

Mingala Yeiktha Tawya Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vasava, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Chit Myo Oo and Head of Township IPRD Daw Hnin Kyi formally opened the new library.—*Township IPRD*



Stipends granted to students of staff members

YANGON, 15 June—The stipend giving ceremony for students of staff from Taikkyi Township General Administration Department for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the meeting hall of the township on 9 June morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Zaw Soe presented K 265,000 in total and eight dozens of exercise books to 44 basic education students of staff members.—*Township GAD*

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.

CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: A ceremony to present cash assistance for students of clerks from Thaton District Police Force for 2012-2013 academic year was held at Ye Zarni Hall of Thaton District Police Force on 26 May. Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Ko Oo presents K 386,000 as cash assistance to 609 students.—*DISTRICT POLICE FORCE*

Applied pharmaceutical management course wraps up



YANGON, 15 June—Organized by Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association, the advanced applied pharmaceutical management course No 11 concluded at level 5 of UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township of Yangon on 6 June morning.

Vice-Chairman of the association U Thant Zin spoke on the occasion. Vice-Chairman U Thant Zin, Joint-Secretary Dr Thin Nwe Win, CEC member Dr Aye Kyaw, executives U Myo Thet and Dr Than Than Nu and Chief Instructor Dr Mie Mie Ko presented certificates to trainees.

The vice-chairman gave prize to outstanding trainee Daw Nguwah Khaing.

Altogether 28 trainees attended the one-month course. The course No 14 will commence in July.

Myanmar Alin

DISTRICT NEWS



CSC ISSUED: Staff Officer U Than Aye and staff of North Okkalapa Township Immigration and National Registration Department issue citizenship scrutiny cards to local people of Tatalingyeik Ward on 8 June.—*MYANMA ALIN*

Duties assigned to implement annual plans

YANGON, 15 June—A ceremony to assign duties of annual plan for 2012-2013 academic year of Yangon West District of Yangon Region was held at the hall of Ahlon Township on 11 June.

Deputy Commissioner of Yangon West District General Administration Department U Kyaw Thu Zaw made a speech. The deputy commissioner assigned duties to township administrators for 2012-2013 fiscal year.—*Myanmar Alin*



DHF preventive measures taken in Labutta Township

LABUTTA, 15 June—To be able to take preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever in Labutta Township, Deputy Commissioner U Kan Win of District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Bo Bo Min Thaik, Medical Superintendent Dr Than Htay Aung of District Hospital, health staff, district and

township level departmental officials together with social organizations undertook spraying at schools and treated medicine at water tanks on 9 June.

Health staff explained matters related to treated mosquito nets and distributed tablets to be used in treating mosquito nets to the local people.

District IPRD



School uniforms given to students in Mawgyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 15 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to offspring of vendors and slow-moving vehicle drivers was held at the hall of Township Development Affairs Committee on 5 June morning. It was sponsored by Mawlamyinegyun Township Development Affairs Committee for 2012-2013 academic year. At the ceremony, Executive Officer U Thet Aung of Township Development Affairs Committee presented school uniforms to 26 students.

Myanmar Alin

Bus crash kills 10, injures 16 more in southwest Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 15 June — At least 10 people were killed and 16 others injured on Wednesday when a minibus packed with children on a day trip slammed into a house in the southwestern state of Michoacan, Mexico, local police sources said in a statement.

The accident took place in the town of Uruapan, about 600 kilometres southwest of Mexico City, the national capital, around 11:30 am, local time, when the vehicle, which was rented to take a group of children to a local zoo, suddenly veered off the highway and crashed into the house.

The injured were all hospitalized. Among the critically injured were kindergarten and elementary school children, some of whom were airlifted to hospitals for emergency treatment. It is not immediately known the exact number of people aboard the ill-fated bus. The house also sustained partial damage in the accident. No other details, such as the cause of the accident, were available for the moment.

Xinhua



NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, left, and SpaceX CEO and Chief Designer Elon Musk, view the historic Dragon capsule that returned to Earth on 31 May following the first successful mission by a private company to carry supplies to the International Space Station on 13 June, 2012 at the SpaceX facility in McGregor, Texas. It was the first time since the space shuttles stopped flying last summer that NASA got back a big load from the space station. SpaceX hopes to launch another capsule in September.—INTERNET

Shenzhou-9 concludes final full-system drill before launch

JIUQUAN, (Gansu), 15 June — The Shenzhou-9 manned spacecraft on Thursday successfully completed its final full-system drill before its planned launch in mid-June, said Niu Hongguang, deputy commander-in-chief of China's manned space programme. The drill was conducted at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China on Thursday morning. All systems relevant to the mission were tested to ensure coordinated operation, the accuracy of the spacecraft's software and hardware and consistency in transmitting information, Niu said.

"The drill's results met our expectations," Niu said. All of the ship's systems will be prepared and placed in a "freeze" state until the real launch takes place, Niu said. The astronauts have conducted multiple drills themselves since arriving at the launch centre on 9 June, Niu said, adding that the astronauts are fully prepared for the tasks before them.

"They are capable of meeting the requirements for the real mission," Niu said. The Shenzhou-9 spacecraft will be launched sometime in mid-June to perform the country's first manned space docking mission with the orbiting Tiangong-1 space lab module. The Tiangong-1 was lowered to docking orbit in early June. — Xinhua



The Shenzhou-9 manned spacecraft, the Long March-2F rocket, and the escape tower are vertically transferred to the launch pad at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China's Gansu Province, on 9 June, 2012.

XINHUA

Cougars again spreading across Midwest

ST LOUIS, 15 June— Cougars are again spreading across the Midwest a century after the generally reclusive predators were hunted to near extinction in much of the region, according to a new study billed as the first rigorous statistical look at the issue.

The findings, detailed in *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, showed 178 cougar confirmations in the Midwest and as far south of Texas between 1990 and 2008. While confirmed sightings of Midwest cougars were sporadic before 1990, when there were only a couple, that number spiked to more than 30 by 2008, the study shows. Researchers said the



study poses fresh questions about how humans and livestock can co-exist with the re-emerging predators, whose movements appear to be following natural dispersal instincts.

The study sorts through

various reported sightings and affixes a number to those it could confirm, which is significant because no government agency tracks the number of large cats across the country. And wildlife officials for years

This photo on 14 Sept, 2010 file photo, released by the Nebraska Game and Parks service, shows a cougar in a tree on a ranch in the Nebraska Panhandle near Hemingford. The cougar, which was chased into a tree by a dog belonging to a rancher, was shot and killed.—INTERNET

have said it's unclear how many of the animals may be in the Midwest, where they are not federally protected and, in some states, are subject to being hunted.

Internet

Shoppers leave and enter a store in New York on 12 Jan, 2012.

REUTERS



Direct bus route between Phnom Penh and Bangkok officially opens

PHNOM PENH, 15 June — Direct bus route between Cambodia's Phnom Penh and Thailand's Bangkok was officially launched on Thursday. Officials believed that the launch will boost bilateral trade and tourism.

Under a bilateral agreement signed by the transport ministries of the two countries, Cambodia is allowed to issue licenses to 30 buses and 10 trucks, and Thailand is permitted to issue licenses to 30 trucks and 10 buses, Suon Vanhong, deputy director of the transport department at Cambodia's transport ministry, said on Thursday. "The start of the direct Phnom Penh-Bangkok bus route through Banteay Meanchey province's Poipet International Checkpoint will help promote the two countries' trade and tourism," he told Xinhua over telephone, adding that it will also cut travel time between the two capitals. Craig Steffensen, Country Director of the Asian Development Bank's Thailand Resident Mission, said in a press release on Thursday that the ability to move people, goods, and vehicles across borders efficiently and responsibly is at the heart of regional economic integration.

"Today's launch will reduce logistics costs and facilitate economic growth and social development between Thailand, Cambodia and other Mekong nations," he said.

Cambodia borders Vietnam, Laos and Thailand. According to Suon Vanhong, to date, the country has direct cross-border bus route with all its neighbours.—Xinhua



A woman stands next to Spanish flags as she waits to enter a building in central Madrid on 13 June, 2012.

REUTERS

Moody's slashes Spain debt ratings three notches

NEW YORK, 15 June— Credit ratings agency Moody's Investors Service cut its rating on Spanish government debt on Wednesday by three notches to Baa3 from A3, saying the newly approved euro zone plan to help Spain's banks will increase the country's debt burden. Moody's, which also said it could lower Spain's rating further, cited the Spanish government's "very limited" access to international debt markets and the weakness of the national economy. The rating is on review for possible further downgrades, which could come within the next three months, Moody's said. "We will of course also take into account whatever the details

are that come out on the size and the terms of the (bank) support package, and also take into account what's going on in the wider euro zone" in weighing further downgrades, said Kathrin Muehlbroenner, a Moody's analyst in London. That includes both Sunday's election in Greece and an upcoming European summit at the end of the month, she said. A spokeswoman at Spain's Economy Ministry in Madrid declined to comment.

"The Spanish economy's continued weakness makes the government's weakening financial strength and its increased vulnerability to a sudden stop in funding a much more serious concern than would be the case if there was a reasonable expectation of vigorous economic growth within the next few years," Moody's said in a statement. Euro zone finance ministers agreed on Saturday to lend Spain up to 100 billion euros (\$125.74 billion) to shore up its teetering banks, and Madrid said it would specify precisely how much it needs once independent audits are completed in just over a week.

Reuters

Weak sales, inflation data favour Fed action

WASHINGTON, 15 June— Retail sales fell for a second straight month in May and wholesale prices dropped by the most in three years, raising chances of further action by the Federal Reserve to shore up the flagging recovery. The data on Wednesday added to a raft of other recent signals, including reports on employment and manufacturing, that have pointed to a slowdown in the economic recovery.

Consumer spending was one of the key pillars of support for the recovery in the first quarter, and the retail sales data led a number of economists to cut their forecasts for second-quarter growth. "This points to further moderation in the pace of economic growth, which would suggest the recovery may need a helping hand from the Fed," said Millan Mulraine, a senior economist at TD Securities in New York. Retail sales slipped 0.2 percent as demand for building materials sagged and declining gasoline prices weighed on receipts at service stations, a Commerce Department report showed. April's sales were revised to show a 0.2 percent drop. Motor vehicle sales rose 0.8 percent, a surprise given that manufacturers reported a drop in the number of automobiles sold.—Reuters

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(CAT-3516) | 6-Nos |
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2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 18.6.2012 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994.

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5.4-magnitude quake hits Xinjiang

URUMQI, 15 June — An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter scale jolted Luntai county in northern Xinjiang at 5:51 am on Friday, according to the local seismological bureau.

The epicenter, with a depth of 20 km, was monitored at 42.2 degrees north latitude and 84.2 degrees east longitude, according to the seismological bureau of Bayingolin Mongol autonomous prefecture.

Residents in the county and some nearby counties said they felt a strong tremor. People in Xinjiang's capital City Urumqi said they could also feel the quake.

The county government said the epicentre is in the mountainous area with an altitude of about 2,500 metres. There has been no reports of casualties and the government is calculating the economic lost.

Luntai is located south of Tianshan mountains and the northern edge of Tarim Basin, and it is more than 600 kilometres from Urumqi.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV PAC AQUILA VOYNO(120)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PAC AQUILA VOYNO (120) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Japan Airlines (JAL) planes taxi on the tarmac at Tokyo's Haneda airport. Japan Airlines, the flag-carrier that went bust in one of the nation's biggest-ever bankruptcies, is aiming to re-list its shares by September, the Nikkei business daily reported on Friday.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV TURTLE BAY VOYNO(100)

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV CORAL HERO VOYNO (07)

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER S'PORE
PTE LTD

Phone No: 256924/256914

China's manned submersible reaches 6,000 metres

ABOARD XIANG-YANGHONG 09, 15 June — China's manned deep-sea submersible, the Jiaolong, reached the depth of 6,000 metres of the Mariana Trench at 12pm local time (0400GMT) on Friday.

The dive, which began at 9 am, is the first of a series of six scheduled ones to attempt the country's deepest-ever 7,000-metre manned dive.

Xinhua

China's manned deep-sea submersible, Jiaolong, made its first dive in the Mariana Trench on Friday, as part of a bid to go down as deep as 7,000 metres.—XINHUA



No damage caused as magnitude-5.9 quake rocks S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 15 June — No casualty or damages was caused as moderate quake shook parts of southern Philippines on early Friday, Philippine government agency said.

According to Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), the epicentre of the earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale which happened around 9:14 am local time was traced some 145 km southeast of Mati, a city of Southern Philippine Province of Davao Oriental, at a depth of 64 km. The US Geological Survey pegged the quake's magnitude at 5.5. No casualty or damages have been reported so far but the quake was felt in several Mindanao Provinces, from Agusan del Sur to the north and the Davao Provinces in the island's southern and eastern parts.

Mati resident Neela Duallo told Xinhua that she felt the quake but "it was just mild and short." PHIVOLCS regional chief Desiderio Cabanlit told Xinhua by text message that despite its strength, the quake was too deep to cause serious damage in the affected areas.—Xinhua

Shallow undersea quake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 15 June — An earthquake with magnitude of 5.7 struck off eastern part of Indonesia earlier on Friday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported. The USGS, however, put the magnitude of the quake at 5.6.

The quake struck at 03:17 am Jakarta Time on Friday (2017 GMT Thursday) with epicenter at 80 km northwest Ternate of North Maluku and with a depth of 16 km under sea bed, an official of the agency told Xinhua by phone. Indonesia is vulnerable to quake as it sits on a zone known as "the Pacific Ring of fire."

Xinhua

Deer moves into urban Chicago back yard

Residents of Chicago's Lake View neighbourhood, blocks from Wrigley Field, said they were shocked to see the area's newest resident — a deer.

The neighbours said the deer has been living for at least a week in the back yard of a home belonging to a family that has been on vacation since before the animal showed up, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported.

"It goes to the same spot in the side yard during the day and then goes to the back yard at night," neighbour PJ McCarthy said. "I don't know how the hell it even got here in the first place."

Chicago Animal Care and Control said the deer will be left alone for now, but residents are cautioned not to feed it.

"It can create a

potentially dangerous situation for the residents and for the deer," said Brad Powers, assistant to the director at Animal Control. "Generally if a deer knows to go to one place for food, it's going to continue to go there and get accustomed to it. It's not wise to encourage the deer to remain in a highly populated urban setting."

News Album

Cafeteria workers win old food dispute

A union representing cafeteria workers in a Pennsylvania school district won a victory in a dispute over being forced to pay for unsellable items they eat.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees filed

the grievance in 2011 against the Sharpville Area School District, alleging officials "violated established past practice" by forcing cafeteria workers to pay for food or drinks that safe food regulations do not allow them to sell to students, *The*

(Sharon) *Herald* reported.

The settlement, passed by a unanimous school board vote 21 May, states workers can consume the items — which include expired and reheated food and drink items — for free. The workers do so, however, at their own risk.

Billionaire Craig McCaw is selling James Island.



A Seattle billionaire who purchased the world's most expensive car for \$35 million is now attempting to sell his private Canadian island for \$75 million.

Craig McCaw, who sold his company, McCaw Cellular, to AT&T for \$11.5 billion in 1993 and now runs high-speed wireless provider Clearwire, is attempting to sell

Billionaire selling private island

the 780-acre James Island, part of British Columbia's Gulf Islands, with an asking price of \$75 million, *Seattlepi.com* reported.

The island currently hosts an 18-hole golf course, a 5,000-square-foot residence,

six guest cottages, private docks, an airstrip, a pool house and a "western village." McCaw said he is selling the island because his family has "the perfect storm of kids' activities and no one wants to be left behind."

Florida seeks

'crocodile response agents'

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is posting job openings for "crocodile response agents" in the Florida Keys. The commission said it will train the agents to investigate complaints about American crocodiles, finding alternatives to relocating the threatened crocodiles and taking care of the occasional carcass recovery, the Florida Keys Keynote reported.

The posting says it prefers applicants with

experience handling crocs, but officials said it is not required.

"Since few people have extensive experience with alligators or crocodiles, that's not a prerequisite," said Lindsey Hord, the commission biologist in charge of South Florida's nuisance alligators and crocodiles. "We can train them. If somebody with a lot of experience comes in, that would be a plus." Hord said the agents would be paid \$25 per hour and would work on an as-needed basis.

Cheryl Cole attacked for '350 'meet and greet' offer

LONDON, 15 June—Fans have slammed Cheryl Cole after being told that they will have to fork out 350 pounds for a 'special' meeting with her.

The offer was reportedly a part of 'meet and greet' package, which will get include a ticket to her UK tour and a photo with the star, who will also sign one item.

This has apparently upset her fans, who have taken

to Twitter describing the deal as 'robbery' — especially following the mixed reaction to Cheryl's performance at last week's Diamond Jubilee concert, the *Daily Star* reported.

'350 pounds for a M and G with Cheryl Cole! After the jubilee disaster I wouldn't pay 3.50 pounds! No 1 is that special u should have 2 pay 2 meet them #Please,' Kurstie Martin,

from Essex, tweeted. 'As much as I like Cheryl, '350 for a M and G is TOO much and not nice at all,' another user Cheryl Gerhard posted.

Other fans pointed out that 'The Voice' judge Jessie J had charged just 110 pounds for meet and greet tickets.

However, despite a barrage of criticism, the singer kept quiet about the tickets on Twitter. Instead she tweeted, 'UK and IRELAND!! I'm coming to seeee yoooooooouuuu. #excited'. Cheryl's spokesman Sundraj Sreenivasan insisted that he did not know anything about the offer last night.

But he revealed that all the profits made would go to charity. 'All profits from the meet and greets go to the Cheryl Cole Foundation,' he added.—*Internet*



US singer Lady Gaga waves upon her arrival for her concert tour, at Don Muang Airport in Bangkok on 23 May, 2012.—REUTERS

BANGKOK, 15 June—Lady Gaga revealed her first perfume on Wednesday — but it's not going to smell like blood and semen as the flamboyant singer once hoped.

Called Fame, pictures of the perfume bottle leaked online on Wednesday and details were later confirmed on Twitter by the "Born This Way" singer herself. "Looks like photos of my

Gaga sprays first perfume, but where's the blood?

perfume are being leaked. Oh you fashion editors I could just crinkle my hands at you," Gaga tweeted while on the Asian leg of her world tour.

Gaga also released pictures of the bottle and its packaging, which showed that the fragrance is in the form of a black liquid that apparently becomes invisible once sprayed on the skin. "It's black like the soul of fame but invisible once airborne", according to the packaging. Fame will smell of "tears

of belladonna, crushed heart of tiger orchidea with a black veil of incense, pulverized apricot and the combinative essences of saffron and honey drops."

Gaga was widely reported last year to have asked for the scent to have notes of "blood and semen" and that it would be suited to "an expensive hooker."

Fame, which was originally thought to be called Monster, is due to go on sale later this summer.—*Reuters*



Cheryl Cole

Cameron Diaz set to release nutrition book

WASHINGTON, 15 June—Cameron Diaz is reportedly close to seal a publishing deal to write her own nutrition book, which will dish out advice to her teenage fans.

The Charlie's Angels star, who announced earlier in 2012 that she would be launching her own well-being organization, is reportedly all set to release a book which will help impressionable young girls stay fit and healthy.

'She wants to stop their fixation on being thin, and for teenage girls to understand that being healthy is more important. She wants to use her celebrity to make a difference. She knows she is a role model to girls and she really wants to use that

position to do good. This book is not about weight, it's about making the right choices,' the *Daily Express* quoted a source as telling E! Online. 'This book isn't about her. And it's not a diet of any kind. Of course, it's her own journey that has helped her realise what's important, but she wants the book to appeal to everyone, and not just be about her own food choices,' the source added.—*Internet*



Cameron Diaz

Miley Cyrus gets marriage advice from Jada Pinkett Smith

WASHINGTON, 15 June—Jada Pinkett Smith has reportedly given Miley Cyrus some advice about getting married young.

The 'Madagascar 3' star — who will celebrate her 15th wedding anniversary to Will Smith on 31 Dec, insists that Miley, 19, and fiancé Liam Hemsworth, 22, must first share a good friendship base.

'Learn how to be friends, especially when you are starting that young,' Contactmusic quoted Smith as telling US Weekly.

'Forever is a long time. When you are starting forever at 19 years old, and it is not to say that there is anything wrong with that, but it is just to know that what it is now and what it will be, it is just



Miley Cyrus

going to continue to transform and change."

The 40-year-old actress began her relationship with 'Men In Black 3' star Will when she was 23-years-old. The couple has two children Willow and Jaden together.

'You have to keep flexibility [in your relationship]. You have to be with someone you consider as a friend,' she added.

Internet

Rihanna may be suffering from mental disorder, say experts

LONDON, 15 June—Rihanna, who has reportedly reached a 'breaking point' after months of wild partying, has doctors fearing for her health.

The troubled star, 24, has told pals she is both physically and mentally exhausted and is 'feeling lost'.

The 24-year-old crooner's friends claimed that RiRi was struggling to cope as her hectic non-stop party lifestyle finally took its toll.

But experts insist that a string of bizarre messages and pictures she has put on Twitter revealed that she could have a mental disorder. They claimed that she was showing signs of narcissistic personality disorder (NPD).

'She's reached breaking point. Ri says she's physically and mentally exhausted and feeling lost,' the *Daily Star* quoted a source as saying.

'I think she desperately needs help and some time off, not just from work but from all the other stresses of her life,

too. The songstress has been often pictured jetting around the world attending a string of showbiz parties.

She first sparked fears for her health after Tweeting pictures of herself hooked up to a drip in hospital.

'Rihanna's erratic behaviour could indicate that she suffers from NPD. Symptoms are an exaggerated sense of self-importance and a need for constant admiration, which Rihanna shows by posting semi nude pics,' Relationship psychologist Jo Hemmings said. 'If she does have NPD, with counselling she could recognise the damage she's causing,' Hemmings added.

Internet



Rihanna

US Open agony for Luke Donald



Luke Donald of England chips the ball out of the sand on approach to the green at the 2nd hole on the first day of the US Open at San Francisco's Olympic Club, on 14 June, in California. — INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 June — World number one Luke Donald's dismal day on The Olympic Course was the lowlight from what was billed as a super-group on the opening day of the US Open. Donald couldn't find a single birdie, but bogeyed half his holes in a nine-over par 79 to

see any chance that he could at last claim a first major title this week dwindle to virtually nil.

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy, the defending champion and ranked number two in the world, fared little better with a 77, while third-ranked Lee Westwood,

four-over through six holes, had to fight mightily to rally for a 73. Nineteen-over for the threesome, who will play together again in Friday's second round. "The top three in the world and we make three between us," Donald said of the dearth of birdies. "It shows how tough it is."

"There aren't that many opportunities out there. Some hole locations with the firmness of the greens and the direction of the wind, the best case you're going to do is 20 feet. "So it's a challenge," McIlroy, 23, authored a record-setting US Open victory at Congressional last year. But the firm, fast Olympic course was nothing like the course outside Washington that had been softened by pre-tournament rain, where McIlroy finished with a 16-under par total.

Internet

Torres blows away Irish at Euro 2012

GDANSK, 15 June — Fernando Torres put to bed any debate about his form on Thursday as 'El Nino' scored a double to inspire defending champions Spain to a 4-0 drubbing of a gutsy but outclassed Ireland. His double and goals by David Silva and Cesc Fabregas sent the Spanish top of Group C on goal difference from Croatia while defeat ended Irish hopes of progressing to the last eight.

Croatia — 3-1 victors over Ireland in their opening game — came from 1-0 down to draw 1-1 with Italy thanks to Mario Mandzukic's third goal of the tournament. They will meet Spain in the last group game while Italy take on former boss Giovanni Trapattoni's Ireland — Italy could still win and not go through if all three sides end up on five points. Ironically, Italy exited the 2004 edition

at the group stage despite not losing a game — their coach then was none other than Trapattoni.

Torres, whose place in the squad had been a matter for some debate because of

then on there was only one team in it. Torres, who came off with the game won, said that this performance showed Spain in its true light, not the one that looked rather listless in the 1-1 draw with Italy. "We



Spain's Fernando Torres (top R) scores a goal against Ireland during their Group C Euro 2012 soccer match at the PGE Arena stadium in Gdansk, on 14 June, 2012.

INTERNET

his woeful form with Chelsea, set the tone for their game with a superbly taken opener in the fourth minute and from

really were champing at the bit ahead of this game to shake off the draw against Italy and we saw the old Spain of 2008

US Olympic uniforms could shave time off sprints



This product illustration released by Nike shows a TurboSpeed suit, the official apparel for the USA Track & Field team for the London Summer Olympics. US Olympic track and field athletes will wear the uniforms at the London Olympics that Nike says could shave up to 0.023 seconds off 100-metre sprint times.

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NEW YORK, 15 June — US Olympic track and field athletes will wear uniforms at the London Summer Olympics that Nike says could shave up to 0.023 seconds off 100-metre sprint times — a difference that could have elevated Walter Dix from bronze to the silver medal at the Beijing Olympics. Dix still wouldn't have caught the fastest man in the world that day. Usain Bolt of Jamaica simply ran away from the field in the final, setting a world record that he would later break again.

But maybe these uniforms, with dimples that mimic a golf ball, could help the Americans close the gap on Bolt and his training partner, Yohan Blake. The company said its tests showed an unexpectedly big difference in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter races. The outfits were unveiled on Thursday evening in New York. "We couldn't believe the numbers," said Martin Lotti, Nike's Olympics creative director. "That's not just the difference between first and second place, it's about making the podium."

The added texture might seem counterintuitive, but the company studied the aerodynamics of golf balls and found the textures and dimples make it more efficient. Patterned patches are on the forearm and leg, the fastest-moving parts of the body. "The logical thing would have been to make it smoother or use lighter materials, but we challenged ourselves to think differently," Lotti said. — Internet

Mum Manaudou no longer an enfant terrible

PARIS, 15 June — Fame, shame and renaissance — at just 25, French swimmer Laure Manaudou has dealt with them all. Manaudou won the 400-meter freestyle gold medal as a teenager in Athens but seemed a lost woman four years later in Beijing. She will get a chance to redeem herself at next month's London Olympics. As a mother. Manaudou, who took a two-year maternity break from swimming, returned to the sport last year, focusing on backstroke.

She is eighth in the 200 meters backstroke FINA world rankings, only 0.23 of a second behind third-placed Meagen Nay of Australia. "She's a fighter, through and through," said Richard Long, a US coach who accompanied her and her boyfriend Frederick Bousquet at the French championships earlier this

year. Manaudou, the enfant terrible of French swimming, was left on the brink of depression after a lackluster Beijing campaign.

"She is in a dangerous



France's Laure Manaudou adjusts her goggles during a warm up session at the French Swimming Championships in Dunkerque, northern France on 22 March, 2012. — REUTERS

personal situation. She is broken inside. We have to be careful that she does not fall into a serious depression," her then coach Lionel Horter had said at the Beijing Games. Manaudou had everything she wished for at only 17. It was too soon. She left her parents aged 14 to be trained by Philippe Lucas, who promised she would claim an Olympic gold medal. Lucas, an aloof character known for his strictness, made Manaudou swim over 15 kilometres a day. — Reuters

International Sports

Silva staying with AC Milan as PSG break down

PARIS, 15 June — Brazilian defender Thiago Silva's move to Paris Saint Germain has fallen through after talks between both clubs broke down on Thursday. "PSG have decided to withdraw from talks underway with AC Milan concerning the transfer of Thiago Silva," the Parisian club announced on their Twitter account.

"President (club) Silvio Berlusconi has decided: Thiago Silva stays at Milan," the Serie A side announced on their website at around the same time. AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani flew to Paris on Tuesday to open talks with PSG management over the eventual transfer of the 27-year-old to the Parc des Princes.

Reports said that PSG, now owned by Qatar Sports



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Investments (QSI), could pay the Italian giants 45 million euros (\$56m) for Silva, who would receive a five million euro bonus as well as an annual salary of nine million euros. PSG already hold the French transfer record having paid 42 million euros for Argentinian Javier Pastore last summer. Silva joined AC Milan in January 2009 for 10 million euros and his contract expires in 2016. — Internet

The lead for Thompson, the buzz for Tiger



Michael Thompson hits a drive on the 18th hole during the first round of the US Open Championship golf tournament on 14 June, 2012.

INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 June — The US Open featured two marquee groups, but only one marquee player. Take Tiger Woods out of the equation and the top five players in the world were no match for unforgiving Olympic Club. Then again, not many were. The lead belonged to Michael Thompson, a 27-year-old in his first US Open as a pro. He made seven birdies — that's seven more than Luke Donald — for a 4-under 66 that gave him a three-shot lead over

Woods and the four other lucky souls to manage to break par on Thursday. The buzz came from Woods. Even as Thompson strung together four birdies on the back nine, Woods put on a clinic on the other side of the course on how to handle the toughest test in golf. Woods was never out of position. None of his tee shots found the deep, nasty rough lining the fairways. There was hardly any stress in the most demanding of majors. With consecutive

birdies late in his round, including a 35-foot putt that banged into the back of the cup, Woods opened with a 1-under 69 to raise hopes that he can finally end that four-year drought in the majors. "I felt like I had control of my game all day," Woods said. "Just stuck to my game plan — and executed my game plan." For so many others, the game plan was simply to survive.

Thirteen players shot in the 80s, and the average score was 74.9. The best tribute to the toughness of Olympic was the top five players in the world. They combined to go 26-over par, which includes Woods at 69. Perhaps it was Ryo Ishikawa who best summed up the day after a hard-earned 71: "I'm very tired right now." Woods stood out on a day when the game's best struggled mightily.

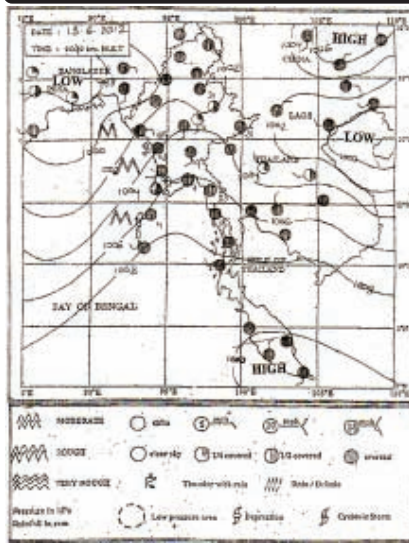
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Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL****(16-6-12 09:30 am ~ 17-6-12 09:30 am) MST**

- * News
- * Mesmerising Scenes or Image of Japan (Part-I)
- * News
- * Lucky Draw
- * Awarding Ceremony of Junction Square
- * News
- * Music Programme
- * News
- * Journey to Unimaginable Spots (Episode-7)
- * News
- * A Seminar on Medical Education
- * News
- * Rakhine the land of Sublime Pagoda
- * News
- * Onset of southwest monsoon and weather forecast for June
- * News
- * Law Ka Nat Member Show
- * Bamboo Fashion in Style
- * Myanmar Movie "A Glance at Love"

MYANMAR TV**(16-6-2012) (Saturday)**

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 8:15 am
- 4. Poem Garden
- 11:10 am
- 5. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am
- 6. Game For Children
- 1:40 pm
- 7. Dance of National Races
- 1:50 pm
- 8. Teleplay
- 2:40 pm
- 9. Song Varities
- 4:20 pm
- 10. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:45 pm
- 11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Philosophy)
- 5:20 pm
- 12. Beautiful "Asean"
- 5:30 pm
- 13. Documentary (Rio+20)
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. Cartoon Series
- 16. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 16th June, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Rachin	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
2	Kayah	28/82	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	23/73	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Saggay	33/91	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
6	Lower Saggay	36/97	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Lanibang	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	31/88	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	31/88	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	36/97	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
12	Yangon	33/91	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	22/72	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	33/91	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	30/86	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	21/70	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Saggay, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin and Kayah States, scattered in Upper Saggay and Mandalay Regions, fairly widespread in Bago and Yangon Regions, Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Region and Shan State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (5.31) inches, Kyaukpadaung (5.04) inches each, An (4.17) inches, Thabeik (3.89) inches, Pindag (3.23) inches, Pyawbada (2.13) inches and NayPyi Taw (1.30) inches.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and 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: Strong Monsoon in the Andaman sea.

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Pyay

PYAY, 15 June—Under the supervision of Pyay District Forest Department in Bago Region, the 2012 rainy season tree growing ceremony was held on both side of the briefing hall of Industry Zone-2 in Pyay Township on 5 June.

At the ceremony, Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Khin Maung Lay of Bago Region, Township Administrator U Aung Zaw Htet of Pyay Township General Administration Department, Assistant Director U Thein Toe of Pyay District Forest Department, Township Forest Department Staff Officer U Kyaw Thein Win, district and township departmental



personnel and staff of NGOs planted 1500 saplings of teak, ironwood and others.

Township Forest Department

Polish leaders want stiff penalties for hooligans

WARSAW, (Poland), 15 June—Polish leaders hope the justice system will deal more harshly with soccer hooligans during the European Championship.

Poland and Russian fans clashed with each other and police before and during the match between the two countries on Tuesday. A few dozen people were injured and police arrested 184 people, mostly Poles. But officials are bracing for more trouble when thousands of Russians are expected in Warsaw for the Greece-Russia match on Saturday.

Courts have convicted some in fast-track trials in past days, but many were given suspended sentences. Foreign Minister Radek



Plainclothed police detain a Polish fan during the Euro 2012 soccer championship group A match between Poland and Russia in downtown Warsaw, Poland, on 12 June, 2012.—INTERNET

Sikorski appealed on Friday to justice officials to deal decisively with "hooligan banditry." President

Bronislaw Komorowski said late Thursday that Poland needs "more severe sanctions."—Internet

India's capital in water crisis after supplies cut

NEW DELHI, 15 June—Large parts of New Delhi were struggling with acute water shortages on Friday after a neighbouring state cut its supplies at the peak of summer, officials said.

The sprawling Indian capital, with a population of 16 million sweltering in 43 degree C (109.4 F) summer heat, relies on four neighbouring states for its water — Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand. Haryana, the biggest supplier, cut its flow to the city on Thursday and about three million people have suffered shortages or been completely cut off, according to the Delhi Jal Board, a government agency responsible for water supply.

Some of the capital's smartest districts are among the affected areas, and the crisis reflects growing water stresses in the country of 1.2 billion people.

"Suddenly, Haryana is refusing to release water to Delhi," a top Delhi Jal Board official told AFP, requesting anonymity.

"We are struggling at all levels. Every minute we are registering complaints of water shortage. This crisis has left us in a mess." Several

asking for any favours. We want what is due to us," Dikshit said in a statement on Thursday.

In the peak of summer, New Delhi needs 1,100 million gallons of water every day, according to the Delhi Jal Board, but public water providers are able to only supply 835 million gallons.

"There is always a supply-demand gap but this gap is just widening and worsening the crisis," said Himanshu Thakkar, an expert



Indian women carry empty pitchers during a 2010 protest against shortages of power and water supplies in New Delhi.—INTERNET

states across India face major challenges over water supply, triggering long-running legal battles over water sharing.

Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit accused Haryana, which says it has to conserve water for its own residents, of "playing foul" with the capital. "We are not

on water management at the South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People research group in New Delhi.

According to a federal government report on water consumption in 2010, usage per capita in Delhi is higher than in most European cities.

Internet

Japan PM set to order nuclear restart at weekend

TOKYO, 15 June—Japan's prime minister is set to defy fierce public sentiment this weekend and order nuclear

reactors back online for the first time since Fukushima, as he seeks to head off a summer energy crunch.



The third and fourth reactor buildings of the Oi nuclear power plant in Fukui prefecture, western Japan. INTERNET

Yoshihiko Noda is expected to tell Kansai Electric Power (KEPCO) to re-fire two idled reactors at its Oi plant serving the industrial heartland of western Japan.

The controversial move comes amid fears that electricity demand will outstrip supply as temperatures soar and air-conditioners get cranked up, further crimping Japan's wobbly economic recovery.

Noda is due Saturday to

meet Issei Nishikawa, the pro-nuclear power governor of central Fukui prefecture, which hosts the plant. Nishikawa is widely expected to tell the prime minister he is ready to accept the restarts after he received safety assurances on Friday from the operator.

The nod from Nishikawa is the final link in the chain for Noda, who has become a vocal advocate of nuclear power being brought back into the energy mix for resource-poor but electricity-hungry Japan.—Internet

People, media urged to join hands in maintaining prevailing conditions and restoring security, stability and peace in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Due to instability broke out in some townships of Rakhine State, authorities concerned are controlling situations and taking security measures with the assistance of the Defence Services after a state of emergency has been declared as of 10 June for the sake of security of people and ensuring peace and stability.

As local authorities are handling the situations in cooperation with Myanmar Police Force and Tatmadaw, Rakhine State sees security, peace and stability. Measures are being taken to bring back the situations to normal. Local people who lost houses are accommodated at rescue camps. And Authorities concerned are providing necessary assistance to refugees for the convenience of accommodation, health and food. Systematic measures are being taken for rehabilitation of villages and cooperation in bringing about peace and stability. Wellwishers across the country are making donations for refugees there. Authorities concerned have urged people and media to join hands in maintaining prevailing conditions and restoring security, stability and peace in Rakhine State.—MNA

Union Energy Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received Project Manager Ms Alex Morris of Country Strategic Magazine distributed in the USA and party at his office here this morning.

They held bilateral discussions on energy policy being practised in Myanmar, impact of sanctions on energy investment that was imposed by the western countries on political grounds, profits gained by both sides from investment made with neighbouring countries, full removal of sanctions and grasping opportunity of mutual interests thorough soonest investment.

Likewise, the Union Minister met Business



Development Manager Mr Jefferson Edwards of Shell Eastern Petroleum Pte., Ltd and party at the same venue and had discussion on distributing LNG matters constructed LNG Receiving Terminal and Regasification plant in Myanmar.—MNA

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay receives Project Manager Ms Alex Morris of Country Strategic Magazine distributed in the USA and party.—MNA

Cash, foodstuff, clothes donated to refugees in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Due to recent unrests and violence in Rakhine State, local people have lost property and houses. Wellwishers are making donations of cash, foodstuff and clothes for refugees, at Relief and Resettlement Department (Headquarters) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

Managing Director U Pyae Phyo Aung of Moekyaesin Construction Co donated K 30 million on

12 June; U Min Lwin Oo of Road Administration Department and wife Daw Su Myat Hnin family and U Htet Myat Thu and Daw Paeik Paeik Win, K 50,000 each on 13 June; U Aung Mya Sein and Daw Hla Ohnmar (Nay La gold shop) of Lewe, K 0.1 million and 206 clothes; Daw Mya Mya (Myayadana gold shop) of Lewe and party, K 0.1 million, 2nd Lt Nay Ba La (402nd LIR), K 50,000 and Daw Chaw Su Nwe of the Ministry of National Planning and

Economic Development, 168 clothes on 14 June; staff family of Ministry of Labour, K 105,000, 48 bags of rice and 892 clothes, Daw Pwint Hlaing Ni and demonstrators from the Ministry of Science and Technology, K 21,500, 92 clothes and one package of fruit cakes, U Maung Maung Aye and party from Pynmana Home for the Aged, 104 clothes, 198 bottle of medicine and 226 packets of medicine, toothbrush and toothpaste on 15 June.—MNA

Over 600 trees planted at Technological University (Myeik)

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—To mark the World Environment Day, over 600 trees were planted in the environs of Technological University (Myeik) today.

Assistant director U Myint Han of Myeik District Forest Department and staff and

the rector of Myeik University, the principal, faculty members and students of Technological University (Myeik) and departmental officials volunteered to plant the trees.

MNA

Breast milk kills HIV and blocks its oral transmission in humanized muse

SCIENCE DAILY, 15 June—More than 15 percent of new HIV infections occur in children. Without treatment, only 65 percent of HIV-infected children will live until their first birthday, and fewer than half will make it to the age of two. Although breastfeeding is attributed to a significant number of these infections, most breastfed infants are not infected with HIV, despite prolonged and repeated exposure.

HIV researchers have been left with a conundrum: does breast milk transmit the virus or protect against it?

New research from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine explores this paradox in a humanized mouse model, demonstrating that breast milk has a strong virus killing effect and protects against oral transmission of HIV.

"This study provides significant insight into the amazing ability of breast milk to destroy HIV and prevent its transmission," said J. Victor Garcia, PhD, senior author on



the study and professor of medicine in the UNC Center for Infectious Diseases and the UNC Center for AIDS Research. "It also provides new leads for the isolation of natural products that could be used to combat the virus."

Garcia and colleagues pioneered the humanized "BLT" mouse model, which is created by introducing human bone marrow, liver and thymus tissues into animals without an immune system of their own. Humanized BLT mice have a fully functioning human immune system and can be infected with HIV in the same manner as humans.—Internet

France beats co-host Ukraine 2-0 in Group D



DONETSK, 15 June—France won a match at a major tournament for the first time since Zinedine Zidane's head-butt, beating Ukraine 2-0 Friday in a storm-delayed match at the European Championship.

Jeremy Menez and Yohan Cabaye scored early in the second half for the French, who last won a major match in the semifinals of the 2006 World Cup. In the final of that tournament, Zidane was given a red card for his head-butt in the last match of his career.

Friday's match at the Donbass Arena was suspended for nearly an hour because thunder, lightning and torrential rain forced the players off the field after five minutes. It resumed almost an hour later.

After a 1-1 draw with England in its opening match, France has four points in

Group D, one more than Ukraine. The French also extended their unbeaten run to 23 games.

Both France goals were the product of the one-touch passing and movement that was once the team's hallmark.

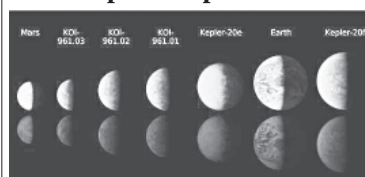
For the first, Franck Ribery gathered the ball on the left, sprinted forward and then set up Karim Benzema near the penalty area. The Real Madrid forward stroked the ball to Menez, who then cut inside and drilled a low shot inside the near post with his left foot.

The goal justified France coach Laurent Blanc's decision to replace veteran midfielder Florent Malouda with Menez, although the Paris Saint-Germain winger had two earlier chances denied by the legs of Ukraine goalkeeper Andriy Pyatov.

France's second goal was another example of exquisite teamwork, with Ribery and Samir Nasri combining to find Benzema. He cushioned the ball and then split the Ukraine center halves with a superbly weighted pass that allowed Cabaye to run on and finish with an angled shot.

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Study: More Earth-like planets possible



This chart compares the smallest known alien planets discovered by the Kepler space telescope to Mars and Earth.

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Shenzhou-9 concludes final full-system drill before launch



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