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True patriotism

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

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

Government speeds up national development strategy reforms for flourishing of social environment where people can do well apart from rise in GDP figures Government builds Myanmar society where equality and harmony flourish by reinforcing social protection amidst rapid reforms

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivered an address at the opening ceremony of Social Protection Conference held at Grand Ballroom of Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, at 8.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers, Hluttaw Committee members, deputy ministers, region and state ministers, departmental heads, representatives of UNICEF (Myanmar), experts from international community, representatives

entirely is a huge challenge for a developing country like us. Social Protection Strategy Framework needs comprehensiveness as well as all-inclusiveness. It is an important requirement. Moreover, it must be in conformity with the government-sponsored national socioeconomic development strategies. Based on requirements of multiple classes and sectors including social protection projects for children, the vulnerable, the aged, women and the disabled, we must adopt a Myanmar Social Protection System. Assistance and support of

Although policies vary among countries in adopting a wide-scale social protection network depending on their objective conditions their goals are the same. In our country rural and border areas lag behind in development, so their socioeconomic level is low when compared with the urban. Regional disparity rises from transport, infrastructural and economic opportunities.

The government adopted the Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Strategy soon after taking the State duties.



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Social Protection Conference.

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of NGOs, guests and officials.

On the occasion, the President said:

Today's Social Protection Conference is a national level meeting. We hope this conference will produce sound results that can be linked with reform strategy for national development.

In fact, the word "Social Protection" has a broader meaning and to realize it

the international organizations including the UN, other organizations such as NGOs, and internal and external humanitarian organizations have an important role in social protection coverage.

Because of the inequalities stemming from class disparity and income distribution gap, the vulnerable in our country are facing difficulties.

It is now implementing the strategy. Our country's poverty rate is still high when compared with regional counterparts, and all-round socio-economic development of low-income people is our priority task. As microeconomic level socioeconomic development has relations with stable and sound macro economy, we are implementing macroeconomic reform

strategy as a second priority.

The basic need of every citizen is comprehensive health care as well as income security or in other words job security. This requirement calls for opportunities such as the access to education and social security. The government has been enacting new laws, amending the existing ones and revoking out-of-date laws as

necessary to promote rights of workers and farmers and holding workshops on the establishment of a universal health insurance system for low-income rural people. We are in the process of enacting a law to fix minimum wage for workers to enjoy basic social rights they deserve.

Government has already speeded up our national development strategy reforms for flourishing of a social

environment where people can do well apart from rise in GDP figures. During the past few weeks, we have explained in detail the means to implement the Second Wave Reform Strategy. We firmly believe we can collectively build a Myanmar society where equality and harmony flourish by reinforcing social protection amidst the rapid reforms.

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Constructive cooperation

With people-centred system at the heart of our reform process we are exploring more and more workable means in providing greater care for the people especially, the vulnerable, the disabled, the aged, children, women and kith and kin of remote border areas.

As the multiple care projects for our people call for wider activities and greater efforts, the government is striving utmost in implementing action plans covering poverty alleviation and rural development, comprehensive access to health, education and social security, microeconomic growth, border areas development drive and so on. Now, it has entered a new area which is called social protection that can contribute to fair growth, social stability, enhanced productivity and the people-centred system through effective work programs.

Today, our country saw the national level conference on social protection at which the President called for the adoption of a Myanmar Social Protection system based on requirements of multiple classes and sectors including social protection projects for children, the vulnerable, the aged, women and the disabled.

Generally, social protection is the work of preventing, managing, and overcoming situations that have adverse affect on the people's well being. Social protection consists of policies and programs designed to reduce poverty and vulnerability by promoting efficient labor markets, diminishing people's exposure to risks, and enhancing their capacity to manage economic and social risks, such as unemployment, exclusion, sickness, disability and old age.

In fact, social protection needs a great deal of financial resources apart from government goodwill. So, it is a huge challenge for a developing country like us.

As our people are also the members of global family, they too need social protection like others around the world. They should not be neglected by the international community for any reason as the country lacks social protection. Now the government has opened the door to international community, we hope constructive cooperation from abroad apart from government and domestic contributions.



CASH DONATED: To mark the birthday of U Ohn Gyaw and grandson Maung Kaung Myat Thu, U Ohn Gyaw-Daw Khin Kyi family of Ingyinmyaing Street in Thuwunna donated K 540,000 to fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Secretary of Home U Maung Maung Gyi recently.—NLM

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Yaron Mayer at his office here this noon.

They discussed matters relating to further promotion of bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries.—MNA

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Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives Israeli Ambassador



Coordinating meeting with UN Agencies and NGOs focuses on fulfillment to needs of locals in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—A coordinating meeting between UN Agencies and international non-governmental organizations on assistance programme to locals who lost their houses and properties due to the recent unrest in Rakhine State, was held at the meeting

Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Labour U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, UN Resident Coordinator and Representative Mr.

Malteser International, ACF and officials concerned.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay gave explanations on loss of villages in the recent unrest and asked the agencies for their fulfillment to the needs of the temporary relief camps. Union Minister

related to the tasks being carried out for the state as a priority and making more donations, UNHCR representative on plans to be carried out for the victims who were displaced to the relief camps, WFP representative on ongoing tasks or continuing-tasks for supply of foods to the victims, UNICEF Representative on plans to construct a new school building and plans on supply of refreshments and medical care, UNOCHA Representative on medical needs and water supply, Malteser International Representative on preventing against infectious disease, and official of ACF on plans for supply of purified drinking water.

After hearing the reports, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay gave a concluding remark citing that the agencies should fulfill the needs as much as possible.

It is sure that the agencies are going to supply needs of the victims of Rakhine State.

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Coordinating meeting with UN Agencies and NGOs on supplies to victims in Rakhine State in progress.—MNA

hall of the Ministry of Border Affairs this morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Border

Ashok Nigam and officials from UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNOCHA and resident representatives of

U Aung Kyi presented the need for construction of tents at the relief camps.

Afterwards, UN Resident Coordinator and Representative Mr. Ashok Nigam presented matters

Myanma cotton and silkware costume show, hairstyle show, entertainment held in Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Hailing Myanmar Women's Day 2012, Myanma cotton and silkware show, hairstyle show and entertainment, organized by Myeik District Women's Affairs Organization, was held at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik yesterday evening.

Chairperson Daw Phyu Phyu Win of Myeik District WAO delivered an address.

Next, youngster girls sang the song, hailing Myanmar Women's Day. The basic education students entertained with songs, Myanma cultural and Myanma traditional dances.

Then, Myeik University students performed local made Myanma cotton and silkware costume show.

Afterwards, Myeik Township WAO presented hairstyle show of Myanmar women.—MNA

Magway Region monsoon tree planting ceremony (second week) held

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Magway Region monsoon tree planting ceremony (second week) was held at Magway Technological University yesterday morning.

The principal of Technological University, department officials, social organizations cultivated Gangaw trees.

Next, region ministers, region level departmental personnel, guests and students planted trees.

Today's monsoon tree planting ceremony (second week) grew 1500 saplings.

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Students and parents participate in the consultation session for college enrollment in Tianjin, north China, on 24 June, 2012. Tianjin University, Nankai University and all higher-learning institutions in Tianjin will hold campus open day since Sunday to receive students and parents who are concerned of college enrollment. —XINHUA

Muslim Brotherhood's Morsi wins Egyptian presidency

CAIRO, 25 June — Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood's candidate Mohamed Morsi has won the presidential election, head of Egypt's Higher Presidential Election Commission (HPEC) Farouq Sultan announced on Sunday afternoon.

Morsi, now chairman of the Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party, got 51.73 percent of all the votes in the run-off round, defeating his rival Ahmed Shafiq, who got 48.27 percent. According to the commission, Morsi won 13.23 million votes, while Shafiq got 12.35 million. The eligible voters were 51 million, while the turnout was 51.8 percent, or 26.3 million, said Sultan.

Invalid votes were 834,252, he said, adding that the results in 13 sub-committees were cancelled after the commission reviewed the results over the submitted appeals. On his Twitter account, Morsi hailed the Army, police and Egypt's lofty judiciary.

"An appreciative and respectful greeting to the integral, honest and fair Egypt's judiciary and brave Army and police officers who protected the democratic process with honesty and congratulations for all Egyptians," Morsi said. After hearing the news of Morsi's victory, members of his campaign stood silent for one minute to mourn the death during last year's turmoil.

"We thank all the Egyptians, to them we are grateful to win the presidency and also our thanks are extended to Egyptian Army, judiciary and police," said Ahmed Abdel Aaty, a senior campaigner of Morsi. The membership for Morsi in the Muslim Brotherhood movement has ended, to affirm the pledge for the movement that Morsi will be the president for all Egyptians.

MNA/Xinhua

Turkey asks for int'l supports following Syria's downing of Turkish jet

ANKARA, 25 June — Turkey has stepped up efforts to appeal article 4 of the NATO charter after Syria shot down its military aircraft, which triggered regional tense in the past few days. "Our plane was shot down in international airspace, 13 nautical miles from Syria," Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu told TRT television on Sunday, dismissing Syria's claim that the plane was flying just 1 km off the Syrian coast when it was shot down. The Syrian state-run SANA news agency said on Friday that the plane was inside Syrian airspace when it was shot down.

"The plane unintentionally violated Syrian airspace, but returned to the Turkish airspace immediately upon the warning of Turkish radars," the minister said. "Syria have created the impression that they felt like it was an act of aggression and they shot it down... From our perspective, that's not the case," Davutoglu said, stressing the plane was unarmed, not sending hostile signals, flying on a training mission and undertaking a national radar system test. The minister also dismissed Syria's allegation that it only considered the aircraft as "unidentified" at first and established its Turkish origin later.

Turkey has intercepted radio communications from the Syrian side, which suggested they knew it was a Turkish plane, the Turkish minister said. "We have both radar info and Syria's radio communications," Davutoglu said, adding there was no warning from Syria before it shot down the plane. —Xinhua

Israel, India ink cooperation agreement to boost tourism

JERUSALEM, 25 June — Indian and Israeli tourism ministers on Sunday signed a memorandum of understanding to further boost bilateral ties in tourism, with Israel opening a tourism office in Mumbai and increasing the number of El Al flights to the Asian country. During a Press conference in Jerusalem, Israeli Tourism Minister Stas Misezhnikov and his Indian counterpart, Minister Subodh Kant Sahai, announced that the main goal of this agreement is to increase tourism to and from Israel, India by half in the next three years. With over 40,000 Indian visitors per year to Israel, and equal number of Israeli citizens traveling to India, both ministers said that they saw an opportunity to expand the tourism market between the two countries.

"About 50,000 Israelis go to India every year and the same number of Indians visit Israel. We want to double this number in three years through mutual cooperation," Misezhnikov said during the conference. And to double the number, Israel will open a new tourism office in Mumbai and will construct 200,000 new hotel rooms as well as increase the number of El Al flights, the Israeli air carrier, from three times a week to one per day. "We are also looking into opening new El Al destinations, such as Kolkata and New Delhi, and to convince other air carriers to open more routes between our countries," Misezhnikov said. —Xinhua



Taliban fighters attend a surrender ceremony in Kunduz Province, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 24 June, 2012. About 6 Taliban fighters gave up fighting and joined the government-initiated peace process in Afghanistan's Kunduz Province on Sunday, the spokesman of the provincial government said. —XINHUA

Iraq's Sadr demands reforms for support of PM

NAJAF, 25 June — Cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, head of a powerful Shi'ite movement in Iraq, on Sunday called for more political reforms, saying he would back a no-confidence vote against the prime minister if they were not made. Sadr, a Shi'ite cleric who led uprisings against the US presence before American forces withdrew last December, is now an influential player in government after his bloc's support of Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki helped secure his position.

"Our main demand and the last demand is reforms," Sadr told journalists during a rare news conference at his family home in the Shi'ite holy city of Najaf, southern Iraq. "I said and I am still saying that there is a promise from me to the other blocs if the votes (for a no-confidence motion) reach 124, my 40 votes are with them." He did not elaborate on what kind of political reforms he would like to see and said he would only support a no-confidence vote provided it did not prove harmful to Iraqis.



Iraqi Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr. INTERNET

Iraq's main Shi'ite, Sunni and Kurdish factions have been locked in a dispute over power since US forces left.

Maliki's opponents have been calling for a vote of no-confidence against the Shi'ite leader, but have so far failed to muster enough support for the motion.

Reuters



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (R) speaks while Argentine President Cristina Fernandez applauds during an event celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic ties between China and Argentina, in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 24 June, 2012. — XINHUA

News Analysis: Putin's visit to Israel more symbolic than strategic

JERUSALEM, 25 June — Iran's nuclear programme will be at the top of the agenda in Israeli officials meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who will arrive in Israel on Monday for a one-day visit. With close business ties with Iran and as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), Russia wields considerable influence over Iran's nuclear issue, which Israel will want to exploit toward imposing tougher sanction on Iran, meant to convince it to end its alleged nuclear military programme.

However, analysts told Xinhua that all the main issues to be discussed at the head-of-state-level meetings have already been dealt with in lower level preparatory meetings held months ago, and no drastic changes are likely. "I don't think that there will be any very serious political discussions during this one-day visit; mainly it will be a ceremonial visit," Dr Baruch Gur-Gurevitch of the University of Haifa told Xinhua on Sunday. "There will be a short meeting in which some political matters will be discussed. In general there will be a bit on Syria and a bit on Iran but it won't be a very important political visit," he added.

The situation in Syria, which continues to look more and more like a civil war, is of lesser interest to Israel, although Israel and Russia share a concern the conflicts in the country might spread and affect other nations in the region. —Xinhua

Greek PM to miss EU summit due to eye surgery

ATHENS, 25 June — Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras will not attend the forthcoming critical EU summit in Brussels on 28 June, as doctors advised him against air travel following an urgent eye surgery he underwent on Saturday. According to doctors by an Athens hospital, high altitude pressure could endanger the Premier's eyesight following his right-eye retina detachment.

Foreign Minister Dimitris Avramopoulos will represent Greece at the summit, according to a Greek government spokesman announcement. Avramopoulos will be accompanied by outgoing Finance Minister Yorgos Zannias, Alternate Finance Minister Christos Staikouras and Development Minister Costis Hatzidakis. Incoming Finance Minister Vassilis Rapanos will also miss the summit, since he is still hospitalized following a faint episode and stomach disorder on Friday. Conservative New Democracy party leader Samaras heads a three-party pro-bailout coalition government which was formed on Thursday following 17 June general elections. —Xinhua

Spacewalk to work on ISS scheduled

STAR CITY, 25 June—Russian, American and Japanese astronauts are scheduled to conduct a space walk on the *International Space Station*, cosmonaut Yuri Malanchenko said.

The space walk will take place in August and will include installing additional anti-meteorite panels on the ISS, *RIA Novosti* reported on Friday.

"We will have a space walk in August, which I will conduct together with [Russian cosmonaut] Gennady Padalka," Malanchenko said from Star City near Moscow, where Russian cosmonauts live and train.

He said the space



mission, which is scheduled to depart on 15 July, will include American Sunita Williams and Japan's Hoshide Akihiko.

An Expedition 30 crew member aboard the International Space Station took this nighttime photograph of much of the Atlantic coast of the United States on 6 Feb, 2012.—INTERNET

"We will have to move a cargo platform so as to use it more conveniently in the future. We will also install meteorite protection panels"

on the ISS, he said.

The panels are used to protect the ISS from small objects and space debris. *Internet*

US seizes Tyrannosaurus bones on suspicion of smuggling

NEW YORK, 25 June—US officials on Friday seized the skeleton of a *Tyrannosaurus* dinosaur that Mongolia wants returned on suspicion that it was smuggled to the United States from the Gobi desert.



Skeleton remains of a Tyrannosaurus Bataar dinosaur are pictured in this undated handout photo received by Reuters on 22 June, 2012.

REUTERS

The bones of the tyrannosaurus bataar, an eight-foot-tall, 24-foot-long cousin of the *Tyrannosaurus rex*, were taken in a moving van from the Cadogan Tate Fine Art storage company in Queens, where they had been stored in four large wooden

crates.

The President of Mongolia, Elbegdorj Tsakhia, demanded that the skeleton be returned to his country after it was auctioned on 20 May for \$1.05 million by Dallas-based Heritage Auctions.

The buyer of the skeleton was never disclosed. But the man who acquired the skeleton and offered it to Heritage for auction, said he has been unfairly labeled as a smuggler.

"I'm just a guy in Gainesville, Florida trying to support my family, not some international bone smuggler," commercial paleontologist Eric Prokopi said in a statement. "It's been claimed that I misrepresented what was being imported and did not properly declare its value."

I can wholeheartedly say the import documents are not fraudulent," Prokopi said in the statement issued through Heritage.

A US government

lawsuit filed on Tuesday on behalf of Mongolia said the customs forms filed when the skeleton was imported incorrectly stated the country of origin was Great Britain, its value was \$15,000 instead of \$1 million it sold for, and mentioned only reptiles not dinosaurs.

Prokopi did not say in his statement where or from whom he acquired the skeleton. He said that when he received the tyrannosaurus bataar, it was a collection of loose, mostly broken bones and rocks with embedded bones.

Prokopi said he and his wife spent thousands of hours preparing and mounting the skeleton, which increased its value, before it was auctioned.

On Monday, US Attorney Preet Bharara filed a lawsuit seeking the forfeiture of the skeleton to the Mongolian government.

An order to seize the fossil was issued on Tuesday. Robert Painter, the lawyer

representing Mongolia, said that the dinosaur will be held by the US government while legal proceedings on its future continue.

Anyone who comes forward to claim ownership of the skeleton will have to prove they are the rightful owner or the US will repatriate the skeleton to Mongolia.

"Today we send a message to looters all over the world: We will not turn a blind eye to the marketplace of looted fossils," Mongolian President Tsakhia said in a statement.

The skeleton was discovered in 1946 during a joint Soviet-Mongolian expedition to the Gobi Desert, Bharara said.

Heritage Auctions and the Mongolian government agreed in May to jointly investigate the ownership of the skeleton. Several paleontologists examined the bones and determined they were removed from the western Gobi Desert between 1995 and 2005.—*Reuters*

In this photo illustration, a Facebook logo on a computer screen is seen through a magnifying glass held by a woman in Bern on 19 May, 2012.

REUTERS



An ad network could significantly increase the reach of Facebook ads,

offering an important new source of revenue growth.

Reuters

UNSG's Message on the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

26 June, 2012

Drug abuse and illicit trafficking continue to have a profoundly negative impact on development and stability across the world.

The billions of dollars generated from illicit drugs fuel terrorist activities and abet other crimes such as human trafficking and the smuggling of arms and people.

Illicit drugs and related criminal networks undermine the rule of law. And the impunity with which they go about their business causes tremendous fear and sows disillusion with governance at all levels.

Central America, for example, faces rising levels of violence fuelled by transnational organized crime and drug trafficking. The region is now home to the highest homicide rates in the world.

Development in Afghanistan is being hindered by the highest rates of opiate prevalence in the world. In parts of Myanmar, farmers are trapped by food insecurity compelling them to grow poppies as a cash crop.

The challenge is also greatly testing West and Central Africa, which lies along one of the main drug trafficking routes to Europe. With often weak legal and financial institutions, countries in the region are highly vulnerable.

Moreover, transit countries are no longer simply links in the chain of supply; they have become points of arrival. About half of the cocaine trafficked through West and Central Africa now remains in the region. Such changing patterns of drug consumption jeopardize hard won gains in sustainable development and good governance.

The drug, crime and corruption conventions of the United Nations form a solid basis for global solutions to these challenges. Together, these instruments offer a balanced approach to halt trafficking, promote viable alternatives to the farmers of cash crops, and offer drug users their health and human rights.

Our efforts to promote development and fight drugs and crime will be more effective if they are rooted in partnerships with the young, civil society, governments and the international community. Working together, we can alleviate the suffering of millions and break the hold of drugs and crime on countries, communities and families.

UNIC Yangon

'Brain-hacking' technology sought

LONDON, 25 June—Stanford University researchers say they are working on a device that would allow them to "pretty much hack" into the brain of British genius Stephen Hawking.

Professor Philip Low and his colleagues at Stanford in California have been working with the disabled British theoretical physicist to develop technology that would enable them to communicate with Hawking through brain waves, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Sunday.

"We'd like to find a way to bypass his body, pretty much hack his brain," said Low, who invented the iBrain, which detects brain waves and communicates with them via computer.

Hawking, 70, has motor neurone disease that robbed him of his ability to speak nearly 30 years ago. He uses

a computer to communicate but his condition is deteriorating.

The British newspaper said the researchers will provide an update on their work at a conference in Cambridge next month, and may demonstrate the technology on Hawking. Low describes the research into biomarkers as an attempt to provide "a window into the brain."

"We're building technology that will allow humanity to have access to the human brain for the first time," he said.

"The emergence of such biomarkers opens the possibility to link intended movements to a library of words and convert them into speech, thus providing motor neurone sufferers with communication tools more dependent on the brain than on the body."

Internet

Facebook expands ad business to Zynga's website

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 June—Facebook Inc (FB O) has begun showing ads on Zynga Inc's (ZNGA O) website, the first time the company has distributed ads beyond the borders of its own website and raising the possibility that Facebook could eventually launch an online advertising network.

"People may now see ads and sponsored stories from Facebook on Zynga.com," said Facebook spokesperson Tucker Bounds. He said that Facebook does not share information about people or advertisers with Zynga, and that Facebook's advertisers

do not have any new "targeting criteria."

Asked if Facebook was planning to create a full-fledged online ad network that distributes ads on other sites, Bounds said "we are only showing ads on Zynga right now." Zynga was not immediately available for comment.

Shares of Facebook, the world's No1 social network, were up 4.4 percent to \$33.25 in mid-afternoon trading on Friday. Facebook's stock has been under pressure since its initial public offering last month, due in part to concerns about the company's slowing

revenue growth.

Facebook made most of its \$3.7 billion in revenue last year from ads that appear on its site.



An ad network could significantly increase the reach of Facebook ads,

offering an important new source of revenue growth.

Reuters

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Pasta made from green banana flour offers tasty treat for gluten-free eaters

WASHINGTON, 25 June—Researchers from the University of Brazil have developed a gluten-free pasta product from green banana flour, which tasters found more acceptable than regular whole wheat pasta.

The product will be a boon to people with celiac disease, who struggle with

has less fat and is cheaper to produce than standard pastas.

"There was no significant difference between the modified pasta and standard samples in terms of appearance, aroma, flavor, and overall quality," said lead investigator Renata Puppini Zandonadi, PhD, Department of Nutrition,

Researchers compared a standard whole-wheat pasta preparation made from whole wheat flour and whole eggs with one made from green banana flour, egg whites, water, and gums. The alterations reduced the fat content and increased the protein value of the modified pasta, important because gluten removal typically reduces some proteins responsible for some sensory characteristics of pasta products.

The egg whites and gum result in pasta that is less sticky than typical gluten-free pastas, and promote firmness, elasticity, moisture, and uniformity.

The modified pasta decreased fat content by over 98 percent. This reduction is particularly important to patients with celiac disease, because many gluten-free products compensate for the removal of gluten with high levels of lipid content.

Fifty testers who did not have celiac disease and 25 celiac disease patients compared the pastas. In both groups, the modified pasta was better accepted than the

standard in aroma, flavor, texture, and overall quality, indicating that the product can possibly be commercialized to a wider market than just those with celiac disease.

The modified pasta had a high quantity of resistant starch, which may help control glycemic indexes, cholesterol, intestinal regularity, and fermentation by intestinal bacteria.

"Considering that untreated celiac disease promotes cancer in intestinal cells and a highly inflammatory mucosal status, developing gluten-free products with bioactive compounds such as the ones present in green banana flour is important for celiac disease patients," said Dr Zandonadi.

"Patients will benefit from ingesting a product with a better nutritional profile made from an ingredient that is produced and consumed throughout the world," she added.

Their research has been published in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*.

Internet



GM is recalling 475,000 Chevy Cruze models due to the risk of an engine fire.—REUTERS

More than 400K

Chevy Cruzes recalled

DETROIT, 25 June—General Motors on Friday recalled 413,418 Chevrolet Cruzes for a problem with the engine shield under the vehicle.

GM said a modification to the shield will keep liquids from becoming trapped in the engine compartment where they could start a fire. The recall affects 2011-12 model year vehicles built from September 2010 to May 2012 at Lordstown, Ohio.

Separately, GM will inspect all welds in the rear compartment of the recalled vehicles to make sure they were properly applied. The company said there could be a problem in about 249 cars that may affect the fuel tank

strap secondary brackets attachment to the floor and a sub-assembly to the rear floor pan.

GM said it is unaware of any crashes or injuries related to either problem. Only vehicles sold in the United States and Canada, and a few hundred exported to Israel, are affected.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began investigating the issue following two engine compartment fires, GM said.

GM said the modification will take about 30 minutes and be performed at Chevrolet dealerships free of charge. Owners will begin receiving letters 11 July.

Reuters



Pasta: South Africans went with the global trend which said that pasta was their favourite food.—INTERNET

limited food choices, as their condition makes them unable to tolerate gluten, found in wheat and other grains.

Untreated celiac disease promotes cancer in intestinal cells and a highly inflammatory mucosal status.

Moreover, the product

University of Brazil.

"Green bananas are considered a sub-product of low commercial value with little industrial use. For banana growers and pasta product makers, there is the possibility of diversifying and expanding their market," she stated.

Stress can be good for immune system

WASHINGTON, 25 June—Stress is bad for you—you've heard it a thousand times. But it can be good for your immune system, says a study.

Short-term stress, the fight-or-flight response, a mobilisation of bodily resources lasting minutes or hours in response to immediate threats—stimulates immune activity, said Firdaus Dhabhar, associate professor of psychiatry and behavioural sciences and member of the Stanford University Institute for Immunity, Transplantation, and Infection.

And that's a good thing. The immune system is crucial for wound healing and preventing or fighting

infection, and both wounds and infections are common risks during chases, escapes and combat, the *Journal of Psychoneuroendocrinology* reported.

Working with colleagues at Stanford and two other universities, Dhabhar showed that subjecting lab rats to mild stress caused a massive mobilization of several key types of immune cells into the bloodstream and then onto the skin and other tissues, according to a university statement.

This large-scale migration of immune cells, which took place over two hours, was comparable to the mustering of troops in a crisis, Dhabhar said. He and

colleagues had previously shown that a similar immune-cell redistribution in patients experiencing the short-term stress of surgery predicts enhanced postoperative recovery.

Investigators were able to show that the massive redistribution of immune cells throughout the body was orchestrated by three hormones released by the adrenal glands, in different amounts and at different times, in response to the stress-inducing event. These hormones are the brain's call-to-arms to the rest of the body, Dhabhar said.

"Mother Nature gave us the fight-or-flight stress response to help us, not to



kill us," said Dhabhar, who has been conducting experiments for well over a decade on the effects of the major stress hormones on the immune system.

The findings paint a clearer picture of exactly how the mind influences immune activity.

"An impala's immune system has no way of knowing that a lion is lurking in the grass and is about to pounce, but its brain does," Dhabhar added.

Internet

Fructose may help improve blood sugar control in diabetics

WASHINGTON, 25 June—Fructose may not be as bad for us as previously thought and it may even provide some benefit, a new study has suggested.

"Over the last decade, there have been connections made between fructose intake and rates of obesity," Dr John Sievenpiper, a senior author of the study, said.

"However, this research suggests that the problem is likely one of overconsumption, not fructose," Dr Sievenpiper said.

The study reviewed 18 trials with 209 participants who had Type 1 and 2 diabetes and found fructose significantly improved their blood sugar control.

The improvement was equivalent to what can be achieved with an oral antidiabetic drug. Even more promising, Dr Sievenpiper said, is that the researchers saw benefit even without adverse effects on body weight, blood pressure, uric acid (gout) or cholesterol.

Fructose, which is naturally found in fruit, vegetables and honey, is a simple sugar that together with glucose forms sucrose, the basis of table sugar. It is

also found in high-fructose corn syrup, the most common sweetener in commercially prepared foods.

In all the trials they reviewed, participants were fed diets where fructose was incorporated or sprinkled on to test foods such as cereals or coffee. The diets with fructose had the same amount of calories as the ones without.

"Attention needs to go back where it belongs, which is on the concept of moderation," said Adrian Cozma, the lead author of the paper and a research assistant with Dr Sievenpiper. "We're seeing that there may be benefit if fructose wasn't being consumed in such large amounts," Cozma said. "All negative attention on fructose-related harm draws further away from the issue of eating too many calories," Cozma added.

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BMW, Toyota eye close partnership

BERLIN, 25 June—Bayerische Motoren Werke and Toyota Motor Corp are planning to expand cooperation beyond green car technology and diesel engines, *Der Spiegel* magazine reported on Sunday, without citing any sources.

The German premium car maker agreed with the Japanese manufacturer last December to supply diesel engines to Toyota from 2014 in Europe and collaborate on

lithium-ion battery research for electric cars.

Both companies have since been exploring other

fields for cooperation and have now agreed several projects, *Der Spiegel* said without being more specific.

The Toyota logo is pictured on a Toyota car in Tokyo on 9 May, 2012. REUTERS



BMW Chief Executive Norbert Reithofer and Toyota President Akio Toyoda will announce details in the near future, the magazine said.

A spokesman for Munich-based BMW declined to comment on the report. Last week, BMW's joint venture to make hybrid car components with French auto maker PSA Peugeot Citroen was thrown into doubt by the prospect of deepening ties between PSA and its European rival Opel, a division of General Motors.—Reuters

Message sent by Chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko on the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Today is the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Every country in the world holds commemorative ceremonies. At the same time, I strongly believe that Regional Committee for Drug Abuse Control will hold ceremonies and activities on eradication of narcotic drugs across the country on extensive scale. In addition, ceremonies to destroy seized precursor chemicals and paraphernalia including narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, are being held in Yangon, Mandalay and Taunggyi.

Successive governments in Myanmar have addressed narcotic drug problems, based on their own capacity. A comprehensive 15-year National Plan (1999-2000 to 2013 to 2014) was laid down. Setting eradication of narcotic drugs as national duty, the two strategies namely development of the life of national races and totally eradication of narcotic drugs, have been implemented through three tactics—supply eradication, demand eradication and law enforcement.

This year is the third year of third five-year plan. Total

eradication of poppy cultivation is being implemented in cooperation with international organizations after three-year development plan in poppy cultivation areas has been laid down.

Myanmar government signed MoU with neighbouring countries, regional countries and sub-region countries as it needs to make cooperation in eradication of narcotic drug with the global countries. Thanks to cooperation between international law enforcement agencies, drug trafficking gangs involved in transnational crimes could be arrested and punitive actions against them taken.

With the cooperation of local people, the government has intensified its efforts to destroy poppy plantation and control narcotic drug traffickers. As a result, the government has taken action against 3991 people from 2617 drug-related cases in 2011.

The government is making strenuous efforts for eradication of narcotic drugs while families, schools, social organizations and religious organizations can make preventive measures against narcotic drugs. Likewise,

economic organizations could support the efforts by opening vocational training courses. Cooperation with civil societies would make the country drug-free by 2014.

Various kinds of narcotic drugs and stimulant tablets have been a threat to the people even though drug abuse control is being undertaken across the world. Drug trafficking, once viewed largely as a social and criminal problem, has transformed in recent years into a major threat to the health and security of people and regions.

The theme of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking for this year is "Global Action for Healthy Communities without Drugs". This reflects action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse. Use of narcotic drugs can lead to HIV/AIDS epidemic, and youth could fail before reaching their goals. People all are to prevent and control the danger of narcotic drugs in unison. Let me take this opportunity to urge all to continue to make strenuous efforts by joining hands to become a healthy community free of drug abuse.



Visitors watch the "Alexander von Humboldt II" tall ship at the Windjammer Parade of tall ships on 23 June, 2012 in Kiel, Germany. The parade, which features approximately 100 tall ships and traditional large sailing ships, is the highlight of the Kieler Woche annual sailing festival, which this year is celebrating its 130th anniversary and runs from 16-24 June. — INTERNET

Will Duanwu festival still be celebrated by Vietnamese youngsters?

HANOI, 25 June — "Do not get out of the bed. Eat it first! It will kill all insects inside your body, said my mother while giving me a bowl of fermented sticky rice right after I woke up in the morning today, the Duanwu festival," Nguyen Mai Lan, a 20 year-old Vietnamese girl told *Xinhua* reporter in capital Hanoi on Saturday. Duanwu festival, as known as the "Killing inner insects Festival" in Vietnam, is celebrated every year on the fifth of the fifth lunar month, the transition between spring and summer.

The name "Killing inner insects Festival" derives from the fact that farmers, on this day, get rid of all worms to start growing their crops for the new season. Furthermore, the day of changing weather from spring to summer is the time easy to get pathogen." My mother made the fermented sticky rice few days before the festival. Not so many people do it nowadays. They often bought it in the market," Lan added. "I steamed sticky rice first and left it a long time to cool down. The rice is then mixed with yeast. The compound of sticky rice and yeast would be kept in a big jar for about two or three days depending on weather until it is fermented," Nguyen Thi Mai, Lan's mother told reporter.

"This is the mid-year festival to prevent diseases and to ward off evil spirits. Therefore, on this occasion, the whole family must wake up early and eat fermented sticky rice and fruits," Mai said. "In our belief, eating fermented sticky rice before doing any other things in the morning will help cleaning the digest system," Mai added. After having fermented sticky rice, fruits like plums and litchi are also indispensable. "In central and southern part of Vietnam, people have the tradition of eating sticky rice cakes and dumplings, especially lye water dumplings, extends from the belief that the dumplings will cleanse one's body of any unwanted parasites," Mai told reporter. — *Xinhua*

Bomb scare at Johannesburg airport turns out to be empty threat

JOHANNESBURG, 25 June — No explosives had been found in an abandoned bag which prompted the evacuation in terminal buildings at the Lanseria Airport west of Johannesburg, South Africa, airport authorities said on Saturday.

The article found in the bag was harmless, the airport's spokesperson Johan Opperman said. All operations and services would resume after everything was cleared, Opperman said. Meanwhile, Gauteng police Captain

Katlego Mogale said the bag contained a "white substance" which has been sent to the laboratory for testing.

Mogale said cigarettes, dried dates and clothing were also found in the bag. The bag set off a bomb scare that

led to the evacuation of all passengers and staff earlier in the day. Incoming flights were disrupted and outgoing flights were delayed due to the bomb scare. — *Xinhua*

**Villagers clear silt in
Fanmeng Village of
Yingjiang County,
southwest China's
Yunnan Province, on 24
June, 2012.**
XINHUA

Robber who fled Ore tripped up by Facebook posts

PORTLAND, 25 June — James Tindell skipped out of state this spring rather than attend drug treatment and follow other conditions he accepted to avoid prison after pleading guilty to robbery in 2010. But rather do everything possible to avoid detection, he used Facebook to taunt his probation officer and write angry messages about the Multnomah County judge who sentenced him, *The Oregonian* reported.

"Fresh out of another state," Tindell wrote on 20 April, "Catch me if you can." Later, he signed a rant about the criminal justice system: "the 1 who got away." Tindell apparently didn't realize who might be reading his Facebook page, with such posts as, "I'm in Alabama." He also posted a sonogram of his unborn son that showed the name of the county general hospital in Alabama where it was taken. But probation officer Todd Roberts does monitor the social network and he collected the posts.

He figured out where Tindell might be, and asked prosecutors to issue a nationwide arrest warrant, which Oregon Gov John Kitzhaber signed. "The way we found out where James Tindell was, was through Facebook," deputy district attorney Michael Schmidt said. "And, it's not because we were super sleuths." Last month, Tindell was arrested for speeding in Daphne, Ala. An officer ran his license and found the warrant. Soon, he was on a flight to appear before the same judge he had criticized on Facebook. "Mr Tindell," Judge Eric J Bloch said at a 8 June hearing in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

"You turned in some good periods of performance. And then, for whatever reason, you decided that you had had enough, and you just took off, and you never looked back." Tindell, in tears, pleaded for leniency. Bloch cut him off. "Sir, you could have stayed here and done treatment. You decided to run away. So how could you now be asking for me to give you another chance to avoid prison?" "Crying, Tindell admitted, "I messed up." Bloch sentenced him to 2 ½ years in prison and ordered him to reimburse the state for the cost of flying him back: \$2,600.

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Torrential rains leave 16 dead in China

NANNING, 25 June — At least 16 people have been confirmed dead after torrential rains battered southern and northern regions of China over the past three days, local authorities said on Sunday. Floods triggered by rainstorms have killed six people, affected the lives of more than 450,000 people, destroyed some 1,000 houses and inundated almost 17,000 hectares of cropland in the Guangxi Zhuang autonomous regions, a government spokesman said.

Direct economic losses were estimated at 128 million yuan (20.3 million US dollars), the spokesman said, adding local authorities have launched relief operations. Local meteorological authorities forecast that more heavy rainfalls will hit parts of Guangxi on Monday. Around 8 pm on Saturday, rainstorm-triggered floods also affected three counties in the Ulanqab city in Inner Mongolia, said authorities with the city government of Ulanqab.

As of 8:40 pm on Sunday, eight people have been confirmed killed in the floods, which have also cut the road communication and power supply in some regions, said the authorities. Strong downpours also battered east China's Jiangxi Province from Friday, leaving over 734,000 people in disaster, the provincial flood prevention and control headquarters said. Local governments have relocated about 26,890 people to avoid flood risks. By 8 pm on Sunday, ten major reservoirs in Jiangxi have seen their water level rising above the warning levels, said the headquarters. — *Xinhua*



Myanmar Women's Day 3rd July

Supervisory committee of Pre-primary Teachership Course No. 22 held

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—A supervisory committee of Pre-primary Teachership Course No. 22 held a meeting at Myanmar Education Research Bureau, here, this morning. The course will be conducted at No. 426 on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township from 9 July to 1 August, said the deputy director-general of Myanmar Education Research Bureau. Next he stressed the needs to timely complete tasks of supervisory committee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe received Mr Hiroki Kunii, state's prosecutor of the International Cooperation Division, Research and Training Department of Ministry of Justice of Japan, Ms Natsuko Wakai, international cooperation training officer, and party at the tribunal here this afternoon.

They cordially discussed prospects of cooperation in legal affairs of the two countries. Also present at the call were members of the tribunal U Soe Thein, U Khin Tun, U Hsan Myint, U Myint Kyaing and Director-General U Bo Bo Ying.—MNA

Constitutional Tribunal of Union, Japan Ministry of Justice to cooperate in legal affairs



Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of Union U Thein Soe receives state's prosecutor Mr Hiroki Kunii of Ministry of Justice of Japan and international cooperation training officer Ms Natsuko Wakai.

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Myanmar media delegation visits Sweden, Norway and Denmark

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Myanmar media delegation led by Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, arrived back here on 23 June, after paying visit to European countries, at the invitation of Sweden Radio Media Development Organization and Norway-based Democratic Voice of Burma.

The delegation left here for Copenhagen of Denmark at 7.45 pm on 8 June and arrived in Stockholm of

Newspaper presented the report on Trade Union Press (Sweden) to the deputy minister and party.

Myanmar delegation arrived at Swedish Radio on 11 June. There, Director General Mr Mats Svergfore, SRMDO advisor Mr Staffan Sonnaing and SR-P3 division head Mr Tomas Granryd also explained Public Service Broadcasting (PSB) to Myanmar delegation. Then, the deputy minister and party visited

Foreign Affairs of Sweden Ms Hanna Hellquist, at Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and cordially exchanged views on cooperation in Myanmar media development with Sweden. The deputy minister and party, visited Swedish Ministry of Culture, and deputy director Mr Martin Persson explained Swedish Media Landscaping. Myanmar delegation, together with Myanmar Women Hluttaw

explained media laws relating to media freedom and challenges and TV and radio licenses to them.

On 15 June, Myanmar delegation visited Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK) and TV-2 departments in Oslo. After that, they met with Norwegian deputy minister of Foreign Affairs Ms Gry Larsen, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on human resources development in Myanmar, opening of media courses, transformation of media into Public Service Media, extended broadcasting of National races radio programme in Myanmar and cooperation in works of Information and Public Relations Department. Then, the Norwegian deputy minister explained cooperation of Norway.

On 16 June, they visited Norway Maritime Museum (Frame Museum) and Holmen Kollen Skyving Ground. On 17 June, they left Oslo at noon and arrived at Copenhagen of Denmark at 2 pm LST. On 18 June, they visited Radio 24/7 and had a discussion with officials from Danish Radio and Television Board. In the afternoon, they attended a gala dinner hosted by Regional Incharge of Africa, Asia and America Ms Susan Ulbaek at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

and discussed Myanmar's reform process and assistance of Denmark to preparation made for promulgation of new media law in Myanmar. In the afternoon, they visited Berlingske Media, which is the biggest media house in Denmark, and Chief Editor Mr Tom Jensen explained facts about it.

On 19 June, they visited Danish Broadcasting Cooperation and TV2 station. After that, they attended a gala dinner hosted by Executive Director Mr Jesper Højberg at International Media Support (IMS). They discussed media reform and cooperation of IMS in Myanmar media development process. In the evening, they had a discussion with Danish Parliament's Culture Affairs Committee Mr Morgens Jensen at Danish Parliament. During the tours, Myanmar delegation discussed matters relating to

step-by-step transformation of media to PSM, promulgation of new media law, formation of Press Council, extended broadcasting of national races radio programme, opening of courses by Myanmar Media Development Center, upgrade of journalism courses in Myanmar, Myanmar Library Foundation and raising reading habits, with officials from respective countries. Myanmar delegation includes Deputy Minister U Soe Win, Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department, five representatives from the Ministry of Information, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Moe Zaw Hein, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Yi, three representatives from Forever Group Co., Ltd and Shwe Than Lwin Media Co., Ltd.

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Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win holds talks with personnel of Danish Radio and Television Board.

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Sweden at 10.25 am LST on 9 June.

The following day, the deputy minister and party held a discussion with advisor Mr Staffan Sonnaing of Swedish Radio Media Development Office (SRMDO), head Ms Ingea Ekblom and project manager Mr Per Helgesson, at Vaxholm Island in Stockholm. In the evening, Chief Editor Ms Johanna Kronlid of ARBETET

installation and broadcasting at Ekot.

On 12 June, Director General Mr Ulf Johansson conducted round Myanmar delegation while Myanmar delegation visited Swedish Television (SVT). After that Swedish Press Council member Ms Kerstin Broms Lumpus explained Sweden Press Council. In the evening, Myanmar delegation held discussion with Deputy Minister of

representatives who are on tour of Sweden attended a dinner hosted by SIDA, at Hotel Scandic Sergel Plaza.

On 13 June, the deputy minister and party visited Public Service Broadcasting (PSB Upland) Radio Station. In the evening, they left Stockholm at 3.45 pm and arrived in Oslo, Norway at 5.05 pm. On 14 June, they visited Oslo University College and there, Professor Heige Ronning and party

Myanmar women swimmers earn bronze medal

YANGON, 25 June—Myanmar women swimmers secured a bronze medal as third prize in the 1st ASEAN Swimming Championship 2012 in the Republic of Singapore from 13 to 18 June.

Myanmar women swimmers—Kay Zin Win, Nan Kham Myat Kyu, Thant Thant Su San and Thiri Nanda—gained the bronze medal in Team Free Routing event in Synchronized Swimming.

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



Government speeds up national development...

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But, let me say frankly the task is formidable for a developing country like us. We need a lot of assistance from international organizations and NGOs. Unless there is energetic cooperation, integrated and all inclusive Myanmar social protection system could not be built firmly as we aspire. In all seriousness, I would like to invite scholars, UN agencies and international organizations here to join hands with us. I would like to request you to fill the gaps for the vulnerable, children and the aged. I would like you to help them find greener pasture and pleasure of life and to resurrect the hopes of the jobless and low-income people.

Our people are also the members of the global family. The disabled, malnourished children, HIV/AIDS patients needing treatment, and the unemployed youth are also

the part of global family like citizens from other countries. Our country lacks a lot in social protection. However, due to various reasons, we have been neglected by international organizations denying our rights. Our government has opened the door to international community. So, you all should welcome our

move with constructive view and cooperate with us, I request. Our open-door policy is for the sake of all of our people. We hope you would give assistance as soon as you possibly can to our people, particularly the vulnerable who are in desperate need of social protection. Our government's focus on



UNICEF Resident Representative Dr. Ramesh Shreshtha delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Social Protection Conference.

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President U Thein Sein and those present at the conference pose for a documentary photo.

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economic performance is mainly intended to fulfil these needs.

We are obliged for our people. This is the concept of our government. Social security and social protection need a great deal of financial resources like social financing apart from the goodwill of the government. We are taking steps to draft and enact laws to make sure the unemployed have more job opportunities and the workers effective social and security protection. Social protection plans would not progress well without the solid support of legal regulation. We hope to acquire legal advices reflecting our country's objective conditions from this conference.

I would like to suggest the formation of national high-level institution in order that social protection works progress report, further requirements, policy

and strategy formulation, assessment of the effectiveness of works during project periods and policy review and so on can be monitored in long-term. Scholars from international community, representatives from international organizations, donors and representatives of donor organizations at home and abroad can join the association. Strategy adopted by the organization must be assessed and review of the practical implementation must be informed to the policymakers and the public.

In conclusion,

I would like to urge the conference to map out strategies and work programmes for social protection of our country. We would much appreciate if you would kindly suggest programmes that can go in harmony with ongoing rural

development and poverty reduction scheme of our government. With this I conclude my speech hoping you would bring strategic and practical plans for the sake of our people.

After that, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi extended greetings. He said that while facing challenges of labours and social welfare policy changes, economic and social aims of the State will be implemented. New Social Security Bill has been submitted to the Hluttaw for creating more effective rights for the employees to enjoy retirement pension and for implementing the social security housing project. Moreover, the conference is being convened for adopting the new social protection programme so as to raise social protection for the people.

The noblest aim of the conference will contribute towards much to vocational tasks of the people and creation of opportunities for income, employment, education and health sectors. It will include care for children and disabled persons and response to suddenly-hit natural disasters. The discussions from the conference will benefit social protection tasks for the people.

Next, UNICEF resident representative Dr Ramesh Shreshtha extended greetings. After the opening ceremony, President U Thein Sein, the Union ministers and guests posed for a documentary photo.

The President and guests cordially greeted those present.

Later, the agenda of the conference continued. The conference will continue on 26 June.

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Myanmar delegation led by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint arrives in Vientiane, Laos PDR

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—At the invitation of President of National Assembly H.E. Madame Pany Ythotous, a Myanmar delegation led by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint left Yangon for Laos at 4 pm on 16 June, and arrived at Wattay International Airport in Vientiane at 10 pm.

The Myanmar delegation was accompanied by Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives Chairman of National Race Committee and member of the Bill Committee U Hsai Paung Nup, member of the Public Accounts Committee U Baran Shaung, member of the Hluttaw Rights Committee and member of National Race Affairs

Committee U Hsan Yel, member of the Hluttaw Rights Committee and member of the Minerals and Resources Committee U Saw Taw Pale, member of the Monetary and Revenue Committee and member of the Economic and Commercial Affairs Committee U Ha Shein Bwe, member of Economic and Commercial Committee and the Public Complaints and Appeals Committee U Htay Win, member of the Education, Health and Cultural Committee Dr Hla Thein and officials concerned.

On their arrival, Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and his entourage were warmly welcomed by Chairman Dr. Kukeo Akamonty of Foreign



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and party being welcomed by Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman of National Assembly Dr. Kukeo Akamonty and officials at Wattay International Airport in Vientiane.

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Affairs Committee of National Assembly, Mr. Viseth Saveangsuksa, Vice President of the National Assembly, and officials of the

Assembly Office, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Kyaw Soe Win, Military Attaché to Laos Brig-Gen Win Maung and officials from the

Myanmar embassy.

Afterwards, Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and party stayed at Lao Plaza Hotel.

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Myanmar parliamentary delegation visits Vientiane

NAY PYI TAW 25 June—Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, on their goodwill visit in Laos, at the invitation of the President of National Assembly of Laos Madame Pany Ythotous, visited Hor Prakeo Temple, Sisaket Temple and That Luang Pagoda in Vientiane on 17 June.

The speaker and party then visited Tha-Lath Dam in Vientiane Province where they were hosted with luncheon by the province governor and province MPs.

In the evening, President of the National Assembly of Laos hosted dinner to Myanmar delegation at Lao Plaza Hotel.—MNA



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party pay homage to Sisaket Temple in Vientiane of Laos.—MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw visits the Plain of Jars in Xiangkhoang Province of Lao PDR

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and delegation members left Vientiane of Lao PDR for Xiangkhoang Province at 9.20 am local time on 19 June by special flight. They were welcomed by members of National Assembly of Xiangkhoang Province.

The Governor of Xiangkhoang Province and party called on the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and explained endeavours for development of the province.

Next, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and

party visited The Plain of Jars in Xiangkhoang Province at 3 pm.

In the evening, the Governor of Xiangkhoang Province hosted a dinner to the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at Phuviengham Resort.

On 20 June morning, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party visited Xiangkhoang Province and left for Vientiane by special aircraft in the afternoon.

At 8.05 pm local time, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party left Wattay

International Airport for Vietnam. They were seen off at the airport by the Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Laos and officials of the Assembly Office, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Kyaw Soe Win and staff of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attache Office.—MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint meets Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong at Laotian Prime Minister's Office.
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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party meet with Governor of Xiangkhoang Province and party of Lao People's Democratic Republic.
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Union Environmental Conservation and Forestry Minister meets Japanese delegates

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received Chief Representative Mr Masahiko Tanaka of Japan Technical Cooperation

Agency (JICA) and Director General Professor Dr Tetsuo Koyama of Markino Botanical Garden and party at the ministry this morning.

They discussed preservation of plants and

herbal orchid of Natma Hill National Garden, agriculture, research, educative matters, human resources development and planting and collecting original orchid in Pyin Oo Lwin National

Gardens and cooperation in preservation of mangrove in delta region by local people.

Also present at the call were Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department, Director-General U Htay Aung of Dry Zone Greening Department, Deputy Director-General U Tin Tun of Planning and Statistics Department and

Closer cooperation brings more...

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The Myanmar delegation paid a call on Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong at his office at 10.30 am.

The Laotian Prime

Minister extended a warm welcome to Myanmar delegation, noting the Myanmar delegation's visit as opening of new chapter in relations between the two parliaments.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker invited the mutually beneficial cooperation of Laos in Myanmar, acclaiming Laos as the true friend of Myanmar the development of Laos.—MNA



Israel to invest in Myanmar's dry zone development

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yaron Mayer and party paid a call on Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing at the ministry here this morning to discuss cooperation for agricultural development.

Their discussion focused on potentials for bilateral cooperation and know-how transfer, technical cooperation and investments for development of the dry zone in central Myanmar.

Next, representative of Mekerot and Israel's National Water Co explained

Deputy Director-General Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw of Forest Department.

capacity international investment experiences.

Present at the call were deputy ministers U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw, director-general of the ministry and representatives of Mekerot and Israel's National Water Company.

The Israeli Ambassador and party observed samples of Myanmar agricultural produce Paletwe hybrid paddy and rice, hybrid corn, beans and pulses and edible oil crops.

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Donate blood

Union Minister looks into private banks in Nay Pyi Taw



NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun inspected Kanbawza Bank Ltd (Nay Pyi Taw Branch), Myanma Industrial Development Bank, United Amara Bank, Myanma Oriental Bank, Tun Foundation Bank and First Private Bank, here, this afternoon.

Bank branch managers reported on banking services and future plans.

Then, the Union Minister viewed learning of trainees in general banking services course No. 3 and Institute of Banking Services of Myanmar Bank Association.

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Abbot Training Courses conclude in Patheingyi

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—The Abbot Training Courses No. 12 and No. 13 of Ayeyawady Region concluded at Sasana Beikman in Patheingyi on 23 June.

Member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman of Region Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman of Patheingyi Abbot Training School Administration Board Patheingyi Nyaungbintha Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vissuta administered the Five Precepts.

Secretary of the Board Principal of the Abbot Training School Agga Maha

Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kavinda explained matters related to the training course.

Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung supplicated on religious affairs and presented first, second and third prizes to the respective winning monks.

The Chairman of the Management Board of the training school presented certificates to trainee monks.

Later, the Region Minister and officials donated alms to members of the Sangha.

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Cash and kind donated to local people in Rakhine State

YANGON, 25 June—Cash and kind were donated to local people in Rakhine State who lost their property and possessions in a series of events in the State at the donation ceremony at the Makhalar hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township here, this morning.

At the ceremony, Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Hlaing of Fire Services Department and wife Daw Aye Aye Htoo and family donated K 0.2 million and clothes worth K 0.8 million, U Thar Kyaw and daughter Dr San Aye Kyi and sisters K 2.3 million, U Hla Win of MK Trading Co., Ltd 8000 boxes of canned fish and 300 boxes of Ma Ma instant noodle worth K 13.71 million, U Hla Win of Ayeyawady Beverages Enterprise 300 boxes of Ma Ma instant noodle worth K 6.21 million and 1 thousand, Zaburit Co., Ltd 1000 bottles of Enpovide C worth K 7 million, U Soe Thein and Daw Khin Aye Win of Pantaing Construction family K 1 million, Immediate Response to Myanmar Social Affairs K 2 million, U Mya Tun + Daw Sein Nu family K 1.1 million, Muse-Namkam Border Trade Association K 1 million, MBA the 18th Batch students K 0.45 million, Daw Aye Si (Hlaing Ayeyar Rice Shop) K 0.1 million and five bales of clothes, under the aegis of Saya U Thein Soe Aung, Zeya Mon Learning Education Family five packets of pencils and books, five bales of clothes, Ghahtawin Hnalone Thar Parahita Association K 0.2 million, three bales of

clothes, schoolgirls from 577 Ohnpintan hostel eight bags of clothes, Daw Khin Khin Myat family three bales of clothes, Daw Hla Hla San and Daw Nanda San K 0.05 million and one bales of clothes, Dr U Zaw Lin + Daw Khin Khin Hlaing family two bags of clothes, U Hla Win + Daw Tin Tin family 11 bags of rice, U Soe Moe two bales of clothes, U Ko Ko Lay + Daw Yi Yi of Zphar Construction family and U Zaw Win Htut + Daw Htwe Htwe Shein family K 0.1 million each, Daw Mu Mu Saw family K 0.01 million and one bales of clothes, U Chit Win + Daw Ohn Khin family K 0.01 million and two bales of clothes, Dr Thandar Oo K 0.1 million and two bales of clothes, U Tun Shwe + Daw Myint Myint family K 0.1 million each, U Shwe Tun Aung + Daw Nwe Nwe San (Tawtar Engine Oil) family K 50,000, aiming to Dr Kaung Myat, the beverage family K 0.1 million, Daw Ni Ni Khaing and family K 0.5 million and one bales of clothes, U Hla Zay family K 10,000, U Kyaw San + Daw Aye Aye Thin family K 0.1 million, U Aye Myat Thu of Universal Tailoring three bales of clothes, Gender & Development Initiative (GDI), Daw May Aye Shwe family of Madaing Services Co., Ltd and U Myo Myint and colleges K 0.1 million each, U Tun Sein + Daw Khin Aye family K 30,000, Daw Mya Thein family of Thukha Chanthar meditation mosquito net enterprise seven handbags and clothes, members of Shwetoe Aung Oil Enterprise ten viss of edible oil, U Nyi Thein Win + Daw

Drilling of CDT-12 oil well begins with assistance to locals

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Goldpetrol Co running in partnership with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy has been undertaking improved petroleum recovery works at inland oilfield No IOR-2 and MOGE-1 in Chauk and Yenangyoung townships and the company is preparing to explore oil and gas out of reservoir rocks over 10,000 feet deep in the ground. As well No. CDT-12 will be dug down to 12,800 feet in the ground, a ceremony to mark the start of drilling process was held near Mola Village, Chauk Township yesterday morning.

The country manager of Goldpetrol Co and the managing director of MOGE explained purposes of drilling the well and drilling plans.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe and personnel pressed the button to launch the drilling.

Under regional socio-economic assistance programme of the oil companies, Mr Edwin Soeryadjaya of Interra Resources Co presented K 6,050,000 for basic education primary schools of Aigyi Village and Chaungpik Village and Chauk Oilfield Hospital, Mr Liu Yijiang of NPOI Co K 7.5 million for No. 9 Basic Education Primary School of Yenangyoung Township.

The Union Minister met the oilfield manager, officials and staff members at Chauk Oilfield No. 2 oilfield workers rest hall and also visited Chaungpik Village BEPS.—MNA



Dy Construction Minister inspects housing projects

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected progress in construction of four-storey Myintawtha Housing Project on Myintawtha Street, No. 2 Ward, Thakayta Township here yesterday morning. The deputy minister inspected construction of concrete roads and drains in the project compound.

The deputy minister also inspected construction of detached houses in Water Front Vila Housing Project, Kwema Housing Project in No. 10 Ward of Thakayta Township and progress of Ayeyawun Housing Project and Yadana Housing Project in Dagon (Seikkan) Township.

MNA

Thandar Lwin family K 40,000, U Myint Win + Daw Khin Myint Swe family K 20,000, Daw Khin Than Aye family one bales of clothes, U Tun Nu + Daw San Kyin family three bales of clothes, Daw Thida Khaing K 30,000, the 25th intake of Institute of Maritime Technology K 350,000, Border Areas Development Association (BDA) 1000 bars of soap worth K 0.25 million, financial division of FSD (Head Office) K 40,000, Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññajota of Bangladesh Monastery K 0.1 million, U Win Naung + Daw Kay Khaing Lin family K 20,000 and one bags of clothes, people at No 110 ward of Dagon Myothit

(East) K 0.15 million, two thousands and nine hundreds and 10 bales of clothes, Ma Htoo Htoo Tin Soe and friends K 50,000 million and five bags of clothes, aiming to parents, U Mya Thein Aung + (Daw Khin Hla Kyin) family, U Sin Chain + Daw Htar Htar Yi family and U Thura Win + Daw San San Yi (Thamadi car accessories shop) K 0.1 million each, Daw Mya Mya Sein one bales of clothes. The Deputy Director-General of FSD and officials accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks.

Up to now donations amounted to K 168,598,576.—MNA

DHAMMAYON OPENED:

Thamma Thambuddho Dhammayon of Army Officer Training Course No 40 was opened in conjunction with the merit-sharing ceremony at

International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University in Yangon recently. Pro-Rector (Admin) Dr Thant Zin Naing, Chairman of Waradahta Datucetiya Tooth Relic Pagoda Board of Trustees U Nyunt Wai and Col Hla Myint Kyaw (Rtd) formally open the Dhammayon.—MYANMA ALIN



Summer paddy threshed, winnowed in Yamethin



YAMETHIN, 25 June—Local farmers in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region are busy with threshing and winnowing summer paddy. Some farmers grow Palethwe and Hsinthukha paddy strains on the plots of Kyenigan irrigated areas.

This year, fine weather and supply of water contributed to production of Hsinthukha paddy at 135 baskets per acre and Palethwe paddy 165 baskets per acre.

As summer paddy was harvested in rainy season, the farmers immediately used machinery for winnowing paddy and then stored paddy.

After that, they continued farming works for nurturing of paddy saplings and ploughing works.

Kyemon

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Shwegyin

SHWEGYIN, 25 June—In commemoration of the World Environment Day, the rainy season tree growing ceremony was held near Bo Saw Aung Park in Gangawwaing Ward of Shwegyin on 15 June morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung, Head of Township Forest Department U Sai San Thein,

Eradication of narcotic drugs talked in Kawkaireik

KAWKAREIK, 25 June—A talk to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at No. 2 Basic Education High School in Kawkaireik on 14 June.

At first, the deputy commissioner gave a speech. Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Tin Tun Aung talked about history of narcotic drugs, in-charge of Kawkaireik Township Anti-Drug Squad IP Myo Win combating drug abuse



and illegal trafficking, Township Judge U Saw San Nyo and Law Officer U Go Yin penalties for drug cases

and IP Zaw Tint Kyaing of District Police Force matters related to narcotic drugs.

Township IPRD

Books, publications donated to village library

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 25 June—A ceremony to donate books to Moethaukpan Library was held in Kanyintabin Village of Nwayegyaw Nyaunglan Village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 10 June morning.

At the ceremony, wellwishers U Thein Naing-Daw Ohn Kyin family, and U Win Kyi-Daw Kyin Win donated 1663 books, magazines and journals to librarian Daw Ni Ni Win.

The library was opened by Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Thida Aung, Village Administrator U Tin Thaung and Chairman of the library committee U Hla Htay.

Myanma Alin

Taunggyi university faculty members, students hear traffic rules

TAUNGGYI, 25 June—A talk on traffic rules was given at Technological University in Taunggyi of Shan State (South) on 12 June.

In-charge of the traffic police force Police Captain Maung Maung Win explained traffic accidents, Inspector-II U Zaw Ko Ko Pe of Directorate of Road Administration salient points for motorcyclists and pedestrians.

It was attended by



faculty members and students. Later, pamphlets

on traffic rules were distributed to attendees.

State DRA

Palethwe model plot harvested in Paukhaung Township

PAUKHAUNG, 25 June—A ceremony to harvest model plot of summer Palethwe hybrid paddy was held on 3.00 acres of farmland of farmer U Myo Aung in Yatthit Village of Paukhaung Township of Pyay District on 18 June morning.

It was attended by Paukhaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aye Han, Head of District Agriculture Department U Soe Naing, Township Administrator U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, members of Township Agricultural Supervisory Committee and local farmers.

At the ceremony, the farmland produced 175 baskets per acre.—Township Agriculture



departmental personnel and members of social organizations distributed saplings to the local people.

After that, they planted over 700 saplings.

Township Forest



Collection of tax educated in Kalay Township

KALAY, 25 June—A talk on collection of commercial tax and income tax in advance from passenger and

cargo transport was held by Kalay Township Internal Revenue Department at Nayrinzara Hall in Kalay on 21 June.

Deputy Commissioner U Nyi Nyi Htwe of Kalay District General Administration Department explained collection of tax.

Head of Township IRD U Myint Wai clarified matters related to the tax and replied to queries raised by officials of the bus gates.

District IPRD

Channel to Kyeeni Lake dredged for proper flow

YAMETHIN, 25 June—Kyeeni Lake is irrigating 6500 acres of farmlands in Yamethin.

In the past, overflow of the lake flooded its surrounding areas such as Hsegyi, Nyaunggaing and Thinbangon villages, inundated Yamethin-Theingon Road and destroyed basic education primary school and farmlands.

Thus, the water inlet channel, 3000 feet long and 200 feet wide, to the lake was dredged for proper flow of water with the use of heavy machinery and the sluice gate was repaired.

Myanma Alin

DANGER OF DRUG TALKED: A talk on disadvantages of drug abuse was held at Basic Education High School No. 3 in Ward 26 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township on 20 June.
TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE



DISTRICT NEWS

TREES GROWN: In commemoration of the World Environment Day 2012, the collective tree growing ceremony was held in the compound of Toe Myitta veterans organization in Maubin on 5 June.

KYEMON

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BANG SA PHAN VOY NO (99)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG SA PHAN VOY NO (99) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN
SHIPPING CO, LTD**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV AN SHUN JIANG VOY NO (151)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN SHUN JIANG VOY NO (151) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.6.2012 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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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (495) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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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.

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

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Army plane crash kills four in Colombia

BOGOTA, 25 June — A military plane crashed in central Colombia on Saturday shortly after takeoff, killing all the four people on board, the army said.

The military said in a statement that the Alcaravan aircraft, carrying two pilots and two other officers, was operating Tolimaida-Saravena air route when it went down.

No survivor was found in the tragedy, said the army, adding that an investigation has been under way.

The crash is the fourth of its kind so far this year involving the Colombian army.

Xinhua



This file photo shows people swimming over corals at a marine park in South East Asia.—INTERNET

Six divers missing off Malaysian island

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 June — Search teams were on Sunday looking for six scuba divers who went missing a day earlier off a Malaysian resort island after apparently failing to resurface, a maritime official said.

The group, including a diver from Singapore, one from China and four Malaysians, disappeared after going diving off Tioman island on Malaysia's east coast on Saturday, according to an

official with the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency. Only one person with the group, whose members were aged between 25 and 33 and which included two women, resurfaced after the dive, he said. Three boats and eight navy divers are involved in the search. Malaysia's east coast islands, famed for their corals and marine life, are a popular dive destination. Accidents are rare.—Internet



People visit an AWACS aircraft of NATO at the Florennes base in Belgium, on 23 June, 2012. Belgium holds an international air show to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Florennes base.

XINHUA

Cancer kids numbers in Fiji keeps increasing: experts

SUVA, 25 June — Fiji Cancer Society President Nirmala Nambiasaid on Sunday that at least 40 children are diagnosed with cancer annually in the island nation with a population of over 800,000 people.

Just from January to date there have been 10 new cases recorded, which are just the ones that are reported to the Ministry of Health, says the expert. She told the media that Leukemia was still the leading cancer for children in Fiji.

Doctor Isaia Immanuel, Colonial War Memorial Hospital's (CWM) Child-en's Ward acting chief medical officer, confirmed that there is an increase in the number of children suffering from cancer and treating them remains a big challenge. Immanuel said doctors and patients faced huge challenges before and during treatment. "The challenge we face is that the treatment and recovery process is long and takes up to three years." Chemotherapy was available and more favorable compared to five or 10 years ago, says the doctor.

Fiji's CWM Hospital recorded 23 brain tumor cases, 19 acute lympho-blastic leukemia cases, 14 acute myelogenous leukemia cases and 13 lymphoma cases between 2005 and last year. "Blood cancer or leukemia is the most common form of cancer among children all over the world," said Immanuel, adding "other cancers that affect children include brain tumors, lymphoma and soft tissue sarcoma."

Immanuel held that brain tumor was very challenging because patients had to be evacuated abroad for treatment while renal cancer was treatable as there was 80 percent to 90 percent survival rate.—Xinhua

Mail service suspended due to crows

Canada Post said it has suspended mail delivery to a neighbourhood due to birds dive-bombing a letter carrier.

The postal service delivered a notice Tuesday to about 30 residents of Ralph Avenue in Winnipeg, Manitoba, explaining mail delivery has been suspended due to crows dive-bombing the neighbourhood's letter

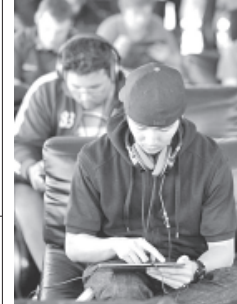
carrier, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported. "Due to the ongoing safety concern caused by the aggressive crows attacking your letter carrier, all mail delivery is temporarily suspended until Canada Post and the city of Winnipeg can determine a solution," the notice read. Canada Post said the residents can pick up their

mail from the depot. Resident Len Chapko said the birds in question are nesting in a tree in front of his house and have been attacking him when he goes outside.

"He come so close, he raised the hair on the back of my head. So I looked up and the neighbours are laughing because he came after me!" Chapko said.

Manitoba Conservation said the birds may have become aggressive to protect their young, which are likely hear the point when they leave the nest and learn how to fly. The agency said the period can last anywhere from a day to about a week, or longer if the young birds are injured.

News Album



In this image, Players compete during the Qualcomm E3 Snapdragon Gaming World Record Challenge in a the Guinness Book of World Records for "Longest video games marathon on a tablet", in Los Angeles.

Woman upset over corpse on flight

A Swedish woman says she had to fly overnight from Europe to Tanzania next to a man who died after the plane had departed.

Lena Pettersson, a reporter for Sveriges Radio, said the man was having convulsions before the Kenya Airways flight departed from Amsterdam,

the Netherlands. The plane took off anyway, *The Local.se* reported.

He died several hours later while the plane was in the air.

Pettersson said she then had to sit across from the dead man for the rest of the flight. "Of course it was unpleasant, but I am not a

person who makes a fuss," Pettersson told the *Expressen* newspaper.

She later decided, however, to seek compensation. It took a couple of months of e-mails but she was finally refunded \$713 — about half of the cost of her ticket, Sveriges Radio said.

Sweden moves to curb strawberry fraud

Swedish authorities said strawberries are being analyzed in a German lab in an attempt to stop foreign fruits from being passed off as local.

Waldemar Ibron of the Swedish Board of Agriculture told the *Dagens*

Nyheter newspaper officials are trying to stop foreign strawberries from being passed off as Swedish ahead of midsummer, when locally grown strawberries are part of traditional festivities, *Swedish* news agency TT/The Local.se reported.

"We have taken a few samples and they're on the way to Germany for analysis," Ibron said.

Growers in southern Sweden said the counterfeit strawberries are hurting their business by offering the fruits for lower prices.

Mark Wahlberg ate 10 meals a day for movie role

LOS ANGELES, 25 June—Actor Mark Wahlberg went through the pain of eating 10 meals a day to gain a beefy look for his new film "Pain And Gain". The 41-year-old plays bodybuilder Daniel Lugo in the upcoming film.

He followed a 24-hour plan and even woke up at

various times throughout the night to eat his food fix and drink his muscle-building shakes, reports *eonline.com*.

"I was eating 10 meals a day and drinking mass gainers. I was drinking my own. I created this line of supplements with (retail chain) GNC. It was a lot of work. A lot of getting up at 2 a.m. to eat another meal and I was still full from the meal at 10 o'clock," he said. But does he like the bulky look? "You know, I like being able to change for parts, both physically and preparing mentally. It was a good time," he said.—*Internet*



Kris Kardashian Jenner and Bruce Jenner Photo

WASHINGTON, 25 June—Bruce Jenner has revealed that he regrets sharing Kim Kardashian's wedding to Kris Humphries with the world by filming it for their reality TV show.

Bruce Jenner regrets sharing Kim Kardashian's wedding with world

The 62-year-old socialite, who is married to Kris Jenner, admitted that Kim's ill-fated marriage to the NBA star would have been best kept under wraps.

"The only thing I wish I could take back that the public has seen, the whole wedding thing. We went so overboard on that. And the way it turned out and everything," Contactmusic quoted him as telling Oprah Winfrey on her show 'Oprah's Next Chapter'.

However, he claimed

that the extravagance of their ceremony was out of genuine love at the time but their feeling changed rapidly.

"And, because I mean at the time it was honest...I mean, I was all in, you know? But then it turned so quickly," he said.

When asked by Oprah if he believed the marriage was going to work, Bruce didn't say he believed it would but confided that he rooted for it to last.

"I was hoping it would work," he added.—*Internet*

Gellar awarded for zoo contributions

LOS ANGELES, 25 June—The Los Angeles Zoo has given actress Sarah Michelle Gellar an award for contributions to her four-legged friends at the Beasty Ball, zoo officials said.

Gellar said her 2-year-old daughter, Charlotte Grace, gave her a new appreciation for the zoo, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Friday.

"I used to come here all the time even before I had children, but now being able to see the animals through my daughter's eyes is incredible," she said.

"It's important to help the community any way you can," Gellar said in response to receiving the second Tom Mankiewicz Leadership Award.

"The zoo really does a lot to rehabilitate the animals and provide them a safe environment." The award, which was first given to rocker Slash last year, is presented to a member of the entertainment community who has established meaningful programmes contributing to the world's natural or civic environment, the *Times* said.

Also on hand at the 42nd annual Beasty Ball 16 June were actresses Betty White and Pauley Perrette of "NCIS" fame.—*Internet*



Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar

Reiner to direct psychological thriller

HOLLYWOOD, 25 June—Director Rob Reiner said he has agreed to helm the upcoming psychological thriller "You Belong to Me" in his first return to the genre since 1990's "Misery."

Reiner, who is mostly known for dramas and romantic comedies including "Stand by Me," "The Princess Bride" and "When Harry Met Sally," said he hasn't made a psychological thriller since "Misery" because it's hard to find a

story he hasn't seen before, *The Hollywood Reporter* reported on Friday.

"They are hard to make well, but this one has a deep



Director Rob Reiner

psychological bent to it and a big twist in the end that I didn't see coming," he said. "That's why I decided to take a whack at this one."

The story, penned by David Murray, is likened to "Cape Fear" and centers on a psychiatrist who makes the mistake of talking about himself to a patient. Production is scheduled to begin in the fall in New York, and casting for the four lead parts will begin immediately, THR said.—*Internet*

Britney Spears' USD 2.5m Long Island house up for grabs

WASHINGTON, 25 June—Britney Spears' 2.5 million dollar Long Island house has been put up for sale by her beau Jason Trawick's parents.

While Spears is no stranger to real estate transactions, this one has the 30-year-old pop princess feeling a bit blue. "NOOOOO. I love this

house!" People magazine quoted the 'X Factor' judge as posting on Twitter.

According to a source, the two-acre property overlooking Conscience Bay was the couple's "home base" when she did her New York concerts on the last tour.

"She really did love staying there and it was a great getaway for peace and



Britney Spears

privacy," the source said. "Her boys loved fishing off the dock with Jason in their backyard," the source added.—*Internet*

Jennifer Lopez treated for back pain and robbed in Argentina



Jennifer Lopez

MELBOURNE, 25 June—Jennifer Lopez, who is in Argentina as part of her 'Dance Again' tour, was robbed just hours after she left a clinic after being treated for a stabbing pain in her lower back. According to local entertainment website Primicias, the thief took personal items from the 42-year-old singer's dressing room, while she performed at the GEBA stadium in Buenos Aires on Thursday.

The stolen goods included a computer, a camera and a bag with personal documents such as IDs and passports. Complicating matters, Lopez's manager Benny Medina, who has also been robbed, has not been

able to leave the country since he has lost all forms of identification. According to Spanish network Univision, the 'On the Floor' singer had experienced extreme back pain and had to interrupt her sound stage and had to be taken to a clinic. Lopez later took to Twitter to talk about the incident, revealing that her kids had something to do with the hospital scare.

"Got an xray this morning...all good...pulled back muscle," the *Daily Telegraph* quoted Lopez as writing on Twitter on Thursday. "Coconuts getting to big to carry both at once. Awww...#timeflies:)" she wrote. Despite the accident, Lopez did not cancel her elaborate, two-hour concert, in which she performed old tunes such as 'Get Right', 'Let's Get Loud', 'Waiting for Tonight' and her popular song 'Jenny From the Block'.—*Internet*

Italy ousts England 4-2 on penalties, through to Euro semis

KIEV, 25 June — Substitute Alessandro Diamanti, only on his third cap, struck the decisive penalty to help Italy oust England 4-2 on penalties here on Saturday to set up a Euro 2012 semifinal clash with Germany. The regular time of the eye-catching quarterfinal ended in 0-0, which was the first goalless tie of the tournament. After the goalless extra time, the penalty shootout began with Italian striker Mario Balotelli's flash goal. However, Italian midfielder Riccardo Montolivo shot wide in the second round, and both Steven Gerrard and Wayne Rooney scored to lift England to a 2-1 lead. After Andrea Pirlo tied the score 2-2 with a mysterious dink, both



Gianluigi Buffon (above R) of Italy saves the ball during the quarterfinal match between England and Italy at the Euro 2012 football championships in Kiev, Ukraine, on 24 June, 2012.—XINHUA

Ashley Young and Ashley Cole failed in their attempts. Young missed the target and Cole's shot was saved by Gianluigi Buffon. As Antonio Nocerino and Diamanti sent the ball home, Italy won. England coach Roy Hodgson said after the duel, "We tried our best and we took penalties in training." Both Young and Cole showed their form in penalties before but today the luck was not on their side, Hodgson said.

Italian coach Cesare Prandelli told the Press conference, "We controlled the game and created many chances. We would have opportunities to end the game in regular time. We deserved the win." "To win a penalty shootout, I think, luck accounts for 80 percent," Prandelli said. "Pirlo's dink showed his calmness. Although Montolivo missed his penalty, he was great tonight in the regular and extra time." Answering a question about why Balotelli was chosen to be the first one in the shootout, Prandelli said, "He himself asked for it and we all trust him."

Commenting on the match, Prandelli said, "The opponents did not want to

come out, so we have to play quickly. We dominated the match especially in the second half." Italy boasted 64 percent of ball possession and 35 shots, 20 on target, against England's nine and four. During the game, England made a flying start, but after 10 minutes, Italy started to be in control. The most splendid chance came in the 25th minute when Balotelli was sprung clean through over the top but England keeper Joe Hart came out, and John Terry made a vital block as he got his leg in the way of Balotelli's attempted chip.

In the 49th minute, Italian midfielder De Rossi missed a great chance. The corner was cleared, then nodded back in and De Rossi was all alone six yards out but dragged his volley wide. In the 52nd minute, Italy squandered a triple chance. Pirlo fired in the first effort and Hart parried, then his legs block Balotelli's follow up from eight yards before Montolivo volleyed over to end a breathless passage. In the 60th minute, Balotelli brought down a looping ball in the box and teed it up before sticking an overhead kick over the bar. England made substitution



Mario Balotelli (R) of Italy shoots during the quarterfinal match against England at the Euro 2012 football championships in Kiev, Ukraine, on 24 June, 2012.—XINHUA

first in the 61st minute. James Milner and Danny Welbeck went off, Theo Walcott and Andy Carroll came on. The 63rd minute witnessed a nice work by Balotelli, down the right and holding it up, he laid it back to Pirlo who found De Rossi at the back post but the latter's shot went wide. England's chance came in the 65th minute. Walcott crossed, and Carroll confused Ignazio Abate. The ball broke free but Young scuffed it wide from 12 yards. In injury time, Rooney made a bicycle kick in the box but it flew over the bar. In the extra time, Italy still laid siege to the England goal. Substitute Nocerino scored at the goalmouth with a header but was deprived as offside. Prandelli said, "The semifinal with Germany will be very difficult as Germany have two more days to prepare the game."—Xinhua

Lang claims 1st LPGA win with playoff birdie binge

ONTARIO, 25 June — American Brittany Lang earned her first LPGA Tour victory, winning the Manulife Financial Classic by making birdie on the par-five 18th hole three consecutive times in a playoff. Lang on Sunday held off a wave of South Korean contenders in the playoff after shooting a four-under 67 in regulation to reach 16-under 268. "I just tried to stay down in the putt and have nice tempo," Lang said. "I haven't been in this position much. I'm just trying to learn."

"I can't believe I finally won. I've had my chances and I still can't believe I did it." She edged out South Koreans Seo Hee-kyung, Chella Choi and Inbee Park at the Grey Silo Golf Course. Choi was knocked out on the first extra hole, third-round leader Park was eliminated on the second hole, setting the stage for a head-to-head battle between Lang and Seo. Lang rolled in a five-foot putt for the win. Four of the top six and six of the top 13 finishers Sunday were from South Korea.

The birdie made amends for a shorter putt that



Brittany Lang watches her tee shot on the third hole in the third round of the Manulife Financial LPGA Classic at Grey Silo Golf Course, on 23 June, in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Lang earned her first LPGA Tour victory on Sunday, winning the event by making birdie on the par-five 18th hole three consecutive times in a playoff.—INTERNET

Lang missed on the 18th hole in regulation that would have clinched the tournament for her. Choi closed with a 63 on Sunday, Park a 69 and Seo a 67 to get to 16-under. Reigning US Women's Open champion Ryu So-yeon and American Stacy Lewis both fired seven-under 64s on Sunday to finish in a tie for fifth at 15-under. Lewis is a two-time winner this season. Playing partners Lang, Seo and Park all settled for pars on 18 to set up the playoff.

Internet

Kim Clijsters plays at Wimbledon for last time

WIMBLEDON, 25 June — As a reporter began to formulate a question about the first time Kim Clijsters retired, only to return to tennis, the four-time major champion cut off the query with a smile and a quick response. "No, this is it," she said on Sunday. "If that's where you're going, this is it." No doubt at all? "No, no, no," Clijsters repeated. The Belgian, who turned 29 on 8 June, is back at Wimbledon for only the second time in the past six years - and, yes, the absolutely, positively last time. Clijsters already has announced that she'll be leaving the sport for good after the US Open in September. Why?



Kim Clijsters of Belgium celebrates winning her match against Francesca Schiavone of Italy at the UNICEF Open grass court tennis tournament in Rosmalen, central Netherlands, on 21 June, 2012.—INTERNET

"Too old. Too old to play the game that I want to play physically. I've put my body through enough strain and everything. The whole lifestyle, that's what I'm dealing with now, the lifestyle I've had for the last 15, 20 years. It's been great. I wouldn't change it for a thing," explained Clijsters, one of only three mothers to have won a Grand Slam title. "But I'm not going to be the type of player that's going to change the way I play or the way that I move."

The daughter of a professional soccer player, Clijsters has derived much of her success on a court from pure athleticism that helped her produce punishing groundstrokes and stretching-into-the-splits court coverage. Those abilities allowed her to win the US Open in 2005, 2009 and 2010, and the Australian Open in 2011. "I naturally have that strong movement, powerful shots, and that's been able to have me on top of women's tennis and be, you know, I think on the highest part of women's tennis, with Venus (Williams), Serena (Williams), Justine (Henin), to be part of that," Clijsters said.

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Djokovic feeling confident for Wimbledon defence



This combo made from 2009, left, 2008, centre, and 2011 file photos shows from left: Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic after winning at Wimbledon. As Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer step back on the grass at Wimbledon, each has reason to believe he'll be hoisting the trophy overhead in two weeks' time.—INTERNET

WIMBLEDON, 25 June — The question drew a chuckle from Novak Djokovic. Could the prestigious Grand Slam tournament Wimbledon, officially called simply The Championships, be thought of as a dress rehearsal this year? After all, the tennis portion of the London Olympics will be held on the same grass courts at the All England Club, starting on 28 July, three weeks following the end of Wimbledon.

"I don't believe that Wimbledon can be rehearsal for anything," Djokovic said on Sunday, gently tapping his fingers on the desk in front of him. "It's (the) most respected,

most well-known, most valuable tennis tournament in the world. This is, in my opinion, the pinnacle of our sport. Of course, Olympic Games are something (beyond) comparison with any other tournaments."

OK, so forget the notion of Wimbledon-as-tuneup. Still, the No 1-ranked Djokovic and others are excited about the prospect of playing at their sport's most hallowed ground for more than one prize this season. "It is very emotional, because it is not just you who matters there, it's the whole nation. So there is a huge excitement going on with all the tennis players prior to the Olympic Games," said Djokovic,

who will carry Serbia's flag at the opening ceremony next month.

Serena Williams explained: "As a tennis player, you get to play Grand Slams, which you get to play every other week, it seems. You don't think about the Olympics. It's just an added bonus." Djokovic begins the defense of his Wimbledon title — and, um, Olympic preparations — on Monday, playing the first match on Centre Court, an honor given the previous year's male champion. He'll face Juan Carlos Ferrero, who won the French Open in 2003 and briefly held the top spot in the ATP rankings that year.

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Michael Phelps of the US starts in the men's 100m butterfly qualifying event at the Short Course Swimming World Cup in Berlin on 23 Oct, 2011.

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International Sports

Phelps sticks with 400m medley at US trials

OMAHA, (Nebraska) 25 June — Michael Phelps confirmed on Sunday that he would compete in the 400 meters individual medley at the US Olympic swimming trials, raising the prospect that he could better his record haul of eight gold medals at the London Olympics. Phelps won the lung-bursting event at the past two Olympics but was considering dropping it from his programme for London, which will be his final appearance at the Games. But the 26-year-old left open the possibility that he could eclipse his record from Beijing four years ago when he did not withdraw from Monday's race by the scratch deadline.

He needs to finish in the top two at the trials to swim the event in London. If he wins it, he will become only the third swimmer, and the first male, to win the same event at three Olympics. "I had always said that, and I still say and I believe it more now than I really ever have, that there comes an end to everything, and for me and my career, I never want to look back and say 'What if I did this one way and that one way?'" he told a news conference on Saturday.

Reuters

Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

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- * News
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- 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
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- 7:40 am 3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 7:50 am 4. Health Programme
- 8:10 am 5. Dance Of National Races
- 4:05 pm 6. Musical Programme
- 4:15 pm 7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:25 pm 8. One Village & One Product
- 4:35 pm 9. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 4:45 pm 10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Myanmar)
- 5:10 pm 11. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:30 pm 12. Songs for International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 5:40 pm 13. Sweet Melody
- 7:00 pm 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm 15. News
- 16. Bakery World
- 17. TV Drama Series



VOLUNTEERS HONOURED: A ceremony to honour volunteers of Ayuvuddana clinic was held at Kyaukchaung Monastery in Thakayta Township on 7 June. In-charge of the medical treatment committee Medical Superintendent (Rtd) Dr Daw Khin Mya Thwin presents gift to a volunteer.—MYANMA ALIN

Midwifery course opened in Shwegu

SHWEGU, 25 June—The midwifery course was opened at the hall of Township Health Department in Shwegu of Kachin State on 17 June morning.

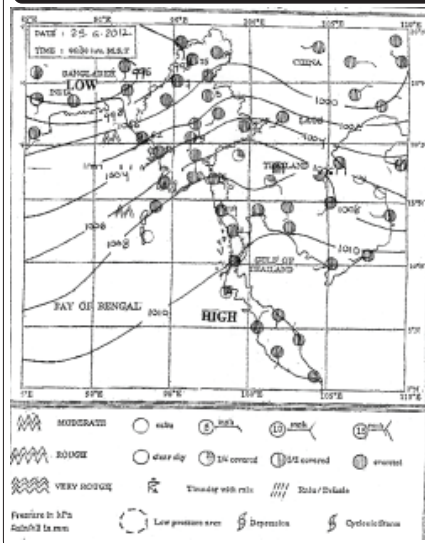
At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Nyo Nyo made a speech.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Thura Zaw explained the purpose of opening the training course and disciplines.

The training course will last 12 weeks.—Health



Gianluigi Buffon saves Ashley Cole's attempt in the penalty shootout between England and Italy after their goalless Euro 2012 quarter-final.
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 26th June, 2012**

St. No.		Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27/81	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
2	Kayah	27/81	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	19/66	16/61	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	30/100	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Bhamo	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	33/91	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	33/91	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	36/97	28/82	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	31/88	26/79	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	34/93	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	23/73	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	29/84	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	25/77	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/93	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	28/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in the Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Mandalay, Magway Regions, Shan and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Yangon, Ayeyawady, Tanintharyi Regions, Chin and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Chin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukse (4.41) inches, Machanbar (4.37) inches, Palewa (4.33) inches, Myauki (3.66) inches, Maungdaw (3.43) inches and Gwa (2.70) inches.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Occasional squalls with moderate to rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.

At least 32 killed in bus accident in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 25 June—At least 32 people were killed in Mexico on Sunday after the bus they were travelling in turned over on a wet road in the southwestern state of Guerrero, a Red Cross official said.

At least seven people were injured and believed to be in a serious condition, the official said. "In the area where it happened it's raining very hard," he added.

The official said most of the people inside the passenger bus were wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the logo of Mexico's Labour Party (PT), a small grouping

in Congress supporting leftist presidential hopeful Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

Other emergency crews were dispatched to where the accident took place about 2-1/2 hours drive southwest of Mexico City.

Guerrero state police department had no immediate comment. Mexico holds a presidential election on 1 July.

Bus crashes and other road accidents are common on Mexico's main roads, causing hundreds of deaths a year.

In April, at least 43 people were killed when a



This photo shows the site of a passenger bus crash in the southwestern state of Guerrero on 24 June, 2012.

REUTERS

cargo truck crashed into a bus on a highway in the Gulf state of Veracruz, in one of the worst accidents the country has suffered in recent times.—Reuters

Owen urges England coaching revamp after Euro agony

LONDON, 25 June—Former England striker Michael Owen led calls for an overhaul of the country's coaching on Monday after another major tournament campaign ended in disappointment.

England bowed out of Euro 2012 in Kiev on Sunday with their sixth penalty shootout defeat in seven attempts after a one-sided quarter-final against Italy finished 0-0 following extra-time.

But unlike previous disappointments, there was universal recognition on Monday that England had got exactly what they deserved from the encounter and that the technically superior Italians were worthy victors.

The match statistics later underscored Italy's superiority in all departments, with the Azzurri enjoying 64 percent possession to England's 34 percent, with 35 goal attempts to England's nine.

England's failure to maintain possession was also reflected in the telling passing statistics, with Italy completing 815 passes to England's paltry 320.

Owen said the only way England could hope to be competitive in future was to change coaching at grass-roots level.

"Easy for people to say 'until we keep possession better we will never win anything'. We are not as good as others at doing that," Owen wrote on Twitter.

"We played to our strengths but are just not quite good enough. We were hoping to 'do a Chelsea' (referring to the tactics they adopted to win the Champions League last season). 'If you are not the best team then you have to find an alternative way to win. The other option is to forget results for a while and start from scratch playing a different style.'—Internet

Briton dies after jumping from Eiffel Tower

LONDON, 25 June—A British man has committed suicide by climbing up the Eiffel Tower in Paris and jumping to his death, officials said on Monday. Police spotted the man climbing the structure of the tower around 11:30 pm (2130 GMT) on Sunday. They evacuated the tower, sealed off the area and tried to negotiate with the man.

Firefighters tried to talk the British man down from the tower but failed and he jumped from between its second and third levels, a height of between 125 and 310 metres (410 to 1,017 feet), said Frederic Grosjean,

deputy spokesman for the Paris firefighters' brigade.

Suicides by jumping from the tower "happen frequently enough, but it is rare for someone to be able to climb so high", a police source said.

Firefighters intervened again on Monday when a woman aged about 30 also attempted to jump from the tower. She was talked out of the suicide and lifted by helicopter from the structure.

Reached by AFP, Eiffel Tower management refused to comment on the number of suicides at the site every year, saying only: "It is always too many."—Internet



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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint calls on Laotian President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—The Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar called on Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone at Presidential Palace Ho Kham at 3.30 pm local time on 20 June.

At the call, the Speaker explained friendly relation between the two countries, bilateral relations and internal political development in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Moreover, he expressed his delightness that President U Thein Sein on his recent visit to Laos met with the Laotian President and further promoted existing bilateral relationship between Myanmar and Laos. He said that his trip followed the visit of the President. Under the arrangements of the both Presidents, he said that parliaments of both countries built better relationship. He expressed thanks for warmly welcome in Laos with systematic arrangements for the trip.—MNA



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Closer cooperation brings more fruitful results both to governments and parliaments of Laos and Myanmar



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint meets President of the National Assembly of Laos Madame Pany Ythotout at the hall of National Assembly.

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NAY PYI TAW, 25 June—Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint paid a call on President of the National

Assembly of Laos Madame Pany Ythotout at the assembly on 18 June morning.

The Myanmar delegation and President of the Lao PDR

national assembly committees held talks at the meeting hall of the assembly.

In her speech, the national assembly president extended her thanks to Myanmar delegation for their visit to Laos, expressing her hope that the discussions between the two parliaments during the visit would bring fruitful results both for governments and parliaments of two nations. The president then introduced the assembly committee chairpersons to the Myanmar delegation.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker in his speech spoke the world of long-established amity between the two countries, expressing his heartfelt thanks to Laos for its constant support for Myanmar in regional and international arena. The speaker then clarified political developments in Myanmar, progress in economic reforms and internal peace-making process, establishment of the parliament in line with the constitution and plans for holding the fourth parliamentary regular sessions in coming July, pledging efforts for closer relations between the two parliaments.

The national assembly president expressed her pleasure to see Myanmar hosting SEA GAMES in 2013, taking the ASEAN chair in 2014 and experiencing internal political developments. She then explained long-term and short-term plans, economic, social, health and foreign relations affairs of Laos. She then invited the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and Myanmar parliamentary delegation to attend the 7th ASEP Meeting to be held in Laos in October, 2012. They then had a frank discussion on promotion of bilateral relations between two parliaments, exchanging parliamentary experiences of each other.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and party then paid a floral tribute at unknown soldiers mausoleum.

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Supreme Court of Union hears six civil miscellaneous cases (writs)

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June— The tribunal of the Supreme Court of the Union comprising Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo and judges of Supreme Court of the Union U

Soe Nyunt and U Mya Thein heard six civil miscellaneous cases at Room No.1 of the Supreme Court of the Union this morning.

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Talks on traffic rules given in Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 25 June— Under the programme of reducing traffic accidents of the Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Supervisory Committee, Commander of No. 1 Traffic Rules Command of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force Police Captain Win Aung gave talks on traffic rules to

drivers, pedestrians and slow vehicles users, and answered queries raised by those present who received pamphlets at Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Township on 22 June morning.

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