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Our Three Main National Causes

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker meets Vietnamese President, Communist Party Secretary-General

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party at 10.45 am on 22 June called on President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang at the Presidential Palace.

At the call, they discussed that existing friendly relations will be promoted between the two countries. They expressed delightedness for development of Myanmar and kept a promise on realization of bilateral cooperation.

At 5.14 pm, the Speaker

of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party met Secretary-General Mr Nguyen Phu Trong of Communist Party of Vietnam at the Office of the Communist Party Central Committee and explained greater cooperation for serving the interests of the peoples from both countries, issues of local political progress and peace-making processes. They discussed exchanges of goodwill

delegation of senior officers, authorities and other ranks between the two countries.

On 22 June morning, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party met Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism Mr Hoang Tuan Anh of Vietnam and discussed promotion of culture, sports and tourism industry between the two countries.

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Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint calls on President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang at the Presidential Palace.—MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint meets Chairman of Vietnamese National Assembly



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party hold discussion with Chairman of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung and officials at Government Guest House.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—A Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint held a discussion with Chairman of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung and officials, at Government Guest House in Hanoi of Vietnam, on 22 June.

At the call, they discussed Parliamentary affairs between two countries, the exchange of visits and sharing experience of goodwill delegation from both parliaments and signing of MoU. After that,

the Vietnamese National Assembly Chairman said that he took pride for Myanmar's progress. The world countries as well as ASEAN countries were taking interest in Myanmar. Vietnam fully supported Myanmar's ASEAN chairmanship in 2014 and wished Myanmar accomplish that task.

After that, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and party attended a dinner hosted by the National Assembly Chairman at Melia Hotel in the evening.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (26-6-2012)

Taungup	(4.45) inches
Thandwe	(3.81) inches
Theinzayat	(3.11) inches
Ye	(3.04) inches
Machanbaw	(2.80) inches
Bilin	(2.67) inches
Hmawby	(2.24) inches
Zalun	(2.24) inches



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Overseas Chinese greets Chinese Navy training vessel "Zhenghe" upon its arrival at Halifax port, Canada, on 25 June, 2012. "Zhenghe" arrived at Canada's Halifax on Monday, starting a three-day trip to the country to promote friendship.

Kagawa excited by Man Utd move

Shinji Kagawa won two successive Bundesliga titles with German side Borussia Dortmund.

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Decapitated Belgian trekker found in Nepal

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Effective land use and management

We have difficulties in land management as squatters on forest land and vacant, virgin and fallow land are acting as if they are original lawful owners of the plot they illegally occupied, thus generating problems everywhere around the country and hindering the government's large-scale land allotment and management plans for multiple development projects.

In this context, we need a land use policy as a measure for settling the problem through legal means and enforcement of rules and regulations fair enough for everyone. Now the government has founded the Land Allocation and Utilization Scrutiny Committee for Urban Development Projects and Investment Projects responsible for adopting the said policy.

Here we also should have a reliable and exact list of city projects, village areas, housing estates, farming plots and industrial zones we can collect through field tours and cooperative land survey.

Committees at different levels are now in the process of formulating regional, city, township and village development plans and taking appropriate measures for effective land use method and land use management that actually care for the people of all walks of life engaging in fish or livestock farming, seasonal or perennial crop cultivation, industry, forest conservation, plantation or regeneration, environment development, clean water or construction or for the sectors such as electricity supply and generation, energy, mining, communications, education, health or trade.

These plans will also help us provide basic needs and job opportunities in every township according to the ratio between its area and population.

Generally, land reform and regional development, job opportunity, economic growth and higher living standard have close relations. So, the bottom-line here is the imposition of practical laws and procedures and taxation system which really fulfill the domestic requirements and meet the international norms as they are essentials for effective land use and land management.

Monetary administration and management course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—The monetary administration and management course No 1/2012 concluded at the training hall of Kayah State Myanma Economic Bank on 24 June.

Assistant General Manager U Saw Lin Htay made a speech and presented prizes to the outstanding trainees.

The training course attended by six trainees from bank branches in Kayah State lasted three weeks from 4 to 24 June, and it covered monetary control, monetary administration and management.—MNA

Donate Blood

Amyotha Hluttaw Dy Speaker receives Asia Affairs Specialist of CRS

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein received Specialist in Asia Affairs Mr Michael F. Martin from Congressional Research Services of the United States of America, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall, here, this evening.

At the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on organizational structure of Hluttaw and duties, undertakings for drafting laws, implementation of People's desires by Hluttaw and cooperation with

International parliaments. It was also attended by Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Monetary and Revenue Committee U San Tun, Chairman of International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo, Public Complaints and Appeals Committee Secretary U Hmat Gyi and officials from Hluttaw office.—MNA

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L&F Ministry releases fingerlings, plants saplings



Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint releases fingerlings into No. 29 dam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries held the

fingerling releasing and rainy season tree growing ceremony at the ministry,

here, this afternoon, attended by Minister for Cooperatives and for

Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint.

The Union minister released fingerlings to No. 29 Dam and so did. Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Aye, departmental heads and staff. At the ceremony, the ministry released 21000 fingerlings.

At the rainy season tree growing ceremony, the Union minister planted a Gangaw sapling (Mesua ferrea) and the deputy minister and departmental heads together with staff totaling 300 grew saplings.

The ministry planted 830 saplings at the ceremony.

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Eradication of illegal timber extraction, environmental conservation talked

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—An educative talk on eradication of illegal timber extraction and environmental conservation, jointly organized by Indaw Township Forest Department and Township Writers Association, was held at the Dhammayon in precinct of monastery in Nanthasin-Kyundaw Village in Thukha Village-tract in the township on 24 June.

Chairman of Township Writers Association U Tin Shwe, Senior Forester U Saw Tin Win, Staff Officer U Chi Maung of District Information and Public Relations Department, writers Kannaphuma San Oo and Daw Nan Nyunt Khin gave talks on environmental conservation, development of libraries and raising reading habit.

Over 400 people from Nanthasin-Kyundaw, Tapaw and Tonpu villages attended the talks.

A similar event was given at Aunggon Village of Nanthan Village-tract the same day.—MNA

MWSF presents aerobics demonstration to mark IOD

YANGON, 26 June—A demonstration on aerobic sport in commemoration of the 2012 International Olympic Day 2012 was held at National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thingangyun Township of Yangon Region yesterday.

On behalf of the president of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, member of Myanmar Olympic Committee Vice-President of MWSF Prof Dr Daw Khin Swe Myint extended greetings.

Officials presented K 350,000 to students who participated in the sports activities to mark the IOD and K 1 million to MWSF. The vice-president of the federation accepted the donation and presented certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

The athletes from the federation demonstrated their skills in powered aerobic, individual aerobic and basic pattern of aerobic events.—MNA



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (R) holds a joint Press conference with visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin in Jerusalem, on 25 June, 2012.—XINHUA

JERUSALEM, 26 June — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday said that both Israel and Russia agree that “nuclear weapons in Iranian hands pose a danger to Israel and the entire world.” Netanyahu, speaking at a joint

Netanyahu to Putin: Iranian nukes pose “grave danger”

Press conference with visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin in Jerusalem, reiterated his oft-stated demand that Iran halt its uranium enrichment programme, transfer all enriched uranium out of the country, and disassemble its underground nuclear facilities. “I believe that we should be doing two things now: boosting the sanctions and also boosting the demands,” Netanyahu said, referring to a series of commerce, banking and oil restrictions against the Iranian government.

Putin, who is visiting the region on a one-day visit

and who spoke before Netanyahu, said they “spoke in detail about the Syria issue and about the Iranian nuclear programme.” After a meeting between the two leaders which ran on, Putin said that he felt he was “among friends,” adding that the ties between Israel and Russia were ones of “deep friendship, not something that will pass, and that will endure in the future.”

“We held a thorough discussion of the issue of Iran’s nuclear programme, and, even in the current situation, I estimate that we will continue to consult and

work together, and that these issues will be resolved peacefully for the good of all sides,” Putin added.

“I’m convinced that the cooperation between Russia and Israel will develop later as well, and this matter certainly meets the demands and interests of both states, in the region and in the world at large,” the Russian leader said.

Putin later thanked Israel for inviting him to visit. “My visit here reinforced the assumption that we have friendly relations, and these are not just friendly relations,” Putin said.

Xinhua

UK hackers admit plotting attacks on CIA, firms

LONDON, 26 June — Two British hackers pleaded guilty in a London court on Monday to plotting attacks against computers of international firms, law enforcement bodies and government agencies including the CIA, in a cyber crime spree that gained global attention. Ryan Cleary, 20, of southeast England, and Jake Davis, 19, of Scotland, both members of the hacking group LulzSec, pleaded guilty at London’s Southwark Crown Court to charges they conspired with others to hack websites last year, Britain’s Press Association reported.

Targets included the CIA, Britain’s Serious

Organized Crime Agency and National Health Service, the Arizona State Police, Nintendo, Sony and Rupert Murdoch’s British newspaper group News International and 20th Century Fox film studio. Targeted websites were hit by so-called distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks, flooding them with traffic until they crashed. Cleary, who has been diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome and is also wanted in the United States, also admitted four additional charges including an attack on Pentagon computers.

Reuters

Egypt’s army chief says to cooperate with new president

CAIRO, 26 June — Egypt’s ruling military chief Hussein Tantawi pledged on Monday to cooperate with the elected president to achieve stability in the country. “The armed force supports the legitimate president who was elected by the people’s will, and will cooperate with him to achieve stability, the rule of law,” said Tantawi in his first meeting with president-elect Mohamed Morsi. During the meeting, Morsi extended deep thanks to the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces’ (SCAF) management of the country during the transition period, according to official MENA news agency.

Morsi praised them for respecting the popular will of the Egyptians who carried out revolution seeking freedom and social justice. Morsi also hailed the armed forces for managing the electoral process with integrity and democracy, which brought the first civilian president of the country over the past six decades. Meanwhile, caretaker Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri resigned after seven months in office, according to the constitutional rules, which stipulated the government should resign after the election of a new president, MENA reported. However, local websites said Ganzouri submitted the resignation to Tantawi, who asked him to stay until the new president takes oath and assigns a new cabinet. Ganzouri met Morsi on Monday in the presidential headquarters to inform him of the latest security and economic developments. This was the first time since a year and a half to reuse the presidency palace, after it was deserted by ousted former president Hosni Mubarak.—Xinhua

Obama urges Greece to work with “Troika” on economic reform

WASHINGTON, 26 June — The US President Barack Obama spoke with newly-elected Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras earlier today. The President congratulated Prime Minister Samaras on his election and on the formation of his coalition government,” the statement noted.

Obama welcomed Samaras’s commitment to address Greece’s economic situation and urged the Prime Minister to work closely with the European Union, the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank in the implementation of Greece’s reform programme.

Xinhua



Egypt’s Prime Minister Kamal al-Ganzouri (L) meets with Egypt’s newly elected president Mohamed Morsi (R) in Cairo, Egypt, on 25 June, 2012. — XINHUA

Greek designated FinMin resigns for health problem

ATHENS, 26 June — Greece’s newly nominated Finance Minister Vassilis Rapanos resigned from the post on Monday due to his ill health condition, according to an official announcement. Prime Minister Antonis Samaras has accepted the resignation, wishing Rapanos speedy recovery and thanking him for his “willingness to offer his services to the country,” a Press release from the prime minister’s office said.

The 65-year-old National Bank of Greece chairman was named on Thursday as incoming finance minister in the new coalition government formed after the 17 June national polls. Rapanos was

transferred to an Athens hospital on Friday afternoon, shortly before his scheduled swearing-in ceremony, after a faint spell with abdominal pains. He is still hospitalized.

Doctors have not made public their diagnosis, but the banker submitted his resignation to Samaras, noting that for the time being he can not take office. According to local media reports, among likely candidates for the key post in debt-burdened Greece are former interim Prime Minister Lucas Papademos, former Interior Minister Tassos Yannitsis and Yorgos Zannias, finance minister in the caretaker government that led Greece to the second round

of elections after the first inconclusive polls in May.

Greek television channels, citing government sources, also referred to former Foreign Minister Stavros Dimas and Yannis Stournaras who served as development and shipping minister in the caretaker government. Rapanos was due to attend the 28 to 29 June EU summit in Brussels as part of the Greek delegation headed by Samaras. Both will miss the EU summit and the delegation will be headed by Greek President Karolos Papoulias, it was announced earlier Monday, since Samaras is recovering from an eye surgery for retina detachment.—Xinhua



Overseas Chinese greets Chinese Navy training vessel “Zhenghe” upon its arrival at Halifax port, Canada, on 25 June, 2012. “Zhenghe” arrived at Canada’s Halifax on Monday, starting a three-day trip to the country to promote friendship. The “Zhenghe,” started its five-month journey from the port city of Dalian in northeast China in mid-April, is scheduled to pay port calls to 11 countries, covering more than 30,000 nautical miles.—XINHUA

Steel skeleton completed at 4 World Trade Centre

NEW YORK, 26 June — Construction workers at 4 World Trade Centre in New York hoisted and placed the final beam for the building’s steel skeleton on Monday, keeping the structure on track to be the first to open at the site since the 11 September

attacks brought down the twin towers.

The final steel beam of the 977-foot (298-metre) skyscraper, weighing eight tons (7.25 tons) and adorned with an American flag, was signed by a group including construction workers and developers. It was then lifted by crane and placed atop the 72-story building in a “topping out” ceremony attended by about 1,000 people.

Four World Trade Centre is scheduled to open in the fall of 2013. Construction began in 2008. “The topping out of 4 World Trade Centre represents another milestone

in the effort to create a new, dynamic World Trade Centre at the heart of a resurgent Downtown,” said Larry Silverstein, the developer of the World Trade Centre.

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey officials said workers at the site’s flagship structure, 1 World Trade Centre, also known as the Freedom Tower, should complete steel construction soon and that building is scheduled to open in late 2013 or early 2014. Upon its completion, the Freedom Tower will become the tallest building in New York City at 1,776 feet.—Reuters



The final steel beam to be installed on 4 World Trade Centre is raised during a ceremony to mark its installation in New York, on 25 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Science & Technology Science & Technology Science & Technology

Seagrass could help cut acidity level in water surrounding coral reefs

LONDON, 26 June—Seagrass could help reduce the acidity of water surrounding coral reefs, protecting them from erosion, scientists have found. Research headed by a Swansea University marine biologist has offered potential solution to endangered coral reefs around the world's oceans.

Dr Richard Unsworth's team included scientists from Oxford University and James Cook University in Australia.

Corals are worm-like creatures of around a centimetre length which live in colonies numbering millions. Calcium carbonate released by the corals forms a protective reef around the entire group.

The survival of these corals has been threatened

by carbon dioxide in the atmosphere over the last 40 years, as it has raised the acidity of the oceans, rotting the reefs in the same way as fruit and fizzy drinks can erode tooth enamel.

But now Dr Unsworth believes he has found varieties of seagrass which can photosynthesise carbon dioxide so quickly and efficiently that they actually turn the surrounding water more alkaline.

"Highly productive tropical seagrasses often live adjacent to or among coral reefs and photosynthesise at such rates you can see the oxygen they produce practically bubbling away," the BBC quoted him as saying. "We wanted to understand whether this

could be a major local influence on seawater and the problems of ocean acidification."

"Rising atmospheric carbon dioxide in the air, primarily from human fossil fuel combustion, reduces ocean pH and causes wholesale shifts in seawater carbonate chemistry.

"Over long term time scales, this change in seawater carbonate chemistry is likely to cause coral reefs to start to disappear as the rate of erosion starts to exceed growth rates," he said.

Unsworth said not only are coral reefs intrinsically valuable in their own right, but they provide natural fishing lagoons and sea defences for millions of people, mostly living on small islands in the South Pacific. He warned that unless action is taken to protect them, then seagrass itself could be under threat from human activity such as over-fishing, chemical pollution and climate change.

The findings are published in the science journal, 'Open Access Environmental Research Letters.'—Internet



Seagrass could help reduce the acidity of water surrounding coral reefs.—INTERNET

Built-in dengue virus killer found in humans

SINGAPORE, 26 June—Scientists may have hit gold in their fight against dengue. They have located a human antibody that can neutralise and kill its virus within two hours.

Significantly, they have also identified a way to reproduce this antibody in large quantities, potentially opening the door to a cure for dengue infected patients.

The symptoms of dengue are sudden-onset fever, headache (located behind the eyes), muscle and joint pains, and a rash. The alternative name for dengue, 'break-bone fever,' which comes from the associated muscle and joint pains.

This discovery was made by a combined team from the National University of Singapore (NUS) Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School and the Defence Medical and Environmental Research Institute, all based in Singapore.

By studying a group of cell lines from recovered dengue-infected patients over two years, the team identified the antibody, could attach itself strongly to a

specific part of the dengue virus and inhibit it from attacking other cells.

The antibody eventually destroys the virus and at a much faster speed compared to existing anti-dengue compounds. It has been proven to increase the survival in a mouse model infected with the dengue virus, according to a NUS statement.

The World Health Organization estimates there may be 50-100 million dengue infections worldwide every year. With no approved vaccines or specific treatment available, dengue continues to be a public health concern.

This newly discovered antibody specifically treats DENV1, one of the four dengue serotypes, which accounts for up to 50 percent of the dengue cases in Southeast Asian countries.

The research team tested this new antibody with DENV1 types from these countries — with equally promising results, said Paul Macary, associate professor of microbiology at NUS Yong Loo Lin School, who as the principal investigator, led the research team.—Internet

Birds recognize human faces, voices

LONDON, 26 June—Some birds are able to identify their human friends by recognizing their faces and voices, which is the key to their ability to survive, says a new study.

Animal behaviour experts from the Universities of Lincoln (Britain) and Vienna (Austria) who worked with pigeons and crows in two separate studies, show that pigeons can tell familiar and unfamiliar humans apart, by reading their facial features.

The team trained a group of pigeons to recognise the difference between photographs of familiar and unfamiliar objects, the journal *Avian Biology*

Research reported.

These experimental pigeons, along with a group of untrained counterparts, were then shown photographs of pairs of human faces. One face was of a person familiar to the birds whilst the other was of someone they had not seen before, said a university statement.

The first group was able to recognise and classify familiar people using only their faces, whereas the birds without prior training failed. The results show that pigeons can discriminate between the familiar and unfamiliar people and can do this on solely using facial characteristics.

Lincoln's lead researcher Anna Wilkinson, from its School of Life Sciences, said: "Such advanced cognitive processes have rarely been observed in pigeons and suggest that they not only recognise individual humans but also know who they know — something which could be very important for survival."

In a separate study, the team investigated the ability of carrion crows to differentiate between the voices and calls of familiar and unfamiliar humans and jackdaws, or 'heterospecific individuals' or those outside of their own species, the journal *Animal Cognition* reported.



Previous research has focused on crows' ability to recognise and communicate with their own species. The crows responded significantly more often to unfamiliar than familiar human voices and, conversely, responded more to familiar than unfamiliar jackdaw calls.

These results provide the first evidence that birds can discriminate between familiar and unfamiliar heterospecific individuals using auditory stimuli.—Internet

US cyber weapon Stuxnet set to shut down



In this 2010 photo, released by the International Iran Photo Agency, Iranian technicians work at the Bushehr nuclear power plant, outside the southern city of Bushehr, Iran.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 26 June—The United States' most powerful known cyber

weapon, Stuxnet, which was created to infiltrate into Iran's nuclear fuel enrichment programme, will shut down just after midnight on Sunday.

According to Christian Science Monitor, Stuxnet infected some 130,000 computers worldwide, most of them related to Iran's nuclear fuel enrichment programme.

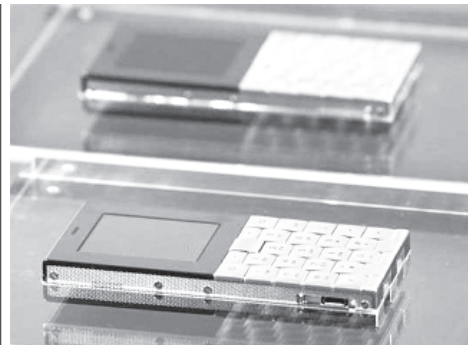
At present, the programme is still active and is going through various check functions and looking for a target to destroy. But deep inside Stuxnet's

labyrinth of software code are a few lines that will soon order the programme to stop working altogether in a pre-programmed, belated and ultimately unsuccessful bid to prevent it from being detected and deciphered, computer forensic experts who have examined the programme's code, said.

"Whoever was running this operation needed these programmes to conduct a large number of highly targeted and clandestine operations against Iran and its allies," says John

Bumgarner, a former Army intelligence officer and now research director for the US Cyber Consequences Unit, a nonprofit security think tank.

Congress lawmakers now are calling for an investigation into the leaking of the top-secret US operation code-named "Olympic Games" in which Stuxnet, a name that was given "the bug" by anti-virus firms that found it spreading on networks in 2010. There's no relief either for worried cyber security experts, some of whom have called Stuxnet the digital equivalent of the first nuclear attack on Hiroshima.—Internet



Mobile phones plated in stainless steel and 18-carat gold (top), with a price tag of HK\$79,750 (\$10,249) and HK\$462,000 (\$59,380) respectively, are shown at a luxury goods department store in Hong Kong on 20 Oct, 2011. REUTERS

Google, Mindshare launch 'Mobile Garage'

CANNES, 26 June—Mindshare, a global media network, and popular search engine Google have announced the launch of 'Mobile Garage' a venture designed to use Google's mobile expertise to supercharge the use of mobile by Mindshare's global client base.

Mobile Garage will see the setting up of mobile hubs around the globe — initially New York, London and Singapore — where Mindshare clients will gain access via dedicated teams to mobile strategists and product experts.

The hubs will consist of a mix of Mindshare and Google employees and will

work across all aspects of the mobile eco-system, from search optimisation and app development, to strategy, planning and creative optimization.

Mobile Garage will give Mindshare clients a unique advantage in the race to harness the growing global trend of mobile device usage.

Mobile search traffic has increased 400% over the past 2 years, and its potential goes even further.

The GSMA, the industry body for mobile operators, and research company Machina, predict there will be 24 billion connected devices by 2020 creating an industry worth \$4.5 trillion and covering innovations

such as connected cars, building automation and traffic management.

Nick Emery, CEO, Mindshare Worldwide, said: "Working with Google on mobile will give our clients a competitive advantage in a key battleground both now and for the future."

Matt Brittin, VP, Sales and Operations, Northern and Central Europe at Google said: "We have adopted a 'mobile first' philosophy at Google to keep pace with the rapid acceleration in consumer mobile usage.

We are delighted to team up with Mindshare on a similar strategy for their clients."

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Smoking fathers pass on damaged genes to kids

LONDON, 26 June—British researchers have found the men quite fond of smoking actually go on to pass damaged DNA to their children as fathers while raising risk of cancer among them.

Researchers at the University of Bradford found in their study that smoking harms the father's DNA, and these damaged genes can be inherited by his children.

This raises the risk of youngsters developing childhood cancers, particularly leukaemia, *Daily Mail* reported.

Because a fertile sperm cell takes three months to fully develop, fathers should kick the habit 12 weeks ahead of conceiving to avoid the risk, said Diana Anderson of the university of Bradford.

"Smoking by fathers at the time around conception can lead to genetic changes in their children. These changes may raise the risk of developing cancer," she added.

Meanwhile, scientists at the University of Glasgow have found that the men drinking lots of tea are far more likely to develop

prostate cancer. They found that those who drank seven or more cups a day had a 50 percent higher risk of contracting the disease than men who had three or fewer cups.

The warning comes after researchers tracked the health of over 6,000 men for over four decades.

The latest findings contradict a previous research, which suggested that drinking tea lowers the risk of cancer, as well as heart disease, diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

Internet



Dangerous: A study found that smoking harms the father's DNA, and these damaged genes can be inherited by his children. Because a fertile sperm cell takes three months to fully develop, fathers should kick the habit 12 weeks before conceiving to avoid the risk, Dr Diana Anderson said.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Keep kids safe in the backyard

Playing in the backyard is a great way for a child to get needed exercise, but you should make sure your backyard is safe.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these safety suggestions:

- * Make sure there aren't any dangerous or poisonous plants in your yard.
- * Create a boundary for your child if you don't have a fenced yard; make sure someone responsible is always supervising your child.
- * Make sure your child understands to never eat anything from a plant.
- * Take care when using pesticides or herbicides in your yard; make sure children don't play on an area for 48 hours after these chemicals are applied.
- * Never allow a child to ride on a lawn mower, and never mow with a power mower when children are nearby.
- * Keep children away from any barbecue grill.—Internet



A Vintage Ford Mustang is seen at the Washington Auto Show in Washington on 26 Jan, 2010.

INTERNET

Boomers buying cars they wanted as teens

NASHVILLE, 26 June — Baby Boomers are buying the cars they wish they had as teenagers, custom car restorers say.

Jim Brandea of Spring Hill, Tenn, who has an online collector car magazine called the Gear head Gazette, said baby boomers have more cash as their children get out of college and they want to recapture part of their youth, The (Nashville) Tennessean reported on Sunday.

Brandea, who also owns custom car restoration

shop called Hot Rods & Threads in College Grove, Tenn, said muscle cars such as the Dodge Challenger and Charger, Chevrolet Camry, Ford Mustang and Pontiac GTO are among the most popular cars with boomers.

"People are really wanting those cars, trying to relive the days when horsepower was king.

But trucks play a role, too. It really depends on what your flavor is," he told the newspaper.

Internet

Neurons controlling hunger also drive drug addiction

WASHINGTON, 26 June — Researchers have zeroed in on a set of nerve cells (neurons) in the brain's hypothalamus that is not only linked with hunger and overeating, but also drives drug addiction.

Researchers focused attention on the brain's reward circuits located in the midbrain to develop treatments for metabolic disorders such as obesity and diabetes.

"Using genetic approaches, we found that increased appetite for food can actually be associated with decreased interest in novelty as well as in cocaine, and on the other hand, less interest in food can predict increased interest in cocaine," said Marcelo O Dietrich, postdoctoral associate at the Yale School of Medicine.

Dietrich conducted the research with Tamas L Horvath, professor of biomedical research at the Yale School and his team, studying two sets of transgenic mice, the journal *Nature Neuroscience* reports.

In one set, they knocked

out a signalling molecule that controls hunger-promoting neurons in the hypothalamus, which regulates vital functions such as body temperature, hunger, thirst fatigue and sleep, according to an Ayle statement.

In the other set, they interfered with the same neurons by eliminating them selectively during development using diphtheria toxin. The mice were given various non-invasive tests that measured how they respond to novelty, and anxiety, and how they react to cocaine.

"We found that animals

increased drive of the reward circuitry, but who are still lean." "This is a complex trait that arises from the activity of the basic feeding circuits during development, which then impacts the adult response to drugs and novelty in the environment," added Horvath.

Horvath and his team argue that the hypothalamus, is key to the development of higher brain functions.

"These hunger-promoting neurons are critically important during development to establish the set point of higher brain



that have less interest in food are more interested in novelty-seeking behaviours and drugs like cocaine," said Horvath. "This suggests that there may be individuals with

functions, and their impaired function may be the underlying cause for altered motivated and cognitive behaviours," he said.

Internet

Ablynx says top drug shows benefit over rival

BRUSSELS, 26 June — Belgian drug developer Ablynx said on Monday its top drug, arthritis treatment ozoralizumab, had shown a benefit over its biggest rival in the \$24 billion market for this class of treatment.

The company, which makes ultra-small antibodies derived from llamas, said data showed few patients developed immunity to the drug, a problem which can affect its biggest rival Humira, produced by US based Abbott Laboratories.

"We believe that we now have the components of a much stronger and differentiating licensing package than we had previously," Ablynx Chief Executive Edwin Moses said in a statement. It said the study, an expansion to a previous phase II trial, showed that less than 1 percent of patients had antibodies at the end of the treatment period.

Abbott Laboratories has said antibodies developed in about 5 percent of adult rheumatoid arthritis patients who take Humira.

Ablynx is in partnership discussions for ozoralizumab, which it said it hopes to conclude at the end of this year. "If your question is 'does this have impact on partnering discussions', yes, because they come with a stronger data package and there is some potential for differentiation," says KBC Securities analyst Jan De Kerpel.

It's previous partner, US based Pfizer, handed back rights to the drug last year, sending Ablynx's shares down as much as 21 percent.—Reuters

European shares, euro spooked by Europe worries

LONDON, 26 June — European shares and the euro fell on Monday as persistent fears about Europe's debt crisis and fresh concerns about global economic growth soured investors' appetite for risk.

Investors were skeptical that a 28 to 29 June European Union summit would make any substantial progress towards tackling the debt crisis, now in its third year and buffeting Spain, the region's fourth largest economy.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel agreed on

Friday with leaders of France, Italy and Spain on a 130 billion euros (\$156 billion) package

to revive growth but resisted pressure for common euro zone bonds or a more flexible

use of Europe's rescue funds.

European stocks, FTSE 100 fell 0.6 percent, retreating for a third successive session after Friday's meeting cooled expectations for a breakthrough in the debt crisis.

"It's difficult to see too big a jump forward from these meetings because we have had so many until now. The past experience tells us not to expect a significant amount of news," Keith Bowman, equity analyst at Hargreaves Lansdown, said.

"It's a very much politically-oriented market and that makes it very difficult

for investors. Investors are also nervous ahead of the second quarter earnings season."

The downbeat tone in equities spurred demand for low risk assets, helping German bonds to snap three weeks of losses. Bund futures were last up 39 ticks at 141.26 while US bond prices also rose in Europe, pushing their yields lower.

The euro fell broadly, extending last week's losses. The single currency slid 1 percent against the safe-haven yen to a day's low of 100.05 yen and was last 0.5 percent lower against the dollar at \$1.2506.—Reuters



A trader looks at screens at the Frankfurt stock exchange on 18 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Runaway penguin 'No 337' to be named in Japan

TOKYO, 26 June — A penguin whose break-out from an aquarium in Japan gave him a following around the world is to be formally named after months of being known just by his number, an official said on Monday. Humboldt penguin No 337 spent 82 days at large in and around Tokyo Bay after bolting his enclosure, evading aquarium staff, an army of public onlookers and even Japan's well-equipped coastguard. But until his recapture last month and subsequent thorough medical

check-up, keepers did not even know what gender the plucky escapee was, and had insisted he did not have a name. Now officials at Tokyo Sea Life Park have launched a competition asking visitors to think of what the bird should be called. "We decided to give him a pet name by soliciting ideas and their reasons from visitors," said aquarium official Takashi Sugino.

"This is a special treatment to express our gratitude to the public for providing information on the

bird, and also for cooperating with us by listening to our call not to try to capture him," he said. Visitors are being asked to watch the creature — now safely back in his enclosure — before putting their suggestion in a box, Sugino said, admitting the aquarium was expecting a spike in numbers. Nominations opened on 15 June and will end on 1 July, said Sugino, adding "a naming committee comprising the aquarium director, the vice director and keepers will pick the most appropriate name." — *Internet*



Photo illustration shows a Humboldt penguin. A penguin whose break-out from an aquarium in Japan gave him a following around the world is to be formally named after months of being known just by his number, an official said on Monday. — INTERNET

Iran to transfer Tajik electricity to Turkey, Europe

TEHRAN, 26 June — Iran's Energy Minister said that his country is in talks with Tajikistan to transfer electricity from the central Asian state to Turkey and other European countries, the Press TV reported on Sunday.

"By importing inexpensive electricity from some neighbouring countries, it is possible to transfer electrical energy to countries demanding it," Majid Namjou was quoted as saying.

To connect Iran's power grid to that of Tajikistan, a new power transfer line must be built through Afghanistan, he said, adding that "therefore, a common power line among the three countries will be built after a final agreement is reached."

Earlier this month, the Iranian Energy Ministry official in charge of foreign exchanges, Abdolhamid Farzam, said the country is planning to connect its electricity network to six countries in Central Asia and the Caucasus, according to Press TV. — *Xinhua*



Wu Ping, spokeswoman for China's manned space programme, comments on the manual space docking mission between the Shenzhou-9 manned spacecraft and the Tiangong-1 lab module at a Press conference held by China's State Council Information Office (SCIO) in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 June, 2012. — XINHUA

China to send foreign astronauts to space with its spacecraft someday

BEIJING, 26 June — It is believed that China will be able to train foreign astronauts with its own space technology and send them to space by Shenzhou spacecraft someday, the spokeswoman of China's manned space programme said on Sunday. Wu Ping told a Press conference in Beijing that she believed China's aerospace technology will become more and more mature along with the development of its manned space technology.

China has completed limited number of space missions and will continue to conduct numerous manned space technological tests, she said. According to the plan of China's manned space programme, the country is still at the stage of making breakthroughs in fundamental manned space technologies, Wu said. "China has undertaken active and pragmatic cooperation with Pakistan in the aerospace field," Wu said while answering a question from a

Pakistan journalist.

The outer space is the common wealth of mankind, and it is the relentless pursuit of mankind to explore, develop and utilize the outer space, said Wu. She said that China would like to cooperate and make exchanges with different nations around the world on the principles of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefits to push forward the further development of manned space undertakings. — *Xinhua*

Sea environment worsening: data

BEIJING, 26 June — Increasing discharge of pollutants and booming offshore human activity, such as oil exploration, are worsening China's fragile marine environment, according to an annual report released by the country's ocean watchdog.

The severely polluted sea area surged to 44,000 square kilometres in China in 2011 from 25,000 sq km in 2003, according to China's 2011 marine environment report released on Monday by the State Oceanic Administration.

Li Xiaoming, director of the department of marine environment protection at

the administration, blamed overdevelopment in the coastal area for the country's worsening water quality. "Just one number can tell you how serious this is. More than 80 percent of the coastline in Bohai Bay has been crowded by factories and buildings," Li said. The construction of offshore projects across the country represented about 110 billion yuan (\$17.46 billion) in 2011, approximately 15 percent year-on-year increase, according to the data.

As coastal development has become a new growth area in China's economy, offshore development and

coastal construction are threatening the country's marine environment. A Bohai Bay oil spill in June 2011 polluted a 6,200-sq-km water area, about nine times the size of Singapore.

The report said that a year after the oil spill, the environmental impact of the incident still exists. Some marine experts warned that it will take about 30 years for the bay to recover. Many scholars and experts have also expressed concern over the worsening marine environment and the new round of marine exploration and development during the country's 12th Five-Year

Plan (2011-15).

Ma Chaode, project manager of the United National Development Programme, said that local governments must find an effective way of balancing economic development and environment protection. Feng Jinan, chief engineer of the Guangdong Administration of Ocean and Fisheries, said that methods for protecting marine ecosystems are still under study. He believes that a way to both protect the environment and guarantee economic development will be worked out. But before that, slowing down development is needed, he added.

— *Internet*



JK Shin, head of Samsung Electronics' mobile division, holds Galaxy S III devices as he poses for photographers during an event to launch the smartphone in local market at the headquarters of Samsung in Seoul on 25 June, 2012. Samsung Electronics expects sales of its new Galaxy S III, launched at the end of last month as a main rival to Apple's iPhone, to top 10 million during July, making it the South Korean group's fastest selling smartphone. — REUTERS



Residents run on high heels during an event to raise the public awareness of discrimination against women, in Bucharest, capital of Romania, on 24 June, 2012. — XINHUA

Japan begins new visa incentive plan for Chinese tourists

BEIJING, 26 June — Japan will grant three-year multiple-entry visas to Chinese tourists visiting earthquake-hit areas from 1 July, China National Radio reported on Sunday, citing the Japan National Tourism Organization. Industry experts told the *Global Times* on Sunday that such a move is aimed at helping Japan revive its tourism industry following the catastrophic earthquake last March. According to the programme, Chinese tourists can get three-year multiple-entry visas to Japan, on the condition that they spend one night or more in one of the three earthquake-hit prefectures — Fukushima, Iwate and Miyagi.

They can stay up to 90 days per visit and are allowed to go to other places in Japan on their second and subsequent visits. It is good news for Chinese tourists because it offers easier access to visas to Japan and it will boost travel to the country, Hou Tao, director of Qunar Tourism Research College, told the *Global Times* on Sunday. China ranked

second behind South Korea in terms of the number of tourists visiting Japan in 2011, but they spent the most money, at 196.4 billion yen (\$2.44 billion), among foreign tourists, Japan's tourism agency said in early May.

As well as the three prefectures, the economy of the whole country would be enhanced by increased tourism, with benefits to air travel, accommodation and shopping, said Hou, who believes that more areas of Japan will offer such trial programmes. This is the second time that Japan has offered multiple-entry visas for Chinese tourists.

Last July, Okinawa Prefecture started a similar programme. The number of Chinese tourists travelling to Okinawa surged by 87 percent in 2011 over the previous year, according to data from the Japanese authorities. Meanwhile, the number of Chinese tourists to Japan dropped to 1.04 million in 2011 from 1.41 million in 2010 due to the earthquake and tsunami that hit northeast Japan. — *Xinhua*

Development of gold industry course conducted



YANGON, 26 June—The gold industry development course No 1/2012, organized by Yangon Region Golf Entrepreneurs Association, was opened at

its office on Shwethontha Street in Yangon on 20 June.

Gold industry experts Chairman of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association (Central) U Thudaw, Patron

of Yangon Region Association U Ba Than (Ba Than-Quality Gold), Chairman U Myo Myint and Secretary U Win Myint gave speech and explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

At the course, gold excavation, refinery, goldsmith, inspection of quality and opening of gold shop will be conducted to the trainees. The course will last from 20 to 29 June.

Myanma Alin

2012 tree growing ceremony held in Loilem

LOILEM, 26 June—Under the supervision of Loilem District Forest Department, the 2012 rainy season tree growing ceremony was held at University of Computer Studies (Panglong) on 15 June morning.

District and township level departmental officials, NGO members and local people totaling 360 planted 1500 saplings.

Kyemon

Toungoo holds rainy season tree growing ceremony

TOUNGOO, 26 June—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held beside the moat on Hthlaing Road of Toungoo on 16 June morning.

Deputy Commissioner of Toungoo District General Administration Department U Hla Min Htut presented saplings to Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women's Affairs Organization, War Veterans Organization and Red Cross

and Fire Brigades.

Assistant Director of Toungoo District Forest Department U Myint Thein Tun and Staff Officer of Toungoo Township Forest Department U Win Naing supervised growing of 1104 saplings.

Toungoo District Forest Department has nurtured 1.4 million saplings of 16 species to establish 1150 acres of teak, 58000 acres of natural forest and 1470 acres of valuable forests in protected public forests.

Township Forest



DISTRICT NEWS

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued to local people

YINMABIN, 26 June—A ceremony to issue citizenship scrutiny cards to 255 fire victim people of Winphone Village in Yinmabin Township of Monywa District was held at the village on 6 June afternoon.

Staff Officer U San Lwin of Township Immigration and National Registration Department and staff presented cards to 255 local people through village administrator U Zaw Aung.—Township Immigration



Traffic rules educated to students in Kyaiklat

KYAIKKAT, 26 June—As Pyapon District of Ayeyawady Region is implementing the traffic rule education period for local people to be free from traffic dangers, educative talk was held at the hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Kyaiklat on 15 June morning.

At the ceremony, in-



charge of Pyapon District Traffic Police Corps IP Chit Sein gave talks on traffic

rules.

A similar talk was given at Kyaiklat BEHS No 2 in the afternoon.

District IPRD

Cash provided to patients with cleft lip and palate

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 26 June—Under the arrangement of Mawlamyinegyun Township Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, a ceremony to donate cash to fund for providing surgical operation on inborn cleft lip and palate was held at the office of Township General Administration Department on 18 June noon.

At the ceremony, Chairperson of Township MCWA Daw Thin Thin Aye discussed nurturing the life of children with inborn cleft lip and palate.

Next, treasurer Daw Htar Htar Lwin presented K 60,000 to parents of four patients.—Myanma Alin



Crops thriving in Yamethin in favourable weather

YAMETHIN, 26 June—Due to rainy days in June, local farmers of villages in Myohla Sub-township of Yamethin Township were delighted at thriving crops.

The local people are engaged in cultivation of groundnut, chilli and green gram. This year, the farmers who are growing green gram saved the cost in cultivation

due to lack of pest destruction. Spraying one acre of green gram may cost K 25,000 to K 30,000. This year, the farmers of growing green gram may earn increased income due to lack of spraying cost, said a local farmer.

Sesame plants can be grown among green gram plantation as the mixed cropping pattern. After harvesting green gram, farmers may harvest sesame again. The mixed cropping can fetch double income.

Groundnut and chilli plantations are thriving due to favourable weather in the rainy season. Some farmers are making preparations for cultivation of monsoon paddy on rain-fed areas.—Kyemon



Action taken against undisciplined motorcycles

PYU, 26 June—As of 1 June, basic education schools open in rural and urban areas.

With the aim of ensuring secure transport of students and teachers, Pyu Township Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee draws plans and take action against traffic rule offenders at the junctions and main points of the township.

The authorities concerned took action against 45 undisciplined motorcycles on 1 June, 16 on 2 June, 31 on 5 June and 20 on 6 June. The drivers were punished with fine and files were opened to take legal action against them at Township Court under section 22 of the Traffic Law.

Likewise, action was taken against undisciplined vehicles and motorcycles in the areas of Kanutwin, Nyaungbintha and Zeyawady police stations of Pyu Township.—Kyemon



TRAFFIC RULES TALKS: A talk on traffic rules was held at the training hall of District Directorate of Road Administration in Loilem recently. Head of District Directorate of Road Administration U Chit Tin and Inspector-II U Saw Ko Ko Pe lectured traffic rules.—KYEMON

Union Ministers, Chinese delegation discuss development of agriculture

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Secretary of the CPC Mr Sun Zhengcai of Jilin Provincial Committee of the People's Republic of China and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and party at the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry this afternoon.

At the call, both sides cordially discussed bilateral cooperation between the two countries, cooperation in technology between technicians, seeking market for agricultural produce, investment transport for paddy, beans and pulses including sugar and signing of MoUs on bilateral cooperation in agriculture and export sectors.

Present at the call were Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation

U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw, the directors-general of the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry, Vice Governor of Jilin Province Mr Chen Weigen of Standing Member of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee, D.G of General Office of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr Gao Fuping, D.G of Foreign Affairs Office of Jilin Province Mr Zhang Zhijun, D.G of Development and Reform Commission of Jilin Province Mr Sui Zhongcheng, Vice D.G of General Office of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr Liu Le, Vice D.G of General of Information Department of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr He Yongqiang, Director of General Office of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr Xu Hongbin and President of Fuhua Agriculture Science and Technology Development Co., Ltd Mr Liu Ye.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—A Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, left Vientiane of Laos on 20 June evening and arrived at Noi Bai International Airport of Hanoi, Vietnam at 9.10 pm LST.

They were welcomed at the Airport by Vice-Chairman Foreign Affairs Committee of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Manh Tien and officials from parliamentary office, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Thet Oo and military attaché and embassy staff.

On 21 June, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party who are paying visits to

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint receive Secretary of CPC Mr Sun Zhengcai of Jilin Provincial Committee of China and Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua.—MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party visit Vietnam



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party visit Bingdin Pagoda in Nimbim Province of Vietnam.

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Vietnam at the invitation of Chairman of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung, left Daewoo Hotel for Ba Dinh Square. There, Myanmar delegation laid wreaths at Ho Chi Minh mausoleum and

visited Ho Chi Minh house.

Then, they processed to Nimbim Province by car and were welcomed by MPs of Nimbim Province National Parliament and officials from Nimbim Public's Council. Myanmar delegation paid

homage to Bingdin Pagoda and planted Bo Tree there. In the evening, Myanmar delegation attended a dinner hosted by Vice President of the National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Uong Chu Luu, at Sofitel Plaza Hotel.—MNA



Rakhine State Chief Minister visits relief camps

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin visited families at relief camp in west Sanpya ward in Sittway on 24 June morning and inspected delivery of aids, unloading of goods from private-owned cargo ships at Sittway jetty and unloading of goods from vessels in Konedan ward.

In the afternoon, he visited clinics at relief camps in Shwesedi and Mani Yadana monasteries.

He then inspected arrival of aids, progress in construction of tents for displaced families and sinking tube wells in Thakebyin Village. At the relief camp in Thechaung Village, he inspected Myanmar Red Cross Society's clinic, dispensary, labour room and wards and healthcare activities.

The chief minister met townselders at Rakhine State government office yesterday for stability, community peace, rule of law and regional development. The meeting was also attended by Deputy Education Minister U Ba Shwe, the region ministers, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Aye Maung, Abbot of Alodawpyae monastery Dr Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa, Ashin Eindapala, members of Sangha, members of parties and social organizations and townselders.

The abbot of the Alodawpyae monastery and Ashin Eindapala delivered sermons. The deputy education minister, the Amyotha Hluttaw representative, townselders and those present at the ceremony discussed matters related to regional stability, rule of law, community peace and regional development.

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Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint speaking at coordination meeting on reform strategy for upgrading Myanmar engineering education.—MNA

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was celebrated at General Administration Department Office in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

The ceremony was

attended by Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Than Aung, Col Myint Aung Than and Director of Nay Pyi Taw GAD U Aung Khin, Deputy Chief of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force Police Lt-Col Zaw Khin Aung, Nay Pyi Taw Education Officer U Myint Zaw, departmental

personnel, members of social organizations, award winning students and parents.

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Drug Abuse Control Committee Director of Nay Pyi Taw GAD U Aung Khin gave a speech. The deputy chief of Nay Pyi Taw Police

Technological University yesterday.

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint delivered an address. Veteran professional engineers Prof U Nyi Hla Nge, Dr Ba Myint, Dr Kyaw Win, Dr Aung Shein and Dr Win Thein suggested upgrading of Myanmar engineering education system to international level.

Next, directors-general, rector and faculty members participated in discussions on reform process for upgrading Myanmar engineering education system. The Union Minister reviewed the suggestions of the scholars and coordinated adoption for future reform process.

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Force read out the message sent by the chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control.

Awards were presented to winners in commemorative article, painting, poster and cartoon contests and gifts to the judges. Those present at the ceremony then viewed the award winning works.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party visit Quang Ninh Province of Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party left Hanoi for Quang Ninh Province by car on 23 June morning.

At Tuanzhou Port, they were welcomed by heads of the province. They visited Ha Long Bay by ship.

In the afternoon, the Secretary of Quang Ninh Province Party Nguyen Minh Chich called on the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and explained development of the province, economic success and preservation of cultural heritage.

The Party Secretary hosted a dinner to the

Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party.

On 24 June afternoon, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and party left Ha Long for Noi Bai International Airport of Hanoi. At the airport, Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Manh Tien and assembly officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Thet Oo, the military attaché and staff saw off the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party. The Myanmar delegation arrived back in Yangon from Hanoi in the afternoon.—MNA



Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint holds discussion with Secretary of Quang Ninh Province Party Mr Nguyen Minh Chich.—MNA

Hotels and Tourism Minister meets in-charges of FDI hotels

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan addressed coordination meeting with in-charges of foreign direct investment hotels at the ministry here yesterday.

He said that the ministry has adopted four policies for ensuring convenient stay of foreign tourists in Myanmar. The ministry has informed

of rocketing high room rates and incomplete reservation services, he said. Despite three or four coordination meetings, the issues remain unaddressed, making both the image of hotel and tourism companies and that of country which is on the second wave of reform strategy, he warned. He urged hotel entrepreneurs to help visitors reserve the

rooms easily and to reduce standard room rates.

Three objectives and five directives of the ministry addressing the room rates and etc were discussed at the meeting. The five directives include the requirement that standard room must charge the cash not exceeding 150 US\$.

Disciplinary measures will be taken against the



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party receive Secretary-General Mr Nguyen Phu Trong of Communist Party of Vietnam at the Office of Communist Party Central Committee.(News on Page 1)—MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives UNDP Resident Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—United Nations Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam called on Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at the latter's office, at 3 pm

today.

They discussed matters related to developments in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and cooperation between Myanmar and United Nations.

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United Nations Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam calls on Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin.—MNA

hotels which do not adhere to the directives.

The general managers of 20 FDI hotels raised questions and Deputy Minister U Htay Aung answered the queries.

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Potential illegal border passers stopped

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Bago Anti-Huamn Trafficking Special Squad yesterday morning launched a surprise check on the vehicle of Win passenger transportation with license plate number 5b/7560 heading Yangon bound for Hpa-an at Phayagyi junction in Bago of Bago Region.

The officials found that 29 from Sagaing Region among the passengers intended to illegally cross the border from Myawady in pursuit of jobs in another country and stopped them. The squad convinced that they would be detained for illegal stay under the law of that country, face the danger of human trafficking and be sold to fishing boats, workshops and factories. They are currently in care of the Bago Region squad and will be sent back to their parents and respective native places.—MNA

Rep Office of foreign bank allowed

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—A ceremony to present permits for opening of new representative office of foreign banks was held at Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon branch) yesterday afternoon.

At the ceremony, licence for representative office was presented to Krungthai Bank Ltd. The bank representative office is located at 65 of Center Point Tower, at corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township in Yangon. So far, licences have been granted to 20 representative offices of the foreign banks including Krungthai Bank Ltd.—MNA



Wellwishers donate cash and foodstuffs for local people of Rakhine State through officials at Fire Services Department (Head Office) on 26 June.—MNA

Medical servicemen perform health care services at relief camps

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Servicemen of the Directorate of Medical Services of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and servicemen of local medical battalion daily make trips to relief camps in Rakhine State and provide health care services to the people.

Servicemen of the local medical battalion yesterday performed medical checkup on those present at the relief camps at Pyinnya Linkara monastery and Gytibak monastery in Sittway.

They chlorinated wells and lakes at the relief camps and fumigated the environs of the camps.

This morning, medical servicemen disseminated knowledge about prevention against diarrhoea and dysentery at the relief, personal hygiene and prevention of general illness at the relief camp at Basic Education High School Branch in Mingan Ward. They then fumigated the relief camp.

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Cooperative special sales staged on 7-8 June



YANGON, 26 June—As a gesture of hailing the 2012 International Cooperative Year of Yangon Region, the special sales was held

on the first floor of Bogoyoke Market on 7 June morning.

Assistant Director Daw Nyo Nyo Khaing of Yangon

Tree growing ceremony held in Labutta

LABUTTA, 26 June—As a gesture of hailing Myanmar Women's Day, the rainy season tree growing ceremony was held on the hillock of Myatheindan Pagoda in Labutta Myothit of Labutta District in Ayeyawady Region on 17 June.

Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Aye Nyein Lwin distributed saplings to members of the District WAO, Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, district and township level departmental officials, and members of social organizations.

Later, they all grew saplings at the designated places. *Myanma Alin*



Offspring of vendors decorated with school uniforms

WUNDWIN, 24 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to offspring of 65 vendors for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the meeting hall of Township Development Affairs Committee in Wundwin of Meiktila District in Mandalay Region on 14 June afternoon.

At the ceremony, Executive Officer U Thant Zin presented K 321,000—one uniform set per K 3000—to 107 basic education students.—*Myanma Alin*

DISTRICT NEWS



CASH DONATED: U Sai Yi Kyauk-Daw Stellar of Lucky Purified Drinking Water of Mandalay donated K 3 million for cardiac ward of Mandalay General Hospital recently. Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win and officials accept the cash donations.—MNA

Region Cooperative Department, Township Administrator U Nay Myo Than, Staff Officer Daw Aye Than of Township Cooperative Department and Chairman of Township Cooperative Society U Tin Win attended the special sales.

The special sales was held from 9 am to 5 pm daily on 7 and 8 June.

Kyemon

Tree growing ceremony held in Kayan

KAYAN, 26 June—Kayan Township General Administration Department of Yangon South District organized the tree growing ceremony hailing the World Environment Day 2012 on 13 June morning.

Altogether 450 people participated in cultivation of 300 saplings both sides of Daypauk Road at the entrance to Kayan.

Kyemon



Free health care services given in Paleik



KYAUkse, 26 June—A team of specialists from Kyaukse General Hospital from Mandalay Region made a field trip to Paleik of Singaing on 16 June and provided health care services at Paleik Basic Education High School.

Physician Dr Thura Zaw of the hospital gave lectures on health infrastructure, Pediatrician Dr May May Kyu on dengue hemorrhagic fever and OG specialist Dr Kyi Kyi Myint on birth spacing pattern.

Next, specialists gave free medical treatment to patients.—*Myanma Alin*

Rainy season tree growing ceremony organized in Dagon Myothit (South) Township

YANGON, 26 June—The 2012-2013 rainy season tree growing ceremony was held in front of National Culture and Fine Arts University on Pyidaungsu Road in Ward 26 of Dagon Myothit (South)

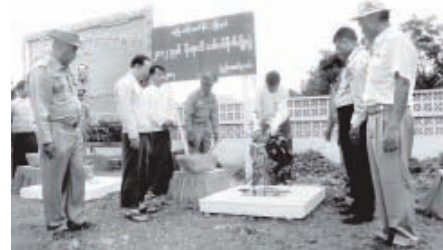
Township on 26 June.

Present were Rector U Kyaw Oo of the University, Administrator of the township U Myint Lwin and party, Staff Officer U Aung Naing Win of Township

Forest Department and staff, members of Township and Ward Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

Next, the rector of the university, the township administrator and those present grew 504 saplings.

Dagon Myothit (South) Township plans to grow over 29000 saplings in 2012-2013.—*Myanma Alin*



CSC issued in Kyaukse Township

KYAUkse, 26 June—Staff Officer U Khin Maung Latt of Kyaukse Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Mandalay Region and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to the eligible local people in Hanmyintmo Village-tract on 17 June.

The issuance of the citizenship cards was supervised by Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Aung Myint Than and Assistant Director of District INRD U Hsan Aung.

The assistant director of the department explained matters related to citizenship process and the region Hluttaw representative donated cash to the fund for issuance of the cards.—*Myanma Alin*

Plan to open Buddha Dhamma cultural school in Tatkon

TATKON, 26 June—The Buddhist Dhamma cultural school will be opened in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw Council on 1 July.

The school is aimed at producing new generation youths with Buddhism and cultural knowledge.

The curriculum of the training course comprises Buddhism, Mingala Sutta and Singalovada Sutta (Public Ethic) to be conducted on every Sunday.

Altogether 300 trainees at primary students will be trained at MyoU Monastery and 300 middle school student at Buddha Missionary Chamber.

Myanma Alin

Talks on knowledge about narcotic drugs held

YANGON, 26 June—Hailing the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Control, the educative talk was held at the hall of Thingangyun Education College in Yangon East District on 21

June morning.

Principal Daw Kyu Kyu Khaing made a speech.

Next, executive of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association U Sein Myint, retired director of Ministry of Education, gave talks on today's youths and drug

problems, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Thet Tun, Deputy Law Officer of the township U Kyaw Min Tun and Township Health Officer U Kyaw Kyaw Soe on knowledge about international day against drug abuse and disadvantages of illicit trafficking.

The principal and faculty members together with officials presented prizes to winner students.

San San Kyi



SCHOOL UNIFORMS PROVIDED: With the aim of realizing poverty alleviation scheme, the Executive Officer of Ingapu Township Development Affairs Committee on 7 June presented school uniforms to 54 offspring of 80 vendors from Ingapu Myoma Market and Htanbingon Market who lent loans from Rural Development Bank.—KYEMON

China rainstorms leave eight dead, affect millions

NANNING, 26 June — Eight people in southern China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region have been killed by rainstorms that have wrought havoc in many parts of the country over the last few days, authorities said on Monday. As of Monday evening, over 843,500 people and 35,530 hectares of farmland in Guangxi have been affected by downpours since Thursday, according to the regional civil affairs bureau. Over 2,300 houses collapsed due to the heavy rain.

And direct economic

losses are estimated to stand at about 310 million yuan (48.7 million US dollars). Local governments have relocated 23,300 people. Rainstorms and gales have hit the southern coastal city of Beihai in the region over the past few days.

The local meteorological observatory in Beihai gave a blue-colour-coded warning signal at 4 pm on Monday, predicting gales will rage over Beihai and the Beibu Gulf in the following 24 hours. Shipping routes from Beihai to Weizhou Island and from Beihai to

Haikou, capital of the southern Hainan Province, have been suspended as of 8 am on Sunday, according to the local maritime department. Torrential rain also swept east China's Jiangxi Province during the recent three-day Dragon Boat Festival holidays.

A total of 93,366 people have been affected in the province, which was evacuated of over 32,400 people and saw 2,364 houses toppled by floods, as of Sunday evening, according to the provincial flood prevention and control headquarters. Direct economic losses of about 1.28 billion yuan (201 million US dollars) have been incurred. Persistent storms have swollen three major Jiangxi rivers — Ganjiang, Fuhe and Xinjiang, the water levels of which have risen above warning levels as of Monday morning. — *Xinhua*



Children return homes after flood in Xishan Village of Tongfan Township in Guangfeng County, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 25 June, 2012. — *XINHUA*

One killed in blast in Kenyan port of Mombasa

MOMBASA, 26 June — A blast hit a night club in Kenya's port of Mombasa on Sunday, killing a man, police said, a day after the US embassy in the East African country warned of an imminent attack on the city. Police said the cause of the explosion was not immediately clear but Mombasa, a popular holiday destination for Kenyans and foreigners, has been struck by a series of blasts since Kenya sent troops into Somalia in October to crush Islamist militants.

"I am seeing one body. We are trying to seal off the area as we wait for officers to establish what kind of an explosion it was," said Ambrose Munyasia, the coast region's top criminal investigation officer who was at the scene, told *Reuters*.

Local media said three people had been killed in the blast at the night club, which is situated in a residential area. Eight people were seriously wounded in the explosion and taken to hospital, said police. "I have no idea what it was. I just heard several blasts ... something threw me and I fell on my back. Then I noticed I was bleeding from my neck and head," said Richard Mutiso, lying on a hospital bed receiving treatment for his wounds. One of the wounded was a nine-year-old boy who had shrapnel lodged in his chest and thigh.

A witness, Esther Muthoni, said she heard three explosions at the club where a crowd had gathered to watch the Euro 2012 quarter-final between England and Italy. "I had

just arrived and was having a drink as I waited for the football match to begin, then I heard an explosion, and another and another. I went down on my belly. Then I saw a car speed off and bodies lying all over," said Muthoni. On 15 May, gunmen detonated three grenades outside a night



A bar attendant injured in a blast at Jerico Pub in the Kenyan Coast arrives for treatment at the Coast General Hospital in Mombasa on 24 June, 2012. — *REUTERS*

South Africa strives to become one of top 20 travel destinations

CAPE TOWN, 26 June — South Africa is striving to become one of the top 20 destinations in the world by 2020 through developing "responsible tourism," a senior government official has said. To achieved this goal, the tourism industry should shift from focusing only on numbers of tourists and money spent by the tourists, Tourism Deputy Minister Tokozile Xasa said in remarks published on Sunday by the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS). "Responsible tourism" was defined as an approach to the management of tourism, aimed at maximizing economic, social and environmental

benefits and minimizing costs to destinations, with a focus on creating "better places for people to live in, and better places to visit," according to the just concluded International Responsible Tourism Conference held in London.

"Responsible tourism" means that there should be a more "rigorous" focus on sustainability, said Xasa, who attended the conference. "The world is starting to realize that responsible tourism is the way as it focuses on sustainable development and it is people orientated. People are looking for authentic experiences when they travel and that is what South Africa presents and

we based our case on practical examples," Xasa said. "Tourism is one of the six sectors that have been identified as part of the new growth path and we identified areas within tourism with a special focus on domestic tourism ahead of everything else, so we think by 2020 we should be in a position to have created about 225,000 sustainable jobs within that period," added Xasa.

The South African government, in cooperation with the tourism industry, has worked out the National Tourism Sector Strategy (NTSS) which is to make the country one of the top 20 destinations by 2020. — *Xinhua*

Chinese astronauts, in space, cheer China's success in deep ocean



In this television screenshot captured on 24 June, 2012, astronauts at the Shenzhou-9 manned spacecraft extend their congratulations and greetings to oceanauts aboard the Jiaolong manned submersible, which has succeeded in a 7,020-meter dive into the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean. — *XINHUA*

BEIJING, 26 June — Three Chinese astronauts succeeding in China's first manual space docking mission on Sunday congratulated over a new dive record set by the country's manned submer-

sible in its exploration in deep ocean.

We wish China's manned submersible cause greater achievement! May our motherland prosper! — three Chinese astronauts said

in a video message sent back to Earth from the Tiangong-1 space lab module.

Chinese astronauts and oceanauts separately made landmark achievements in the country's exploration of space and the deep ocean. The astronauts — veteran astronaut and mission commander Jing Haipeng, crew mate Liu Wang and China's first woman astronaut Liu Yang — successfully docked manually the spaceship Shenzhou-9 with Tiangong-1 on Sunday afternoon.

Meanwhile, three Chinese oceanauts, Ye Cong, Liu Kaizhou and Yang Bo, on Sunday refreshed the country's dive record in a manned submersible Jiaolong by reaching 7,020 meters beneath the sea in a successful test dive in the Pacific Ocean. — *Xinhua*

"Adopted quake panda" to return home

CHENGDU, 26 June — More than 60 giant pandas that were "adopted" by different zoos after a devastating earthquake destroyed their Wolong-reserve home in southwest China four years ago are expected to start returning home in September this year.

"The construction of a new panda breeding center will be completed in September. Then, those pandas living in other places will be able to come back home in batches," Zhang Hemin, director of the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda in Wolong, told *Xinhua* on Sunday.

The 8.0-magnitude quake struck Sichuan Province, where Wolong

reserve is located, and neighboring areas on May 12, 2008, leaving more than 80,000 people dead or missing.

Wolong reserve, the world's largest giant panda breeding centre that is some 30 km away from the quake epicenter, was severely damaged in the disaster, with panda pens flattened and infrastructure ruined.

The quake left one panda dead, one injured and another missing. More than 60 pandas were left homeless. In August 2008, half of the homeless pandas were sent to different zoos in Guangzhou, Shanghai, Wuhan and other cities, and the other half were transferred to a breeding base in Ya'an, also in Sichuan. — *Xinhua*

US crackdown on child prostitution leads to 104 arrests, 79 children rescued

WASHINGTON, 26 June — Seventy-nine children were rescued and 104 pimps arrested in a crackdown on child prostitution by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the FBI said on Monday.

The crackdown, code-named Operation Cross Country, was carried out from Friday to Sunday by 8,500 federal, state and local enforcement personnel in 57 cities, said Kevin Perkins, acting executive assistant director of the FBI's Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch.

"Child prostitution remains a major threat to children across America," Perkins said. "It is a violent and deplorable crime, and we are working with our partners to disrupt and put behind bars individuals and members of criminal enterprises who would sexually exploit children."

Operation Cross Country, the sixth this year, is part of the Innocence Lost National Initiative that was created in 2003 by the FBI,

in partnership with the Department of Justice and National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), to address the growing problem of child sex trafficking in the country. So far, the operations have rescued more than 2,200 children from the streets. — *Xinhua*



As a heavy rain squall hits, a driver leaves a wake as he turns on Riverside Drive in St Marks, Florida, on 25 June, 2012. Tropical Storm Debby dumped heavy rain over parts of Florida on Monday as it idled in the northern Gulf of Mexico, threatening to bring flooding and tornadoes. — *REUTERS*

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Smoke billows near houses in a mountain subdivision, west of Colorado Springs on 24 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Vicious wildfires spread to
Colorado tourist centres

COLORADO SPRINGS, 26 June — Wildfires moved in on some of Colorado's most popular summer tourist destinations over the weekend, destroying nearly two dozen homes near Rocky Mountain National Park and emptying hotels and campgrounds at the base of Pikes Peak. A wildfire near Colorado Springs erupted Saturday and grew out of control to more than 3 square miles early Sunday, prompting the evacuation of more than 11,000 residents and an unknown number of tourists. Authorities said on Sunday that they were allowing about 5,000 of those residents to return.

On Saturday, a blaze destroyed structures near the mountain community of Estes Park, where many visitors stay while visiting the park. The Larimer County Sheriff's Office said on Sunday that 22 homes and 2 outbuildings had been burned. The two fires are among eight burning in Colorado a week before the Fourth of July, a key time for family vacations to national parks and other destinations. A statewide ban on open campfires and private fireworks has been in place for more than a week. "We're used to flooding and tornadoes, nothing like this," said Amanda Rice, who recently moved to the area from Rock Falls, Ill. Rice, her husband, four children and dog left a Manitou Springs hotel late Saturday.

Rice, scared when she saw flames, took her family to the evacuation centre before she was told to go. "It was just this God-awful orange glow. It was surreal. It honestly looked like hell was opening up," Rice said on Sunday. With Colorado midway through its worst wildfire season in a decade, travellers have seen some of their favorite sites closed to the public, obscured by smoke and haze. Some travelers were awoken with evacuation orders. Plumes of gray and white smoke poured from the mountains Sunday, obscuring at times Pikes Peak, the most-summitted high-elevation mountain in the nation and inspiration for the song "America The Beautiful."

Internet

US says DEA
agent killed
drug suspect
in Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, 26 June — A US Drug Enforcement Administration agent shot and killed a suspected trafficker during a sting operation in northeastern Honduras, a US embassy spokesman in the central American nation said on Sunday.

During the operation, a DEA agent fired on a suspected drug dealer when he tried to use his weapon.

The agent protected his own life and his team's. The alleged dealer died," embassy spokesman Stephen Posivak said.

A group of around 40 people allegedly were unloading drugs from a small aircraft when the operation and killing occurred. The incident, which occurred on Saturday, was the second recent intervention by DEA agents in Honduras.

The nationality of the victim was not disclosed. Officials said about 360 kilos of cocaine were seized during the operation, which followed another raid in mid-May that involved DEA agents and Honduran security forces. Four Hondurans were killed during that incident.

Honduras often serves as a stop over for drugs being trafficked, mostly by Mexican cartels, from South America into the United States. It has the highest murder rate in the world, according to UN data.

DEA agents assist police, military and army forces from Honduras in the area as they hunt for traffickers. Local authorities have estimated that more than 22 tonnes of cocaine were seized in 2011 in Honduras.

Reuters

Hong Kong
ship suspected
in Philippine
sinking

MANILA, 26 June — The Philippines said on Monday they believed a Hong Kong vessel may have rammed a Filipino fishing boat, leaving one person dead and four missing, after initially suspecting China over the accident.

In a statement the country's coast guard said, the fishing boat "was accidentally hit by a Hong Kong-registered bulk vessel, the MV *Peach Mountain* which was passing the area... with some of the fishermen falling overboard".

Coast guard spokesman Lieutenant Commander Armand Balilo added that three of the survivors of the collision in the South China Sea on 20 June had said that the vessel that struck them had the words "Hong Kong" painted on it.

Balilo described the incident as a "hit-and-run", saying that the ship hit the fishing vessel and then left without trying to help the Filipinos.

The coast guard said it was contacting the Hong Kong Maritime Rescue Coordinating Centre for information on the vessel which was initially suspected to be a Chinese ship.

Internet

One feared dead in Canada roof collapse

ELLIOT LAKE, 26 June — At least one person was feared dead and another trapped inside the rubble of a roof collapse at mall in northern Ontario, authorities said on Sunday. More than 24 hours after the collapse, rescue workers were unable to reach the victims because the structure was too unstable. They said it would take until early Monday morning before the structure was deemed safe enough for search and rescue teams to go back in. Images taken with the camera show a hand and foot in the dusty debris, said Ontario Provincial Police Insp Percy Jollymore.

Fire officials heard tapping on Sunday morning in another part of the rubble, but nothing had been heard

for hours. They said they also tried to reach that person by drilling through a wall, but found the structure too unsafe to risk entering far enough inside. "Some of our search members this morning heard a couple of taps," said Bill Needles, a spokesman from the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue team which travelled from Toronto. "They called for a quick silence on the site and there was a couple more taps. That was an indication to us that we were dealing with a rescue." He said the operation was still a rescue mission and they were still hoping to find people alive. Police compiled a list of nine people missing since the collapse on Saturday, but the names were being crossed off as members of the community

accounted for their loved ones. At least 22 people suffered minor injuries in the roof collapse Saturday afternoon at the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake. A special emergency crew was working to stabilize the scene, but authorities said the process could take another 12 hours.

A portion of the roof that serves as a parking area crumbled down two floors into an area near the food court, leaving behind a gaping hole which was 12 metres (39 feet) by 24 metres (79 feet). It also downed hydro lines and triggered a gas leak. Emergency officials quickly cleared out the mall and closed surrounding roads. Mayor Rick Hamilton declared a state of emergency.

Internet



A woman checks out the damage after a roof collapsed at the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake, Ontario, on 23 June, 2012. The partial collapse prompted a local state of emergency and a search for anyone who might have been injured in the cave-in.—INTERNET

Nigeria says it needs new anti-terrorism tactics

ABUJA, 26 June — Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan said on Sunday he sacked his defence minister and national security adviser last week because the government needed new anti-terrorism tactics.

Militant Islamist sect Boko Haram has been fighting an insurgency against Jonathan's government since he entered office over a year ago. Several military crackdowns and a state of emergency have failed to stem the violence. The presidency issued a statement on Friday saying

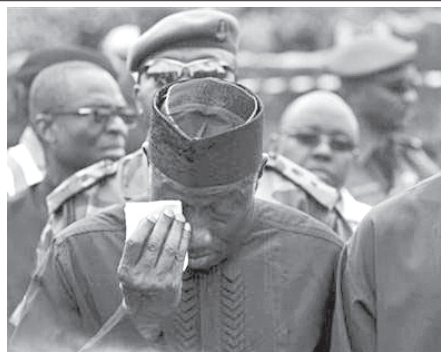
Jonathan's two top security chiefs had been dismissed but did not give a reason why.

"We think some new persons have to come in to change tactics in our fight against terrorism.... It's not that they were not working but just that we need to change tactics," Jonathan said in a meeting with reporters aired on state television on Sunday. Boko Haram, which is based in the remote northeast, has rapidly overtaken militants in the oil-producing southern Niger Delta as the country's biggest security threat. Niger Delta

militants gave up arms in return for training and stipends in a 2009 amnesty but brief efforts to hold a dialogue with Boko Haram earlier this year failed.

"Boko Haram has no face and government will not dialogue with a faceless people. They must come out and tell us why they are doing what they are doing," said Jonathan. Gun and bomb attacks blamed on Boko Haram have killed hundreds since the movement started its uprising more than two years ago.

Reuters



Nigeria's President Goodluck Jonathan wipes a tear after he arrived to inspect the site of a plane crash at Iju-Ishaga neighbourhood in Lagos on 4 June, 2012.

REUTERS

Four skyscrapers named among world's best tall buildings

Skyscrapers in Canada, Qatar, Australia and Italy have been named the best tall buildings in the world for 2012 by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.

The four regional winners include the Absolute Towers in Mississauga, Canada (Americas), 1 Bligh Street, Sydney (Asia and Australia), Palazzo Lombardia, Milan (Europe), and Doha Tower/Burj Qatar, Doha (Middle East and Africa).

The Al Bahar Towers in Abu Dhabi won the CTBUH's first Innovation award for the project's remarkable computer-controlled sun-screen, the *Daily Mail* reported.

The Absolute Towers are

set to be completed in August 2012, and will reach a height of 179.5 meters (589 ft) and 158 meters (518 ft).

While Palazzo Lombardia is the first tall building in Italy to earn CTBUH recognition and 1 Bligh is the first building in Australia to be honoured.

A record number of towers taller than 200 metres were completed in 2011 - 88 compared to 32 in 2005. Another 96 are due to be completed this year.

An overall winner for the 'Best Tall Building Worldwide' will be named at the CTBUH 11th Annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner at the Illinois Institute of Technology, on 18 October. The CTBUH

Best Tall Building Awards are an independent review of new projects, judged by a panel of industry executives.

Projects are recognised for making an extraordinary contribution to the advancement of tall buildings and the urban environment, and for achieving sustainability at the broadest level.

The Council received 78 entries from around the world for the Best Tall Building awards. The majority of the entries were from Asia, followed by the Middle East.

The number of entries from the Americas continued to decline, reflecting the impact of the recent global recession.



Blacksmith Liu Huiren falls after making stunt shows by hanging himself to a tree with a basin sucking at his belly in Tongxiang, East China's Zhejiang Province.

Bees hospitalise over 70 monks in Thailand

Over 70 monks of a Buddhist temple in the north of Thailand have been hospitalised after an attack by a swarm of bees, a media report said.

According to the *Bangkok Post*, the incident happened in the Chedi

Luang temple in Chiang Mai Province.

According to the temple abbot Ratcha Jetiyajarn, bees from the hives kept in the temple attacked a group of novices monk while they were cleaning the territory.

The temple head, however, could not explain the reason for sudden aggression of bees.

News Album

'Well,' 'Drought' honoured at LA film fest

LOS ANGELES, 26 June —Pocas Pascoal's "All is Well" and Everardo Gonzalez's "Drought" won the jury prizes for Best Narrative and Best Documentary at the Los Angeles Film Festival.

The award for Best Performance in the narrative competition went to Wendell Pierce, Emory Cohen, EJ Bonilla and Aja Naomi King for their work in Joshua Sanchez's "Four."

Benh Zeitlin's "Beasts of the Southern Wild," Sara Lamm and Mary Wigmore's

"Birth Story: Ina May Gaskin and The Farm Midwives" and Malik Bendjelloul's "Searching for Sugar Man" earned audience awards for Best Narrative Feature, Best Documentary Feature and Best International Feature respectively.

The winners were announced at a brunch where Jon Heder and Ari Graynor handed out the awards. "Every single filmmaker in this year's festival deserves kudos for their artistry and compelling stories. Our juries had such

gems to choose from in each competition and the winners truly represent what we hold dear — diversity and uniqueness of vision," Festival Director Stephanie Allain said in a statement.

"In an extremely competitive year, our juries had hard choices to make. The winning films are wonderful examples of what the festival celebrates: bold, fresh, personal visions that expand the horizons of independent cinema," said Festival Artistic Director David Ansen.—*Internet*



Director Benh Zeitlin attends the premiere of his new motion picture drama "Beasts of the Southern Wild", as part of the LA Film Festival, at Regal Cinemas L.A. Live in Los Angeles on 15 June, 2012.
INTERNET

Miller, husband said not splitting

LOS ANGELES, 26 June—US actress Penelope Ann Miller won't be separating from her husband of 12 years after all, *People* confirmed. "The Artist" actress, 48, ended a successful awards show season with the news that she and her husband James Huggins were separating. But she dismissed her request for a legal separation on 15 June, *People* reported.

Legal documents filed in Los Angeles Superior Court said Miller cited irreconcilable differences as the reason for the separation.

Miller also asked for no spousal support to Huggins, and asked for sole custody of their children Eloisa, 11, and Maria, 3, with Huggins getting visitation rights, the report said.

People said TMZ.com was the first to report their reconciliation.—*Internet*

Actress Penelope Ann Miller arrives on the red carpet for the 84th Academy Awards at the Hollywood and Highlands Center in Los Angeles on 26 Feb, 2012.

INTERNET



Jessica Simpson posts cleavage photo

LOS ANGELES, 26 June—US singer-actress Jessica Simpson posted on Twitter a photo of the ample cleavage she showed off while taking her infant daughter for a walk.

"Just taking a walk around the block," *People.com* said she tweeted Friday, along with the picture. "Street legal???"

In the photo, Simpson is seen wearing sunglasses and a low-cut black top, while pushing a stroller. She gave birth to Maxwell Drew on 1 May. She is engaged to professional football player Eric Johnson.

Internet



US singer-actress Jessica Simpson

Kate ordered to curtsy to blood princesses



Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge attend the premiere of "War Horse" at Odeon, Leicester Square in London on 8 Jan, 2012.—INTERNET

LONDON, 26 June—Britain's Queen Elizabeth II has ordered her grandson Prince William's wife Kate to curtsy to the princesses born into the royal family, documents show.

The *Daily Telegraph*

Internet

'Brave' wins box office bragging rights

LOS ANGELES, 26 June—Animation led the US box office during the weekend, with "Brave" capturing the No 1 spot with \$66.73 million in receipts.

"Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted" was No 2 with \$20.2 million after spending a couple of weekends as No 1.

All studio estimates of gross US box office receipts are via Box Office Mojo.

"Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" was third with \$16.5 million; "Prometheus" fourth with \$10 million; "Rock of Ages" fifth with \$8 million; "Snow White and the Huntsman" sixth with \$8 million; "That's My Boy" seventh with \$7.9 million; "Marvel's The Avengers" eighth with \$7.04 million; and "MIB 3" ninth with



Producer Katherine Sarafian (L) and director Mark Andrews arrive at a Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures event to promote their upcoming movie, 'Brave' at Caesars Palace during CinemaCon, the official convention of the National Association of Theatre Owners, in Las Vegas, Nevada on 24 April, 2012.
INTERNET

\$5.6 million.

"Seeking a Friend for the End of the World" was 10th with \$3.83 million.

Internet

Keira Knightley's comic act



British actress Keira Knightley

LOS ANGELES, 26 June—British actress Keira Knightley will soon be seen tickling audience's funny bones with her comic act in "Seeking A Friend for the End of the World".

The story of the film revolves around the news that earth will be destroyed in 21 days by an asteroid. Directed by Lorene Scafaria, the film also stars Steve Carell.

After "Seeking A Friend for the End of the World" Knightley will return to her dramatic roles with "Anna Karenina", an adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's novel by the same name, reports contactmusic.com.

Knightley, who has been recently engaged to musician James Righton, was last seen in 2011 historical film - "A Dangerous Method".

Internet



Shinji Kagawa won two successive Bundesliga titles with German side Borussia Dortmund. INTERNET

Kagawa excited by Man Utd move

LONDON, 26 June—New Manchester United signing Shinji Kagawa says he cannot wait to get started after completing his transfer to the club this weekend. The 23-year-old midfielder flew into Manchester on Friday to finalise his move from German side Borussia Dortmund, signing a four-year contract after undergoing a medical. Kagawa visited the club's iconic Old Trafford stadium and United's Carrington training complex and said he was delighted with the welcome he received.

"I was excited to see the stadium," the Japanese international told the club's official website. "Having imagined myself playing there as my home stadium, I was impressed." Everyone welcomed me warmly and said: "Thank you for signing with us". I know this is just the beginning but I am glad I have made it to the starting point. "What came to my mind was how exciting and tough a challenge this is, and how scoring goals at this stadium would make me so happy."

United is a fantastic organization. For instance, the training facility is very well maintained. It is an environment I had never experienced before. "Though it was a short stay, it meant a lot. It was a memorable day for me. There were many contracts to sign, which made me realise how big the club is." Kagawa, the first Japanese footballer to play for Manchester United, joined Dortmund in 2010 from Cerezo Osaka.

He had a glittering two years in Germany, winning two Bundesliga titles as well as the league and cup double in 2011/12. And Kagawa says he is determined to continue that success in the Barclays Premier League.

"Having completed the transfer, I can't think anything negative any more," he added. "I feel positive. I would like to achieve big things with such a big, historical club. I know there's a tough challenge ahead of me but I am excited to have the chance to take it."

Internet

Casillas eyes 100th win in Portugal semi



Portugal's Miguel Veloso, Ricardo Costa, Raul Meireles and Cristiano Ronaldo (L to R) attend a training session during the Euro 2012 soccer tournament in Opalenica on 25 June, 2012.

REUTERS

GNIEWINO, (Poland), 26 June — Spain captain Iker Casillas can become the first player to notch up 100 victories in international football if his team beat Portugal in Wednesday's Euro 2012 semi-final. To do so, on his 136th appearance for his country, the Real Madrid goalkeeper will have to thwart his club team mate and Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo, who has three goals at the tournament and has been on scintillating form.

Eliminating the Por-

tuguese, who have only beaten their Iberian neighbours once in seven competitive games, would give Spain a chance to become the first nation to win back-to-back continental titles with a World Cup in between. Casillas believes former World Player of the Year Ronaldo has still not quite reproduced the form that helped Real win La Liga for the first time in four years last season.

"His season at Madrid was incredible in terms of the way he played, the goals and the records," the 31-year-old, known in Spain as "Saint Iker" thanks to his miraculous saves, was quoted as saying in Monday's *Marca* sports daily. "I don't think that right now he is at his best level," he added. A fired-up Ronaldo has been peppering opposition goals with shots in Portugal's four Euro 2012 outings and Casillas said he will have to be wary of any deviation in the air due to the peculiar way Ronaldo strikes the ball. —Reuters

Forget practising penalties, says Germany's Kopke

WARSAW, 26 June — Ahead of Thursday's Euro 2012 semi-final against Italy, goalkeeping coach Andreas Kopke has said Germany will not be taking too many spot-kicks to prepare for a dreaded penalty shoot-out. Germany face the Azzurri in Warsaw on Thursday for a place in Sunday's final, but after Italy needed a penalty shoot-out to beat England in their quarter-final, Kopke insisted the Germans will not become spot-kick obsessed.

Although there is a clear

argument for preparing players to deal with the nerve-shredding tension of the dreaded spot-kicks, Kopke insists it is impossible to replicate the same fraught environment exhausted players face. "It is nearly impossible to 'practise' penalty shoot-outs in training, it doesn't yield much in terms of results, because you can't really simulate the psychological pressure goalkeepers and players will be under," said Kopke.

"The players just whack



Germany's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer during the Euro 2012 quarter-final match against Greece on 22 June. Goalkeeping coach Andreas Kopke says Neuer will be fully briefed about what to expect against the Italians should Thursday's game come down to penalties and the Germans will have done their homework. — INTERNET

Djokovic swings into action, Venus star wanes

LONDON, 26 June — Men's champion Novak Djokovic arrived on court with a golf club, Roger Federer with his own unique brand of magic and Maria Sharapova basking in a Parisian glow as Wimbledon's headline acts shone in the opening day sunshine on Monday. While that trio claimed routine victories to launch the 126th edition of the grasscourt grand slam, five-times women's winner Venus Williams had a forgettable day, ditching out in the first round after losing 6-1, 6-3 to Russian doubles specialist Elena Vesnina.

The 32-year-old, who has been beset by health problems, was one of 11 grand slam champions in the women's draw, including current US Open champion Samantha Stosur and 2011 French Open winner Li Na, both of whom had comfortable wins. World number one Djokovic was in a playful mood after a clinical 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 defeat of Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero. "I mixed

it up with a tennis racket," the amiable Serb told reporters of the stunt where he pulled out a junior club from his racket bag just moments after walking on to a packed Centre Court. "It was a little funny thing. Fans corrected me straight away, saying 'this is not a golf club'."

Djokovic could probably have used the club to beat former French Open champion Ferrero, such was his dominance of a contest that



Novak Djokovic of Serbia hits a return to Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain during the men's singles first round match at the Wimbledon Championships 2012 in London, Britain, on 25 June, 2012. Djokovic won 3-0. — XINHUA



Germany's goalkeeping coach Andreas Kopke at a Euro 2012 qualifying match in September 2011. Ahead of Thursday's Euro 2012 semi-final against Italy, Kopke has said Germany will not be taking too many spot-kicks to prepare for a penalty shoot-out. — INTERNET

it in when it comes to training and you can't really recreate that pressure, so it makes little sense to practise penalties." As far as I am concerned, I hated (penalties) when I was a player. "Sometimes you have to lure the goalkeeper the other way, or wait until the last possible moment for him to have moved before you kick." Kopke did reveal Germany's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer will be fully briefed about what to expect against the Italians should Thursday's game come down to penalties and the Germans

will have done their homework. By the same token, the German goalkeeping staff will know, and have passed on to their players, all of the habits and preferences Italy shot-stopper Gianluigi Buffon favours between the posts by Thursday. After Italy's 33-year-old man-of-the-match Andrea Pirlo converted their second spot-kick with an audacious kick past England goalkeeper Joe Hart on Sunday, Kopke said the cheeky chip showed the Italian midfielder's class.

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Elena Vesnina of Russia reacts after defeating Venus Williams of the US in their women's singles tennis match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 25 June, 2012.

REUTERS

Sharapova, fresh from winning the French Open and reclaiming the world No.1 ranking, dropped only one point in the opening four games against Australia's Anastasia Rodionova although she was eventually forced to engage second gear in 6-2, 6-3 victory. The Russian will face Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova in the second round — a dangerous opponent who reached the semi-finals in 2010 and the quarter-finals last year.

Reuters

Clijsters beats Jankovic in 1st round at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, 26 June — Kim Clijsters' last Wimbledon got off to a good start when she beat former top-ranked player Jelena Jankovic of Serbia 6-2, 6-4 in the first round.

Clijsters is playing at the All England Club for just the second time in six years and has said she is retiring after this year's US Open — this time for good, having returned to the sport in 2009 after a two-year break. The 47th-ranked Belgian looked to have recovered fully from recent injuries, breaking the 18th-seeded Jankovic five times — including at love in the final game to clinch the victory. She improved her record to 8-1 against Jankovic. — Internet



Kim Clijsters of Belgium returns a shot to Jelena Jankovic of Serbia during a first round women's singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on 25 June, 2012.

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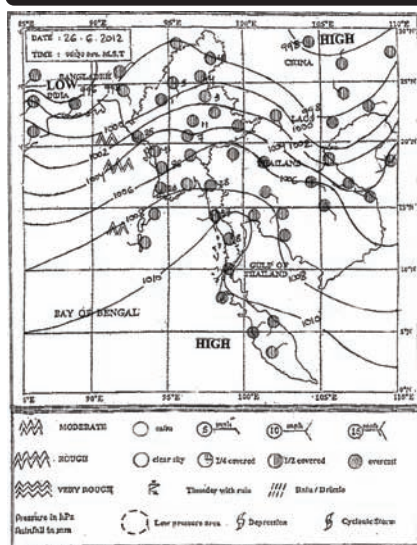
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- * Cultural Heritage Preservation (Part-II)
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- * Myanmar Movie "Life As Parents"

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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. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:10 pm 6. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm 7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:35 pm 8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Public Policy)
- 4:55 pm 9. Classical Song
- 5:05 pm 10. Myanmar Radio and Television by State Traditional Orchestra
- 5:30 pm 11. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 5:40 pm 12. Teleplay
- 6:20 pm 13. Traditional Boxing
- 7:05 pm 14. Documentary
- 8:00 pm 15. News
- 16. Korea NG Award
- 17. TV Drama Series
- 18. Fashion Show in honour of Myanmar Women's Day (2011)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 27th June, 2012**

S. No.		Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27/81	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	27/81	26/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayah	27/81	23/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(80%)
4	Chin	19/66	16/61	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sagaing	26/84	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tamshang	26/79	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	30/86	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	33/91	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(80%)
12	Yangon	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	23/73	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	28/82	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyarwady	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	30/86	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	28/82	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in the Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Magway Region, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Ayeyarwady, Tamuhsay Regions, Kachin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Tawnggyi (4.45) inches, Thandwe (3.81) inches, Thetayazet (3.11) inches, Ye (3.04) inches, Machanaw (2.80) inches, Bilin (2.67) inches, Hanabady and Zalan (2.24) inches each.

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

State of the Sea Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

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



English forward Wayne Rooney (C) performs a bicycle kick during the Euro 2012 football championships quarter-final match England vs Italy on 24 June, at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev.—INTERNET

Rooney running out of time to shine

LONDON, 26 June—Another major tournament, and another major disappointment for Wayne Rooney.

The man regarded as the most gifted English footballer of his generation is running out of opportunities to prove that his dazzling debut at Euro 2004 was anything more than a teenage flash in the pan.

Suspended for the first two matches of England's Euro 2012 campaign, Rooney made a goalscoring return in the 1-0 victory against Ukraine, a win which helped his side finish top of Group D.

Although the Manchester United striker looked some distance off his best form, England's management remained optimistic that Rooney would turn in an improved showing in the quarter-finals against Italy.

However that optimism proved to be ill-founded on Sunday as the 26-year-old failed once again to stamp his authority on a major tournament after disappointments at the 2006 and 2010 World Cups. Looking alarmingly short of match fitness, Rooney was also guilty

of ceding possession all too frequently — completing just 27 of 50 passes attempted, a completion rate of 54 percent. Only James Milner, with 48 percent, was lower.

Rooney's disappointing performances means that he will have to wait another two years until the 2014 World Cup in Brazil before he has another chance to prove he deserves to be bracketed with the world's best footballers.

Rooney's displays have focused attention on his physical conditioning. His decision to take a pre-tournament holiday in Las Vegas, where he was photographed visiting the gaming tables and nightclubs of Sin City, looks even more ill-advised.

However England manager Roy Hodgson has insisted his coaching staff were happy with the striker's fitness when he joined up with the squad last month.

"We've monitored his fitness levels and in training he has looked very fit," Hodgson said on Monday shortly before England left their Krakow base.

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Health knowledge on DHF prevention disseminated

GYOINGAUK, 26 June—An educative talk on dengue hemorrhagic fever was held at the office of Pantin Ward Administrative Office on 19 June morning.

Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Kyi Kyi Lwin broadened horizon of the local people with knowledge of prevention against DHF.

Health Assistant-1 U Aye Myint gave talks on health matters.

After that, health staff and members of social originations distributed pamphlets on health knowledge, fumigated the houses and inspected preventive measures against DHF.

Myanma Alin



CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: A ceremony to present cash assistance for 2012-2013 academic year to offspring of staff from Kungyangon Township General Administration Department of Yangon Region was held at the township hall on 15 June. Township Administrator U Kyaw Zeya Lin gives K 149,000 to the students.

TOWNSHIP GAD

**U Tun Aung Zan M.C.S.P(Eng),
Dip. T.P (London)
Aged 81**

My family and I wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sayagyi U Tun Aung Zan who was tirelessly devoted his time and energy to the professional development and promotion of physiotherapy profession in Myanmar.

U Tin Maung Aye
Senior Physiotherapist/Acting Head
MINDS, Singapore

Decapitated Belgian trekker found in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 26 June—Nepalese police on Tuesday launched a murder investigation after the body of a Belgian woman was found decapitated in a popular trekking spot in the Himalayas. Debbie Maveau, 23, had been missing for 10 days before her badly decomposed body was found on 14 June beneath a hiking trail in the Langtang National Park, on the Tibetan border, police said.

"Her head was around 13 inches from the rest of her body," local inspector Bhakta Sunuwar told AFP, adding police had no leads on the culprit and were trying to establish if she had been killed by someone she met before the trek.

Sunuwar said robbery and rape were unlikely motives since her underwear had not been removed and her camera and 8,000 rupees (\$93) in cash were not taken.

"People are not cooperating with the investigation. Everyone in the area says they have not seen her," he added.

"We found that she had travelled to Dhunche from Kathmandu by bus but none of the drivers in the area confirmed that they had seen her." A growing number of assaults in Nepal's Himalayan national parks have led to a US Embassy warning against trekking alone in the region.—Internet



An aerial view of the Himalayas west of Nepal's capital Kathmandu. Nepalese police on Tuesday launched a murder investigation after the body of a Belgian woman was found decapitated in a popular trekking spot in the Himalayas.—INTERNET

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—A ceremony to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at Myanmar Police Force (Headquarters), here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko.

The motto of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking for this year is "Global Action for Healthy Communities without Drugs". The aim is to take action and cooperate to achieve the goal of becoming a healthy society free of drug abuse.

In his address, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that successive governments in Myanmar addressed narcotic drugs problems,

based on their own capacity. A comprehensive 15-year National Plan (1999-2000 to 2013 to 2014) was laid down in 1999. Setting elimination of narcotic drugs as national duty, the two strategies namely development of the life of national races and totally elimination of narcotic drugs, have been implemented through three tactics—supply elimination, demand elimination and law enforcement. To be able to cooperate with international community in the drive to terminate poppy-culture, they are invited to visit poppy-growing areas and other important regions and let them meet with locals. Moreover, those who wish to lend a helping hand are also welcomed.

Seizure of stimulant tablets are also in the focus in anti-narcotic drives. In 2011, law enforcement agencies seized nearly

6 million stimulant tablets. There are 1550 addicts who registered to get treatment and 116 addicts have been undergone treatment

at three youth rehabilitation camps in Ahtetmanlai village in Namsang Township in Palaung Special Region.

The Union Minister also elaborated on international cooperation saying that after being an ASEAN member country, plans have been laid down for Drug Free ASEAN. He also explained the arrest of fugitive Sai Naw Kham on 25 April 2012 in Laos through cooperation among Myanmar, China, Laos and Thailand. He cited the arrest as the victory of the cooperation among the four countries. In conclusion he urged all to cooperate in efforts to totally eradicate of narcotic drugs as national duty.

After that, UN Resident Representative Mr Ashok

Nigam read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General to International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The Chief of Myanmar Police Force accepted K 7.1 million donated by wellwishers for awarding those who won prizes in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. After that, the minister, deputy ministers and guests enjoyed documentary photos and prize-winning cartoon, painting, poster, computer painting, computer poster and photo.

Regional Committees for Drug Abuse Control are holding ceremonies and activities on eradication of narcotic drugs across the country on extensive scale.

The destruction of seized narcotic drugs in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay is worth K 4264 million; in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon, K 11976 million; and in Taunggyi of Shan State, K 70764 million, totaling K 87004 million. It was attended by the union ministers, the Attorney-General of the Union, the deputy ministers, the Chief of Myanmar Police Force, officials from Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) and Working Group under CCDAC, the departmental heads, the ambassadors, charge d'affaires, military attaches, representatives from UN and INGOs, donors and guests.

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International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed in Nay Pyi Taw



Chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko delivers an address at a ceremony to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.—MNA

Union Information, Culture Minister receives Japanese guests



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives Mr Hisafumi Koga, President & Executive Officer of Japan Kyodo News and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received President & Chief Executive Officer Mr Hisafumi Koga of Japan Kyodo News and party this noon.

They exchanged views on news exchange between News and Periodicals Enterprise and Kyodo News, cooperation for development of information and technology, and assistances of equipment, fund and

expertises for human resources development in IT field of Myanmar.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Information Minister U Soe Win and departmental heads.—MNA

TV viewers to receive Channel 7 (Free to Air) with ordinary antenna

YANGON, 26 June—Channel 7 (Free to Air) is being broadcast around Yangon through 222-228 MHz in frequency of VHF and around Mandalay through J11 (210-216MHz) in frequency of VHF. Therefore, the people can

enjoy better images of TV programmes with the use of ordinary VHF antennas.

The towns receiving MRTV-4 and its related channels through digital system can use digital TV receivers or digital tuner TV for enjoying programmes.

Those using satellite TV receivers may receive the programs through Thaicom-5 (78.5°E), downlink frequency 3617 MHz (C-Band), Symbol Rate 12500, Polarization (V) and FEC (7/8) across the nation.

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Forget practising penalties, says Germany's Kopke



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Djokovic swings into action, Venus star wanes



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Chinese astronauts, in space, cheer China's success in deep ocean



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Blacksmith Liu Huiren falls after making stunt shows by hanging himself to a tree with a basin sucking at his belly in Tongxiang, East China's Zhejiang Province.