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* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

President U Thein Sein views demonstration on capacity of agricultural equipment at 500-acre farmer educative farm in Pobbathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein viewed the demonstration on capacity of agricultural equipment at 500-acre Nyaungbingyisu farmer educative farm in irrigated area of Ngalaik Dam in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Union ministers, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads, officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, responsible persons of Kubota Co of Japan, the chairman of Siam Kubota Company (SKC) of Thailand and officials, responsible persons of sale agent of Kubota in Myanmar Good Brothers Co and farmers of Nyaungbingyisu Village.

On arrival at the 500-acre farm at 6.30 am, President U Thein Sein viewed products of Kubota Co namely Kubota combined harvester, 95-Hp Kubota tractor, 47-Hp Kubota tractor, 24-Hp Kubota tractor, related



President U Thein Sein views demonstration of machine capacity at educative farm (500-acre) in Nyaungbingyisu Village, Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

equipment, Kubota power-tiller and Kubota paddy transplanting machine.

Director-General U Soe Hlaing of

Agricultural Mechanization Department and officials of the company conducted the President round the displays of machinery.

After that, the President viewed soil preparations with the use of 47-Hp Kubota tractor, ox-driven farming implement, 85-Hp Kubota tractor and small land preparatory manufactured by Agricultural Mechanization Department.

Next, the President cordially greeted farmers from Nyaungbingyisu Village and asked about farming works.

The President looked into cleaning of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds, use of farming machinery, and sample packets of Palethwe paddy strains.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than reported on work process.

At the laboratory of paddy seeds, the President viewed test of sprouts, quality of paddy seeds, cleaning of paddy quality strain, and paddy seeds dryer. Officials reported on use of machinery and their work power.

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President U Thein Sein holding discussions with farmers in Nyaungbingyisu who are attending demonstration of machine capacity at 500-acre farmer educative farm.—MNA

Airbus mulls US assembly plant



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Little drivers get ready for the Friends of Ferrari race in support of children's charities in Vancouver, Canada, on 24 June, 2012. Boys and girls, ages 3-5, wore Ferrari Racing Suits and drove Replica Formula 1 Electric Cars in mini Grand Prix events.

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Spain enters Euro final, edging Portugal 4-2 on penalties



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Soaring over the Thames: Cable Car takes flight



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PERSPECTIVES

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Push media sector to a new high

The new government, since the assumption of the State duties, has embarked on a series of reforms, and it has now speeded up its reforms process with the adoption of reform strategy. In an age of rapid technological advance, the government has to be flexible and imaginative in its approach.

The Ministry of Information, on its part, has been making reforms in the media sector in accordance with the constitution since the advent of the new government and the reforms have now reached a certain level. Under the reforms, private media now has the right to publish freely fair and wide, government departments have established media teams to issue and hold press conference on matters of departments concerned and such State media as newspapers and broadcasting stations are going through reforms in both form and content.

Form and content of the State media must be transformed into the values of public service media meeting three objectives, namely, to inform policies and stances and activities of the government, to publish opinion, wish, aspiration and feedbacks of the people over the functions of the government and to make constructive criticisms as to the functions of the government.

In a democratic nation, the press, the Fourth Estate of the State, must monitor the legislative, executive and judicial pillars in order that the every essence of democracy can be practiced correctly. In doing so, the Fourth Estate must be proficient and genuine.

As media reform is a subtle, arduous haul, the ministry used the best international practices distilled from other global nations' experiences so that its reform process could do away with unnecessary problems.

The government mastered a difficult and delicate process in its democratization. Taking an uncompromising stance on its reforms, the government has seen substantive democratic changes in the nation. With this, it is pushing the media sector to a new high as a bold move under the reform strategy already in place.

Uniforms, stationery provided to students

MAWLAMYINE, 28 June—A ceremony to provide school stationery and uniforms for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of Myoma Police Station in Mawlamyine on 24 June.

Commander of Mawlamyine Township Police Force Police Captain Myint Shwe explained the purpose of providing assistance to the students at primary, middle and high school levels and presented 118,000 and school uniforms and stationery worth over K 200,000 to students.

Township Police Force



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Adviser to the Foreign Minister of Islamic Republic of Iran Mr Mohammad Ali Fatholahi at Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw on 28 June.
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Union Cooperatives Minister holds meeting with staff

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint this morning held a meeting with staff at the hall of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

At the meeting, officials concerned reported to the Union Minister on sales of mobile phones through installment by the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs to staff, directives of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, agricultural tasks of the staff of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, and sanitation works inside and outside the office.

The Union Minister gave necessary instructions after urging those present to carry out works with strenuous efforts.

It was attended by the Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, the Directors-General, rector, faculty members and officials of the Directorate of Livestock and Fisheries, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Fisheries Department, the Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise, the University of Veterinary Science and the Beekeeping Department.

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Myanmar, EU to cooperate in reducing climate change impact

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received in-charge of European Union Office in Myanmar Mr Andreas List and party at the ministry here yesterday morning and discussed continuous forest management, promotion of Myanmar timber sales in West European market and cooperation in reducing climate change impact.

Present at the call were Acting Director-General of Forest Department U Aye Myint Maung and Director-General of Dry Zone Greening Department U Htay Aung,

Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise U Khin Maung Yi and Deputy Director-General of Planning and Statistics Department U Tin Tun.

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New Hope comes for Bago

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win received Director Mr Li Ping Wen of New Hope Singapore Pte Ltd of the Republic of Singapore and party at the region government office yesterday.

The meeting focused on prospects for investments in Bago Region.

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Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win receives Director Mr Li Ping Wen and party of New Hope Singapore Pte Ltd.
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Laotian delegation wraps up visit

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—The visiting Laotian goodwill delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Dr Thongloun Sisoulith went back home from here this morning by special flight.

Directors-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, departmental heads and personnel, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nilahath Sayarth and personnel of the embassy saw off the delegation at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA

Australian Ambassador meets UM FCCI officials

YANGON, 28 June—Australian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ms. Bronte Nadine Moules and Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, Ms. Ruth Stewart called on Vice-Presidents of the UM FCCI U Thang Tin and Dr Maung Maung Lay at the office here on 26 June morning.

The meeting focused on opening of human resource development courses between the two countries, technical aids, scholarships, as well as sending Australian experts to the country to assist in respective sectors.—MNA

CASH DONATED: In memory of late husband U Yon Khin, Daw Son (Kyonmange) and family of Ayeyektha 1st Lane in Bahan Township donated K 200,000 to meal and medical funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Vice-Chairman of the Home Management Board U Thein Aung accepts cash donation.—NLM



Iraq bomb attacks kill 15, wound scores

BAGHDAD, 28 June— Bombings in and around Baghdad killed 15 people and wounded more than 50 on Thursday, the latest in a wave of sectarian attacks in Iraq, hospital sources and police said.

In the deadliest, at least eight people were killed and 30 wounded when a bomb in a parked taxi exploded at the entrance of a Baghdad market in the mainly Shi'ite Muslim district of Washash, police said.

"There were bodies scattered everywhere. Glass and vegetables covered the whole place," said police officer Ahmed Nouri, who was on patrol nearby when the bomb detonated.

"I feel like my clothes are completely covered in blood and the smell of it is in my nose," he said.



Residents inspect the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad, on 28 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Most of the victims were vendors setting up their produce in the early hours before shoppers arrived, he said. "In some places you cannot tell the blood from the (pulverised) vegetables," he said.

Violence in Iraq has fallen since a peak in 2006-07 following the 2003 US

invasion but insurgents remain capable of lethal attacks. More than 150 people have been killed in June across the country in a rise in attacks targeting mainly Shi'ite pilgrims and shrines.

Iraq's Shi'ite, Sunni and Kurdish factions have been locked in political disputes since the last US troops

withdrew in December, aggravating existing tensions. A separate car bomb attack in Taji, a town 20 km (12 miles) north of the capital, killed four and wounded 20 early on Thursday, police said. The bomb in the mainly Sunni town was targeting a government building, which was severely damaged.

Another bomb on a roadside targeting a police patrol killed one and wounded five in Abu Dsheer, a Shi'ite area in southern Baghdad, police said.

While most recent attacks have centred around the capital, bombers also struck Fallujah, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad on Thursday.

A suicide bomber killed two police officers and wounded four others after an attack targeting a government compound, police said.

Reuters

US, Laos hold fourth Comprehensive Bilateral Dialogue

WASHINGTON, 28 June—The United States and Laos held their fourth Comprehensive Bilateral Dialogue on Wednesday to discuss a wide range of bilateral and regional issues in a bid to expand the bilateral ties, the US State Department said. The dialogue was co-chaired by US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Kurt Campbell and Lao Vice Foreign Minister Bounkeut Sangsomsak.

"The dialogue provided an opportunity to engage in a comprehensive discussion of bilateral and regional issues that reflected our expanding relationship," the State Department said in a statement issued after the meeting. The two sides discussed matters including the forthcoming entry of Laos into the World Trade Organization, ongoing bilateral efforts to help resolve the problem of unexploded ordnance in Laos, and cooperation on a range of activities including health, educational exchanges, counternarcotics, law enforcement, trafficking-in-persons, and environmental protection.

The delegations also discussed ongoing efforts to resolve the cases of American personnel still missing in Laos from the Vietnam War period, the statement said.

Xinhua

World Media Summit issues IP protection convention

BEIJING, 28 June — The secretariat of the World Media Summit (WMS) issued on Thursday a convention on the protection of intellectual property related to media results. Following is the full text of the convention:

World Media Summit Convention on the Protection of Intellectual Property Related to Media Results (June 2012)

On 27 September, 2011, the World Media Summit (WMS) Presidium Meeting was held in Beijing, where members of the Presidium unanimously agreed that with the development of new media and digital technology, problems concerning intellectual property protection related to media results would become increasingly serious.

To guarantee correct use and communication of media results, maintain the legitimate interests of media result originators thereof, promote the thriving development of the media industry in the

world, and achieve the objective of "Cooperation, Action, Win-Win and Development" of the WMS, member institutions of the Presidium, including Xinhua News Agency, The Associated Press (AP), BBC, The New York Times Company, ITAR-TASS, Kyodo News, News Corporation, Thomson Reuters, Al Jazeera, and Turner Broadcasting System, developed and agreed on the Convention on the Protection of Intellectual Property Related to Media Results under the mechanism of the Summit.

We have recognized that the media results are the results of intellectual creation from the originators, the related rights of authorship, alteration and reproduction (The above rights originate from "Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works" but excluding the property rights related to the performance such as alteration right, public

performance right and recitation right and so on.

In addition, the translation right, broadcasting right, recording right and continuation right shall not be included herein.) shall be protected; the news media shall observe the rule of fair competition during operation, and fully respect the intellectual property rights of other persons.

We are committed to strengthening their self-disciplinary behaviors on the protection of intellectual property rights of media results by means of improving internal rules and regulations, respecting and protecting the legitimate interests of the media result originators.

We are committed to indicating sources when quoting the media results of others, respecting the integrity right of the media results, and not making any misrepresentation or alteration on these quoted media results.

Xinhua



Weapons on display are seen during the Second International Forum Engineering Technologies in Zukovsky near Moscow, Russia, on 27 June, 2012. The Exhibition Programme of the five-day forum will include a static exposition with an area of over 10,000 square meters presenting 59 samples of military and special-purpose equipment. Also, a large-scale display of civil and military equipment will be held here.

XINHUA

China-central Asia, Europe motor transport routes opened

YINING, 28 June — China has opened motor transport routes to central Asia and European countries as six fully loaded trucks headed for France on Wednesday from Helgus port, the biggest land port in west China. The opening of the routes will reduce the time it takes to transport cargo between China and Europe, giving businessmen home and abroad a safe, efficient, lower-cost and convenient logistics channel, said Abdusalam

Sadek, mayor of Yining city of Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, which borders Kazakhstan.

The motor transport routes were initiated by the Yili WIL-CAN Cargo Group from China and France's Comex Holdings International Ltd. A total of 50 trucks containing products from China are expected to be sent to central Asian, Russia and European countries every day by road from the end of this year, according to Cao

Ganyun, executive director of the Yili WIL-CAN Cargo Group. By 2014, 500 trucks of products will be transported every day, he said. China's trade with central Asia and Europe has boomed in recent years.

There is a huge demand for motor logistics in the region as shipping takes a much longer time. Yining is 90 km from the Helgus port and is one of China's gateway cities to central Asia.

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Two fire-fighting vessels take part in a joint maritime search and rescue drill in the offshore waters of Zhuhai, south China's Guangdong Province, on 27 June, 2012. A joint maritime search and rescue drill among Guangdong, China's Hong Kong and Macao was held here on Wednesday to bolster emergency response and cooperation in the Pearl River Delta.

XINHUA

Ukrainian, Russian PMs attend meeting to boost cooperation

KIEV, 28 June — The Ukrainian and Russian prime ministers on Wednesday attended a meeting of the Ukraine-Russia Intergovernmental Commission in a bid to strengthen bilateral cooperation.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov and his visiting Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev discussed collaboration between the two countries at the meeting, which focused on trade,

investment and inter-governmental cooperation.

"Despite some issues, which require not only political will but also patience, time and exact calculations, the two sides are set to move forward," said Azarov.

The two countries have maintained close political dialogues, Azarov said, expressing belief that the work of the intergovernmental commission will yield results, including the signing of a host

of bilateral deals. Construction of the Kosice-Bratislava-Wien railway, an increase of flights between Moscow and Kiev, and the creation of a bilateral commission to deal with investment disputes are the priorities now for the two governments, Azarov said.

Azarov said bilateral trade between the two neighbours amounted to 55 billion US dollars in 2011 and has risen 8 percent in the first

quarter of 2012 year-on-year.

Medvedev, who arrived in Kiev on Wednesday morning for a one-day working visit, hailed the strategic partnership with Ukraine and urged Kiev to implement new projects.

"We have every opportunity to make a new step in the development of our socio-economic cooperation," Medvedev said.

Xinhua

Science & Technology Science & Technology Science & Technology

Planned Google tablet to rival Amazon: Asustek exec

TAIPEI, 28 June—Google Inc will soon unveil a tablet co-branded with Taipei's Asustek Computer Inc and priced to compete with Amazon's Kindle Fire device, an Asustek executive said on Wednesday. Amazon's Kindle Fire, which runs a version of Google's Android operating system, sells for \$199. Through it users can access Amazon content including books, music and video.

"It's targeting Amazon. The Kindle is based on Google's platform but with its own service, so Google has to launch its own service, too," said the executive of the device.

Google has its own store for apps called Google Play, but does not have anything like Amazon's service.

Bloomberg earlier reported that Google would launch a tablet at its developer conference this week, taking direct



Google Inc's logo is seen at an office in Seoul in this 3 May, 2011 file photograph. —REUTERS

aim at Apple Inc's iPad, citing two people familiar with the matter. One of the sources said the 7-inch tablet would showcase new features of Android. The Asustek executive, who did not want to be named as the planned device has not yet been made public, declined to give details on its price, specifications or launch timetable. Rumors that the search engine giant planned to launch a tablet at its annual developer conference have circulated on tech blogs for weeks.

Google declined to comment.

Apple's iPad had a 68 percent share of the market in January-March, according to data from IDC. Amazon had a little over 4 percent, lagging Samsung Electronics and Lenovo. Microsoft last week introduced its own line of tablet computers, marking a major strategic shift for the software giant as it struggles to compete with Apple and re-invent its aging Windows franchise. Google has previously worked with hardware manufacturers HTC and Samsung to produce co-branded Android mobile phones under the Nexus brand. This would be its first such tablet device.

Asustek shares gained 2.6 percent in Taipei, outperforming a 0.6 percent gain on the benchmark stock index. —Internet

Roman, Celtic coin hoard worth \$15 million

JERSEY, (England), 28 June—Archaeologists in Britain say a hoard of Roman and Celtic coins worth \$15 million has been unearthed on the island of Jersey. Two metal detector enthusiasts found the hoard, dated to the 1st century BC and described by experts as "extremely exciting and very significant."

The hoard weighed about three-quarters of a ton and could contain about 50,000 coins. Each individual coin is worth between \$150 and \$300, Philip de Jersey, a former Celtic coin expert at Oxford University, told the BBC.

Metal detector hobbyists Reg Mead and

Richard Miles said they had been searching for more than 30 years after hearing rumors a farmer had discovered silver coins while working on his land in the east of Jersey.

A large mound of clay containing the coins has been taken to a safe location to be studied, researchers said. Authorities have not revealed the exact location of the hoard.

"Sites like these do need protection because there is speculation there might even be more," Environment Minister Deputy Rob Duhamel said. The hoard of coins is the first to be found on Jersey for more than 60 years, officials said. —Internet



Coin hoard unearthed in Jersey is studied. INTERNET

Hottest man-made temperature achieved

UPTON, (NY), 28 June—A US particle physics lab has set a record for achieving the highest man-made temperature, Guinness World Records says.

The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York collides gold ions at nearly the speed of light with impact energy so intense it creates temperatures of around 4 trillion degrees Celsius, about 250,000 times hotter than the centre of the sun.

At that temperature and energy level neutrons and protons inside the gold nuclei "melt," researchers said, releasing fundamental quarks and gluons that form



The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider. —INTERNET

a nearly friction-free primordial plasma that existed in Nature only about a millionth of a second after the Big Bang.

"There are many cool things about this ultra-hot matter," physicist Steven Vigdor, said in a Brookhaven

release. "We expected to reach these temperatures — that is, after all, why RHIC was built — but we did not at all anticipate the nearly perfect liquid behavior."

While the 2.4-mile underground atomic accelerator at RHIC now holds the

record, the 17-mile Large Hadron Collider at Europe's CERN laboratory in Switzerland is smashing lead ions together in its own super-hot recreations of the Big Bang and may have already trumped the US research record.

"The energy density at the LHC is a factor of three higher than at RHIC," CERN physicist Despina Hatzifotiadou said. "This translates to a 30 percent increase in absolute temperature compared to the value achieved by RHIC."

However, CERN has not yet published an official temperature measurement of its own quark-gluon plasma, leaving the record in New York — for now.

Internet

Google's digital glasses move out of lab and closer to reality

SAN FRANCISCO, 28 June—Google Inc (GOOG) expects to roll out a consumer version of its electronic eyewear that can live-stream images and audio and perform computing tasks in less than two years, though it stopped short of putting a price tag on the "smart" glasses.

Google Glass, as the technology is known, will be sold to consumers at a price "significantly" lower than the \$1,500 that the company is selling it to US-based software developers from early next year, Google co-founder Sergey Brin said.

Brin showed off the glasses at Google's annual developer conference in San Francisco on Wednesday, providing the most in-depth public look at the futuristic technology since Google first announced the project in April.

Google also unveiled its first tablet which it will start selling from mid-July for \$199,

hoping to replicate its smartphone success in a hotly contested market now dominated by Amazon.com Inc's (AMZN) Kindle Fire and Apple Inc's (AAPL) iPad.

Google Glass is a stamp-sized electronic screen mounted on the left side of a pair of eyeglass frames which can record video, access email and messages, and retrieve information from the Web.

In a high-octane demonstration of the technology, several skydivers wearing the glasses jumped out of an airship and landed on the roof of San Francisco's Moscone Centre, sharing a live video of the stunt with the crowd.

Reporters at a briefing after the conference lined up to try on Brin's personal pair of glasses, where they were able to watch a video of fireworks displayed on the small screen. The perspective in the video shifted as wearers moved their heads to look



Sergey Brin, CEO and co-founder of Google, wears a Google Glass during a product demonstration during Google I/O 2012 at Moscone Centre in San Francisco, California on 27 June, 2012. —REUTERS

up, down or sideways.

The glasses, which weigh less than some sunglasses, contain a wireless networking chip and essentially all the other technology found inside a typical smartphone — save for a cellular network radio — Google executives said.

The battery is smaller than a smartphone battery, but Google is working on ways to make the battery charge last for a full day.

Brin said he expects the

glasses to be available to consumers less than a year after the developer version is available.

Google is still experimenting with various aspects of the glasses, including potentially providing directions on the screen and the ability to have the glasses speak out text messages, Brin said. He said, in response to a question, that there are no plans to offer any kind of advertising on the device. —Reuters

Surgeons implant synthetic larynx



Harvard Bioscience "InBreath" Bioreactor with synthetic larynx tracheal scaffold seeded with patient's own cells. —INTERNET

Moscow, 28 June—Surgeons in Russia say they've successfully transplanted a completely synthetic piece of the larynx, a step toward creating an

entire synthetic human voice box.

Two patients received a transplanted synthetic part, about 2 inches long, consisting of a section of the

windpipe, or trachea.

At the top of the transplanted section was a version of the cricoid arch and plate, a hollow, collar-like segment that forms the base of the larynx, surgeons said.

"The cricoid is the most simple part of the larynx to transplant," Paolo Macchiarini of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, head of the surgical team that performed the operations, told NewScientist.com.

Previous transplants of parts of larynxes and entire larynxes came from dead donors and were stripped of their native cells and re-

coated with the patients' own cells to avoid rejection.

The latest operations were different, in that they involved a synthetic structure rather than a graft from a cadaver, which before the transplantation was seeded with stem cells from the patient's own bone marrow, so that once transplanted it would grow its own layers of native surface cells, the surgeons said.

The seeding was performed by Harvard Bioscience in Massachusetts. "We see this as the beginning of growing synthetic organs," the company's president, David Green, said. "It's the stuff of scientific fiction becoming medical reality." —Internet

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Barclays to pay \$450M in Libor case

WASHINGTON, 28 June—British bank Barclays has agreed to pay \$450 million to settle charges that it manipulated interest rates used in \$350 trillion in loans.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the US Justice Department and bank regulators in Britain charged Barclays with manipulating reports that help set the London interbank offered rate, or Libor, *The New York Times* reported on Wednesday.

The Libor is used to set other lending rates, such as student loans, credit cards, mortgages and other lending.

It is in the interests of big

banks, however, to report that their borrowing costs are low, as that makes them appear healthier. The Libor is an average rate big banks charge each other for loans. But if Barclays, for example, has high rates to pay other banks, its financial position appears weaker, the *Times* reported.

Regulators are investigating other banks, including JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup and HSBC on similar complaints. Essentially, the investigation follows in the footsteps of brokerage firm Charles Schwab, which sued 11 big banks in 2011 on charges of

conspiring to manipulate Libor. Regulators said the scheming at Barclays included top tier management. In a statement, the bank's Chief Executive Officer Bob Diamond said, "The events which gave rise to today's resolutions relate to past actions which fell well short of the standards to which Barclays aspires in the conduct of its business."

He also said the bank was cooperating with authorities and that four top executives at the bank, himself included, had forfeited their bonuses for the year. The bank is setting its case with the CFTC for \$200 million, while the Financial Services Authority in London accepted a \$92.8 million settlement.

Regulators are also looking into the possibility of banks manipulating the Euro interbank offered rate, or Euribor, and the Tokyo interbank rate or Tibor, the *Times* said.—*Internet*



Barclays, led by CEO Bob Diamond, is being charged with manipulating reports that help set the Libor, or London interbank offered rate.
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Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 25 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Wall St ends up with energy shares

NEW YORK, 28 June—US stocks rose on Wednesday as upbeat economic data helped lift oil prices and energy stocks, overshadowing concerns the upcoming summit of European leaders will fail to yield tangible progress.

Based on the latest available data, the Dow Jones industrial average gained 93.32 points, or 0.74 percent, to 12,627.99. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index gained 11.89 points, or 0.90 percent, to 1,331.88. The Nasdaq Composite Index gained 21.26 points, or 0.74 percent, to 2,875.32.

Reuters

Health Tip: Stay healthier as you age

There is no single secret to staying young, but there are things you can do to help ensure that you stay healthier as you age.

The Cleveland Clinic offers these suggestions:

- * Don't smoke, and limit alcohol use.
- * Practice a regular, balanced exercise routine.
- * Maintain a healthy body weight.
- * See your doctor regularly.
- * Engage in frequent social activity, and try new ways to have fun.
- * Work on maintaining relationships.
- * Challenge your mind by furthering your education.—*Internet*

Printing industry acts on high cancer rate

TOKYO, 28 June—Japan's printing industry is stepping up protections for workers after an unusually high incidence of bile-duct cancer was discovered at a printing firm.

It has come to light that 12 people who worked at a printing company in Osaka, western Japan, developed bile-duct cancer and 7 of them died.

All the affected employees were involved in work to clean ink from the printers.

The University of Occupational and Environmental Health, which looked into the matter, says the death rate from the cancer at the company was more than 600 times the average among Japanese men.

The university's researchers say chemicals in the cleansing agent may be

to blame.

To deal with the problem, the Japan Federation of Printing Industries with 9,300 firms across the country will launch an experts' council in July to discuss ways to protect workers.

The industry is considering distributing pamphlets on safety measures when handling cleansing agents.

It will also hold seminars to instruct printing firm executives on the proper use of masks and the need to install exhaust fans in the workplace.

Federation official Yoshiharu Yui says the exact cause behind the bile duct cancers has yet to be determined. But he said the industry will work to dispel concern among workers, their families and residents near printing firms.—*NHK*



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An easyJet Airbus A320 'Willy Brandt' is pictured during its name giving ceremony at the airport terminal of the future Berlin Brandenburg international airport Willy Brandt (BER) in Schoenefeld south of Berlin, on 23 April, 2012.—REUTERS



BERLIN, 28 June—Europe's Airbus is seriously studying the possibility of opening an assembly line in the United States, marking a direct challenge to Boeing in its home market as competition heats up in the global jet market, people familiar with the matter said.

The plan calls for the possible production of A320 narrowbody jets, Airbus's best-selling model, most probably in Mobile, Alabama, where EADS had planned to assemble US tanker aircraft in a Pentagon

contest it lost to Boeing (BA N) last year.

Airbus and its Franco-German parent company EADS (EAD PA) have said for some months that they were studying reshaping the plan to establish a foothold in commercial aircraft production in the world's

assembly plant.

"This is part of the brainstorming we are doing regarding our international development," *El Economista* quoted him saying.

Setting up in the United States would boost Airbus's presence in the key US market

largest single passenger-jet market.

One of the sources did not rule out an imminent announcement. But an Airbus spokesman said the company had not yet completed its studies.

"No decision has been taken," Airbus spokesman Stefan Schaffrath said, declining further comment.

Airbus Chief Executive Fabrice Bregier was quoted in a Spanish newspaper on Wednesday as saying the planemaker was actively looking at a possible new

as it enters a phase of fleet renewal, and would reduce currency risk by increasing its exposure to costs in dollars, the currency in which aircraft are sold.

It would be the second Airbus assembly plant outside Europe.

None of the sources agreed to speak publicly on the matter because decisions have not yet been finalized.

Airbus is currently the world's largest producer of passenger jets ahead of Boeing. It assembles in Toulouse, France, the

Airbus mulls US assembly plant

German port city of Hamburg and, since 2009, in Tianjin outside Beijing, China. Airbus said earlier this month it had started talks to extend the Tianjin venture beyond 2016.

When EADS lost the tanker contest to Boeing, analysts said the long, politically charged competition had focused industry attention on Alabama and fostered a belief that this could lead to future projects.

The original tanker proposal included a kernel of commercial production in Alabama with plans to assemble commercial freighters alongside the US Air Force refueling planes.

But the new proposal would spread its reach to passenger jets, a much larger market in which Airbus and Boeing compete fiercely for the lion's share of a global jet market estimated at \$100 billion a year.

Alabama and the US South have made strides in recent years in gaining aerospace and other manufacturing work.

Aerospace and defense industry employment in Alabama rose 13 percent from 2002 to 2008, according to a study by the Alabama Aerospace Industry Association. High-tech space jobs are centered around Huntsville, with Boeing and Lockheed Martin (LMT N) as major employers.

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DISTRICT NEWS

School uniforms provided to students of vendors

SALIN, 28 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to 109 basic education students as offspring of vendors of Myanmar Market in Salin Township for 2012-2013 academic year was held the hall of Salin Township Development Affairs Committee on 16 June.

Executive Officer U Tin Maung Than and loan committee members presented school uniforms to the students.

Myanma Alin

Summer paddy harvested on model plot in Namhkam Township

MUSE, 28 June—A ceremony to harvest two acres of summer paddy was held in Ward 4 of Namhkam Township in Muse District of Shan State (North) recently.

The paddy plantation produced 275.25 baskets of wet paddy per acre and 248 baskets of dry paddy per acre.

It was attended by Deputy Commissioner of Muse District General Administration Department U Moe Hein, Assistant

Director U Than Ngwe of District Agriculture Department, Assistant Director U Hsan Lwin of District Settlement and Land Records Department, Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Soe, Head of Township Agriculture Department U Myat Min Htwe, Head of Township SLRD U Soe Min Tun, members of the Township Paddy Cultivation Supervisory Committee and local farmers.—Agriculture

Special high yield paddy plantation thriving in Nyaungshwe



YANGON, 28 June—The government is placing special emphasis on agricultural sector and disbursing agricultural

loans to the farmers. Thus, the farmers are easy in cultivation of monsoon paddy and harvesting of it. Parathat Village and

Tilaw Village are located near Shwenyaung-Nyaungshwe Road in Nyaungshwe Township. Most of the population is Inntha national engaging in cultivation of paddy.

Thriving high yield paddy plantations of farmer U Win Shwe were seen in Tilaw Village. The paddy was cultivated as of 9 February and it will be harvested at the end of June. Nwelyan paddy is expected to produce over 100 baskets per acre.—Myanma Alin

Winners awarded in contest to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

YANGON, 28 June—Organized by Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association, the article, poem, essay, painting and cartoon contests to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at its office on Kyundaw Street on 24 June.

Chairman of the Association U San Thein (retired ambassador) made a speech.

Next, writer Ponnya Khin and CEC member of the association U Maung Maung Lwin gave lectures on dangers of narcotic drugs.

Next, the prize presentation followed. The chairman, the vice-chairman

and officials of the association presented prizes to the winners in the contests.—Myanma Alin

Extended buildings of Peinkham BEPS opened in Monghsat Township

MONGHSAT, 28 June—With the aim of ensuring rural development and poverty alleviation of human resources, a ceremony to open the extended building of Peinkham Basic Education Primary School was held in conjunction with the handing over of new building to the education department in Peinkham Village of Mongyun Village-tract in Monghsat Township in Shan State on 5 June

morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Naing Aye, Township Education Officer U Ba Thit and townselder U Law Yi formally opened the school building.

Next, the township administrator and the township education officer made speeches.

On behalf of the Shan State government, the township administrator handed over documents related to the new building

to the township education officer. Deputy Commissioner U Thauung Tin Htwe of the District General Administration and officials presented school stationery. The headmistress and members of the school board of trustees accepted the donations.

The 60 feet long and 30 feet wide new building was constructed at a cost of K 10 million contributed by the State government and K 1 million by local people.

Myanma Alin

Yangon Region WAO plants saplings in Mingaladon Township

YANGON, 28 June—In commemoration of the 2012 Myanmar Women's Day, Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization and Region Forest Department jointly organized the rainy season tree growing ceremony at Pale People's Hospital in Mingaladon Township on 23 June morning.

Patron of Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Thet Htay made a speech. Director of Region Forest Department U Maung Maung Win explained the advantage of growing trees.

Next, Patron of Region WAO Daw Khin Thet Htay



and Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe distributed saplings to departmental personnel and social organizations.

After that, the patrons

and the region minister planted saplings at the designated places. Then, departmental personnel and social organizations grew 550 saplings.

Myanma Alin

Dangers of drugs, household pills lectured

YANGON, 28 June—A talk on disadvantages of narcotic drugs and household pills was held at the hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Thingangyun Township on 20 June morning.

At first, Headmistress Daw Khin Htay Win delivered an address. Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Thet Tun talked about disadvantages of narcotic drugs.



Next, Psychiatrist Dr Nweni of Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital, Township Additional Judge U Kyaw Thauung Aung, Head of Township Health Department U Kyaw Kyaw

Soe and IP Myint Thein of Yangon East District Anti-Drug Special Squad gave lectures on abuse of narcotic drugs and household pills with the use of charts.

Myanma Alin

Model plot of Palethwe paddy harvested in Ngazun



NGAZUN, 28 June—The harvesting of summer

Palethwe hybrid paddy was held on the model plot for 2011-2012 in the irrigated area of Kyauktalon river water pumping station in Ngazun Township of Mandalay Region on 3 June.

Head of District Agriculture Department U Kyin Maung, members of

the district agricultural coordination committee, Township Administrator U Tin Win, members of the township agricultural coordination committee and local farmers attended the ceremony.

Staff Officer U Khin Maung Win of Township Agriculture Department explained nurturing of Palethwe paddy strain through good agricultural pattern and its achievements.

Head of District Settlement and Land Records Department U Aung Kyaw Myint and staff harvested paddy and produced 179.63 baskets of paddy per acre.

Agriculture



Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw receives Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UNSG

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UNSG Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy and party called on Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein at Amyotha Hluttaw Meeting Hall,

Hluttaw Complex, here this morning.

Chairpersons of Amyotha Hluttaw committees were present at the call which

focused on protection of children, human rights, ceasefire and provisions of existing laws on children.

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Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein holds talks with Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UNSG Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy and party.—MNA



UN agencies, INGOS promise to help sufferers get back on their feet in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Labour U Aung Kyi, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, deputy ministers Maj-Gen Zaw Win, U Phone Swe, U Kyaw Kyaw Win and party together with representatives of UN agencies and 15 INGOS made field trips to relief camps today to make sure constant implementation of relief and rehabilitation works in Rakhine State.

They went to relief camps in Alethankyaw and Mawayawady villages, and Maungdaw Township where they clarified ongoing relief works, condition of people at the relief camps, their wishes, further relief and rehabilitation plans for them, and implementation of such works with aid of the UN and INGOS apart from assistance of the Union government, state government, and people all over the country and presented gifts to the people at the relief camps.

Having asked urgent requirements and difficulties



Union ministers speak words of encouragement to locals at Parahita Alodawpyae relief camp in Maungdaw Township.—MNA

of the people at the relief camps, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay said the sufferers of Rakhine State would be able to get back on their feet if only relief and rehabilitation works were carried out comprehensively from beginning to end. It was required to fulfill a large number of requirements such as shelter, foods, drinking water, and toilets, clothing and accommodation, health care and protection, protection and access to education for children in a happy environment apart

from long-term plans to lead them out of nightmares. Measures would be taken to enable them restore previous livelihood. The field trips were intended to listen to the voices of the people so that their wishes could be fulfilled with the humanitarian assistance of UN agencies, INGOS and donor countries.

UNOCHA Resident Representative and group leader Ms Barara Mazi said that their delegation comprised representatives from UN agencies, INGOS, and donor countries which

had rendered humanitarian assistance to the region for ages. It was the best to act upon the real wishes of the people. It could be promised to give humanitarian assistance cooperatively. Urgent measures would be taken to help them in coordination with the Union government and state government. UN agencies attended to the very needs as they were without discrimination against religion and race. She then called on them to make clear their requirements. It would

Union Sports Minister receives Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan received President Prof Takashi Shirashi and party of the National Graduate, Institute for Policy Studies of Japan Sports and Cultural Cooperation Team, at his office, here, this morning.

They discussed necessary assistance for XXVII SEA Games, and helps of Japan for Myanmar to secure achievements in football, track & field and Judo sports.

Also present at the call were former Japanese selected footballer Mr Kitazawa and former World Judo champion Mr Yamashita.—MNA

Shan State clinches title in billiards and snooker contest

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—The second leg of the Billiards and Snooker Contest of the Inter-Region/State Champion Challenge Cup 2012 reached the final matches at the billiards and snooker hall of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee this morning.

In the singles billiard event, Naw Lin Nu (Yangon Region) secured the first prize whereas Phone Myint Kyaw (Shan State) stood first in the

singles snooker event.

Officials of the Ministry of Sports and the president of Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation presented medals and cash awards to the prize winning teams.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department presented championship trophy to Shan State team.—MNA

be more advisable to requests help through state government departments in case there were requirements as the assistance programmes needed time. She promised to fulfill the requirements, stressing the view that every body is equal. She then enquired the requirements of the people at relief camps.

The group then went to Parahita Alodawpyaw relief camp, Aungmyay Bawdhi relief camp and kyaung relief camps in urban Maungdaw where they fulfilled the needs of the people and presented them with gifts and relief aids. They then went back to Sittway.—MNA

Smile

The weather was so hot with no breeze to alleviate the heat, so I just stayed in my room with the air-corn on browsing over some books. I came upon a little autograph book I had kept when I was in my high school days at the good old M.E.H.S. (Methodist English High School). As I turned the pages I came upon some lines one of my friends had written. It was—"God's Gift" and it is as follows:-

God gave us each a different face

And each a different name

We're tall and short and fat and thin

We're not all the same

Our skins are brown and white, yellow and red

We come from every where

But God gave every single one

A friendly smile to wear.

There are the simple words my friend had written many, many years ago but it brought a smile to my face

with memories of yesterday. It is important for us to smile often, for when you smile it relaxes the face muscles, it also brings pleasure. Smile with your heart. Smile not only with your lips but also with your eyes. A warm smile makes you a friendly person whom people enjoy meeting. A smile is spontaneous—those who see us smile will be sure to smile back in return. No one wants to see a glum, sullen, and grouchy face but everyone welcomes a smile. There is a song by a famous and late American singer. The song's name is "Smile". The words are:-

Smile though your heart is aching

Smile even though its breaking

You'll know that life is still worth while

If you just smile

A smile lifts up your spirits when you are in your blues, when your feelings are down in your boots and when you are depressed. Modern medical treatment clearly

recognizes that emotions can bring miraculous results in one's mind and body. Smiling and laughter release substances that allow the arteries to dilate and remain more elastic. Smiling and laughter are the best medicine. It relaxes tension and reduces stress in the human nerves system. Smiling is a symptom of joy and happiness.

Your face becomes tense and rigid when you are angry but a smile is like a balm which relaxes the face muscles. A smile can keep age-lines away from your face. It is a kind of face-lift which costs nothing but keeps you looking young. As we grow older, our lives become buried under the pressure of the workday world. Smiling and laughter are not likely to come to us when we are going round and round the tormenting circle of our own busy world.

So just let yourself have some time to sit, stare and smile.

Khin Aye Kyu

President U Thein Sein views demonstration...



Cash, foodstuff continuously provided for local people in Rakhine State

YANGON, 28 June—The local people in Rakhine State have lost their houses and property on account of present situation in the State. A ceremony to provide cash and foodstuff for those people to ease the sufferings of their pain was held at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township, Yangon this morning.

At the ceremony, Myanmar Traditional Practitioners Association donated K 5 million and medicine worth K 14,2337 million, Dallchi free school K 784,720, U Kyaw Lin + Daw Than Than Swe and family K 0.2 million, two bales of clothes and 50 pairs of slipper, U Thu Min Htaik and Civil Engineer students K 0.3 million, U Myint Shwe + Daw Aye Ngwe family K 0.1 million, in memory of mother Daw Win Kyi, Ma Kyu Kyu Aung family K 30000, U Han Tun + Daw Ni Ni Mar family

K 30000 and one bale of clothes, Major Win Htein (Retd) + Daw Thein Thein Win family one bag of clothes, U Pe Myint + Daw Soe Tint family K 50000 and one bale of clothes, U Aung Lwin + Daw Thein Thein Oo family K 30000 and three bales of clothes, Police Col Ye Thurein Ba Htoo family K 20000 and one bale of clothes, U Maung Maung Than + Daw Thein Thein Khaing family K 50000, Dr Thein Tun Oo + Ma Thein Thein Aung family three bales of clothes, two bags of blanket, a set of plates, U Saw Naing + Daw Nu Nu Yi family K 50000, Daw Hla Hla Thein family three bales of clothes, Chin State Fire Services Department K 0.1 million to Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Hlaing and officials. They spoke words of thanks after accepting donations.

The donation amounted to K 178,980,296 up to now.

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Well-wishers donate cash assistance and foodstuff for the local people in Rakhine State to Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Hlaing of Fire Services Department and officials.

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President U Thein Sein inspects Paletwe hybrid paddy saplings at 500 acres educative farm in Nyaungbingyisu.

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After that, the President cordially greeted the chairman and officials of Siam Kubota Company (SKC) of Thailand.

After viewing fruit plants, vegetables and flowery plants grown in Greenhouse, the President left there.

Four-wheel tractor, small tractor, power-tiller and paddy combine harvester manufactured by Kubota Co of Japan are quality products in conformity with geographical and weather conditions of Myanmar and they can be used in farming works.—MNA



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein views packets of paddy seeds and sample paddy seeds.

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Rural libraries opened in Kani Township

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—A ceremony to open Thuta Yangchi Library was held in Ywatha Village of Kani Township in Sagaing Region on 24 June.

The building was opened by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Sports, Culture and Public Relations Development Committee Thura U Aye Myint, Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein and Chairman of Library Committee U Kan Hlaing.

In Natgyi Village, Myathway Shweyi Library was opened by Region Hluttaw Speaker U Thin Hlaing, Region Hluttaw representative U Zeya and wellwisher U Tin Ngwe.

Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe unveiled the signboard of the library. Wellwisher U Tin Ngwe donated K 18 million for construction of the library to Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye.

They then visited the library and staff quarter of Basic

Education High School (Branch) in Natgyi Village.

Next, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Chief Minister of the Region, the Deputy Minister for Education, Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Tha Htay and officials drove stakes for Thirimon two-storey school building at Natgyi BEHS branch.

Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Chief Minister of the Region and the Deputy Minister for Education delivered addresses at the cash donation and staff quarter handing over ceremony.

Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Thura U Aye Myint presented 200 bags of cement and sports equipment to the school.

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Relocated students supplied with cash assistance in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Kachin State government held a ceremony to supply the relocated students with cash assistance at the town hall of Myitkyina in Kachin State yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai and wife Kan Hsi Sai Lon family donated waterproof jackets worth K 0.5 million, medicines sent by Ayeyawady Region, amounted to K 1 million, Northern Command, K 1 million and books and stationery worth K 2.05 for six camps in Tatkon, Kachin State High Court, books and stationery worth K 0.5 million, the security and border affairs ministry, traditional medicines worth K 0.2 million, the agriculture

and livestock ministry, waterproof jackets worth K 0.58 million, the forestry and mines ministry, exercise books and slippers worth K 0.46 million, the economics and planning ministry, towers worth K 0.18 million, the development affairs ministry, slippers amounted to K 0.5 million, the transport ministry, pencils worth K 0.22 million, the electric ity and industry ministry, pencils and books worth 0.1 million, the social affairs minister, pens worth K 0.5 million, Advocate-General of Kachin State and staff, umbrellas amounted to K 0.3 million, staff of the Auditor-General's Office, exercise books worth K 50,000, Commander of Kachin State Police Force and family, umbrellas worth

K 0.24 million, the Union Solidarity and Development Party, campus boxes, umbrellas and slippers amounted to K 1 million, I Love Myanmar family, K 22.9 million for constructions of three school buildings, Japan Heart, K 10 million for furniture, Loikaw University, umbrellas amounted to K 0.32 million, Kachin State Red Cross Society, school uniforms worth 3 million, the Basic Education Department, umbrellas worth K 1.6 million, saw mill employers, K 1 million, the Directorate of Road Administration, K 0.3 million, U Aung Aung family, K 127,300, Daw Win Win Maw and Daw Thin Thin of Public Works, K 0.1 million, U Ar Naing family, K 0.1 million, Myat Mon, Lucky, Kyi, Shein dairy

products, Sitagu, Ko Zeya Min petrol station, uniforms amounted to K 365,000, World Doctors Association, medicines worth K 4 million, Taing Kyaw petrol station, umbrellas worth K 240,000, Se Saim guesthouse, slippers amounted to K 0.5 million the lawyers association, umbrellas worth K 0.3 million, Yuzana Gold Shop, school uniforms amounted to K 0.4 million, Daw Wah Wah (Central Trade Dispute Committee), books worth K 50,000, Yadana Myitta Group, books worth K 0.1 million, the Unity and Democracy Party, rulers worth K 0.5 million, totalling donations amounted to K 55.223 million through officials concerned.—MNA

Fourth GMS Economic Corridors Forum held in Mandalay



NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—The fourth GMS Economic Corridors Forum was held at Sedona Hotel, Mandalay in Mandalay Region this morning, attended by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, and ministers from regional countries of Greater Mekong Subregion Cambodia and Thailand, assistant minister from China, personnel of Laos and Vietnam, Vice-Governor of the Asia Development Bank Mr Stephen Groff and personnel of departments concerned.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein and Vice-Governor Mr Stephen Groff of the Asian Development Bank delivered inaugural addresses.

The forum was under the theme "Towards Implementing the New GMS Strategic Framework (2012-2022): Expanding, Widening, and Deepening Economic Corridors in the GMS".

The forum focused on five sections namely, infrastructural development in transportation sector of GMS, smoothing logistics, trading and transport on GMS economic corridors, urban development, migration and human resources development in GMS, prioritized investment in energy, agriculture, and related sectors, news GMS strategic framework, regional investment framework and development of economic corridors.

The Union Minister and the ADB Vice-Governor held talks on work plans for GMS economic corridors to be implemented in Myanmar.

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Fourth GMS Economic Corridors Forum in progress.—MNA

Union NPED Minister U Tin Naing Thein and those present pose for documentary photo.

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Meeting on rehabilitation tasks for displaced persons held in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—A meeting on rehabilitation tasks for the victims who displaced due to the recent riots in Rakhine State was held at the office of Rakhine State government yesterday evening.

Among those present at the meeting were Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief

and Resettlement U Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win, state ministers, departmental heads and officials from UN agencies, Euro agencies and NGOs.

At first, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay extended greetings at the meeting, and heard reports presented by the officials from UN agencies, NGOs on their responsibilities and the sectors that they are going to engage in. Lt-Gen Thein Htay and Union Minister U Aung Kyi gave explanations for now-doing tasks for fulfillment to needs of the persons being carried out by the State and national races and implementations to be done in the near future.—MNA



Dy Foreign Minister attends International Conference against World Drug Problem



Deputy Foreign Minister U Maung Myint attends International Conference on Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Specialized National Agencies against the World Drug Problem held in Lima.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here from the Republic of Peru this morning after attending the International Conference on Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Specialized National Agencies against the World Drug Problem held in Lima, on 25, 26 July.

Mr Ollanta Humala Tasso, President of Peru delivered the statement at the opening ceremony of the conference. The meeting was attended by over 160 representatives from 65 countries and 10 international organizations. The final document is adopted by the conference.

The deputy foreign affairs minister delivered an

address at the first day of conference which described the activities of Myanmar to combat narcotic drugs. In the

evening of 25 June, the deputy minister attended the reception hosted by the President of Peru in

honour of the delegations of the international conference.

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Announcement of informing NLD to use name of State as prescribed in constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

The Section (2), Chapter (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar states that "The state shall be known as The Republic of the Union of Myanmar."

With regard to political parties, Section 405 (b) of the constitution states that a political party shall abide by and respect this Constitution and existing laws. The National League for Democracy (NLD), in registering as a political party, has pledged to "abide by and respect the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar" as prescribed by Article 6 (c) of Political Parties Registration Laws.

NLD Central Executive Chairperson Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (Pyithu Hluttaw representative), called Myanmar "Burma" in her speech to the World Economic Forum in Thailand on 1 June, 2012.

As it is prescribed in the constitution that "The state shall be known as The Republic of the Union of Myanmar", no one has the right to call Burma. Union Election Commission has informed the National League for Democracy to use "The Republic of the Union of Myanmar" and "Myanmar" in addressing the name of the state as described in the constitution, issuing letter No. 4/nangaya-mapata (1) kamaya dated 1-6-2012.

Again, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi called Myanmar "Burma" in her speeches during her Europe tour.

So, it is announced that the commission, under the Article 10 (1) of the Union Election Commission Law, has again informed the NLD to write/address the name of the state as prescribed in the constitution with letter No. 4/nangaya-mapata (1) kamaya dated 28-6-2012 for prevalence of law and order and respect to the constitution.

Union Election Commission

Union Education Minister receives guests of Education Development Centre

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received Deputy Center Director Daw Athi Myint Oo of Education Development Center-EDC of the US at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed enhancement of

education standard of teachers and cooperation in education development.

Also present the call were Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu, Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Tin of Education and Training Department and officials.—MNA

Donate Blood

Agricultural loans disbursed to local farmers

KANGYIDAUNT, 28 June—The disbursement of agricultural loans to members of Shwe Wah Win Agricultural Production Association for 2012-2013 was held with capital investment of Shwe Kan Thar Co Ltd in Migyaungtaya Village of Kangyidaunt Township in Patheingyi Township on 19 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Myint Sein made a speech. Member of Shwe Kan Thar



Co U Shwe Aye explained disbursement of loans.

Next, the company disburses K 15000 each to

128 farmers from Shwe Wah Win Agricultural Production Association.

Myanma Alin

Animal diseases talked in Yamethin Township

YAMETHIN, 28 June—Animal vaccination was injected to goats and cows at the breeding farm of Green Win Co in Livestock Breeding Zone of Aungchantha Village in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region on 4 20 June.

Head of Mandalay Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Than Htaik explained animal diseases for cows, goats and pets to local



farmers of Aungchantha Village.

Moreover, officials of Yamethin Township Cooperative Department

explained formation of livestock breeding cooperative society.

Later, staff of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department performed medical checkup on animals and injected vaccines to them.

Myanma Alin

NyaungU Township plants saplings in rainy season

NYAUNGU, 28 June—The rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012, jointly organized by Forest Department and Dry Zone Greening Department, was held in Kwamphala Village in Taungzin Village-tract in NyaungU Township in NyaungU District in Mandalay Region on 22 June.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner U Tun Tun Win of District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Thura Tun Lin, district and township level departmental officials, Assistant Director of Dry Zone Greening Department U Mya Win and staff, Staff Officer U Zaw Win of Township Forest Department and staff, local people totaling over 200 grew over 3500 saplings.

Kyemon

Collective tree growing ceremony held in Mawlamyinegyun Township

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 28 June—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held

from the junction of Mawlamyinegyun-Wakama road to No 1 Razudaing

Bridge in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 16 June.

Assistant Director U Khin Maung Lwin of Myaungmya District Forest Department, Township Administrator U Htay Maung, Head of Township Forest Department U Kyaw Nyunt and departmental personnel, members of social organizations, ward and village administrators, local people and families of local battalion planted 2200 teak saplings and 4800 eucalyptus saplings.

This year, Mawlamyinegyun Township plans to grow 16000 teak, 54400 eucalyptus and 4600 Casuarina saplings, totaling 75000 in the rainy season.

Myanma Alin



UNIFORMS PRESENTED: A ceremony to provide cash assistance to offspring of staff from Township General Administration Department was held at the hall of the department in Thongwa Township on 15 June. Township Administrator U Kyaw Thauang presents school uniforms and stationery to students.—MYANMA ALIN

Nyaungdon Township DAC presents school uniforms to students

NYAUNGDON, 28 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to 36 offspring of basic education school of 30 vendors from Myoma Market and 8th-Street Market in Nyaungdon was held at the hall of Nyaungdon Township Development Affairs Organization on 22 June.

Executive Officer U Nyunt Win of the committee presented school uniforms worth K 143,000 to the students.—Kyemon

Environmental technology course

YANGON, 26 June—The environmental technology course for government service personnel, staff of INGOs and NGOs, those of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Engineering Society will be opened at e-Learning Centre of Myanmar Computer Federation at Room-4 of Hall-1 at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township.

Those wishing to attend the course may contact the MCF, not later than 29 June, dialing 652285 and 652286.

Kyemon



BILLBOARD PUT UP: In commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3rd July, the Myanmar Women's Day billboard was put up at Independence Monument in Pakokku on 23 June. Deputy Commissioner of Pakokku District General Administration Department U Khin Maung Yi, Township Administrator U Aung Naing Oo, Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Dr Yi Yi May and Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Zin Mar Win formally open the billboard.—MYANMA ALIN

DISTRICT NEWS

Cash, books donated to library in Htantabin Township

HTANTABIN, 28 June—A ceremony to donate cash and books to Lawka Kyemon Library was held at the library in Lamu Village of Paruk Village-tract in Htantabin Township of Yangon Region on 21 June afternoon.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Mya Win made a speech. Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Nyein explained durability of the library. Townselder U Khin Maung Aye spoke words of thanks.

After that, the township administrator presented K 1

million donated by Region Government to the library through the chairman of the library committee. The head of Township Information and Public Relations Department handed over magazines and journals donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation to the librarian.

The library was formally opened by Township Administrator U Mya Win, Head of Township IPRD Daw Khin Nyein Nyien and library committee chairman U Han Myint.—Township IPRD



School uniforms provided to students in Kawkareik

KAWKAREIK, 28 June—With the aim of ensuring poverty alleviation in Kawkareik Township of Kahin State, a ceremony to present school uniforms to students of vendors from Myoma Market was held at the office of Township Development Affairs Committee on 15 June morning.

Executive Officer U Kyaw Kyaw Oo of Township Development Affairs Committee presented 35 school uniforms to students for 2012-2013 academic year.

District IPRD

CASH DONATED: Under the patronage of both side parents, U Myint Lwin-Daw Aye Myint Kyi (Mandalay Timber Shop) of Maubin donated K 5.4 million for the Aged in Maubin of Ayeyawady Region recently. Officials of the construction committee accept the donations.

MYANMA ALIN



Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Ottwin

OTTWIN, 28 June—Ottwin Township Forest Department of Toungoo District held the rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012 at Nyangchehtauk Basic Education High School branch in the township of Bago Region on 23 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Shwe, Staff Officer of Township Forest Department U Aung Thura and staff, township level departmental personnel, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Daw Tin

Tin Kyu and members, Headmaster U Tin Oo and teachers, students, members of social organizations, village administrator U Myint Aye and local people participated cultivation of 1200 teak saplings.

Myanma Alin

S Korea to streamline visa process to lure Chinese tourists

SEOUL, 28 June — South Korea planned to streamline visa process for Chinese tourists in a bid to boost Chinese travelers' visit to the country during the summer vacation season, the justice ministry said on Tuesday. Chinese tourists to South Korea will be granted multiple-entry visas valid for a maximum of five years if they meet the required conditions, according to the Ministry of Justice. The revised law will be effective starting on 1 Aug.

Those subject to the grant will be expanded beyond doctors, professors and pensioners toward medical tourists, executives

of Chinese investment firms and officials at Chinese public corporations who can identify their financial capability and have little possibility to stay in the country illegally. The maximum expiration date for the multiple-entry visa to Chinese tourists will be extended to five years from the previous three years, and documents necessary for applying for a visa will be simplified.

In addition, Chinese tourists who stop over at the Incheon International Airport will be visa-free if they stay here within 12 hours, according to the ministry.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 25 June, 2012 shows a landslide site on the Suigui Highway in Suichuan County, east China's Jiangxi Province. Torrential rainfall since 21 June has affected some 1 million people and led to disasters in 43 counties in Jiangxi Province, according to official figures. — XINHUA

Cross-border attack imperils Pakistani-Afghan peace efforts

ISLAMABAD, 28 June — A cross-border attack on Sunday by Afghan militants that killed 11 Pakistani soldiers has escalated the tension between Pakistan and Afghanistan and could imperil the much-needed peace and reconciliation efforts by the neighbouring countries.

Pakistan's civilian and military officials said that the militants used Afghan territory for the deadly Sunday attack on its check post in Dir District in the country's northwest region.

The Sunday's cross-border attack happened at a time when the two countries are exerting efforts to find a political solution to the Afghan crisis ahead of the withdrawal of foreign forces.

Pakistan-Afghanistan joint peace and reconciliation efforts were deadlocked after the September's assassination of Prof.

Burhanuddin Rabbani. Pakistan insists that several

key leaders of Tehrik-e-Taleban Pakistan (TTP) have crossed into Afghanistan following major military operations over the past three years and now they are using remote Afghan border regions for attacks on Pakistani border checkpoints and villages.

The Afghan deputy ambassador here was summoned to the Foreign Ministry on Monday and a formal protest was lodged over the recent Taleban incursion, officials said.

The envoy was asked to convey to Afghan authorities that they must take urgent steps to prevent such attacks in future.

Afghan Ambassador to Pakistan, Omar Daudzai, told Xinhua on Tuesday that Islamabad's "concerns and demands" have been communicated to Kabul. He said that both countries should not fall prey to the conspiracies of the Taleban, their common enemy.

Xinhua



A security guard stands near a damaged van outside the burnt entrance of Microsift's Greek headquarters following an attack at Marousi suburb, north of Athens on 27 June, 2012.

REUTERS

New Colorado fire evacuates 32,000, US Air Force Academy

DENVER, 28 June — The most destructive wildfire in US state of Colorado's High Park has taken the back seat to the Waldo Canyon fire, terrifying residents 150 miles (241 km) to the south near the state's second largest city, Colorado Springs, where firefighters are scrambling for cover and looking to the heavens for relief.

"This one's like a freight train and we can't stop it... we can only get out of its way," said Steve Segin, US Forestry service spokesman.

Segin said the fire is only 5 percent contained and 65 mph (105 km) winds on Tuesday doubled its size overnight to 15,786 acres, triggering evacuations of more than 32,000 people, including all non-essential personnel from the nearby United States Air Force

Academy.

On an aerial inspection, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper called the scene "a war zone."

"We had a large scale evacuation last night to Fort Carson, more than 2,100 residents," said Harry Lundy, public affairs specialist for the Air Force Academy.

"Smoke was everywhere and it was no time to hesitate," Lundy said, noting that no aircraft have yet been moved from the Air Force's sprawling 18,000-acre campus north of Colorado Springs.

Nearby Denver has seen temperatures above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, (37.78 Celsius) for a record five straight days and 105 f (40.55c) on Tuesday. Combined with the direct spring on record, fires are

Russia acknowledges Bulava missile in service

MOSCOW, 28 June — The Russian Navy has already put in service the Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile, the Navy Chief Commander said on Monday. Bulava missile has been put in navy service de facto, now the paperwork is in progress, Vice Admiral Victor Chirkov told reporters.

The navy would put on duty strategic nuclear submarine of Project 955 Borei class, Yuri Dolgoruky before

29 July, Chirkov said, adding that the fourth-generation 170-metre-long submarine can carry 16 Bulava ICBMs with the range of 8,000 km.

As Russia's most advanced three-stage solid fuel missile, Bulava could carry up to 10 hypersonic individually guided maneuverable warheads. Russian forces had tested the Bulava missile 18 times prior to the decision to put it on duty. Seven out of these test failed. — Xinhua



Little drivers get ready for the Friends of Ferrari race in support of children's charities in Vancouver, Canada, on 24 June, 2012. Boys and girls, ages 3-5, wore Ferrari Racing Suits and drove Replica Formula 1 Electric Cars in mini Grand Prix events.

Since the first race in October 2001, Friends of Ferrari Race has achieved an incredible goal of raising and donating to over 48 Charities in excess of .6 million. — XINHUA

US orders airlines to restore restroom oxygen

NEW YORK, 28 June — Federal aviation officials will order airlines to put oxygen systems back in jet restrooms, reversing a decision last year to remove them because of fears that terrorists could use them to start a fire during flight.

The Federal Aviation Administration said on Monday that restoring the oxygen systems over the next three years will "eliminate a hazard that could jeopardize flight safety." The new equipment is supposed to be harder to tamper with, although federal officials haven't yet approved any designs. The rule covers about 5,500 planes and will cost airlines \$44.2 million to comply, the FAA estimates.

Supplemental oxygen systems on planes often use chemical reactions to produce oxygen for masks that passengers can use to breathe if the plane loses cabin pressure. The FAA posted the new rule online and plans to publish it in the Federal Register on Tuesday. In

February 2011, the FAA quietly told airlines to drain or remove the oxygen systems. It publicly disclosed the order a month later. The FAA said notifying the public before the systems were disabled was "contrary to the public interest," suggesting it feared tipping off terrorists to the possibility of using an oxygen system in an attack.

At the time, the FAA described the 2011 order as temporary but said it might take two to four years to devise new oxygen systems that weren't vulnerable to tampering.

An advisory group recommended that new chemical oxygen generators be tamper-resistant or installed in a place where — unlike a closed lavatory — anyone attempting to tamper with the devices would be working in plain view. The FAA said no design retrofits have been approved, but it pushed ahead with the new requirement anyway.

Internet



Chinese 3rd generation fighter: J-10 jet fighter. — XINHUA

Ten killed, over 30 others injured as blast hits railway station in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 28 June — At least 10 people were killed and over 30 others injured as a blast hit a railway station in Pakistan's southwest city of Sibi on Wednesday night, reported local Urdu TV channel Express. According to the local media reports, the blast took place at about 11:00 pm local time when a bomb fixed under a chair on Platform 2 at the Sibi railway station went off, killing and wounding many passengers on the platform. The killed include two children and one policeman, said the reports.

The blast happened about five minutes after a Rawalpindi-Quetta train carrying an estimated 250 passengers stopped at the Sibi railway station, ready to take more passengers for Quetta, capital city of Balochistan Province in southwest Pakistan. The blast took place near a tea shop on the platform when many people were around shopping, said the reports.

Police have quickly cordoned off the area after the blast. Bomb disposal squad is searching the station for other possible bombs. All the injured have been shifted to hospitals in Sibi, a city lying some 120 kilometres southeast of Quetta. Emergency has been declared in all the hospitals in the city. Conditions about the injured are not immediately known. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet. — Xinhua

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Iraqi firemen extinguish a fire following a car bomb that exploded in the northern city of Kirkuk on 20 June. A car bomb south of Baghdad killed eight people and wounded 32 on Monday, while a roadside bomb north of the capital killed four people and wounded seven, security and medical sources said.

INTERNET



BAGHDAD, 28 June — A car bomb south of Baghdad killed eight people and wounded 32 on Monday, while a roadside bomb north of the capital killed four people and wounded seven, security and medical sources said.

The car bomb exploded at about 7:45 pm (1645 GMT) near a football field in Hilla, 95 kilometres (60 miles) south of Baghdad, killing eight people and wounding 32, police Second Lieutenant Ali Jassem and doctor Saad al-Khafaji of Hilla hospital said.

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Two Iraq bombings kill 12 people

And a roadside bomb killed four people and wounded seven in Baquba, 60 kilometres (37.5 miles) north of Baghdad, according to a police colonel and doctor Ahmed Ibrahim of Baquba

peak day of commemorations for the 799 death of Imam Musa Kadhim, the seventh of 12 revered Shiite imams. On 18 June, a suicide bomber targeted Shiite mourners in Baquba, killing 22 people and wounding dozens more, while shootings and a bombing killed six people on 19 June. And on Friday, attacks killed at least 12 people and wounded dozens more.

The wave of violence comes amid a long-running series of intertwined political crises that began with accusations that Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki was centralising power, and escalated into calls for his removal. The crises have paralysed government, especially parliament, which has passed no significant legislation except for the budget, while other important measures such as a hydrocarbons law regulating the country's oil sector have been delayed. While violence in Iraq has declined dramatically since its peak in 2006-2007, attacks remain common. A total of 132 Iraqis were killed in violence in May, according to official figures.—Internet

General Hospital. The latest violence brings the number of people killed in attacks in Iraq since June 13 to at least 173—more than were killed in attacks in all of May, according to official figures.

On 13 June, 72 people were killed and over 250 wounded in attacks across Iraq, which were later claimed by al-Qaeda's front group, the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI).

Three days later, two car bombs targeted pilgrims in Baghdad, killing 32 people and wounding dozens on the

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Citizens ride motor bikes on a flooded street in Yudu County, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 25 June, 2012. Strong downpours also battered Jiangxi Province from Friday, leaving over 734,000 people in disaster, the provincial flood prevention and control headquarters said.—XINHUA

Fukushima seafood on sale for 1st time since nuke crisis

TOKYO, 28 June—Octopus and whelks caught off the coast of Fukushima went on sale Monday at supermarkets and retail stores in northeastern Japan's Soma City, marking the first sale since the Fukushima nuclear plant crisis.

Local media cited a local fisheries cooperative saying that no radioactive substances were detected in the seafood caught during Friday's trial fishing in waters more than 150 metres deep and 50 kilometres off the coast of Soma. The products were boiled before being shipped to the local retailers.

Some of the seafood were sold about 40 percent cheaper than usual market prices, media said.

The Fukushima Prefectural Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations said the trial sale is aimed at gauging demand and market values of the particular species chosen for low levels or none of radioactive contamination during monitoring of 163 marine species from April last year. The association plans to expand sales of Fukushima seafood after another trial fishing session scheduled on Wednesday, according to media reports.—Xinhua

Three missing after freight train collision in US state of Oklahoma

HOUSTON, 28 June — Three railroad workers remained missing on Monday after two freight trains collided head-on and exploded into flames in the state of Oklahoma a day ago, US media reported.

The two Union Pacific freight trains collided on Sunday morning near the Oklahoma town of Goodwell, on a track that links southwestern Kansas with the northern Texas Panhandle, according to FOX news.

Three of the four crew members, including two engineers and one conductor, went missing after the collision, Union Pacific Railroad spokeswoman Raquel Espinoza was quoted as saying. The conductor of the westbound train jumped off before the crash, she added.

The eastbound train was carrying mixed freight, including a container of hazardous resin, and the westbound one was carrying vehicles, according to media reports. Firefighters were working to cool the freight cars, and a crew was dispatched from Fort Worth, Texas to smother the flames with foam.

It was not immediately known why the two trains were traveling toward one another on the same track, authorities said.

Xinhua

South Korean marine corps take part in the Marine Corps-Navy joint military exercise at Anmyeondo beach in Chungcheong Province of South Korea, on 25 June, 2012.
XINHUA



Man arrested with 26 pot plants in home

Authorities in Florida said a man arrested for cultivating marijuana plants told them he had done his research before growing the cannabis.

Okaloosa County sheriff's deputies said Britton Jernigan of Holt was arrested on 13 June after a search of his home resulted in the seizure of 26 marijuana plants "with the root systems intact," the *Northwest Florida Daily News* reported.

Jernigan told deputies he had researched marijuana growing and had given other plants to friends.

Jernigan was charged with a felony count of producing marijuana and is due in court on 17 July.

Lin Ping, the first Giant Panda to be born in Thailand, turns three.



Administrators at a Thailand zoo said they threw a party to mark the third birthday of the first giant panda to be born in the country.

Lin Ping, born to mother Lin Hui and father Chuang

Thai-born panda turns three

Chuang on 27 May, 2009, received a party at Chiang Mai Zoo to mark her milestone of

specimen.

Prasertsak said the Thai Foreign Ministry informed the zoo Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra asked Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao to extend the panda's stay in Thailand by three years. He said the issue will be discussed by officials from both countries in September.

Officials at the zoo said the panda, who used flags to correctly choose Spain as the winner of the 2010 World Cup, used similar means to predict Germany will beat Italy and Spain will beat Portugal in the upcoming Euro 2012 semifinal matches.

three years and one month of life, MCOT News reported. Prasertsak Boontrakul-puntawee, head of the zoo's panda research project, said Lin Ping now weighs 236 pounds and is a healthy

Man robbed beauty salon after bank attempt

Police in Florida said a man accused of robbing a beauty salon allegedly failed in an attempt to rob a bank just prior to the crime. Suffolk County police said Anthony Jannace, 54, of Brentwood,

attempted to use a handwritten note to rob a

Bay Shore Citibank branch at 12:30 pm on 27 June but the teller refused to comply, *Newsday* reported.

Investigators said Jannace then entered the Salon Astarte in Bay Shore, less than half a mile from the bank and verbally demanded

cash from an employee. He fled with an unspecified amount of cash and was arrested at 3:24 pm, after being located by a canine officer. Jannace was charged with one count of third degree robbery and one count of attempted robbery.

NYC man sues over prison dining

An ex-inmate is suing New York City for \$80 million, accusing officers at Rikers Island of forcing him to eat too fast, causing him to need life-saving surgery.

In a sworn statement accompanying the lawsuit filed in US District Court in Brooklyn this week, Michael Isolda said he needed more than the 5 minutes allotted by prison guards to consume each meal, the *New York Daily News* reported.

Isolda required extra time to chew and swallow because he had undergone a

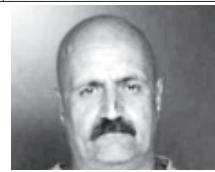
gastric bypass surgery to reduce the size of his stomach in 2008, the statement said.

When Isolda was sentenced to 30 days in jail for possession of painkillers in 2011, his surgeon submitted a letter to the sentencing judge, Staten Island Supreme Court Justice Leonard Rienzi, stating the inmate's nutrition requirements.

Isolda alleges the note was ignored by officials at the prison, and the rushed dining made him vomit after each meal, the *Daily News* reported.

The situation came to a head on 27 March, 2011, when Isolda awoke unable to breathe and in pain.

His stomach had become separated from his intestine due to the repeated vomiting, requiring emergency surgery to save his life, the newspaper reported.



Anthony Jannace, 54, was arrested for robbing a beauty salon.

News Album

Cole, Nicholson to star in Shepard play



Julianne Nicholson, left, is set to star in "Heartless," an off-Broadway play by Sam Shepard, right. —INTERNET



NEW YORK, 28 June—Jenny Bacon, Gary Cole, Betty Gilpin, Julianne Nicholson and Lois Smith

are to star in the world premiere of Sam Shepard's play "Heartless" in New York. The show's producers

announced the casting Wednesday for the Signature Theatre production, which is being directed by Daniel Aukin. The staging is to run 7 Aug through 16 Sept in The Irene Diamond Stage at The Pershing Square Signature Centre off-Broadway.

"Sally lives with her mysterious family in a cavernous home overlooking Los Angeles. When a visitor arrives, Sally's dark secrets — and the secrets of those around her — threaten to come into the light," a synopsis said.

Shepard's plays include "La Turista," "Paris, Texas," "Buried Child" and "True West." —*Internet*

Rod Stewart recording Christmas CD

LOS ANGELES, 28 June—British recording artist Rod Stewart is working on his first Christmas album as part of a new deal with Universal Music Group, the record label said.

The long-term worldwide recording agreement, which will include multiple albums, was announced on Wednesday by Lucian Grainge, the company's chairman and chief executive officer, as well as Stewart and his manager, Arnold Stiefel.

"I've known Rod and Arnold for many years and have been wanting to work with them for some time," Grainge said in a statement. "Rod possesses one of pop

music's most inventive and memorable voices; and we're delighted to be part of the next great chapter in his already storied career."

"I'm confident that by partnering with my fellow [Commander of the British

Empire,] Lucian, and his cracking, top-notch company, we have the best team in the business. And the chance to work again with [producer] David Foster makes it that much sweeter," Stewart said. —*Internet*

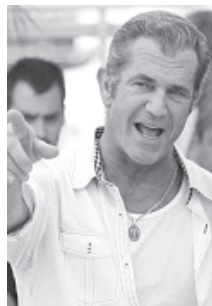


Rod Stewart, with Stevie Nicks in 2011, is recording a Christmas album. —INTERNET

Deputy in Mel Gibson scandal fired

LOS ANGELES, 28 June—A spokesman for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department said Deputy James Mee's firing has nothing to do with his handling of Mel Gibson's infamous 2006 arrest.

Mee arrested Gibson for driving under the influence and wrote in his report the actor-filmmaker made anti-Semitic statements during the incident. Gibson subsequently apologized for his behaviour.



Mel Gibson

Mee and his lawyer, Richard Shinee, told TMZ on Wednesday the sheriff's department is firing the deputy because Sheriff Lee Baca believes Mee leaked Gibson's arrest report to the celebrity news Web site after he was instructed not to.

Department spokesman Steve Whitmore told TMZ the decision to terminate Mee was "not connected to the Mel Gibson arrest at all." "We disagree with the characterization ... this was

not retaliation," Whitmore said.

TMZ said Mee was officially told he is being fired because he allegedly violated procedure by engaging in a high-speed pursuit that ended in a fiery explosion last year, and then lied about the incident to his superiors.

Shinee said these are "trumped-up charges calculated to vindicate their wrath against him."

A hearing regarding the matter is scheduled for Thursday, TMZ said.

Internet

Foxx, Tarantino to present BET Awards

NEW YORK, 28 June—Jamie Foxx, Quentin Tarantino, Tyler Perry and Laz Alonso are to be presenters at the BET Awards this weekend in Los Angeles, the network said. Previously announced presenters include Kevin Hart, Cedric the Entertainer, Taraji P Henson and Meagan Good.

Samuel L Jackson is to serve as the host of Sunday's event at the Shrine Auditorium.

Performing at the ceremony will be D'Angelo, Usher, Chris Brown, Nicki Minaj, Rick Ross, Wale, Meek Mill, 2 Chainz, Big Sean and G O O D Music.

Internet

Moore, Moretz begin work on 'Carrie' redo

TORONTO, 28 June—A remake of the horror classic "Carrie," starring Chloe Grace Moretz, Julianne Moore and Judy Greer, has begun shooting in Toronto, MGM said on Wednesday. Kimberly Peirce is directing the screen adaptation of Stephen King's supernatural tale of a telekinetic teenage girl tormented by her peers.

Peirce's directing credits include "Stop-Loss," "The L-Word" and "Boys Don't Cry," which she also wrote. "Carrie" is slated for a 2013 theatrical release. Brian De Palma's 1976 film version earned Oscar nominations for stars Sissy Spacek and Piper Laurie. —*Internet*



American actress Chloe Moretz

Spain enters Euro final, edging Portugal 4-2 on penalties



Iker Casillas (L) of Spain competes during the semifinal match between Spain and Portugal at the Euro 2012 football championships in Donetsk, Ukraine, on 27 June, 2012. — XINHUA

DONETSK, (Ukraine), 28 June — Reigning champions Spain roared into the Euro 2012 final here on Wednesday, beating Portugal 4-2 on penalties after 0-0 for both regular and extra time. Spain's midfielder Xabi Alonso shot wide in the first attempt, but keeper Iker Casillas blocked Portugal's midfielder Joao Moutinho's shot to keep the score at 0-0. Then Andres Iniesta, Gerard Pique, Sergio Ramos and Cesc Fabregas scored for Spain, but Portugal's defender Bruno Alves sent the ball to the bar. Earlier, Cristiano Ronaldo had missed a good chance to put Portugal through in the last minute of normal time while

Portugal keeper Rui Patricio made superb saves to deny Jesus Navas and Iniesta in extra time.

Spain will take on the winner of the Germany-Italy

semifinal in the final. Spain coach Del Bosque said, "In any case, final is a great match. We don't care about the opponents." Bosque said after the match, "Portugal played a great tournament but we were lucky." "We need speed on the pitch, so I made several substitutions which is vital," he added. The Spaniards had started better, and ought to have gone ahead from their first chance in the ninth minute when Manuel Negredo pulled the ball back for Alvaro Arbeloa to fire over the bar from the edge of the box. Iniesta blazed over from long range a minute later, but Portugal threatened in the 13th minute through Ronaldo,

who beat Pique down the left before crossing towards Nani, with Casillas jumping to make a crucial interception.

Hugo Almeida wasted a good chance in the 58th minute when he fired ambitiously over the Spanish bar instead of picking out Ronaldo or Nani, who were unmarked to his left and right respectively. Belatedly, Spain started to show signs of stirring, Xabi drilling a shot straight at Patricio from long range, but despite beginning to edge possession, chances continued to be few and far between. In the last minute of normal time, a Portuguese counter-attack saw Raul Meireles feed Cristiano Ronaldo who fired over the bar from the left side of the box. Portugal coach Paulo Bento said after the game, "We played better in the regular time but failed to score a goal. In the extra time, we were less efficient and Spain recovered to control the ball."

The Portuguese were plainly tiring in the extra time, and Spain had an even better chance in the 104th minute, when Jordi Alba's cross found Iniesta in front of goal but Patricio managed to flap his



Players of Spain celebrate victory after the semifinal match between Spain and Portugal at the Euro 2012 football championships in Donetsk, Ukraine, on 27 June, 2012. — XINHUA



Fabio Coentrao (L) of Portugal vies with Alvaro Arbeloa of Spain during the semifinal match between Spain and Portugal at the Euro 2012 football championships in Donetsk, Ukraine. — XINHUA

shot wide from six yards. Sergio Ramos slammed a long-range free-kick just over the bar before the end of the first period of extra time, and Ramos was soon in critical action at the other end when cutting out a Fabio Coentrao ball meant for Ronaldo. Bento said: "Spain deserve to be in the final. I don't want to talk about luck. But we really did not have luck today." "But we have played a great tournament and we can leave now with our heads high," he noted.

Xinhua

McIlroy looking for home turf boost

ROYAL PORTRUSH, 28 June — Rory McIlroy is determined to dispel the cloud of uncertainty hanging over his game by embracing his favouritism heading into this week's Irish Open at Royal Portrush. McIlroy is among eight Major winners in the field including local Portrush residents Graeme McDowell, winner of the 2010 US Open, and Darren Clarke, who has 25 days left as reigning Open Champion.

Also in the field and contesting his first ever European Tour event is reigning PGA Championship titleholder, American Keegan Bradley who will play the first two days of the European PGA Tour event in the company of



Rory McIlroy is determined to dispel the cloud of uncertainty hanging over his game by embracing his favouritism heading into this week's Irish Open at Royal Portrush. — INTERNET

McIlroy. McIlroy holds the Royal Portrush course record of 11-under par 61, set in his only competitive appearance on the course during qualifying for the 2005 North of Ireland Amateur titles. "Everything was on song that day apart from missing a six foot putt for birdie at the first," he said.

However a question on the minds of a sell-out 27,000 crowd over the first two days is whether McIlroy's game is on song for a sixth Irish Open appearance. He's missed the cut in two of the biggest events this year, the Players Championship and last fortnight's US Open in San Francisco. "The last couple of years I didn't quite enjoy the tag of home favourite heading into an Irish Open," he said. "I just didn't feel very comfortable with it." — Internet

Arsenal clinch Giroud signing

Gunners announce transfer of France striker Olivier Giroud from Montpellier

LONDON, 28 June — Arsenal have announced the signing of France international striker Olivier Giroud from Montpellier. The 25-year-old completed a medical before agreeing terms at Arsenal's training ground on Monday evening. Giroud, who scored 21 goals to help Montpellier win France's Ligue 1 last season, becomes Arsenal's second summer signing following the arrival of Germany striker Lukas Podolski from FC Cologne. "We are delighted to have secured the signing of Olivier Giroud," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told the club's official website.

"He has a very good physical presence and is

exceptional in the air, with a great work ethic." We are excited about Olivier joining us and he will add an additional dimension to our attacking options next season. "He has proved that he is capable of performing at the top level with club and country, and we saw what a big influence he was in Montpellier's championship-winning side last season." We all look forward to Olivier joining us and seeing him play in an Arsenal shirt." Giroud flew to London after playing for France at UEFA Euro 2012, where they were beaten 2-0 by Spain in the quarter-finals.

His contract with Arsenal will officially commence on July 1st and he will link up with his new team-mates for pre-season training. "I am delighted to be here at Arsenal and to be part of one of the great teams in English football," he said. "It's a huge satisfaction to join this great club and it's been a dream since I was young to play in the Premier League." I was attracted by the philosophy of football and Arsene Wenger's 'touch' at this club. I have always admired Arsenal with its great history and reputation, and I now hope to achieve great things here. "I'm very proud to be a Gunner and I will give my best for all the Arsenal fans." — Internet



Olivier Giroud (centre) scored 21 League goals for French champions Montpellier last season. — INTERNET

International Sports

Wozniacki upset by Paszek in Wimbledon 1st round

WIMBLEDON, 28 June — Caroline Wozniacki believes her recent slump and slide in the rankings has more to do with bad luck than bad tennis. The former top-ranked Dane lost two match points in the second set before falling to Tamira Paszek of Austria 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-4 in the first round of Wimbledon on Wednesday. Wozniacki has yet to win a title this year, was eliminated in the third round of the French Open and lost her first match at the grass-court warm-up tournament at Eastbourne.

Having ended both 2010 and 2011 as the top-ranked woman — albeit without winning a major — she has fallen to No 7.

So could it be that her highly publicized relationship with golf Rory McIlroy -

which began a year ago — is affecting her tennis? "No," was the short and terse answer. Instead, she pointed to factors like luck and Paszek hitting two balls on the line when saving one of her match points.

"I didn't think it was a bad match today," Wozniacki said. "You're going through periods where you're lucky, the luck is turning your way, you're not playing great, but you win the



Tamira Paszek of Austria returns a shot to Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark. — INTERNET



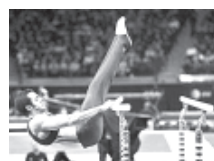
Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark

matches anyway."

"You go through periods where it's just not going your way. You just need to get through this. Hopefully, sooner than later, it will start turning my way." She hadn't lost in the first round of a major since the 2007 French Open.

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More than one badge of honour for Leyva



Danell Leyva performs on the parallel bars during the AT&T American Cup gymnastics competition at New York's Madison Square Garden, on 3 March, 2012. — REUTERS

SAN JOSE, (California), 28 June — A circuitous journey to the United States from Cuba as a baby has helped world parallel bars champion Danell Leyva set himself lofty goals as he aims for Olympic glory at next month's London Games. The 20-year-old Cuban native is one of 15 gymnasts competing this week in Olympic trials for five spots on the US team and he would dearly love to win gold medals for his adopted country and

also for the entire Latin community.

"I wouldn't say I'm confident but I do always like to envisage myself having a medal be around my neck," a smiling Leyva told Reuters after a training session at the HP Pavilion on Wednesday. "Winning team gold in London is one of my highest goals. All-around gold is a very big goal and p-bar (parallel bars) gold would be awesome also." That would literally mean

a dream come true. These are goals I have envisioned since I started this sport."

Asked what winning gold in London would mean to his fellow Cubans, Leyva replied: "Hopefully everything it would mean to me because I am not only doing it for the United States, I am also doing it for the Latin community in general." It's a huge, huge honor to say that I wasn't born in the US and they are still letting me have the chance to represent them at such a high level, at the Olympic Games." — Reuters

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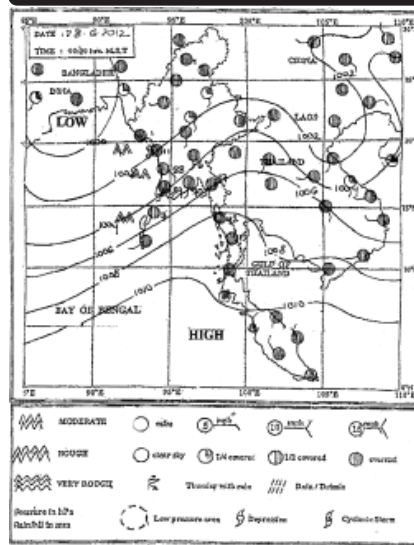
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- 8:00 am
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 5. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
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 6. Documentary
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 7. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
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- 4:55 pm
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- 5:10 pm
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- 5:15 pm
 11. Myanmar Language
- 5:45 pm
 12. Sports Highlight
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- 6:350 pm
 14. Internet Garden
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
 16. Just For Laughs
 17. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 29th June, 2012**

No.	Region	Temperature (°C)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	26/36	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
2	Kayah	26/32	21/70	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
3	Kayah	25/34	22/72	Widespread rain or thunderstorms (RH)	(100%)
4	Chin	23/73	15/59	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	25/34	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	27/39	27/81	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	25/34	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms (RH)	(100%)
8	Bago	26/32	24/75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
9	Magway	35/55	27/81	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
10	Mandalay	35/55	27/81	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
11	Mon	27/31	22/72	Widespread rain or thunderstorms (RH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	30/36	23/73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms (RH)	(100%)
13	Rakhine	26/79	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms (RH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	23/73	17/63	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	29/34	22/72	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	31/38	23/73	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
17	Ayeyarwady	26/34	23/73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms (RH)	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/30	25/77	One or two rains or thunderstorms	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/36	23/73	Some rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/55	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thunderstorms have been isolated in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay Region and Chin State, scattered in Magway Region, Shan and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Bago, Tanintharyi Region, Kachin and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Region and States with regionally heavy falls in Yangon, Ayeyarwady Region, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Magway Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (6.38) inches, Mandalay (6.18) inches, Sychikaw (5.82) inches, Mafin (5.75) inches, Chongone (4.80) inches, Yangon (Central) (4.37) inches, Pating (4.06) inches, Patheingyi (3.66) inches, Ngathonggyong (3.43) inches and Gangaw (2.23) inches.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Basic fire fighting course opened in Mogaung

MOGAUNG, 28 June—The opening ceremony of the basic auxiliary fire fighting course No 1/2012 for separate auxiliary fire brigade of Myoma Market in Mogaung of Kachin State was held at the hall of Township Development Affairs Committee in Mogaung on 25 June morning.

At the ceremony, Commanding Officer Police Captain Aye Maung of Township Auxiliary Fire Battalion, Executive Officer U Win Naing of Township Development Affairs Committee and Head of Fire Services Department U Soe Min made speeches.

Altogether 46 trainees are attending the two week course.—Kyemon



EDUCATIVE TALK GIVEN: A talk to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at Saga Phyu Hall of Basic Education High School No 3 in Kyimyindine on 22 June. Retired Police Lt-Col Sai Maung Min gives talks on danger of drugs.—MYANMA ALIN

Soaring over the Thames: Cable Car takes flight

Transport for London's gondola lift cable cars are seen across the River Thames, London, on 28 June, 2012. The cable car will make the half-mile (one kilometer) crossing between Greenwich and the Royal Docks, allowing visitors to take in the views of Olympic Park, the Canary Wharf financial centre and the Thames Barrier.

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LONDON, 28 June—London's new cable car will be taking visitors to the river—but presumably will not drop them in the water.

The ski-lift like system began soaring over the Thames River on Thursday, offering a bird's-eye view of the London landscape and catering to the tourists expected for the Olympics.

The cable car will make the half-mile (one kilometer) crossing between Greenwich

and the Royal Docks, allowing visitors to take in the views of Olympic Park, the Canary Wharf financial center and the Thames Barrier, massive structures in the river that keep London from flooding.

It is called the Emirates Air Line, after the air carrier invested 36 million pounds (\$56 million) as part of a 10-year sponsorship deal. The games take place from 27 July-12 Aug.—Internet

David Beckham fails to make Olympic squad

LONDON, 28 June —Former England captain David Beckham revealed on Thursday he had not been picked for Great Britain's Olympic football squad.

Beckham, regarded as a potential skipper of the side, confirmed in a statement he had not made the final 18-man squad as one of coach Stuart Pearce's three over-age players.

Pearce had travelled to the United States to assess

Beckham's form last week before making his decision.

"Everyone knows how much playing for my country has always meant to me," Beckham said in a statement. "So I would have been honored to have been part of this unique Team GB squad."

"Naturally I am very disappointed, but there will be no bigger supporter of the team than me. And like everyone, I will be hoping they can win the gold."

Beckham, 37, had spoken repeatedly of his desire to play in an Olympics staged in his hometown.

The former Manchester United and Real Madrid was widely expected to be granted a place in the squad as reward for his role in helping London win the Olympics at the 2005 International Olympic Committee vote in Singapore.

The football superstar's presence on the campaign trail in Singapore is often



Footballer David Beckham carries the Olympic torch during the relay in May.—INTERNET

credited as being one of the key factors in tipping the vote in London's favour during the final few days of lobbying.

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Bangladesh landslides toll rises to 108

DHAKA, 28 June —The death toll from a series of deadly flash floods and landslides in southeast Bangladesh rose above 100 on Thursday as rescuers called off their search operation.

The region's chief administrator, Sirajul Haq Khan, said 108 bodies had been pulled from the mud and debris of destroyed homes in the districts of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Bandarban.

The landslides were triggered by three days of intense monsoon rains that sent powerful rivers of mud

plunging down hill slopes, enveloping shanty towns

below and displacing more than 60,000 people.



Bangladeshi soldiers clear debris while searching for bodies after a landslide in Chittagong. The death toll from a series of deadly flash floods and landslides in southeast Bangladesh has risen to 108 as rescuers called off their search operation.

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"We have called off the rescue operations as there's nobody else reported missing," Khan told AFP, adding that flood waters swollen by the rains had finally receded.

Authorities said flights in and out of Chittagong's Shah Amanat International Airport had been resumed, but added that the restoration of severed train links with the rest of the country could take weeks.

Rain-triggered landslides are common in Chittagong and the government has sought to tighten rules restricting development in danger areas.—Internet

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UNSG

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UNSG Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy and party paid a call on Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann at Zabuthiri Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning.

Present at the call were Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairpersons of Pyithu Hluttaw committees, and personnel of the Hluttaw Office.

They frankly discussed the important role of parliament in democratic reforms, attitude of the UN and its agencies toward the Hluttaw and essential areas of cooperation.—MNA



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UNSG Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy and party at Zabuthiri Hall, Hluttaw Complex. MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy called on Union Foreign Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 8 am today.

They discussed matters related to cooperation in the prevention of the recruitment of under-age from the armed forces between the United Nations and the Myanmar Government.

Similarly, the Union Minister received Adviser to the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi at 9.30 am today. During the meeting, the adviser handed over a letter of invitation from the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Japanese delegation led by Professor Takashi Shirashi.—MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to attend the 16th Non-Aligned Movement Summit to be held in Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran. They also discussed matters on further promotion of bilateral

relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Likewise, the Union Minister received Japanese delegation led by Professor Takashi Shirashi at his office at 12.30 pm today.

The Japanese delegation is consisted of 22

eminent members from multi sectors of Japan.

They discussed matters on further enhancement of bilateral cooperation in Myanmar economic development, human resources development, education, sports, information and culture affairs.—MNA

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Chairman of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Conference Speaker of House of Representatives of Indonesia arrives

YANGON, 28 June—Chairman of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Conference Speaker of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Marzuki Alie, SE MM and party arrived here at 9.20 am today.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee U Nyunt Tin, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Finance and Legal Affairs Commission U Myint Thein, Indonesian Ambassador Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono and embassy officials.—MNA

Billboard to mark Myanmar Women's Day put up in Patheingyi

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—A ceremony to put up the billboard to mark the Myanmar Women's Day was held at Golden Statue Roundabout in Ward 13 of Patheingyi yesterday morning.

Chairperson of Ayeyawady Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thet Thet Swe and Secretary Daw Nwe Nwe Oo and Chairperson of Patheingyi District WAO Daw

Nan Myint Thida formally unveiled the billboard.

Patron of the organization wife of the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister Daw Khin Htay Myint pressed the button to open the billboard.

Later, she presented cash award to WAO member Ozi troupe.—MNA



Weapons on display are seen during the Second International Forum Engineering Technologies in Zukovsky near Moscow, Russia, on 27 June, 2012. PAGE 3



South Korean marine corps take part in the Marine Corps-Navy joint military exercise at Anmyeondo beach in Chungcheong Province of South Korea, on 25 June, 2012. PAGE 12



Chairman of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Conference Speaker of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Marzuki Alie, SE MM and party being welcomed at Yangon International Airport by officials.—MNA