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True patriotism

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

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

President U Thein Sein receives President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Speaker of House of Representatives of Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Speaker of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Marzuki Alie SE MM at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 10:00 am today.

Present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thein and U Soe Maung, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Nyunt Tin and departmental heads. President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Speaker of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Marzuki Alie SE MM was accompanied by Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on further strengthening cooperation between the two parliaments, promotion of bilateral cooperation between the parliaments and governments of ASEAN countries, further cooperating in all sectors, investments of private and government companies of Indonesia in Myanmar, mutually holding joint-commission meetings and the invitation of the Indonesian President to the Myanmar President to attend Bali Democracy Forum to be held by the end of 2012.

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President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar receives President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Speaker of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Marzuki Alie SE MM at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends Rio+20 opening session and first day plenary meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended opening session and first day plenary meeting of United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) at Plenary Hall of Riocentro Building in Rio de Janeiro in the Federative Republic of Brazil on 20 June morning.

The opening session was attended by Heads of State/Government, ministers and high-ranking officials, representatives, UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and members, representatives of UN agencies, international organizations, NGOs, regional organizations and



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social organizations and press from 179 countries, with the attendance of over 16000.

The Myanmar

delegation that accompanied Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Myanmar

Permanent Representative to UN U Than Swe, Director-General U Sann Lwin of Planning and Statistics (See page 8)

China hails space mission's success as crew returns to Earth



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Chinese astronauts Jing Haipeng (C), Liu Wang (L) and Liu Yang, China's first female astronaut, salute in front of the re-entry capsule of China's Shenzhou 9 spacecraft in Siziwang Banner, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on 29 June, 2012.

Montana town up for auction

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"Super Mario" inspires Italy to stun Germany at Euro semifinal



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Players of Italy celebrates after scoring during the semifinal match between Germany and Italy at the Euro 2012 football championships in Warsaw, Poland, on 28 June, 2012. Italy won 2-1 to enter the final.

PERSPECTIVES

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Human resources of higher quality

Myanmar's drastic reforms on the second wave of reform strategy are going through so fast that some people, especially government employees, are struggling to keep pace with them. The capacity of the civil servants have long been questioned but louder as the society is more and more open.

The government in office is committed to improving living standards of the government staff while building their capacity. Its vow is made clear through the recent pay rise and blatant attempts for human resources development, especially of the government mechanism.

Despite serious efforts being exerted by the leaders from on high, there are still the service personnel who are displaying the old behaviours. The incumbent government sees the corruption as an enemy for its poverty alleviation tasks and is making efforts to say no to this evil legacy of years of the ineffective mechanism.

Each and every government staff is like pinion of the administration mechanism. It is everyone's knowledge that if one pinion fails to operate properly, the mechanism will somewhat suffer malfunction.

Here, human resource management becomes obviously important for every institution. However the human resource development measures are superior, the organization would not benefit as much as possible if with no proper HR. The introduction of professional practices within the departments could improve competency of the staff. Stimulus packages are also required to develop their skills.

For the government staff, they need to improve their skills to become professionals in their fields. For the organizations, they need to prepare themselves to overcome the headache how to keep these professionals.

The government departments need to conduct more capacity building courses for their staff and inculcate them with the sense of accountability to the people.



CASH DONATED: Daw Ngwe Han of Kyaunggon Road in Sangyoung Township donated K 330,000 to mark her 85th birthday and in memory of late husband U Aung Tin recently. Executive of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Dr U Yin Tun accepts the cash donation.—NLM

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw receives President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Speaker of House of Representatives of Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June— Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint held a meeting with President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Speaker of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Marzuki Alie. SE. MM and party at the hall of Amyotha Hluttaw of the Hluttaw Building here this noon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, chairmen of Amyotha Hluttaw Committees and officials of Hluttaw office. Indonesian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono accompanied the Indonesian delegation.

During the meeting, Speaker of House of Representatives of Indonesia Dr Marzuki Alie. SE. MM claimed that the further relations between the two Hluttaws are strenuously promoted, expressing congratulation Myanmar on its path to transition into democracy, achievement on making legislations of the Hluttaws, a legislative body, believing that Myanmar would successfully serve ASEAN Chairman in 2014, and AIPA would cooperate in that process.

Afterwards, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw explained



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint meets Chairman of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Conference Speaker of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Marzuki Alie. SE. MM and party.—MNA

extension of sector of AIPA in ASEAN countries, matters related to AIPA's participations in achieving objectives of ASEAN in 2015 and in

implementation of UN millennium goals, and present progression of legislations being made by the Hluttaws in Myanmar.—MNA

Union Transport Minister receives Vice-Chairman of Bangkok Airways

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June— Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received a delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Bangkok Airways of Thailand Mr Anawat Leelawatwatana at the ministry, here, this morning.

The Vice-Chairman of Bangkok Airways reported on airlines tasks, airport facilities, airport services and health care services being undertaken by Bangkok Airways. Next, they exchanged views on airport management at Yangon, TadaU, Thandwe, NyaungU and Heho airports in Myanmar, upgrading of these facilities to international airports, and opportunity to operate



Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung receives Thai delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Bangkok Airways Mr Anawat Leelawatwatana.

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airport and its related tasks.

Bangkok Airways Company is undertaking management at three airports in Thailand, airport

services at 18 domestic airports in Thailand, ground services, commodity transport and aircraft meal services. The company plans

to contact the related ministries for putting its investments in similar services at the airports of Myanmar.—MNA

Blood donation hails Myanmar Women's Day

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Hailing Myanmar Women's Day that falls on 3 July, collective blood donation ceremony was held in Patheingyi General Hospital yesterday morning.

Patron of Region Women's Affairs Organization wife of the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister Daw Khin Htay Myint viewed and encouraged those who donated blood.

She also donated K 0.2 million to the medical fund of the hospital through the medical superintendent who returned certificate of honour.

She also donated K 50,000 to a nine years old patient and donated cash and refreshments to patients.

She also visited contests in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day in Patheingyi.—MNA

Workshop on survival of libraries launched

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June— A workshop on survival of libraries took place at Yaungchi Oo Library in Thitlaylon Village in Pyinmana Township here yesterday morning.

At the event, District Staff Officer U Hsan Lwin Oo gave clarification on continued existence of libraries, and Patron of Yaungchi Oo Library Committee U Myint Swe and librarian U Myint Zaw presented matters related to working process of the library.

Afterwards, village administrators of Natthuye, Pawsankhaw, Kyeein, Kyunkon, Magyipinkwin and Paywatsaitkon villages and chairpersons of village libraries participated in the workshop presenting discussions about tasks to be carried out in near future for keeping libraries' continued existence, which were clarified by District deputy heads of department Daw Aye Aye Khaing and Daw Mya San Yi.—MNA



US President Barack Obama

WASHINGTON, 29 June — US President Barack Obama on Thursday hailed the Supreme Court's decision to uphold healthcare overhaul, saying the law would benefit millions of Americans once it goes into effect in entirety in 2014.

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In a statement delivered from the White House, Obama said the decision is a "victory" for people across the United States. "Whatever the politics, today's decision was a victory for people all over this country whose lives are more secure because of this law and the Supreme Court's decision to uphold it," said Obama.

He continued to list the benefits to the American people once the Affordable Care Act, signed into law in 2010, goes into effect in 2014,

saying people wouldn't face bankruptcy because of illness, and people with pre-existing medical conditions will not be discriminated against and people will be able to afford quality healthcare. Obama said it's now time to implement the law and improve it, saying "the highest court in the land has now spoken. We will continue to implement this law and we'll work together to improve on it where we can."

He warned that the country cannot afford to "re-fight the political battles of

two years ago or go back to the way things were," and "it's time for us to move forward."

But Republicans are clearly in no mood to cede the battle in an election year. Mitt Romney, the presumptive Republican candidate, said after the ruling that although the Supreme Court upheld the reform's constitutionality, he would still repeal it once elected into the White House, claiming it would blow up deficit and kill American jobs.

Xinhua

EU to mobilize 120 b euros for growth, pact may face reservation from Spain, Italy

BRUSSELS, 29 June — European Union (EU) top leaders have agreed to mobilize 120 billion euros (about 150 billion US dollars) for immediate growth measures, European Council President Herman Van Rompuy said on Thursday. Meanwhile, sources told Xinhua that Italy and Spain had threatened to block the entire growth pact if they cannot secure short-term support to ease their mounting financing pressure. "We will boost the financing of the economy by mobilizing around 120 billion euros for immediate growth measures," Van Rompuy told a Press conference following intensive talks of all EU leaders. During a two-day summit in Brussels to further



Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt (L), European Council President Herman Van Rompuy (C), and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso attend a Press conference during the EU summit at EU's headquarters in Brussels, capital of Belgium, late on 28 June, 2012.—INTERNET

tackle the eurozone's sovereign debt crisis, EU leaders are scheduled to agree upon a larger compact for growth and jobs that aims at

long-term economic revival, but they have not reached the final agreement yet, Van Rompuy said.

"In the growth and jobs

agenda, there's a section that deals with financial stability. That chapter has not been discussed yet," he said, adding that it had taken longer than expected to talk about growth. Van Rompuy also hinted at the press conference that there were two countries that had insisted on having both short-term and long-term measures. The president added that short-term measures to address market concerns should be dealt with at the smaller summit of eurozone leaders on Friday after the EU summit. It was what on the mind of Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, who was said to have stated that "I cannot return to my country without something in my hands," according to two sources of Xinhua.—Xinhua



Chinese astronauts Jing Haipeng (C), Liu Wang (L) and Liu Yang, China's first female astronaut, salute in front of the re-entry capsule of China's Shenzhou 9 spacecraft in Siziwang Banner, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on 29 June, 2012.—REUTERS

China hails space mission's success as crew returns to Earth

BEIJING, 29 June — China's Shenzhou 9 spacecraft returned to Earth on Friday, ending a mission that put the country's first woman in space and completed a manned docking test critical to its goal of building a space station by 2020. The spacecraft's gumdrop-shaped return capsule descended to Earth by parachute and touched down shortly after 10 am (0200 GMT) in China's northwestern Inner Mongolia region with its three-member crew, including female astronaut Liu Yang.

Beijing has hailed the nearly two-week mission as a technical breakthrough for the country's growing space programme. The launch,

landing and docking exercises with the experimental Tiangong 1 space lab module were broadcast live on state television and met with an outpouring of national pride. Moments after the capsule landed with a thud in the barren pasture lands, ground crew rushed to open the hatch.

The official Xinhua news agency reported the astronauts as saying: "We have returned, and we feel good." An hour later, mission commander Jing Haipeng smiled and waved as he emerged from the capsule in his white space suit. Fellow astronauts Liu Wang and Liu Yang followed to loud applause.

Reuters

UN declares International Day of Happiness

UNITED NATIONS, 29 June — The UN General Assembly on Thursday declared that 20 March each year will be the International Day of Happiness.

The declaration was contained in a resolution adopted by consensus by the 193-member General Assembly. "The pursuit of happiness is a fundamental human goal," the resolution said. The resolution called upon all member states "to observe the International Day of Happiness in an appropriate manner, including through education and public awareness activities."

Xinhua

A boy plays computer game during the 2nd International Computer Game Expo and Festival in Teheran, capital of Iran, on 28 June, 2012.

XINHUA

Turkey deploys military installations near Syrian border

ISTANBUL, 29 June — Turkey started deploying rocket launchers and anti-aircraft guns along its border with Syria after its fighter jet was shot down by its neighbour last week, according to local media on Thursday. Turkish television showed that a convoy of about 30 military vehicles, including trucks loaded with missile batteries, arrived in Turkey's coastal town of Iskenderun and deployed near the Syrian border 50 km away on Wednesday.

The convoy, escorted by police cars, included rocket launchers on transporters, anti-aircraft artillery and military ambulances. Other military vehicles also moved to the border town of Reyhanli in Hatay Province. The semi-official Anatolia news agency said armored military vehicles were being transported to military installations in Sanliurfa, in the middle of Turkey's border with Syria and Hatay. Turkey's decision to reinforce its border with Syria comes two days after Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced a change in terms of its military engagement after its jet fighter was shot down by Syria.—Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) speaks next to Hong Kong's Chief Executive Donald Tsang and Chief Executive-elect Leung Chun-ying (L) upon Hu's arrival at the Hong Kong International Airport on 29 June, 2012. Hu is on a three-day visit to Hong Kong to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the territory's transfer from British rule to China.—REUTERS

US exempts China, Singapore from Iran sanctions

WASHINGTON, 29 June — US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Thursday announced Washington's decision to exempt China and Singapore from sanctions over imports of Iranian oil, citing their "significant" reduction of purchase.

"Today I have made the determination that two additional countries, China and Singapore, have significantly reduced their volume of crude oil purchases from Iran," the top US envoy said in a written statement. She said as a result, financial institutions in the two Asian countries will be

eligible for exemptions from US sanctions for a renewable period of 180 days.

Under the National Defence Authorization Act (NDAA) signed by US President Barack Obama late last year, foreign financial institutions, whose governments still purchase Iranian crude oil as of 28 June, will be denied access to the US financial market. "Today marks an important milestone in the implementation of the NDAA and US sanctions toward Iran," Clinton remarked. "Following the president's determinations on 30 March and 11 June on the

availability of non-Iranian supplies of oil, as of today, any foreign financial institution based in a country that has not received an NDAA exception is subject to US sanctions if it knowingly conducts a significant transaction with the Central Bank of Iran for the sale or purchase of petroleum or petroleum products to or from Iran."

A total of 20 economies, including Japan, India, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Taipei (China) and 10 European countries, have got the US waiver.—Xinhua

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Weather alerts coming soon to smartphone near you

MINNEAPOLIS, 29 June—Millions of smartphone users will soon begin receiving text messages about severe weather from a sophisticated government system that can send a blanket warning to mobile devices in the path of a dangerous storm.

The National Weather Service's new Wireless Emergency Alerts system offers a new way to warn Americans about menacing weather, even if they are nowhere near a television, radio or storm sirens.

Beginning Thursday, the system will notify people about approaching tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards and other threats. When a warning is issued for

a specific county, a message of no more than 90 characters will cause late-model up for the service or pay for the text message. And people who prefer not to get



Bob Burns holds his smartphone on 27 June, 2012 in Minnetonka, Minn. —INTERNET

smartphones in that area to sound a special tone and vibrate.

Users do not have to sign

the warnings can opt out of the system.

"These alerts will make sure people are aware of any

impending danger and provide them with the information needed so they can be safe until the threat is over," said Amy Storey, spokeswoman for CTIA-The Wireless Association, an industry trade group that helped set up the system.

The system does not yet work with all smartphones or in all areas.

It is part of a broader alert network the Federal Emergency Management Agency launched in April that can also send public-safety warnings from the president and participating state and local governments.

But the weather service estimates that more than 90 percent of the messages will be about storms. —Internet

Electrified roads could power cars

TOKYO, 29 June—Japanese scientists have shown they can successfully transmit electrical energy through rubber tires. The researchers hope this may spur the creation of electric vehicles that can be recharged as they're driven on specially adapted roads.

The group, led by Professor Takashi Ohira at the Graduate School of Toyohashi University of Technology, showed its breakthrough to the media on Wednesday.

In the demonstration, a set of tires was placed on top of an aluminum board. When high frequency electricity was sent through the board, a light bulb wired between the 2 tires lit up.

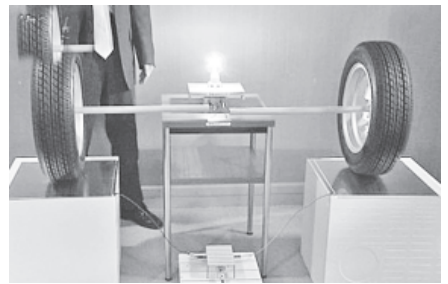
The scientists say

although rubber tires normally work as insulators, they can conduct extra high frequency electrical energy — about a million times higher than that of regular electric power.

They say small scale experiments showed very little power is lost during such transmission.

Electric-powered vehicles run on batteries that need to be recharged each time power runs out. But the researchers say cars of the future could be driven on electrified roads, and could go on running while recharging themselves.

Ohira said the group will improve the technology with the aim of creating eco-friendly electric cars able to run continuously. —NHK



New York Times launches Chinese-language website

TOKYO, 29 June—The New York Times has launched a Chinese-language website, hoping to gain readership from the country's promising internet market. The free site, which went live in China on Thursday, mainly offers translations of the English version. The major US

newspaper publisher says the site is targeted at China's growing number of educated, affluent and global citizens.

The New York Times has been suffering from falling advertising revenues due to the Internet and the faltering economy.

Among other major US

media, the Wall Street Journal already has a Chinese language site, while Bloomberg also provides services in Chinese.

The latest move by the New York Times underscores the importance of the Chinese market for the US media's business strategy.

NHK



The New York Times said on Wednesday it was launching a Chinese-language news website. —NHK

Automatic computer controlled vehicle for 2020s

TOKYO, 29 June—Japan's government and automakers are considering introducing a computer-controlled vehicle system in the early 2020s.

The transport ministry and automakers held their first meeting on Wednesday to discuss the future introduction of a computer-controlled driving system.

The development of automatic systems is already underway in the Japanese auto industry. It includes the use of several cameras to capture movements of people as well as other vehicles, and the automatic application of brakes to avoid crashes.

To further advance these technologies, wireless communication is being tested that can inform the computer in a vehicle of the movements of other vehicles ahead of them so it can automatically control the steering wheel and the gas pedal.

The panel is aiming to apply these computer controlled systems to vehicles driving on expressways in the early 2020s.

It also plans to study how liabilities in traffic accidents are decided upon and compile a report in March next year. —NHK



equipped with various user-friendly features like thermal air control which

avoids the machine from heating up, long battery life, instant booting, track pad

with advanced image sensor and LAN-VGA combo port.

Internet

Acer launches slim notebooks

KOLKATA, 29 June—Leading PC maker Acer India launched five new series of slim notebooks and two platforms of ultrabooks here on Wednesday.

Released in five series—S, M, V3, V5 and E—under its 'Aspire' brand, Acer launched 30 models to meet various customers need.

Chief Marketing Officer, Acer India S Rajendran said, "Being true to our new brand tagline 'Explore Beyond Limits', the new range of notebooks will allow users to discover

and experience new age computing. With this Aspire range, we will comfortably address the requirements of both the premium and the value conscious customer."

The unique selling point of the notebooks is the slim and sleek design, similar to that of the ultrabooks, said Rajendran.

He claimed that the products are built keeping in mind the aesthetic and functional demands of the consumers.

The notebooks are

The robot detects hand movements in milliseconds.

INTERNET

Now, unbeatable robot that wins every hand of 'Scissors, Paper, Stone'

LONDON, 29 June—Scientists have designed a robotic hand that beats people at 'Scissors, Paper, Stone' every single time.

The robot was created by scientists at University of Tokyo, Japan and rather than using any magic or mathematical algorithm, it in fact cheats its way to victory by "seeing" which of the three hand-shapes its human rival is about to choose before making the form of rock, scissor or paper accordingly, the Telegraph reported.

Using advanced motion sensing technology, the robot's analysis is so quick that it is imperceptible to the human eye.

According to the Ishikawa Oku Lab, which has claimed to have designed the automaton as an "example of human-machine cooperation systems", the recognition of the position and shape of the human hand takes just "one millisecond."

Internet

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New Chesapeake chair gets stock valued at \$750,000

OKLAHOMA, 29 June—Chesapeake Energy Corp's (CHK N) new independent chairman will receive Chesapeake stock awards valued at \$750,000 along with cash compensation that will be based on his length of service, according to a regulatory filing on Wednesday.

Archie Dunham, former chairman of ConocoPhillips (COP N), replaced Chief Executive Aubrey McClendon as chairman on Thursday. The company's board stripped McClendon

of the title in part due to a governance crisis at the US oil and gas company.

Dunham received an initial restricted stock award valued at about \$500,000 and an annual restricted stock award valued at \$250,000, according to a filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

Chesapeake's directors' compensation was cut 20 percent in May after criticism from investors. Directors now receive an annual stock award of \$250,000 and a cash retainer of \$100,000.



Chesapeake Energy Corporation's 50 acre campus is seen in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 17 April, 2012.

REUTERS

The company's four new directors and Dunham who were named on Thursday will receive cash compensation this year on a pro-rated basis, the filing said.—Reuters

Health Tip: Living with a pacemaker

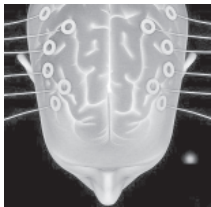
A pacemaker is implanted in the upper chest to help regulate an irregular heartbeat. Once you have the device, you should avoid "close and prolonged contact" with electronics and appliances that emit magnetic fields, the US National Heart Lung and Blood Institute says.

The agency offers this additional advice for people living with a pacemaker:

- * If your doctor recommends so, avoid participating in high-contact sports or activities that could damage or dislodge the pacemaker.
- * Ask your doctor to inspect your pacemaker regularly.
- * Have the pacemaker's battery checked regularly.
- * Let any medical professional whose services you use know that you have a pacemaker.

Internet

Potential diagnostic test for autism found



The researchers found 33 EEG patterns linked to autism.—INTERNET

BOSTON, 29 June—A test that measures the electrical activity of the brain can distinguish children with autism from typical children as early as age 2, US researchers say.

Dr Frank H Duffy and Heidilise Als of Boston Children's Hospital compared

raw electroencephalogram data from 430 children with autism and 554 control subjects, ages 2-12.

The study, published in the journal *BMC Medicine*, found those with autism had consistent EEG patterns indicating altered connectivity between brain regions — generally, reduced connectivity as compared with the control group.

While altered connectivity occurred throughout the brain in the children with autism, the left-hemisphere language areas stood out, showing reduced connectivity as compared with neurotypical children, consistent with neuroimaging research, the researchers

said.

Duffy and Als focused on children with "classic" autism who had been referred for EEGs by neurologists, psychiatrists or developmental pediatricians to rule out seizure disorders and those with Asperger's syndrome, Fragile X or Rett syndrome.

"We studied the typical autistic child seeing a behavioral specialist — children who typically don't cooperate well with EEGs and are very hard to study," Duffy said in a statement. "No one has extensively studied large samples of these children with EEGs, in part because of the difficulty of getting reliable EEG recordings from them."

Internet

Exercise key in fight against Alzheimer's

WASHINGTON, 29 June—In a new study, researchers have revealed the benefits of exercise in combating Alzheimer's disease. The most common cause of dementia, Alzheimer's disease results in the loss of cognitive faculty.

In the majority of cases, Alzheimer's occurs after age 65, and factors such as diet and exercise appear to play a role in its development, with high-fat diets as a risk factor. The research led by Ayae Kinoshita at the Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine in Japan compared the effects of diet control, voluntary exercise and diet control plus exercise in an Alzheimer's disease mouse model.

The results showed that

exercise was more beneficial than diet control in reducing β -amyloid formation, which is a defining characteristic of Alzheimer's disease, and restoring memory loss induced by a high-fat diet in these mice. Moreover, Kinoshita's team found that the effect of diet control plus exercise was not significantly

different than exercise alone.

The researchers attribute the positive effects of exercise to increased degradation of β -amyloid deposits in the brain.

"Based on the results in this research exercise should be given priority to prevent Alzheimer's disease," Kinoshita said.

Internet



Peugeot increases cuts, plans plant closure

PARIS, 29 June—Struggling French automaker PSA Peugeot Citroen (PEUP PA) is increasing its full-year savings target and freeing capacity at a factory near Paris in preparation for the closure of its Aulnay plant, union officials said on Thursday during talks with management.

Chief Executive Philippe Varin told workers' representatives that the car maker's target to cut 1 billion euros (\$1.25 billion) "will not be enough", senior Force

Ouvriere union official Jean-Francois Kondratiuk told Reuters.

Peugeot spokesman Pierre-Olivier Salmon declined to comment.

The automaker is also briefing workers on plans to reduce production of the Peugeot 208 small car at Poissy, west of Paris, Kondratiuk said. The move is seen as preparing the way for the closure of Peugeot's long-threatened factory in the northern suburb of Aulnay-sous-Bois.—Internet

Hyperthermia: Too hot for your health

BALTIMORE, 29 June—Heat waves cause the most weather-related deaths and the very young, very old and very sick are most at risk, US health officials remind.

"Hyperthermia is an abnormally high body temperature caused by a failure of the heat-regulating mechanisms of the body to deal with the heat coming from the environment," officials at the National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health, said in a statement.

"Lifestyle factors can include not drinking enough fluids, living in housing without air conditioning, lack of mobility and access to transportation, overdressing, visiting overcrowded places and not understanding how to respond to hot weather conditions."

Older people, particularly those with chronic medical conditions, should stay indoors on hot and humid days, especially when an air pollution alert is in effect or go to a cooling centre, officials said.

Health-related factors that might increase hyperthermia

risk include:

- Being dehydrated.
- Age-related changes to the skin such as impaired blood circulation and inefficient sweat glands.
- Heart, lung and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever.
- High blood pressure or other conditions that require changes in diet. For example, people on salt-restricted diets may be at increased risk. Salt pills should not be used without first consulting a doctor.
- Reduced sweating, caused by medications such as diuretics, sedatives, tranquilizers and certain heart and blood pressure drugs.
- Taking several drugs for various conditions. It is important, however, to continue to take prescribed medication and discuss possible problems with a physician.
- Being substantially overweight or underweight.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages.

Internet

Fiat CEO says to relaunch Alfa Romeo in US, China

FIUGGI, (Rome), 29 June—Italian auto maker Fiat SpA (FIA.MI) will relaunch the Alfa Romeo in the United States and then China, Fiat chief executive Sergio Marchionne said on Thursday, without providing a time frame.

Marchionne, who is also the CEO of US No 3 automaker Chrysler Group, made the remark at the launch production ceremony of its joint venture plant with Guangzhou Automobile



An Alfa Romeo Spider is seen during an Alfa Romeo classic car meeting in Fiuggi, south of Rome, on 9 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Corp (2238 HK) (601238 SS) Hunan Province in central China.—Reuters

T-Mobile's Humm to join Vodafone

LONDON, 29 June—Philipp Humm, who quit the top job at T-Mobile USA on Wednesday, said on Thursday he would become chief executive of northern and central Europe for Vodafone (VOD.L) from 1 October. Humm joins Vodafone from his role as president and chief executive of Deutsche Telekom's (DTG.DE) T-Mobile USA to oversee the British firm's presence in such markets as Germany, Britain, Turkey and the Czech Republic.

Vodafone's operations in northern Europe have held up well in recent years despite the pressures on consumer spending, which has helped to offset the slump in spending in southern Europe. Vodafone said on Thursday it would split its European region into two between northern and central Europe, and southern Europe, with the chief executive of Vodafone Italy Paolo Bertoluzzo taking the top job over the latter. He will oversee such markets as Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece. "Our new regional structure will underpin our strategy focused on meeting our customers' long-term needs, and Paolo and Philipp will be strong additions to the Vodafone group executive committee," Vittorio Colao said in a statement.

T-Mobile USA said on Wednesday that Humm was leaving for personal reasons to spend more time with his family, but in a letter to employees Deutsche Telekom Chief Executive Rene Obermann said Humm was leaving to join a competitor.—Reuters

Egypt's new president to take oath before court

CAIRO, 29 June — Egypt's Islamist President-elect Mohamed Mursi will give a speech to crowds in Tahrir Square on Friday but his party appears to have lost in a power struggle with the ruling military council over where he will take his oath of office.

Details about the historic swearing-in ceremony were announced in a late statement from the presidency on Thursday which stated that Mursi will take the oath of office in front of the Supreme Constitutional Court on Saturday at 11 am Cairo time (0900 GMT).

After being sworn-in as the first freely elected civilian president of the

biggest Arab state, Mursi will attend a celebration in Cairo University where he will give a speech, according to the presidency statement.

The Muslim Brotherhood had wanted Mursi sworn-in before parliament, in line with past practice, but an army-backed court dissolved the Islamist-dominated lower house earlier this month.

The generals said the same court should hear Mursi take his oath of office. Mursi held talks about the oath-taking on Thursday with the Muslim Brotherhood's general guide Mohamed Badie and prominent public and legal figures and politicians at the presidential

palace. Following the meetings, a presidential spokesman issued a statement that mentioned only Mursi's plan to address the nation on Friday from Tahrir Square where hundreds of protesters have been camped out for weeks to press the military council to swiftly transfer all powers to civilian rulers.

Later, a senior judge in the Supreme Constitutional Court told the state news agency MENA that Mursi would take the oath in front of a panel of Judges from the Supreme Constitutional Court on Saturday. The army council that has ruled Egypt since pushing former President Hosni Mubarak



The Muslim Brotherhood's President-elect Mohamed Mursi (L) shakes hand with Egyptian political Dr Abdel Gelil Mostafa at the presidential palace in Cairo on 27 June, 2012. — REUTERS

aside to calm a popular uprising last year has promised to hand back control by 1 July. Yet the

military has demonstrated that it intends to keep its hands firmly on the real levers of power. — Reuters

Oil truck leak kills nine in S China

GUANGZHOU, 29 June — At least nine people were killed after an explosion caused by a leak of an oil tank truck on early Friday in south China's Guangdong Province, local authorities said.

Nine bodies have been retrieved after the accident, which occurred at 5:15 am on an expressway in the provincial capital of Guangzhou, said a spokesman with the city's public security bureau.

About 10 injured people have been hospitalized, he said. The fire caused by the blast was brought under control around 8:30 am, according to firefighters. Rescue efforts are underway. — Xinhua



Photo taken on 29 June, 2012 shows an explosion site on an expressway in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province. — XINHUA



Foreign ministers of the Southern Common Market (Mercosur) member states meet in Mendoza, west Argentina, on 28 June, 2012. Mercosur foreign ministers met here on Thursday to prepare for the upcoming Mercosur summit on 29 June. — XINHUA

Southwest will try out live TV on 5 planes

DALLAS, 29 June — Southwest Airlines plans to sell live television service on five planes and expand it to more aircraft by mid-July. The airline said on Thursday that it would offer seven sports and news channels for passengers to watch on their own devices. Southwest said it will test prices from \$3 to \$8 during a trial period. Passengers will need a Wi-Fi-enabled device such as a smartphone, tablet or laptop computer.

Live TV will be offered separately from wireless Internet access and customers won't have to buy Internet access to watch TV.

The Southwest channels: NBC Sports, MLB (Major League Baseball), NFL Network, CNBC, MSNBC, Fox News and Fox Business News. Southwest hired Row 44 to provide the service, which the airline plans to expand to 20 planes by mid-July.

Southwest said that if the service is successful, it will be added to all the airline's Wi-Fi-enabled planes by the end of the year. The airline has about 550 Boeing 737 jets including about 250 with Wi-Fi. It plans

to outfit 70 percent of its fleet by the end of 2013.

Airlines have been expanding in-flight entertainment options such as Internet access to distinguish themselves from other airlines that often sell tickets for about the same price. JetBlue Airways and Virgin America have offered live TV programming on seat-back screens for several years at no extra fee.

They provide 36 and 18 channels, respectively. Frontier Airlines sells 25 channels of live satellite TV on its larger planes for \$6, with elite-level frequent fliers getting it free. United charges \$6 for flights under two hours and \$8 for longer ones but hasn't outfitted its entire fleet. Separately, Delta Air Lines said on Thursday that it will offer Internet access on international flights beginning early next year. Delta's entire domestic fleet is already outfitted for Wi-Fi, but airlines have been slower to add the service on overseas routes partly because they need satellites to get a signal over the middle of the ocean, not the land-based transmission signals often used within the US. — Internet

Council approves UK's biggest solar plant

LONDON, 29 June — A southern English council this week approved Britain's largest solar power project, an 8-megawatt plant with nearly 28,000 panels that turn sunlight into power in a sign that the UK's solar market is growing, despite uncertainty about subsidy cuts.

The project near South Brent in Devon is expected to start producing electricity by the end of August, its developer TGC Renewables said, and can produce power for around 2,500 homes.

Britain's renewable electricity production rose to around 11 percent of total power generation in the first

quarter of this year, up from 7.7 percent in the same quarter last year, but solar plants contributed only a fraction of that. Britain's solar sector has been hit by government plans to cut feed-in-tariffs (FITs) sooner than expected, taking many investors by surprise and denting the number of new installations.

An earlier-than-expected cut in tariffs initially announced for December 2011 caused a steep fall in new projects, with nearly 30,000 new plants registered one week ahead of the cut and just 812 projects the following week.

The latest round of planned cuts was delayed by one month to August, after installations in March and April were low, making it difficult for developers to predict how much support they can count on for future projects.

The 8-MW project in Devon will be subsidised through the government's parallel renewable certificates obligations (ROCs) scheme for green plants above 5 MW. Support for solar projects through the ROCs scheme is also under review, with subsidies proposed to fall in 2015 and again in 2016. — Reuters

Mexico offers reward for airport killer police



Luis Cardenas, division head of the federal police, addresses the media in a news conference in Mexico City on 28 June, 2012. — REUTERS

MEXICO CITY, 29 June — Mexican federal police on Thursday offered a reward of 5 million pesos (\$370,000) to help capture two officers accused of drug trafficking and shooting dead three other policemen inside the capital's international airport.

The wanted officers had gone into the airport bathroom to receive cocaine from a Colombian traveller before the three policemen tried to arrest them on Monday, said Luis Cardenas, division head of the federal police.

The officers opened fire and fled the airport along with another policeman who is also on the run, Cardenas said, calling them "traitors." The shooting happened in front

of food courts and panicked travelers threw themselves to the ground.

The incident is a major embarrassment for the government of President Felipe Calderon, who has put the federal police at the heart of a five-and-a-half-year-long offensive against drug gangs.

More than 55,000 people have been killed in drug-related violence in Mexico during that time.

On Sunday, Mexicans will vote for a new president to succeed Calderon, who is limited to one term in office. Most opinion polls predict Enrique Pena Nieto, the candidate of the opposition Institutional Revolutionary Party or PRI, will win the election by a wide margin. — Reuters

New \$2.4b terminal opening at Las Vegas airport

LAS VEGAS, 29 June — Officials in Las Vegas marked the opening of a \$2.4 billion terminal built to handle overseas and domestic flights at McCarran International Airport. A ceremony greeted the arrival of a flight from London when it arrived Wednesday afternoon, and another greeted an inaugural Copa Airlines flight from Panama City.

Sixteen international carriers are set to use seven of the 14 new gates at

McCarran's new Terminal 3. Seven gates will handle US flights. Airport officials say T3 will help spread the flow of the 114,000 travelers who pass through the airport daily.

But they say travellers will have to get used to checking which terminal their flights are using. The new "E Gates" have self-serve check-in kiosks, streamlined security and automated baggage-handling. The terminal also has an eight-story parking structure. — Reuters



Released Indian fishermen react as they travel in a bus towards the Wagah border in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 28 June, 2012. Pakistan on Wednesday released 311 Indian fishermen detained for crossing into its waters in recent months, officials said. — XINHUA

Constitutional Tribunal of the Union shows love for mother earth

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Constitutional Tribunal of the Union held monsoon tree planting ceremony at its office this morning. Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe planted a teak sapling.

The ceremony was attended by members of the tribunal, the director-general, deputy directors-general, directors, staff and members of Myanmar Police Force.

A total of 500 teak saplings were planted at today's ceremony.

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Attorney-General of the Union receives economic entrepreneurship association of USA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin received an entrepreneur delegation led by Chairman of Myanmar-Chinese Friendship Association of New York of the US Mr William Su at Credentials hall of the Attorney-General of the Union, this afternoon.

They had a discussion on economic laws and international legal affairs being practised in Myanmar.

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Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin receives Myanmar-China Friendship Association Chairman Mr William Su.

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Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win receives CEO & Managing Director Mr Thierry Bogaert. Ph.D of de V Gen Co., Ltd of Belgium.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Indonesia Dr H Marzuki Alie. SE. MM at Zabuthiri hall of Hluttaw Complex this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees, secretary, members of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, officials of Hluttaw Office.

At the call, they discussed cooperation in



Hluttaw affairs between Myanmar and Indonesia, promoting bilateral ties and cooperation.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives AIPA President Indonesian House of Representatives Speaker Dr Marzuki Alie

SE MM.—MNA

Bago Region Chief Minister meets Belgium guest

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win received a delegation led by CEO & Managing Director Mr Thierry Bogaert. Ph.D of de V Gen Co.,

Ltd of the Kingdom of Belgium at region government office, yesterday morning and discussed matters of investment opportunities in Bago Region.—MNA



K 50000 per acre disbursed to farmers in Mandalay Region

MANDALAY, 29 June—As part of efforts for fulfilling requirements of local farmers in monsoon paddy cultivation period in 2012, Myanma Agricultural Development Bank will disburse loans as K 50000 per acres to the farmers.

In so doing, the bank

will disburse loans to those who have fully repaid their loans of last year. The bank disbursed K 172.7 million for 3454 acres of farmland to 894 farmers of seven townships and eight village-tracts in Mandalay Region in 2011 monsoon paddy cultivation season.

Mandalay Region plans to disburse 39432 million loans in rainy season of this year.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



TREES PLANTED: Rainy season tree growing ceremony was held at Basic Education Middle School No. 9 in Insein Township on 27 June. Township Administrator U Tin Naing Soe, Chairman of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Tin Tin Oo, departmental officials, students and officials of Forest Department participate in tree growing ceremony.

MYANMA ALIN

New locations for train ticket booths announced

YANGON, 29 June—The ticket booths for ordinary classes will be changed for 1-

up mail train and 9-up Yangon-Shwenyaung train and 701-up Yangon-Hlayhlay-in and 13-up Yangon-Bago local train.

The changes of location for ticket booths will start on 1 July.

The ordinary-class ticket booths of 1-up mail train

and 9-up Yangon-Shwenyaung train will be located at No 2 portico of Yangon Railways Station, and 701-up Yangon-Hlayhlay-in and 13-up Yangon-Bago local train at No 1 portico, according to Myanma Railways.

Kyemon



SCHOOL EQUIPMENT DONATED: A ceremony to donate stationery to Basic Education Primary School No 24 by No 1 ward administrative office and wellwishers was held at the ward office in Hline Township on 25 June. Ward administrator U Win Naing presents stationery to students.

MYANMA ALIN

DISTRICT NEWS

BEMS branch opened in Htigyaing Township

HTIGYAING, 29 June—The opening ceremony of Basic Education Middle School (Branch) was held in Indaung Village of Htigyaing Township on 20 June morning.

Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Tun Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Soe Soe and Region Hluttaw representative U San Maung formally opened the school.

The Amyotha Hluttaw representative made a speech. Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Aye Myint and wellwishers presented exercise books and stationery to Headmistress Daw Khin Thida.—Education

School uniforms provided to students

YAKSAWK, 29 June—A ceremony to present school uniforms to offspring of vendors from Myoma Market was held at the market in Yaksawk Township on 26 June.

Officials of Township Development Affairs Committee presented 47 sets of school uniforms worth K 282,000 to 476 students.—Myanma Alin

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends...

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Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, Director-General U Win Naing of International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Pro-Rector Dr San Win of University of Forestry.

Brazilian President Ms Dilma Rousseff was elected as the President of the conference.

President of the conference Brazilian President Ms Dilma Rousseff, UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon, President of 66th UN General Assembly Mr Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser and Secretary-General of the conference Mr Sha Zukang delivered opening speeches. They said the world leaders are urged to minimize weaknesses in implementing obligations under UN resolutions. Sustainable is first priority and needs leadership. The role of UN General Assembly is important in implementing resolutions adopted by the conference. The achievement of sustainable development goals rests largely on governments, major institutions and all the representatives who were at the conference.

President of UN Economic and Social Council Mr Milos Koterec proposed to adopt obligations for birth rights for new generations by nine major groups women, children and young men, local people, NGOs, regional authority, scientists and farmers; to document damages of nuclear energy and mineral mines; to establish a high-level commission for young men; to recognize rights for food, water and health; to embrace the cultural outlook in



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and those present pose for documentary photo.

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sustainable development; to emphasize administration requirements for ecological living and to recognize achievements of Earth Summit.

Heads of State/Government and representative from 58 countries including Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Tajikistan, Zimbabwe, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Algeria, Tuvalu, Nepal, Barbados, Bhutan, Djibouti, New Zealand, Paraguay, St Vincent and Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Republic of Korea, Iran, France, Chile, Argentina, Congo, Hungary and Spain; Prime Ministers of China, Ethiopia, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands; and President of the European

Union attended the conference.

The Vice-President posed for documentary photo with the Heads of State/Government, the UN Secretary-General and representatives at the entrance to Pavilion 5 of RioCentro Building.

The Vice-President attended dinner hosted by the Brazilian President to the Heads of State/Government, the UNSG and representatives who were attending the conference at Arenadabarra Hall in Rio de Janeiro in the evening.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham backs from UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham being welcomed back by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and officials at Yangon International Airport.

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YANGON, 29 June—After attending the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Rio de Janeiro of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham arrived back here by air at

4.10 pm today.

The Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, departmental heads, Singaporean

Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua, Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior and embassy officials.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint and departmental heads arrived back on the same flight.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham arrives in Rio de Janeiro of Brazil

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint and departmental heads, left Yangon by air on 18 June afternoon to attend the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Rio de Janeiro of the Federative Republic of Brazil and arrived Cheng International Airport in Singapore at 9.10 pm local time. They were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Tin Oo Lwin and party.

On arrival at Paris of France through French Airlines, the Vice-President and party were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to France U Kyaw Swa Min and wife at Chur de Gaulle International Airport in Paris.

The Vice-President arrived at Rio de Janeiro of the Federative Republic of Brazil via Paris by French airlines at 5 pm local time on 19 June. The Vice-President



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham arrives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to attend the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.—MNA

and party were welcomed at the airport by Charge d' Affaires of Myanmar Embassy in Brazil Daw Aye Aye San and Liaison Officer

Mr Leonardo of Brazil.

Later, the Vice-President and party went to Porto Bay Hotel in Rio de Janeiro by car.—MNA

Tree growing ceremony marks Myanmar Women's Day

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—As a gesture of hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, Mon State Women's Affairs Organization and Mawlamyine Township Forest Department jointly

organized the tree growing ceremony in front of Pariyatti Dhamma Beikman in Myenigon Ward of Mawlamyine on 23 June.

It was attended by the Chief Minister of Mon State, the Speaker of State Hluttaw,

the Chief Justice of the State High Court, the Advocate-General of the State, the Auditor-General of the State, state ministers, departmental officials and members of social associations totalling 673.

At the ceremony, the State Chief Minister and party planted 550 saplings.—MNA

Informal primary education launched in Bago Region

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win yesterday morning attended the opening of informal primary education for 2012-2013 academic year at the town hall in Bago.

In his address, he stressed the need for people to join hands with the government in undertaking informal primary school works.

The Myanmar Education for All Coordinator and the Region

Education Officer reported on plans to open informal primary education courses in Bago Region. Wellwishers donated cash and kind for the plan. Officials presented prizes to the outstanding children at informal primary school and middle school level in 2011-2012 academic year.—MNA



United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in progress at Plenary Hall of Riocentro Building in Rio de Janeiro in the Federative Republic of Brazil.—MNA

Myanmar believes Green Economy...

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Myanmar is also of the view that there should be different approaches and models based on each country's national circumstances and priorities.

May I take the opportunity to brief you about the recent reforms being undertaken in my country. Myanmar is in the transition to a system of democracy with the Constitution.

After the new government was handed over the state power over a year ago, it has taken concrete and stable reform

measures, in the political, economic, social, and administrative areas, and significant progress have been achieved, within a short period of time.

Furthermore, the government has taken far-reaching steps to ensure the participation of all stakeholders in the political process by conducting by-elections on the 1st of April this year in a free, fair and transparent manner, as an example of the political reform that is currently underway in Myanmar.

The Chairman, Co-Chairs, negotiators and

delegates from member countries have all contributed their best efforts to finalize the Rio+20 Declaration, to be a meaningful, precise and action-oriented document. We do hope that the Declaration will also reflect the discussions of all the stakeholders.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the organizers for their excellent arrangements for this conference. I am convinced that through our deliberations here, the conference will be able to achieve our desired outcome, for this long overdue sustainable development.

Thank you.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends Rio+20 side events

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views displays on sustainable development.
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NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended side events while attending the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) at Plenary Hall of

Riocentro Building in Rio de Janeiro in the Federative Republic of Brazil.

On 20 June evening, the Vice-President attended Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Land and Sea Management event jointly organized by

Australia, New Zealand and Norway at Pavilion 3-A of Riocentro Building.

Australian Prime Minister Mrs Julia Gillard extended greetings. Environmentalists and the representatives of ethnic peoples in Norway, New Zealand, Tokelau and Brazil discussed perspectives on environmental conservation, impact of land and sea management network of local people and communities on the world's sustainable development. The Vice-President cordially

greeted the Australian PM.

On 21 June morning, the Vice-President attended Future Cities We Want-Linking and Spreading Sustainable Future Cities event organized by Japan at T-9 Hall of Riocentro Building.

Japanese Foreign Minister Mr Koichiro Genba delivered an opening speech and cordially greeted the

Vice-President.

The Vice-President heard reports on of sustainable urban development of Japan presented by Japanese scholars.

On 22 June morning, the Vice-President enjoyed country booths of sustainable development on the lawns near Riocentro building where the conference took place.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends Future Cities We Want-Linking and Spreading Sustainable Future Cities event organized by Japan.—MNA

Union EP-1 Minister inspects progress of Nanchu Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min this morning looked into progress of Nanchu Hydropower Project on Nanchu Creek, 16 miles east of Pymmana.

On completion, the power plant of the project installed with two 20-megawatt generators will generate 152 million kilowatt hours yearly and it will be completed in 2013.

The Union minister viewed installation of steel pipelines along the gutter to be linked with power intake tunnel No. 1 and No. 2, concreting works at power intake tunnel No. 2, construction of water control tank, side spillway channel

and the site for switch yard.

He also inspected construction tasks for installation of generator at Unit 1 and Unit 2 in building the power station, concrete works at anchor block at the place for penstock steel pipelines and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Talks on traffic rules given in Zeyathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Talks on traffic rules were given at the post-primary school in Zeyathiri Township yesterday, attended by headmistress, teachers and students numbering 354.

Commander of Traffic Enforcement Company-2 of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force IP Min Thaik Htaik gave talks on traffic rules and rules for pedestrians, slow moving vehicles, followed by questions and answers session. Pamphlets on traffic rules were distributed to those present.—MNA



Talks on "International Auditing Practices" given

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Myanmar Certified Accounts Association CEC member U Aung Naing Maung Maung will give a talk on

"International Auditing Practices" at Training School (Yangon) of Union Auditor General Office, from 8am to 5 pm of 7 and 8 July.

The certified accountants will get recommendation for CPE hour. Those interested may attend the talks and contact at No.1/19 on Thakhin Mya Garden Road, first floor of the auditor-general office training school with registration fees of K 16000 not later than 5 July, dial Ph 214563 for further details.

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Saplings planted, fingerlings released at Science and Technology Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—A ceremony to grow trees as part of monsoon activities in 2012 and release fingerlings, organized by Ministry of Science and Technology, was held at the ministry today.

After growing a teak sapling, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint viewed participation of staff in tree growing ceremony.

After that, the Union

minister released fingerlings into No. 3 lake of the ministry. Departmental officials and staff also set fingerlings on free.

Today's ceremony, the ministry planted 950 saplings and fingerlings into the lake.

The Ministry of Science and Technology has grown 24924 shade and flowery plants up to 2011.

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Union Health Minister receives China Sinopharm International Corporation

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received a delegation led by Vice General Manager Mr Zhou Yuxiang of China Sinopharm International Corporation at his office, here yesterday.

They held a discussion on provision of opportunities for building general hospital, women's and children's hospital, people's hospital, upgrading and extending of hospitals, disease diagnosis, providing of modern apparatus for treatment, matters of manufacturing and importing of vaccines and training doctors and scholars.—MNA

Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Vice General Manager Mr Zhou Yuxiang of China Sinopharm International Corporation.

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Dy Hotels & Tourism Minister meets foreign guests separately

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung received American entrepreneurs delegation led by Chairman Mr. William Su of Myanmar

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker hosts dinner to Indonesian delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint hosted a dinner in honour of delegation led by President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and Speaker of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Marzuki Alie, SE.MM at his residence yesterday evening.

The dinner was also attended by Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, chairmen of Amyotha



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint warmly welcomes AIPA President Indonesian House of Representatives Speaker Dr Marzuki Alie SE MM at the dinner.

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Hluttaw committees, and departmental officials. The visiting president of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and speaker of Indonesian House of Representatives was accompanied by high-level officials.—MNA

Chinese Association based in New York, at the ministry this afternoon.

At the call, the delegation members admitted that they are very interested in making investments in sectors such as hotels and estate firm, assurance, agriculture, legislation, technology and consultation, exports on natural resources, especially in hotels and tourism industry which was recently invited to tender on the newspapers. It is learnt that the association was established in New York about 30 years ago. It is of members mostly who lived in Myanmar when they were young and pursued their

further studies in the United States.

Similarly, the deputy minister met with Executive Production Managers Mr. Thierry Graff and Mr. Gerard Chesnel of TF1 channel based in France at the ministry today.

The guests discussed matters related to aspiration for making videos of beauty spots in Myanmar, especially Myeik Archipelago in December, 2012. They expressed their desires to do so in Bagan and Inlay Lake where are Myanmar amazing places if favoured. The copies of those videos would be freely presented to the ministry.—MNA

Human stem cells reverse diabetes in mice

VANCOUVER, 29 June — A new research has shown that human stem cell transplants can successfully restore insulin production and reverse diabetes in mice for the first time.

The study, conducted by scientists from University of British Columbia (UBC) and the New Jersey-based BetaLogics, a division of Janssen Research & Development, LLC, could pave the way for a breakthrough treatment for the disease. After the stem cell transplant, the diabetic mice were weaned off insulin, a procedure designed to mimic human clinical conditions, according to the study published online Wednesday in the journal *Diabetes*. Three to four months later, the mice were able to maintain healthy blood sugar levels even when being fed large quantities of sugar.

"We are very excited by these findings, but additional research is needed before this approach can be tested clinically in humans," said Timothy Kieffer, one of the 13 authors and a professor from UBC. Kieffer said that the studies were performed in diabetic mice that lacked a properly functioning immune system that would otherwise have rejected the cells.

Xinhua

More than half of China's urban water networks leak

BEIJING, 29 June — More than half of China's urban water supply networks leak, leading to an annual loss of 6 billion tonnes of water, a senior official with the country's top economic planner said on Wednesday.

As it looks to tackle the leakage, the country plans to renovate 92,300 kilometers of worn-out or disqualified water supply network from 2011 to 2015, said Du Ying, vice minister of the National Development and Reform Commission. As of 2010, more than 90 percent of China's 630 million urbanites have access to the public water supply system, Du cited official statistics in his report delivered at the ongoing bi-monthly session of the National People's Congress Standing Committee.

To improve drinking water quality for its residents, China revised its drinking water standard in 2006, which increased the number of water quality indicators to 106 from the previous 35 and imposed stricter limits. Despite 95 percent of China's public water supply companies having been built before the implementation of the new standard, slated for July this year, the country's urban water supply is generally safe to drink, according to Du.—Xinhua

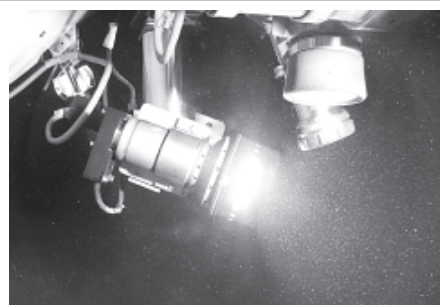


Photo taken onboard China's manned submersible Jiaolong on 27 June, 2012 shows the environment underwater at the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean. Submersible Jiaolong set a new national dive record on Wednesday after reaching 7,062 metres below sea level during its fifth dive into the Mariana Trench. The Jiaolong got three water samples, two sediment samples and one organism sample, placed a marker, and made several experiments on the sea floor 7,062 metres deep from the sea surface.—XINHUA

Visitors watch waterfall of the Xiaolangdi Reservoir in Jiuyan, central China's Henan Province, on 27 June, 2012. The water discharging operation of the reservoir created a grand waterfall on the Yellow River which attracted many tourists.

XINHUA



Two NATO soldiers killed in eastern Afghan blast

KABUL, 29 June — Two NATO soldiers were killed in a blast in eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday, the military alliance said in a statement on Thursday morning.

"Two International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) servicemembers died

following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in eastern Afghanistan yesterday," the NATO-led ISAF said in the statement.

The brief statement did not disclose the nationalities of the victim under the ISAF policy. The Taliban

insurgents, who have been waging a decade-long insurgency, announced on 2 May that they would launch a spring offensive starting from 3 May to target Afghan forces as well as US and NATO troops across the country.—Xinhua

Russia must have funds to tackle new economic crisis: Putin

MOSCOW, 29 June — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday urged the government to take into account any scenario of the world economic



Russian President Vladimir Putin.—INTERNET
development and reserve funds in tackling a possible new crisis. "We must have tools and options to immediately respond, so I ask to draft into the next year's budget enough reserves to implement anti-crisis

measures, if the need occurs," Putin said in his budget address to the government and the Federal Assembly.

The president also listed seven major problems which hindered the country's economic development, among which was Russia's heavy dependence on global prices of raw materials. Thus, Putin said, the government should envisage a possible budget adjustment in case of lower oil prices.

"When developing a draft federal budget for 2013 and a planned period of 2014-2015, the government should take into account the possibility of an unfavorable development of foreign economic situations to Russia," Putin said. The government should plan its

spending on the basis of an average oil price in past five years, he said.

Meanwhile, Putin demanded the budget to take into account Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

"The budget must foresee measures facilitating the adaptation of our economy to the WTO conditions," Putin said. Regarding investment climate, Putin said, it depended on the government's economic policies, budget measures and stability of taxation system. He also instructed that the state's budget policy must encourage private initiatives, increase business activity and enhance national business competitiveness.—Xinhua

Hollande confirms Italian-Spanish threats to block growth pact

BRUSSELS, 29 June — French President Francois Hollande on early Friday morning confirmed an earlier Xinhua report citing sources that Italy and Spain had threatened to block the growth pact until they could secure short-term support to ease their mounting borrowing costs. European Union leaders had agreed on a growth compact during the first phase of a two-day summit on Thursday evening, but Italy and Spain refused to sign off as they wanted immediate support measures in exchange, Hollande said at a Press conference.

Xinhua learnt from two EU sources late Thursday that Italy and Spain had threatened to block the entire growth pact unless they



French President Francois Hollande.—INTERNET

could secure short-term support to ease their financing pressure. "They (Italy and Spain) could not give a partial agreement. For them, the stability measures must be a priority," said Hollande, referring to Italy and Spain's proposal to use the eurozone's bailout funds to buy new bonds of the two countries. While unveiling a 120-billion-euro (about 149 billion US dollars) growth package, European Council

President Herman Van Rompuy said late Thursday at a Press conference that EU leaders had not yet agreed on the wider growth pact.

EU leaders attending the ongoing two-day summit had referred the issue to a parallel meeting of Eurogroup Working Group (EWG) of deputy finance ministers, who were expected to discuss the issue the whole night, the two sources told Xinhua. In spite of remarkable austerity measures and structural reforms carried out by the two countries, Italy and Spain remain under high financing pressure. On Thursday, Italy paid the most to sell 10-year bond since December, selling the notes to yield 6.19 percent, while Spanish 10-year yields rose to 6.94 percent.—Xinhua

UK banks face new scandal; Barclays boss in peril

LONDON, 29 June — Britain will expose on Friday a second scandal involving the country's banks in as many days, as Barclays boss Bob Diamond clings to his job after regulators slapped a record fine on the lender for rigging interest rates. The Financial Services Authority will announce it has found evidence that banks mis-sold products to protect small businesses against a rise in interest rates, a person familiar with the matter said.

With public, political and business outrage at bankers' behavior deepening, the

industry is likely to draw compensation claims that could cost it billions of pounds, legal experts say. A string of mis-selling cases has rocked the financial services industry for over two decades and banks are already likely to pay upwards of 9 billion pounds (\$14 billion) in compensation for mis-selling loan insurance.

While a number of banks are likely to be drawn into the latest mis-selling scandal, Diamond has found himself first in the firing line after US and British authorities fined Barclays \$450 million on



A man walks past a branch of Barclays Bank in the City of London, on 28 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Wednesday for manipulating the London interbank offer rate (Libor). Prime Minister David Cameron said Diamond—who was running the investment banking arm Barclays Capital when the

rigging occurred in 2005-2009—and other bosses had some "big questions to answer". Britain also called in the fraud squad to investigate possible crimes.—Reuters

United Technologies sent military copter tech to China

WASHINGTON, 29 June — United Technologies Corp on Thursday admitted selling China software that helped Beijing develop its first modern military attack helicopter, one of hundreds of export control violations over nearly two decades. At a federal court hearing in Bridgeport, Connecticut, United Technologies and its two subsidiaries, Pratt & Whitney Canada and Hamilton Sundstrand Corp, agreed to pay more than \$75 million to the US government to settle criminal and administrative charges related to the violations.

As part of the settlement, Pratt & Whitney Canada pleaded guilty to two federal criminal charges — violating a US export control law and making false statements. Federal prosecutors said the company knew that its export of modified software to China would allow Beijing to test and develop its new military helicopter, called the Z-10, using 10 engines that had been legally exported as commercial items. They said the company harmed national security while trying to gain access to China's lucrative civilian helicopter market.

"P&WC exported controlled US technology to China, knowing it would be used in the development of a military attack helicopter in violation of the US arms embargo with China," said US Attorney David Fein of Connecticut. "P&WC took what it described internally as a 'calculated risk,' because it wanted to become the exclusive supplier for a civil helicopter market in China with projected revenues of up to \$2 billion," Fein said.

The case comes amid growing US concerns about China's military expansion and escalating electronic espionage. Federal authorities have brought five major cases since last February, involving everything from drone technology to radiation-hardened computers used in satellite communications.—Reuters

Iraq bomb attacks kill 21, wound scores

BAGHDAD, 29 June — Bombings in and around Baghdad killed at least 21 people and wounded over 100 on Thursday, health and security sources said, the latest attacks in a bloody month that have stoked fears Iraq could return to broad sectarian fighting.

Tensions have been high in the country since the last US troops left in December, with ongoing political crises between Iraq's main Shi'ite, Sunni and Kurdish factions further aggravating concerns.

In the deadliest incident, 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. 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 (pulverized) vegetables," Nouri said.

Violence in Iraq has fallen since the peak of sectarian fighting in 2006-07 following the 2003 US-led invasion but insurgents remain capable of lethal attacks.

Almost 200 people have been killed so far in June across the country in a rise in attacks targeting mainly Shi'ite pilgrims and shrines.

The worst incident occurred on 13 June when bombers targeted Shi'ite pilgrims, killing more than 70 people in one of the bloodiest days since US forces withdrew.

Reuters



Rescuers carry a victim who is reported missing in a mudslide in Ningnan County, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 28 June, 2012. About 40 workers at a hydropower station went missing here Thursday morning, following a rain-triggered mudslide, according to local authorities.—XINHUA

US soldier killed in shooting at Army base

WASHINGTON, 29 June — A US soldier was killed and two others, including the shooter, were wounded in a shooting incident on Thursday at the Fort Bragg Army base, North Carolina. The shooting took place during a 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade unit safety briefing, when a soldier shot another member of the unit and then turned the weapon on himself, the Pentagon's American Forces Press Service reported.

The shooter was injured and is in custody. A third soldier who was in the area was also slightly wounded in the shooting, the report said. "This is a tragedy for our community. We don't yet know the reasons for the shooting, but are working with the unit and the affected families to help them through this difficult period," Kevin Arata, a Fort Bragg public affairs officer, was quoted as saying. Special agents from the Army Criminal Investigation Command are conducting an investigation into the incident, the report said. Fort Bragg, established in 1918, is a famous US Army base, where the US Army Forces Command and US Army Reserve Command are located.—Xinhua



Residents inspect the site of a bomb attack in the town of Taji, about 20 km (12 miles) north of Baghdad, on 28 June, 2012. A separate car bomb attack in Taji, a town 20 km (12 miles) north of the capital, killed four and wounded 20 in the early hours of the morning, police said.—REUTERS

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (002) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Puerto Rico creates nature reserve in north coast

SAN JUAN, 29 June—A pristine swath of Puerto Rico's north coast that developers have long coveted is now a nature reserve, ending a bitter and lengthy battle between the government and environmentalists.

Gov Luis Fortuno signed a law late Monday protecting 1,950 acres (790 hectares) of state-owned land from large-scale development, reversing a stance he took several years ago when he revoked its protected status to attract developers and boost the island's sluggish economy.

Both the House and Senate already had unanimously approved the bill. Carmen Guerrero, an environmental planner for a local coalition that fought for the designation, said on Tuesday that the move is significant because the lands had been considered prime real estate. "They are smack on the beach," she said. "We are extremely satisfied and content."

The property's turquoise waters and lush vegetation had caught the eye of hotel

chains including Marriott International Inc and Four Seasons Hotels Inc, which had talked with the government about the land. The new nature reserve designation prohibits construction of large resorts, but allows for ecotourism-

as the Northeast Ecological Corridor, located just north of El Yunque rainforest, a popular tourist attraction. The reserve also is considered one of the prime nesting sites for the endangered leatherback turtle.

Environmentalists now

build projects such as resorts, commercial centers and residences, said coalition member and environmental scientist Luis Jorge Rivera.

The local planning board is still studying a proposal to build a mall on one of those private properties, although Rivera said construction would violate the new law that calls for the preservation and conservation of land within the corridor, even if it is not designated a nature reserve.

The coalition also will seek to reincorporate another 290 acres (117 hectares) that were previously protected when former Gov Anibal Acevedo Vila established the Northeast Ecological Corridor in April 2008. Fortuno had removed that protection in 2009.

Puerto Rico has dedicated only 8 percent of its land to preservation and conservation, while the Dominican Republic protects 42 percent of its land and the US Virgin Islands 54 percent, according to conservation bill signed by the governor.

Internet



In this June 28, 2008 file photo, cyclists stand on a beach in the Northeast Ecological Corridor Reserve in the municipality of Luquillo in Puerto Rico. The swath of pristine beachfront property along Puerto Rico's north coast that developers have long coveted is now a nature reserve, ending a bitter and lengthy battle between the government and local environmentalists.

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related activities, including construction of hotels with a maximum of 70 rooms.

The new reserve makes up 66 percent of what is known

aim to protect another 1,011 acres (409 hectares) of privately owned land within the corridor on which developers are still allowed to

Hackers target Japanese govt websites

TOKYO, 29 June—Japanese government websites have been targeted by hackers. An international hacking group, Anonymous, had earlier threatened to attack official sites.

The Finance Ministry says it shut down part of its website on Tuesday after the content was tampered with.

The altered page carried a photo of an overseas protest rally and a superimposed message opposing the restart of a nuclear power plant in Japan. A statement by Anonymous also appeared on the site.

Internet users had difficulty accessing the Supreme Court website for more than an hour. The website of a local land ministry bureau was also altered.

Anonymous has claimed responsibility for these 2 cases. Users had difficulty accessing the websites of Japan's main governing Democratic Party and the largest opposition Liberal Democratic Party.

The hackers' group released a statement on Monday protesting Japan's new copyright protection law and threatened to attack government websites.

The law calls for penalties for people who knowingly download pirated music or movie files. Violators could face fines or up to 2 years in prison.—NHK



The photo shows the scene of illegal home manufacture explosion during a fireworks hazards demonstration by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission at the National Mall in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 26 June, 2012, days ahead the Independence Day holiday festivities that falls on 4 July.

XINHUA



Photo taken on 25 June, 2012 shows the Kunming Changshui International Airport in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province. Construction on the Kunming Changshui International Airport, a hub airport in southwest China's Yunnan Province, was completed on Tuesday, with the airport expected to go into operation on Thursday.

XINHUA

Cafeteria blast injures 13 in NE China

HARBIN, 29 June—A blast ripped through a cafeteria on Wednesday morning, injuring 13 people—two of them critically—in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, local authorities said.

The explosion occurred at 6:50 am at a cafeteria in Phoenix Town community of Shuangcheng city, said an official with the city government.

So far, 13 people have been confirmed injured. Two of them were in critical condition and transferred to a hospital in the provincial capital Harbin, said the official.

Altogether 39 people went to an emergency medical centre for health checks.

It is not yet known what caused the blast and further investigation is underway.

Xinhua

**FBI, police unmask 24 suspects in cyber sting**

TOKYO, 29 June—The US Federal Bureau of Investigation has unmasked 24 men in 8 countries suspected of stealing and trafficking bank account information online.

The FBI says the hackers sold stolen data on bank accounts and credit cards on a decoy website set up by the bureau. The FBI worked with police of countries including the US, Japan and Britain for 2 years to track users of the site.

The FBI says they stopped the use of more than 410,000 stolen cards and prevented about 200 million dollars in possible losses.

The FBI says it's the first time police from so many countries have worked together to stop cybercrime.

The bureau says it will investigate the suspects and analyze their computers to determine whether any large criminal organizations were involved.—NHK

Mexico doctors remove child's 33-pound tumour

MEXICO CITY, 29 June—Mexican doctors say they have successfully removed a 33-pound (15-kilogram) benign tumour from the body of a 2-year-old child.

Dr Gustavo Hernandez says the tumour was heavier than the child who at the time of the 14 June surgery weighed 26 pounds (12 kilograms). Hernandez said on Tuesday the child from the northern state of Durango was born with a lump that eventually covered the right side of his body from his armpit to his hip.

Hernandez says it took doctors at the La Raza Medical Centre in Mexico City 10 hours to remove the tumour. Hernandez is the director of pediatrics at La Raza hospital. He says the boy is recovering

and doing well.

The doctor also said the operation marked the first time Mexican doctors have removed a tumour bigger than the person carrying it.

Internet



Jesus Rodriguez, 2, holds onto the hand of his mother Maria Fernandez, in a play area of La Raza Medical Centre, in Mexico City, Tuesday, on 26 June, 2012.

INTERNET

About 60 protest swearing rules

About 60 people gathered in a Massachusetts city to protest a bylaw allowing police to fine people who use profanities in public.

Protest organizer Adam Kokesh, 30, a Marine veteran, led the crowd in repeating curses and flashing their middle fingers to protest the Middleboro bylaw, which was passed 183-50 at a town meeting this month, *The (New Bedford) Standard-Times* reported.

"I'd like to open up this megaphone now as an open mic to let anybody who wants to take the stage join me here and give the town of Middleboro, Mass, a piece of their [expletive] mind," Kokesh told the crowd.

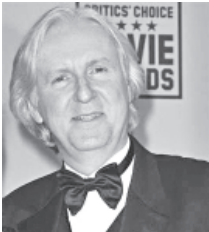
"We disagree with the idea that the government should be regulating our speech in this way because it's an individual and family matter," said Middleboro resident Debbie Lafond, 38, who was accompanied at the demonstration by her 4-year-old son. "If they can regulate this, what's next?"

Police said they did not receive any complaints about Monday's protest.

They said the bylaw is still in the process of being approved by the state attorney general, so any fines would have had to have been issued under a 1968 bylaw, which requires a court appearance for obscene language.

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James Cameron to film 3 'Avatar' sequels back-to-back



James Cameron

WASHINGTON, 29 June—James Cameron is to shoot three sequels of his blockbuster movie 'Avatar' at the same time. Actress Sigourney Weaver, who is due to reprise her role as Dr Grace Augustine for the follow up motion pictures to the 2009 3-D sci-fi film—which tells the tale of humans exploiting the natural resources of the planet Pandora—confirmed the plans are in her schedule. In an interview with Showbiz 411, the 62-year-old actress admitted that she has no idea

how Cameron is going to helm all three movies at once, nor the amount of time it will take.

"I just show up," Contactmusic quoted her as telling the publication. Sigourney's comments come after the 57-year-old—who has directed 'Titanic', 'The Terminator' and 'Aliens'—previously admitted that he only plans to make 'Avatar' films for the rest of his career.

"I'm in the 'Avatar' business. Period. That's it. I'm making 'Avatar 2', 'Avatar 3', maybe 'Avatar 4', and I'm not going to produce other people's movies for them," he had said.

"I'm not interested in taking scripts.... I think within the 'Avatar' landscape I can say everything I need to say that I think needs to be said, in terms of the state of the world and what I think we need to be doing about it. And doing it in an entertaining way," he said.

Internet

Chris Hemsworth hopes to win appreciation for acting



Actor Chris Hemsworth

LONDON, 29 June—Actor Chris Hemsworth's

physique has helped him to start his acting career and he hopes his histrionics will interest the audiences.

"It's helped me get a job, sure. But you hope it's not the only thing that helped," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Hemsworth as saying.

The 28-year-old says he finds some other actors' pre-shoot rituals strange.

"I worked with a guy once who would chant, 'I'm beautiful and I have a secret, I'm beautiful and I have a secretm'," he said.—Internet

The town of Pray, Montana.



A Montana auctioneer said at the 27 June night's auction for an entire 5-acre town includes a residence, a

Montana town up for auction

Wednesday night's auction for the town of Pray, Mont., will own the buildings as well as receive title insurance for the town.

The auctioneer said the town is located 2.5 miles from the Chico Hot Springs Resort, 22 miles from Livingston, Monts, and 30 miles from the north entrance of Yellowstone Park.

The company said the auction will take place in Pray, with bids also accepted online at United Country auctions.

community centre and a general store. United Country Shobe Auction & Realty said the winner of

Mob hit man's jewels headed for auction

A Texas auction house announced it is selling more than 250 items, including diamonds that once belonged to notorious Chicago mob hit man Frank Calabrese Sr. Bob Sheehan, owner of the auction firm Gaston & Sheehan, said items including loose

diamonds, gold necklaces, gold coins, expensive watches and other items will be auctioned on www.txauction.com on 10 to 24 July to go toward paying the \$4.4 million Calabrese, 75, owes the government in restitution and fines, the *Chicago Sun-*

Times reported.

Calabrese is behind bars for life after being convicted of crimes including 13 mob hits.

The items were seized when federal officers raided his home in Oak Brook, Ill, two years ago. "He's got lots of diamonds," Sheehan said.

Jessica Biel was nervous about punching Kate Beckinsale

LOS ANGELES, 29 June—Actress Jessica Biel says she did not want to punch her "Total Recall" co-star Kate Beckinsale while shooting the movie.

The actress was worried because Beckinsale's husband and director Len Wiseman was present on the sets of the 1990's sci-fi remake, reports contactmusic.com.

"I was so fearful of hitting her. I was thinking,

'Please don't let me hit this woman in the face! Her husband is watching!' And then I hit her," Biel told *Empire* magazine.

Beckinsale said: "I like the fact that there's this fight between Jessica and I and it doesn't end up that some one's sleeve is ripped off, or some one's bra is out. This was as if it was two guys - and yet it was us kind of madly apologising to each other."



Actress Jessica Biel

The 30-year-old Biel plays female protagonist Melina while Beckinsale portrays the evil Lori.

Internet

Noise pollution upsets Kate Moss



Model Kate Moss

LONDON, 29 June—Model Kate Moss is distressed due to the noise created by construction workers near her mansion. "The noise is constant.

She just can't block it out," tmz.com quoted a friend as saying.

"Kate's been screaming, shouting and tearing her hair out with all the banging and noise," the friend added.

A 65-room palace is being built at the bottom of the 38-year-old model's garden.

Moss lives with guitarist husband Jamie Hince. The new construction includes 25 bedrooms, 12 bathrooms and an imperial walnut-panelled grand ballroom.

Internet

No retirement for now: Woody Allen

PARIS, 29 June—He is one of Hollywood's legendary filmmakers, but Woody Allen feels he is yet to make a great movie and has no plans to quit the industry anytime soon.

"I'm 76 now so I don't think that's going to happen, but I keep trying," contactmusic.com quoted Allen as saying.

The filmmaker was in Paris to promote his new film



"To Rome With Love", yet another movie expected to garner critical acclaim. However, Allen doesn't feel the same, and claims that he is yet to make a great movie.

"I would like to make a movie that I could show unashamedly at a film festival," he said.

Internet

Hollywood's legendary filmmaker Woody Allen

Man takes aim at laughter world record

An Indian "laughter therapist" said he wants to set a world record by having 25,000 laugh in unison in the same place. Kamlesh Masalawala, who described himself as a full-time "laughter therapist," said he has taught the merits of laughing to more than 700,000 people and he now wants to use his skills to break the record of 10,000 people laughing together in the Netherlands, *The Times of India* reported.

Masalawala said he wants to gather 25,000 of his students in Surat to laugh together and break the Guinness World Record. The laughter teacher said several local schools have agreed to participate in his attempt, which he is hoping to schedule before the Diwali festival begins in mid-October.

Rihanna rescued from hotel fire

LONDON, 29 June—Pop star Rihanna and 300 other guests were rescued from a hotel here after a fire broke out in a lift shaft.

Femalefirst.co.uk said the 24-year-old tweeted a picture of herself on Wednesday bundled up in the back of a taxi in a grey hoodie and sunglasses and captioned: "Roamin da streets since 6 am!" She also posted a snapshot of a fire



Pop star Rihanna

engine outside the Corinthia Hotel.

The hotel said the incident was not serious, no one was injured and the evacuation was a safety precaution. A service elevator motor got burnt at the hotel, discharging smoke. A fire alarm immediately rang out.

Internet

"Super Mario" inspires Italy to stun Germany at Euro semifinal



Players of Italy celebrates after scoring during the semifinal match between Germany and Italy at the Euro 2012 football championships in Warsaw, Poland, on 28 June, 2012. Italy won 2-1 to enter the final. —XINHUA

WARSAW, 29 June — Mario Balotelli on Thursday proved his value with two goals as Italy stunned Germany 2-1 to reach the Euro 2012 final. Balotelli, who was questioned by some critics for lacking last-shot ability, headed home his first goal and struck the second in the first half to pave the way for Italy, who will face Spain in the final on 1 July in Kiev. "Mario was excellent like the entire team. He ran into the space in time and were always available in attack. He was concentrated and really in the game," commented by Italian

coach Cesare Prandelli.

"We risked a bit today. With a bunch of talented players with great qualities, we can take the control and that's the style what I expect for Italy. All we need to do now is try to recover as soon as possible. Spain is a terrific side," added by the Italian. Germany, which had been on a world-record 15-match winning streak in competitive fixtures before Thursday's clash, fought to the last second with a Mesut Ozil's penalty in the injury time.

They can still leave the stage with heads up for their faith in attacking football and courage to send a youngest squad to the tournament. "We won 15 matches in a row but lost to an incredible Italy tonight. Twice in defence we didn't pay attention. Then it was very difficult to turn around," said Germany's coach Joachim Low.

"However, this youngest team have played a wonderful tournament. They can still develop in the future and cope with the difficulties now." The victory extended Italy's

dominant record against Germany in competitive meetings to four wins and four draws.

Facing a favourite side which had scored freely in Poland and Ukraine, Italy survived an early scare just after the opening whistle when Mats Hummels' shot from a corner was blocked on the line by a near-post Andrea Pirlo, who pulled strings in the 90 minutes to help Italy stand keep shape and stand solid in the midfield battle. Giorgio Chiellini, who returned to the starting left defender after injuries, sent Antonio Cassano clear down the left in the 20th minute when the AC Milan forward fed Mario Balotelli in the central area who then found the net with a close-range header.

Balotelli continued his hot form after 16 minutes when Riccardo Montolivo's long ball helped him pass the German backline in the twinkling of an eye and the Manchester City forward fired the ball from the edge of box into the top right corner.

"Super Mario", who was unable to restrain his excitement, took off the shirt in the 56,070-seat National Stadium, only to be cautioned by the referee with a yellow card.

After the break, Germany brought in Marco Reus and Miroslav Klose to replace Lukas Podolski and Mario Gomez, making the squad pacier and direct in attack. Italy replaced forward Antonio Cassano with Bologna midfielder Alessandro Diamanti, changing from an offensive-minded show in the

first half to their classic counter-attack strategy.

Italy, which has not lost to Germany since a 2-0 friendly defeat in Zurich in June 1995, nearly sealed the victory with one clear chance in the last 15 minutes but Antonio Di Natale struck the ball just past the post. Germany, dangerous from many chances though, failed to beat an in-form Gianluigi Buffon and a solid Italian defensive line. Ozil, the most dynamic and creative midfielder in his side, scored Germany's last goal in the tournament from the penalty spot.

The last semifinal meeting between the two traditional powers was at the 2006 World Cup, in which the Azzurri gatecrashed host Germany's party 2-0.

"The disappointment was the same. Both defeats were very difficult. Our players did what they could in the second half. But you have to admit that they played better. We need to learn from this and move on," said Loew.

Xinhua



Bastian Schweinsteiger (R) of Germany vies with Antonio Cassano of Italy during the semifinal match between Germany and Italy at the Euro 2012 football championships in Warsaw, Poland, on 28 June, 2012. —XINHUA

Sharapova, S Williams hit back on equal prize-money



Maria Sharapova of Russia plays a return to Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria during a second round women's singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on 28 June, 2012. —INTERNET

WIMBLEDON, 29 June — Maria Sharapova had a simple retort to the notion that men should be paid more than women at Grand Slam tournaments. Serena Williams just laughed and covered her face with one hand before delivering her answer. Two of the biggest stars of women's tennis didn't hold back Thursday when responding to comments

made this week by 13th-ranked Gilles Simon — a new member of the ATP Player Council — that has rekindled the debate over equal prize money at Wimbledon.

While Simon defended his viewpoint Thursday and added a majority of male players agree with him — but are afraid to speak out — Sharapova offered a clear answer to why she deserves the money she earns. "I'm sure there are a few more people that watch my matches than his," she said. Sharapova beat Tsvetana Pironkova in a tough three-set match on a packed Court 1 on Thursday to reach the third round at Wimbledon, while Simon lost in straight sets to Xavier Malisse on Court 3.

On a more serious note, Sharapova added: "Look, we women have fought so long to get equal prize money. It was a big challenge and nobody really supported us. It's been a few years since we've gotten that. We're all really proud of it, and we continue to build the sport

and make it bigger." Sharapova's comments were relayed to Williams after her match on Centre Court. "You know, I can't bite my tongue," Williams said. Definitely a lot more people are watching Maria than Simon. She's way hotter than he is. Women's tennis, I think, is really awesome. —INTERNET



Serena Williams of the United States reacts during a second round women's singles match against Melinda Cink of Hungary at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on 28 June, 2012. —INTERNET

Bo Van Pelt leads PGA ATT National

BETHESDA, 29 June — Bo Van Pelt fired a bogey-free four-under 67 to seize a one-shot lead after the opening round of the ATT National at the Congressional Country Club course. "I got off to a good start," Van Pelt said. "I thought 10 through 14 I had hit a bunch of good shots and had some good birdie looks and didn't make any, and about a 25-footer for par on 15 that I made, just kind of kept my round going. "When you make a putt like that, it just kind of gives you a little bit of momentum, you feel like you might make some putts today."

American Van Pelt made the best of some difficult conditions Thursday. He holed out from the fairway for an eagle on a day when just seven players managed to post scores in the 60s. Tiger Woods wasn't one of those as he settled for a one-over 72. The average score was about 73.5. Three-time major winner Vijay Singh, Brendon De Jonge and Jimmy Walker were tied for second at three-under 68, while Pat Perez,

Jason Day and Billy Hurley all shot 69. "I played well," said Singh. "I hit a lot of good shots, made a lot of birdies, and finally I made a couple of putts, which I guess is the key to playing good golf...you've got to make putts, and I did that."

The 37-year-old Van Pelt, who has five top-10 finishes this year, has one PGA Tour victory, coming at the 2009 US Bank Championship in Milwaukee. Defending champion Nick Watney is part of a large group tied for eighth at one-under 70. Woods hit 11 greens in regulation but got into problems in the bunkers.

Internet



Bo Van Pelt hits a tee shot during round one of the AT&T National at Congressional Country Club, on 28 June, in Bethesda, Maryland. Van Pelt fired a bogey-free four-under 67 to seize a one-shot lead after the opening round. —INTERNET

Czech Republic nominates 118 athletes to London Olympics

PRAGUE, 29 June — The Czech Olympic Committee (COV) Thursday approved a list of 118 nominees, including 65 men and 53 women, for the London Olympic Games. The number of Olympians may increase to 130 if the Czech women's basketball team wins a qualifier against Japan on Friday.

At the Beijing Olympics four years ago, the Czechs were

represented by 134 athletes. The Czech nominees include all three gold medalists from Beijing — women's javelin thrower Barbora Spotakova and shooters Katerina Emmons and David Kostelecky.

The legendary water slalom athlete Stepanka Hilgertova, 42, who has won two Olympic golds, will compete in his sixth Olympics. —Xinhua



British-born Australian swimmer, Penny Palfrey (L), pictured talking to the Press in Havana, on 28 June. Palfrey is in Cuba to attempt to swim — without the aid of a shark cage — across the Florida Strait from Havana to Key West in the US, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Ernest Hemingway Nautical Club of Havana. INTERNET

British-Australian woman set for Cuba-Florida swim

HAVANA, 29 June — British-Australian swimmer Penny Palfrey is to launch a historic attempt to swim across the shark-infested waters from Cuba to the United States, but bad weather could affect her plans. Palfrey, a 49-year-old mother of three and grandmother of two, is vying to become the first person to make the 103-mile (165-kilometre) swim across the Florida Straits without a shark cage. She is scheduled to set off after dawn Friday from the Hemingway International Yacht Club in western Havana, headed for Florida's Key West. The journey is expected to take three days.

In September 2011, veteran US endurance swimmer Diana Nyad, 62, quit her swim two-thirds of the way across the strait from Havana, after suffering dangerous jellyfish stings.

It was her third failed attempt to complete the trek, which she first attempted at age 28. Like Nyad, Palfrey will swim without a shark cage. The dual British-Australian national admitted at a Press conference on Thursday that she faced multiple obstacles but hoped her experience would help carry her through the swim.

Inclement weather however could alter her plans. Torrential rains and lightning, which started in Havana on Thursday, are in the forecast until Monday, according to Cuban meteorologists, although weather conditions can change quickly in the region. —INTERNET

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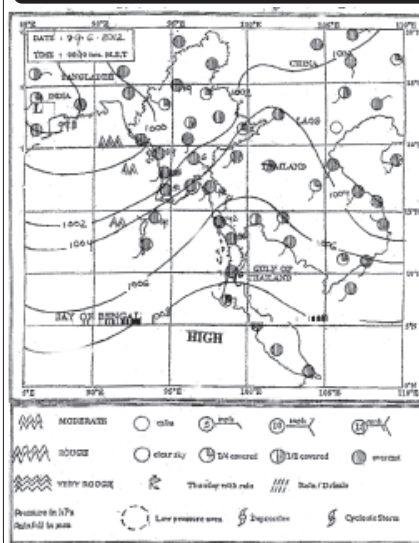
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- * News
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- * News
- * Education Malaysia Exposition 2012
- * News
- * India and Myanmar A Partnership for Progress and Regional Development
- * AB Bank First of many Firsts
- * News
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- * News
- * News Tid-Bits (Part-II)
- * Myanmar Movie "Due to this True Hatred"

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(30-6-2012) (Saturday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 7:50 am
- 4. Health Programme
- 8:00 am
- 5. Documentary
- 8:20 am
- 6. Poem Garden
- 11:25 am
- 7. Game For Children
- 1:25 pm
- 8. TV Drama Series
- 2:45 pm
- 9. One Village & One Product
- 4:20 pm
- 10. Cultural Dances
- 4:30 pm
- 11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Physics)
- 4:50 pm
- 12. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 6:35 pm
- 13. Celebrity and Dinner
- 7:00 pm
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. Monthly Weather Report
- 17. Cartoon Series
- 18. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 30th June, 2012**

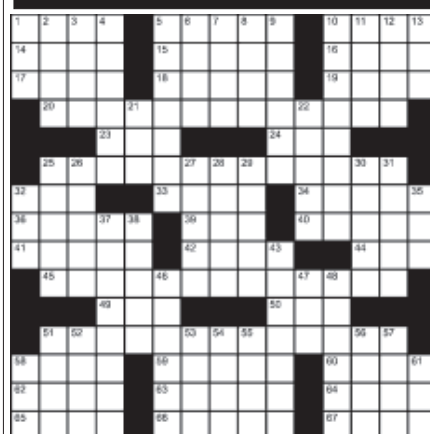
S. No.		Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/80	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
2	Kayah	27/81	21/70	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
3	Karen	26/79	24/75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
4	Chin	23/73	16/61	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	23/73	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	36/79	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thunderstorms (RH)	(100%)
8	Bago	28/82	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
10	Mandalay	37/97	25/77	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
11	Mon	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thunderstorms (RH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	29/84	23/72	Widespread rain or thunderstorms (RH)	(100%)
13	Rakhine	28/82	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms (RH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	26/79	16/61	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	32/90	22/72	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	21/70	Scattered rain or thunderstorms	(100%)
17	Ayeyarwady	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thunderstorms (RH)	(100%)
18	Neighboring Nya Pyi Taw	31/88	25/77	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
19	Neighboring Yangon	29/84	22/72	One or two rain or thunderstorms	(80%)
20	Neighboring Mandalay	37/97	25/77	Isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thunderstorms have been isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions and Kayah State, scattered rain or thunderstorms in Kachin and Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Yangon Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo (5.87) inches, Pyaw (4.25) inches, Mandalay (2.86) inches, Kanyaw and Ngathong (3.62) inches each, Cocogon (3.36) inches, Gwa (3.54) inches, Changon (3.31) inches and Kyabegon (2.88) inches.

Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate to elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced Gulf of Monsoon, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Continuation of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Crossword Puzzle**Across**

1. Hot drink
5. Large grassy South American plain
10. "Dang!"
14. Long, long time
15. Architectural projection
16. 100 cents
17. King or queen, e.g.
18. Gave a fig
19. Exec's note
20. Communities within a town
23. Costa del ____
24. Parenthesis, essentially
25. Senior petty officer responsible for discipline (3 wds, hyphenated)
32. ____ and cheese
33. Hokkaido native
34. Flock
36. Biscotti flavoring
39. "Dear old" guy
40. Gawk
41. Assign to, as blame

Down

1. Neon, e.g.
2. Curb, with "in"
3. Exude
4. Rock similar to granite
5. Spiral-shaped cavity of the inner ear
6. Kuwaiti, e.g.
7. Catalan painter Joan
8. Equal
9. Behind the times (2 wds)
10. Believer in social equality
11. Felt bad about
12. Kind of dealer
13. "____ bad!"
21. Caught
22. Certain exams
25. Bouncing off the walls
26. Kind of group, in chemistry
27. Chain of hills
28. Tangle
29. Part of a TV feed
30. Algonquian tribe member
31. Razor sharpener
32. Accident
35. "Are we there ____?"
37. Resonating chamber in a musical instrument
38. Boredom
43. Turn palm downwards
46. Stirrup-shaped bone in the middle ear
47. "____ Cried" (1962 hit)
48. Profound fear
51. Cost of living?
52. Affectively creative
53. Head-hunter of NE India
54. Ticket info, maybe
55. "____ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
56. Energetic (hyphenated)
57. Its motto is "Lux et veritas"
58. ____ Master's Voice, music trademark
61. ____ gestae (law)

NLM-ner Joke**Planning for the After-Life**

An Irishman named O'Malley went to his doctor after a long illness.

The doctor, after a lengthy examination, sighed and looked O'Malley in the eye, and said, "I've some bad news for you. You have cancer, and it can't be cured. I'd give you two weeks to a month to live."

O'Malley was shocked and saddened by the news, but of solid character. He managed to compose himself and walk from the doctor's office into the waiting room. There, he saw his son who had been waiting. O'Malley said, "Well son, we Irish celebrate when things are good, and we celebrate when things don't go so well. In this case, things aren't so well. I have cancer, and I've been given a short time to live. Let's head for the pub and have a few pints."

After three or four pints, the two were feeling a little less somber. There were some laughs and more beers. They were eventually approached by some of O'Malley's old friends who asked what the two were celebrating. O'Malley told them that the Irish celebrate the good and the bad. He went on to tell them that they were drinking to his impending end. He told his friends, "I've only got a few weeks to live as I have been diagnosed with AIDS."

The friends gave O'Malley their condolences, and they had a couple more beers.

After his friends left, O'Malley's son leaned over and whispered his confusion. "Dad. I thought you said that you were dying from cancer??? You just told your friends that you were dying from AIDS!"

O'Malley said, "I am dying of cancer, son. I just don't want any of them living with your mother after I'm gone."

Press conference focuses on development Myanmar gold industry

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—A press conference on establishment of a public company for development of Myanmar gold industry was held at Chatrui Hotel on Natmauk Street in Yangon on 27 June morning.

Patron U Kyaw Myint and Vice-President U Tan Aung of UMFCFI made speeches.

Managing Director U Kyaw Win explained biographies of Myanmar citizen entrepreneurs, consultant of finance and statistics U Sein Win systematic allocation of capital investment and stock shares and systematic keeping of accounts for sales of shares to the public, Chairman



U Khin Maung Han production of gold and other minerals that plays an important role in financial sector of the State, and production and trading of quality products through advanced technology.

Myanma Alin

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses Fourth Plenary Meeting of second-day session of UN Conference on Sustainable Development



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends Third Plenary Meeting of second-day session of United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) at Plenary Hall of Riocentro Building in Rio de Janeiro of the Federative Republic of Brazil.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended the Third Plenary Meeting of second-day session of United

Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) at Plenary Hall of the Riocentro Building in Rio de Janeiro of the Federative Republic of Brazil at 10 am local

time on 21 June.

Also present on the occasion were Heads of State/Government, ministers, senior officers, representatives, UN agencies, representatives of international and regional organizations.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham was accompanied by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Myanmar Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador U Than Swe, Director-General U Sann Lwin of the Planning and Statistics Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, Director-General U Win Naing of International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Pro-Rector Dr San Win of the University of Forestry.

Heads of State/Government and representatives delivered addresses on sustainable development.

At the External Tent 1 Hall of Pavilion 5 of Riocentro Building, the Vice-President attended the luncheon in honour of heads of State/Government hosted by the Brazilian President.

At 3 pm, the Fourth Plenary Meeting followed. Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered an address on sustainable

development of Myanmar.

Likewise, Presidents of South Africa, Zambia, Comoros, Martial Islands, Madagascar and the Republic of Dominican delivered addresses.

Next, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered a speech. After that, the Vice-President was cordially greeted by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and Heads of State/Government. *(Full text of the Vice-President is reported separately.)*

Next, Vice-Presidents of Burundi and Venezuela, Prime Ministers of India, Lebanon, Turkey and Australia, Deputy Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Laos, Vietnam, Kuwait and Kajikistan, ministers of various countries and representatives made speeches.

The Vice-President also attended the fifth Plenary Meeting of the Third Day Session of the conference on 22 June. Heads of State/Government and representatives of 72 countries delivered speech.

In the evening, the respective groups submitted the advanced roundtable meeting conference and the evidence committee presented the report and seeking approval from the representatives for agreements submitted by the third preliminary meeting.

Next, the conference came to an end.

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Myanmar believes Green Economy and Green Growth as new development policy, contributing to poverty eradication, improving human welfare, creating new opportunities and decent jobs

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the second day session of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held at the Plenary Hall of Riocentro Building in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil at 6:10 pm local time on 21 June.

The speech is as follows:

First of all, please allow me to extend my warmest greetings to you all. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to express my deep honour and pleasure to deliver a statement on this special occasion. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the United Nations and to our host, the Government of Brazil, for organizing this important event.

It is truly a great opportunity for me to share with you my first ever experience on Myanmar's endeavours to achieve sustainable development. We will work closely with you in seeking a solution to the issues of the co-existence of the people and the planet.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has pledged that Myanmar would seek the economic development in parallel with the environmental conservation and has called on all its citizens and social organizations to actively take part in this task.

My delegation believes that deliberations at this conference will produce some fruitful results. We consider that the outcomes of Rio+20 should include the practical measures for achieving the development and for supporting a transition to Green Economy at the global and national levels.

As we are all aware, the common goal of the world is to achieve sustainable development, which refers to securing the planet's availability of natural resources for the present and for future generations. We recognize that sustainability of materials and natural resources is easier said than done, and not only a few, but all of us are responsible to do our utmost if we are to reach this goal.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivering address at Fourth Plenary Meeting of second day session of United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

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The world population stands at 7 billion today and will reach 9 billion by the year 2050. The combination of the global population increase with associated natural resources and the material consumption rise will surely have significant implications to our finite planet. As both continue in the upward trend, negative impacts such as global warming, climate change and sea level rise are to follow, and as a consequence, crop-yield decline and loss of biodiversity are taking place too, at an alarming rate and it should be noted that some of these may never be reversible.

Myanmar believes in Green Economy and Green Growth as a new development policy, contributing to poverty eradication, improving human welfare and creating new opportunities and decent jobs for all, while maintaining the healthy cycle of the ecosystems.

(See page 9)

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (29-6-2012)

Bilin	(5.87) inches
Pyapon	(4.25) inches
MraukU	(3.86) inches
Kyauktaw	(3.62) inches
Ngathainggyoung	(3.62) inches
Cocogyun	(3.58) inches
Gwa	(3.54) inches
Chaungzon	(3.31) inches
Gyobingauk	(2.88) inches