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President U Thein Sein receives Chief of the Defence Staff of British Armed Forces

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein holds talks with Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir David Richards of the British Armed Forces at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a British delegation led by Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir David Richards of the British Armed Forces at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with the President were Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Soe Thane and departmental heads. The Chief of the General Staff was accompanied by British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Andrew Heyn.

They held wide-ranging discussions on promotion of bilateral friendship and amity, cooperation between the two Armed Forces, sharing experience on peace-making process and human resource development.

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Parliamentarians to report to Hluttaw Office

The seventh regular sessions of the first parliament will start on 25 June with sessions of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw scheduled to be convened at 10.00 am on 25 June (Tuesday) and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at 10.00 am on 1 July (Monday). Invitations have been sent to the parliamentarians.

The Hluttaw Office announced that lawmakers whether receive the invitation or not are requested to report to the Nay Pyi Taw Office No. 20 Hluttaw Office not earlier than 23 June and not later than 24 June along with parliamentarian certificate and identity card.—*MNA*

President U Thein Sein's radio message to be aired on 4-6 June

The monthly radio message of President U Thein Sein to fellow citizens nationwide will be aired by Myanma Radio, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Cherry FM, Padamya FM, FM Bagan and Thazin radio station at 4 and 8 pm on 4 June and 7 and 11 am, and 6 and 8 pm on 5 and 6 June.

Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives NDI Chairperson

Vice-President U Nyan Tun poses for documentary photo together with former US Secretary of State and Chairperson of National Democratic Institute (NDI) Ms Madeleine Albright.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Vice-President U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by former US Secretary of State and Chairperson of National Democratic Institute (NDI) Ms Madeleine Albright at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Thant Kyaw, Deputy Minister at the President Office U Aung Thein and personnel. The delegation was accompanied by US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek J Mitchell.

They held discussion on promotion of Myanmar-US ties, and NDI's potential assistance in terms of advice and experience in Myanmar's democratization process.

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LOCAL NEWS

Kyauktan Township sees preventive measures against frequent floods

YANGON, 3 June — As maindrainsinSanchainhmee and western wards of Kyauktan Township are always clogged with a variety of garbage in every rainy season, floods are frequent in low-lying areas of the township.

Aimed at ensuring proper flow of water in the drains and preventing against flood, dredging of drains has been carried out at a drain which is 2000 feet in length, 10 feet in width and five feet in depth of Aung Thida street in western ward and a drain which is 1200 feet in length, 10 feet in width and five feet in depth in Sanchainhmee ward since 29 May.

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Myanmar women's football team to receive cash awards for its success in AFC Women's Cup qualifier

YANGON, 3 June — Arrangements are being made to honour selected Myanmar women's football team who qualified for AFC Women's Cup as a group leader with three straight clean sheets in its three qualification matches held in Palestine from 21 to 25 May. Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw and owners of Myanmar National League clubs will present cash awards to the winning Myanmar women's football team.

It is planned to present K 15 million by MFF Patron U Aung Ko Win, K 15 million by MFF President U Zaw Zaw, K 5 million by U Aung Moe Kyaw (Hanthawady United FC), K 5 million by U Hla Htay (Zwekabin FC), K 2.5 million by U Phyo Ko Ko Tint Hsan (Nay Pyi Taw FC), K 2.5 million by U Zaw Min Thein (Rakhine United FC), K 2.5 million by U Zaw Win Shein (Ayeyawady United FC) and K 2.5 million by U Hla Myo totaling K 50 million to the victorious Myanmar women's football team.

Training session for the women's team resumed on 30 May. Prior to its participation in ASEAN Championship and 27th SEA Games this year, Myanmar selected women's football team will receive a training session in Osaka of Japan from 17 June to 5 July.

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U-23 selected Myanmar football team's 22-man squad announced prior to its friendly matches against Singapore, Vietnam

YANGON, 3 June — Head Coach of U-23 selected Myanmar football team Park Sung-Hwa recently declared the list of footballers prior to his squad's friendly match against U-23 Vietnamese football team on 11 June. The tentatively selected U-23 Myanmar football team arrived back here on 1 June after taking 12-day training session in Taunggyi.

The Myanmar Head Coach selected 22 players out of 30 who had received a training session in Taunggyi since 21 May, based on their skills, fighting spirit, efforts and stamina, in order to play friendly matches against selected Singaporean football team and U-23 Vietnamese football team.

The U-23 football team formed with 22 players will play a friendly match against selected Singaporean football team in front of home crowd under the name of the national team at Thuwunna football stadium at 5 pm tomorrow. It is planned to leave for Vietnam on 7 June to play a friendly away match against Vietnamese U-23 football team on 11 June.

The selected U-23 Myanmar football team will face two friendly matches in Vietnam. They will play against Dong Nai FC, a leading V-league club, at Dong Nai football stadium at 3.30 pm local time on 9 June. Next, there will be a friendly match between Myanmar and Vietnamese U-23 football team at central football stadium in Ho Chi Ming at 5 pm local time on 11 June.

Myanmar Head Coach Park Sung-Hwa said that footballers he picked were in the best position in Taunggyi training session; that substitutions may be made in accord with their performance and stamina after league matches; that the door was being kept open for every footballer who is willing to do their best to be included in the national team; and that he picked the players in accord with their performance.

The U-23 selected Myanmar football team is formed with GK-Kyaw Zin Phyo (Magway) and Pyae Phyo Aung (Southern); DF- Ye Zaw Htet Aung, Zaw Min Tun, Ye Win Aung, Thet Naing (Yadanarbon), Aung Hein Kyaw (Zeyar Shwemyay), Thein Than Win (KBZ), Aung Zaw (Hanthawady); MF- Nanda Lin Kyaw Chit, Phyo Ko Ko Thein, Nay Lin Tun, Naing Lin Oo (Ayeyawady), Sithu Aung, Kyi Lin (Yangon United), Ye Lin Aung (Zeyar Shwemyay), Yan Aung Win (Yadanarbon); FW- Kyaw Zeyar Win (KBZ), Dwe Ko Ko Chit (Yadanarbon), Soe Paing Thway (Zeyer Shwemyay), Chit Min Soe (Rakhine United), Soe Kyaw Kyaw (Ayeyawady).

Team Manger is U Tin Myint Aung. Head Coach is Park Sung-Hwa. Media Officer is U Soe Moe Kyaw. Assistant Coach is U Zaw Win Tun. Fitness Instructor is Ha Hey Jon. Goal Coach is U Myo Chit. Team medical officer is Dr Aung Kyaw Oo. Interpreter is U Aung Thura. Nurse is Pyae Phyo Aung.

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NATIONAL SPORTS

Myanmar Mandalay Football Academy team racks up its first win in front of home crowd

YANGON, 3 June — In the second match of ASEAN Youth Championship football tournament, jointly organized by Football Association of Malaysia and Frenz Football Academy, at Aung San Stadium on 1 June, Myanmar Mandalay Football Academy won by four goals to one against Philippines U-15 football team.

Myanmar took an advantage of playing against Philippines in front of their home crowd, scoring four goals against the visitor team. Myanmar was in a better performance than the first match in which Myanmar lost to Indonesia 3-1.

Ye Yint Aung opened the scoring during 31 minutes in the first half. The second goal came from Zwe Thet Paing two minutes later. Two goals in the first half gave Myanmar an early lead. Myanmar earned two more goals scored by Aung Pyae Ko and Soe Moe Tun in the second half. The consolation goal for Philippines came from the penalty in the injury time.

The tournament is intended to promote the football standard of the youth teams and football academies in the ASEAN region. An away or home match is held once a week. Myanmar got three points in two matches, away and home game each. Myanmar will play its second away match against Brunei U-15 football team on 8 June.

Kyemon-Shine Htet Zaw

UN head calls for disaster-resilient Africa amid instability concern

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki moon (R) speaks at the Tokyo International Conference on African Development in Yokohama near Tokyo on 2 June, 2013. At left is Beninese President Boni Yayi. KYODO NEWS

YOKOHAMA, 3 June— UN Secretary General Ban Ki moon on Sunday called on industrialized countries to provide funds to developing countries to combat climate change, and expressed concern that shifts in climate may be linked to political instability in Africa.

"Countries destabilized by climate change are potential breeding grounds for extremism and international criminal activity (and) they are a source of mass migration," Ban said at an event held on the sidelines of the Tokyo International Conference for African Development in Yokohama, citing the Sahel region of Africa as an example.

At the conference, Japan, African countries and international organizations renewed their pledges to work together toward realizing an Africa that is resilient to climate change and natural disasters.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe referred to Japan's experience of the massive earthquake, tsunami and subsequent nuclear disaster in 2011, and noted the significance of disaster prevention as it is linked with human security.

"Japan is committed to making contributions to the creation of disaster-resilient societies in the world," Abe said. The Japanese leader also mentioned the Sendai dialogue on disaster risk management held last year and said its message to consider disaster prevention in every aspect of development resonates with TICAD as well.

World Bank President Jim Yong Kim said Africa "holds the key" to eliminating poverty in the world as the region will be one of the most important engines of growth in the future, although it is still "extremely vulnerable to the impacts of disasters and climate change."

Kyodo News

US lawmakers want better Russia cooperation after Boston bombs

MOSCOW, 3 June—US lawmakers on a mission to Russia said on Sunday they had found no evidence that an American intelligence error enabled the Boston bombings, but that closer cooperation between Washington and Moscow might have helped to thwart the attack.

US investigators suspect two brothers who emigrated from Russia, one since shot dead by police, staged the attack at the Boston Marathon on 15 April that killed three people and wounded 264 others.

Two congressmen on the fact-finding visit said the countries — former Cold War foes now at odds over issues from Syria to President Vladimir Putin's treatment of opponents — had to work together better against a shared threat from Islamist militants.

"Radical Islam is at our throat in the United States, and it is at the throat of the Russian people," said Republican Representative Dana Rohrabacher, who led a group of six US lawmakers on the weeklong visit to Russia.

*Republican US Representative Dana Rohrabacher speaks at a news conference in Moscow on 2 June, 2013.—*REUTERS

President Barack Obama's administration and US intelligence have faced scrutiny over claims they failed to see the danger from the suspects, Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, ethnic Chechens who emigrated with their parents a decade ago.

"We've been asked a number of times, do we believe that the Boston Marathon massacre could have been thwarted — could it have been prevented? And the answer is, there's nothing specific that could have been done that we can point to that, had it been done differently, would have prevented this," Rohrabacher said. "But we can say that had we had a much higher level of cooperation all along, so that the whole situation would have been different, I believe that would have been one of the type of things we could have thwarted," he told a news conference at the US Embassy in Moscow.

Reuters

Iran's Arak reactor looms into Israeli, Western view

VIENNA/JERUSALEM, 3 June—Iran aims to start a reactor next year which the West fears could arm an atomic bomb; Israel, which has bombed such construction sites around the Middle East before, may try to stop the plant being completed.

The timetable for the planned start-up of the Arak heavy-water research plant is closely watched: Israeli and Western experts say any attacker would probably prefer to act before it becomes operational — to avoid generating radioactive fallout.

The Islamic Republic says it will make isotopes for medical and agricultural use. But analysts say this type of facility can also produce plutonium for weapons if the spent fuel is reprocessed — something Iran says it has no intention of doing.

Time may be pressing for adversaries who want to act.

"Whoever considers attacking an active reactor is willing to invite another Chernobyl," former Israeli military intelligence chief Amos Yadlin said, referring to the 1986 Soviet reactor accident which sent radioactive dust across much of Europe.

"And there is no one who wants to do that."

Yadlin, who runs Tel Aviv University's Institute for National Security Studies, was among eight pilots who in 1981 bombed Iraq's Osirak reactor. Still under construction, Israel believed nuclear fuel was about to be loaded and decided to hit it then, avoiding a risk of sending fallout over nearby Baghdad.

*A view of the Arak heavy-water project 190 km (120 miles) southwest of Teheran on 26 Aug, 2006. Iran President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad launched a new phase in the Arak heavy-water reactor project on Saturday, despite Western fears it is aimed at producing a bomb.—*REUTERS

Reuters

People walk past a damaged car in Taksim Square where police and anti-government protesters clashed in central Istanbul on 2 June, 2013. REUTERS

Turkish protesters clash with police into early hours

ISTANBUL, 3 June — Turkish protesters clashed with riot police into the early hours of Monday with some setting fire to offices of the ruling AK Party as the fiercest anti-government demonstrations in years entered their fourth day. Turkey's streets were calm in the morning after a night of noisy protests and violence in major cities. In the western port city of Izmir, protesters threw fire bombs at AK Party offices overnight and television footage showed part of the building ablaze. Firefighters put out the fire, the *Dogan* news agency reported.

Bus shelters, paving stones and street signs ripped up by protesters to make barricades that littered a major avenue by the Bosphorus strait in Istanbul where some of the heaviest clashes took place overnight, and graffiti covered walls. Roads around Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's office in Istanbul were sealed off as police fired teargas to push back protesters in the early hours of Monday.

In the main street near Erdogan's office, one demonstrator drove a small mechanical digger towards police lines as other protesters followed behind. At a nearby mosque, medical staff including trainee doctors treated those hurt in the clashes.—*Reuters*

113 dead in NE China slaughterhouse fire

CHANGCHUN, 3 June— At least 113 people were killed on Monday morning in a poultry processing plant fire in northeast China's Jilin Province, local sources said.

The fire broke out at around 6:06 am at a slaughterhouse owned by the Jilin Baoyuanfeng Poultry Company in Mishazi Township of Dehui City, according to firefighters.

The complicated interior structure of the prefabricated house in which the fire broke out and the narrow exits have added difficulties to the rescue work, sources with rescue forces said.

As of 12 am on Monday, the fire has not been put out and rescue work is ongoing.

The exact number of those trapped in the plant has not yet been confirmed.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 3 June, 2013 shows the accident site after a fire occurred at the Jilin Baoyuanfeng Poultry Company in Mishazi Township of Dehui City, northeast China's Jilin Province. At least 113 people were killed on Monday morning in the poultry processing plant fire. XINHUA

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

US takes Apple to trial over e-books price-fixing

*An illustration picture shows application icons on an Apple Ipad tablet held by a woman in Bordeaux, Southwestern France, on 4 Feb, 2013.—*Reuters

New York, 3 June—Apple Inc goes to trial on Monday over allegations by federal and state authorities that it conspired with publishers to raise the price of e-books. The trial pits the maker of the popular iPad and iPhone against the US Justice Department in a case that tests how Internet retailers interact with content providers.

"This case will effectively set the rules for Internet commerce," said David Balto, a former policy director for the US Federal Trade Commission. The Justice Department filed its case against Apple and five of the six largest US book publishers in April 2012. The lawsuit accused them of conspiring to increase e-book prices and break Amazon.com Inc's hold on pricing. Apple is going to trial alone after the five publishers agreed to eliminate prohibitions on wholesale discounts and to pay a collective $164 million to benefit consumers. The five publishers were Pearson Plc's Penguin Group, News Corp's HarperCollins Publishers Inc, CBS Corp's Simon & Schuster Inc, Hachette Book Group Inc and MacMillan.—*Reuters*

First Facebook president Sean Parker weds in California

*Sean Parker attends the eG8 forum in Paris on 25 May, 2011.—*Reuters

Los Angeles, 3 June —Billionaire Sean Parker, co-founder of music-sharing website Napster and the first president of Facebook, was married on Saturday in Northern California, a representative for the couple said.

Parker, 33, married his fiancee Alexandra Lenas in a ceremony at an inn in the costal retreat of Big Sur with 300 family and friends in attendance, his representative Matthew Hiltzik said in a statement. Their daughter, Winter, who was born this year, was part of the ceremony. Parker's fortune is estimated at $2 billion at Forbes.com.

In 2004, Parker joined Facebook where he became its first president. He left the company in 2005 and is now a managing partner at venture capital firm Founders Fund. Actor Justin Timberlake played Parker as a hard-partying ladies man in a 2010 movie, "The Social Network," about the creation of Facebook by Mark Zuckerberg, who was then a student at Harvard University. After the film came out, Parker dismissed the portrayal as fictional.

Reuters

British manufacturers urge health budget cuts to fund growth

London, 3 June—British manufacturers urged the government on Monday to cut the healthcare budget and put money into growth-generating areas such as infrastructure and technology when it unveils its latest spending review next month. The criticism of Prime Minister David Cameron's decision to exempt healthcare from budget cuts highlights growing concerns that efforts to reduce Britain's fiscal deficit could endanger its economic recovery.

"The government is making the shift towards growth-enhancing spending unnecessarily difficult by protecting large areas of spending," said Terry Scuoler, chief executive of the EEF, a manufacturing group which represents over 6,000 companies. The government aims to cut 11.5 billion pounds ($17.50 billion) off the 2015/16 budget at its 26 June spending review.

So far the finance ministry says it has agreed around 20 percent of the cuts it needs but there have been growing signs of resistance, particularly from within the defence and interior ministries. Danny Alexander, Britain's second-in-command at the finance ministry, told *Reuters* that tough spending decisions will need to be made in the coming weeks, but that he will deliver a new round of cuts without resorting to higher taxes.—*Reuters*

*A wrench lies on a workbench at manufacturing firm Sigma UK in Hinckley, central England, on 1 May, 2013.—*Reuters

Vaccine exemptions rising, tied to whooping cough

New York, 3 June—The number of New York parents who had their child skip at least one required vaccine due to religious reasons increased over the past decade, according to a new study. What's more, researchers found counties with high religious exemption rates also had more whooping cough cases — even among children that had been fully vaccinated.

States set their own requirements on which vaccines a child must have received to enter school. All allow exemptions for medical reasons, and most, including New York, also permit parents with a religious objection to forgo vaccination. Less than half of states permit exemptions due to personal or philosophical beliefs. But those also can get counted under religious views in places with less strict exemption policies. "Particularly in New York State, I do believe that parents are using religious exemptions for their personal beliefs," said Dr Jana Shaw, who worked on the study at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse.

"There's a lot of vaccine hesitancy." Studies have shown cases of whooping cough, also known as pertussis, have been on the rise across the US. Researchers suspect that's due to the use of a new type of pertussis vaccine — which is safer, but less effective over the long run — and to more children missing or delaying vaccination. For their study, Shaw and her colleagues tracked data from the New York State Department of Health on both religious exemptions and new whooping cough cases. Children were reported as having a religious exemption if they had been allowed to skip at least one required vaccine for non-medical reasons.

Between 2000 and 2011, the proportion of religiously exempt kids increased from 23 in 10,000 to 45 in 10,000, the study team reported on Monday in *Pediatrics*.

Reuters

Vinegar screening helps cut cervical cancer deaths in India

Chicago, 3 June—A simple screening programme for cervical cancer using vinegar and visual exams helped reduce deaths caused by the cancer by 31 percent in a group of 150,000 poor women in India, researchers reported on Sunday. If implemented broadly, the screening programme could lead to the prevention of 22,000 deaths from cervical cancer in India, and 72,000 deaths in the developing world each year, the team reported at the American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting in Chicago. "We had a 31 percent reduction in cervical cancer death. That was very significant," Dr Surendra Shastri of Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai, India, who led the study and presented the findings at the meeting. The study also showed a 7 percent reduction in deaths from any cause, although that finding was not statistically significant.

Cervical cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among women in India and in many parts of the developing world. "Low-cost screening programmes such as described in India are desperately needed," said Dr Kathleen Schmeler of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancre Centre in Houston. Shastri said currently there are no cervical cancer screening programmes in India, mainly because PAP smear screening, the conventional test done among women in developed countries, is not possible because of issues such as logistics, infrastructure and high costs.—*Reuters*

*A firefighter monitors flames from a wildfire near Lake Hughes, California on 2 June, 2013.—*Reuters

Drought-fueled wildfires rage in New Mexico, California

Santa Fe, 3 June—A trio of drought-fueled wildfires burned out of control in New Mexico and California on Sunday as shifting winds and other adverse weather conditions hampered fire-fighting efforts, authorities said. The Powerhouse wildfire in California's Lake Hughes area, 65 miles north of Los Angeles, had destroyed six houses, said Ronald Ashdale, a spokesman for the US Forest Service.

It was threatening more than 1,000 homes and had already charred 19,500 acres, the Forest Service said, adding that the blaze was not expected to be contained before on Wednesday. High temperatures and dramatic wind shifts have contributed to the fire, according to Ashdale, who said as many as 975 firefighters and other personnel had been struggling to contain the blaze in an area as dry as a tinderbox.

In New Mexico, two other fires also raged out of control on Sunday, one of them consuming 7,476 acres 2,800 (ha) of Ponderosa pine forest in an area known as the Pecos Wilderness, authorities said. It too was fed by severe drought conditions blanketing 98 percent of the state, weather officials said. "This is a historic drought. We haven't seen a drought like this since the 1950s," said Dan Ware of New Mexico's State Forestry agency.

Smoke advisories were sent to residents throughout the state after smoke and falling ash filled the air over Santa Fe and neighbouring areas. The other New Mexico fire had consumed 1,745 acres of the Valles Caldera National Preserve by late Sunday, triggering the evacuation of about 50 families, fire officials said.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Asian shares cautious on US data, Fed concerns

Traders work at their screens in front of the DAX board at the Frankfurt stock exchange on 7 May, 2013.
REUTERS

TOKYO, 3 June—Asian shares were capped on Monday as investors took profits from recent highs in the face of uncertainty over how much longer the current US stimulus would continue, and data underscoring the fragility of China's economy. Investors will scrutinize more data this week from the United States for clues to growth and demand prospects in the world's largest economy. Speculation over whether and when the US Federal Reserve would start scaling back its current massive bond-buying programme emerged following a string of positive American data and was the catalyst for corrections across markets which had drawn strong support from the Fed's largesse.

Reports showing Chinese growth was failing to pick up momentum gave no reason for a turnaround from soft sentiment. China's factory activity shrank for the first time in seven months in May as both domestic and external demand softened, while activity in the services sector also slipped, pointing to slowing momentum in the world's second-largest economy. "We still cannot see any signs of recovery but the chances of any sharp slowdown are also small," said You Hongye, an economist at China Essence Securities in Beijing. These reports followed an weekend release that showed China's official PMI rising to a more-than-forecast 50.8 in May from 50.6 in April.

ANZ said in a commentary that this single indicator did not change its view on China's softening economic condition. "Structural reforms are needed in order to help sustain the growth prospect ... inconsistent data will continue to complicate China's economic policy making and potentially impair the judgment of policymakers," the Australian bank said.

Reuters

Bernanke jokes about own future in Princeton commencement speech

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke listens to opening remarks before testifying at the Joint Economic Committee in Washington on 22 May, 2013.
REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 3 June—Never believe Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke doesn't have a sense of humour. "I wrote recently to inquire about the status of my leave from the university, and the letter I got back began, 'Regrettably, Princeton receives many more qualified applicants for faculty positions than we can accommodate,'" Bernanke said in remarks prepared for delivery on Sunday to new Princeton University graduates in his commencement speech. "Note to journalists: This is a joke," said a footnote attached to the text provided to reporters. Behind the joke, and Bernanke's care in making sure journalists didn't miss it, is the mounting obsession over who may take charge of US monetary policy for the world's largest economy after 31 Jan, 2014, when Bernanke's second term expires. Bernanke has said little about his future at the Fed, where he took over as chairman in 2006.

Talk that he is reluctant to accept a third term has been swirling for months, and speculation that he plans to leave the post got a boost in late April when the Fed confirmed he will skip the annual Jackson Hole monetary policy symposium in August due to a scheduling conflict. Bernanke's absence would mark the first time in 25 years that a Fed chairman has not attended the conference, which draws top central bankers from around the world and is periodically used as a setting to preview important policy shifts.

Reuters

Israelis among top 10 countries with most millionaires

JERUSALEM, 3 June—Israel is among top 10 countries and regions with highest percentage of millionaires in ratio to the population, according to a report issued by the International Boston Consulting Group, a global management and business consulting firm.

Israel ranked No10 with 84,000 millionaires as of 2012, out of a population of 8 million people, said the report titled " Maintaining Momentum in a Complex World: Global Wealth 2013."

Qatar topped the ranking with 50,000 millionaire households (14. 3 percent of households) out of a population of 2 million, followed by Switzerland, Kuwait, Hong Kong and Singapore.

"There are plenty of thriving businesses here to keep them afloat," the report writes of the wealthy Israelis, "from booming technology companies to exploiters of natural gas fields."

Xinhua

Merck melanoma drug shrinks tumours in 38 percent of patients

CHICAGO, 3 June—A Merck & Co drug designed to unmask tumour cells and mobilize the immune system into fighting cancer helped shrink tumours in 38 percent of patients with advanced melanoma in an early-stage study, US researchers said on Sunday. Based on the findings about the drug lambrolizumab, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting in Chicago, Merck says it will move directly into a late-stage clinical trial, which will start in the third quarter.

"This is a top priority at Merck," Dr Gary Gilliland, senior vice present and head of oncology at Merck Research Laboratories said in a meeting with investors. "We're going flat out to deliver benefit to patients with this novel mechanism." The moves may heap pressure on market leader Bristol-Myers Squibb, maker of Yervoy — the only approved immune system drug for the treatment of advanced melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. Bristol-Myers is conducting three phase-three studies of its own drug called nivolumab in advanced melanoma, and is studying the drug's effect on a range of other cancers, including lung cancer.

Both nivolumab and lambrolizumab are part of a promising new class of drugs that disable programmed death 1 or PD-1, a protein that keeps the immune system from spotting and attacking cancer cells.

"Even though it's (lambrolizumab) the second player in the field and even though it's all early, it impressed me," said Dr Antoni Ribas of the University of California Los Angeles' Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Centre, the lead author of the study. Last month, the US Food and Drug Administration deemed the treatment a "breakthrough therapy," a designation FDA cancer drugs chief Dr Richard Pazdur described as "knock-your-socks-off therapies."

Reuters

CEO of world's largest advertising firm sees global prominence for Chinese brands

LONDON, 3 June—Chinese companies are looking at a promising future where domestic brands will become famous internationally, according to the chief executive of the world's largest advertising company.

In a recent interview with *Xinhua*, Sir Martin Sorrell, chief executive of WPP (Wire & Plastic Products Group), said he believes that China's great size offers its domestic business a big advantage, which can be used as a platform to grow their firms into global brands. Sorrell is about to embark on a two-week trip to China in which he will discuss with his top executives the strategy of his firm's 1.5-billion-US-dollar business in the country. "In China you have 1.3 billion people. It's four or five times bigger than America. So, if you think about it from a Chinese company's point of view, and if I was running a Chinese company I would want to make sure that I had done everything I could in China that I could before expanding abroad," he said.

Sorrell, whose firm employs 165,000 people in 110 countries, said a large and strong domestic market was a good base for international growth, and pointed to the advantages that the United States and Japan have in the global economy. He also said that people worldwide are going to see more and more of global Chinese brands.

Xinhua

Japan PM Abe says Watching market closely, won't comment on moves

YOKOHAMA, 3 June—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Monday he is closely watching market movements but refrained from commenting on them.

Abe, speaking to reporters after the Tokyo International Conference on African Development(TICAD) held in the city of Yokohama, said he expected the financial markets to calm down gradually as the Bank of Japan is communicating with the markets.

The benchmark Nikkei share average tumbled to a nearly six-week low on Monday as sharp declines in US stocks dampened already fragile sentiment in Japanese equities that have now fallen 15.5 percent from a 5-1/2 year peak hit last month.

Reuters

A view of the Merck & Co campus in Linden, New Jersey on 9 May, 2009.—REUTERS

NATIONAL

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services welcomes British Chief of the Defence Staff

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing welcomed Chief of the Defence Staff of British Armed Forces General Sir David Richards in front of Zeyathiri Beikman here this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, senior military officers from Commander-in-Chief Office, and the Nay Pyi Taw Command commander. The British Chief of Defence Staff was accompanied by British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Andrew Heyn and the military attaché and high-ranking officials from British Armed Forces.

The Commander-in-Chief and the Chief of the Defence Staff took the salute of the Guard of Honour to the national anthems of the two countries. The British Chief of the Defence Staff together with the Commander-in-Chief then inspected the Guard of Honour.

The British Chief of the Defence Staff presented the high-ranking officers of the British Armed Forces to the Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief also introduced the senior officers of Myanmar Armed Forces to the British Chief of the Defence Staff.

Since the new government has taken office two years ago, democratic reformshavebeenputinplace, which helped Myanmar to restore ties western countries with sanctions being lifted gradually.

While the British government has increased political interaction with Myanmar government, the relationship between the two armed forces is resumed with the visit of chief of British Armed Forces General Sir David Richards. His visit is the first of a head of British Armed Forces over 50 years and is considered as a milestone in relations between the two armed forces after 1988. —*MNA*

***Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing welcomes senior officers of the British Armed Forces.*—MNA**

WORLD

Merkel coalition partner warns against higher state spending

German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks during the Annual Reception of the SOS Children's Village organization in Grimmen, on 31 May, 2013.
REUTERS

BERLIN, 3 June—The leader of Chancellor Angela Merkel's junior coalition partner chided her over spending promises made ahead of September's federal election and said now was not the time to abandon "economic sense".

Merkel, whose centre-right Christian Democrats (CDU) are well ahead in opinion polls, has signalled that more funds will be made available for families and for infrastructure projects if she wins a third term in office.

"I urgently advise staying in the realm of economic sense. Social policy promises like those now being proposed by the CDU have to be financially feasible," Philipp Roesler of the liberal Free Democrats (FDP) told the *Welt am Sonntag* newspaper.

Germany must not abandon its aim of achieving a balanced budget, said Roesler, whose pro-business party is a staunch advocate of fiscal discipline.

The top-selling *Bild* daily on Saturday put a price tag of 28 billion euros on Merkel's spending promises and said it showed Germany's election campaign had finally begun.

"The euro and financial market crises are already yesterday. Four months before the federal election the parties criss-cross the country promising citizens what they supposedly want to hear," said *Bild* in a commentary in Sunday's edition.

Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble, a close Merkel ally, denied in a statement to *Reuters* any weakening of government resolve to cut public debt, though he said he saw scope for some modest additional spending in priority areas.

In Sunday's interview, Roesler criticised the European Commission's decision to grant France and Spain more time to reduce their budget deficits, saying it sent a "wrong signal" that could harm confidence in Europe's readiness to reform.

Reuters

Three Myanmar workers in stable condition

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June— Myanmar workers Tun Maw Thein, Ko Ko Maung and Saw Ba Blugae receiving treatment at Selayang Hospital after being attacked on 30, 31 May in Selayang Region in Malaysia are not in critical condition, it is reported.

Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Tin Latt and embassy staff this evening visited them and provided cash assistance. Five or six Myanmar workers who were hospitalized in similar cases a few days ago had been discharged from the hospital, the Foreign Ministry quoted the doctor-in-charge as saying.—*MNA*

One dead, two missing in Austrian floods, landslides

VIENNA, 3 June— Torrential rain caused widespread flooding and landslides across Austria on Sunday, forcing hundreds of people to evacuate their homes.

At least one person died and two were missing in the deluge, which in some places has dumped up to two months' worth of rain in just days.

One clean-up worker was killed in a mudslide in the town of St Johann near Salzburg, the *Austrian Press Agency* reported, while two other people were missing in the province after being swept into raging streams.

The provinces of Upper Austria, Tyrol and Styria were also hit hard by the severe weather, which triggered the worst flooding in some areas since 2002.

A flood alarm for the northern side of the Alps was in effect until early on Monday, national broadcaster ORF said. The ZAMG weather service forecast that rain would slacken by Monday.

Reuters

A general view shows the flooded western Austrian village of Koessen after heavy rainfalls on 2 June, 2013.
REUTERS

Painting contests organized in Kalay

KALAY, 3 June—Under supervision of Lt-Col Zaw Naing Tun of Kalay District Anti-Narcotics Squad Police, Painting, Poster, Cartoon, Computer Art Contests in commemoration of 16th International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking in Kalay on 25 May morning.

The contests were held at Basic Education High School No (1) and KMD (2) in Kalay.

MMAL-Lawun Cho

Painting, Poster, Cartoon, Computer Art Contests in commemoration of 16th International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking in progress.

Myanmar chess game to mark Olympic Day

YANGON, 3 June—Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Chess Federation will organize Chess Tournament in commemoration of 2013 Olympic Day at Aung San Gymnasium here from 18 to 20 June.

The tournament is open to any participants and those wishing to take part in the tourney may register at Myanmar Chess Federation Office at Aung San Stadium not later than 16 June.

Chess 960, also known as random chess, and 25 min blitz event will be organized.

MMAL

Authorities constantly checking safety of boats in Yangon River

Passenger boats are required to have adequate life jackets.

YANGON, 3 June—Authorities in Yangon jetties are warning the passenger boats in Yangon River of the particular weather conditions and conducting surprise checks on conditions and safety of the boats.

The authorities checked life jackets at the boats and fined the owners of the boats if they found no life jackets or life jackets in bad conditions.

The efforts are being jointly conducted by supervisory committee, township supervisory office and 10 jetties supervisory committees.

MMAL-Moe Yan

TRANSPORT

Cargo vessels resume route in Chindwin River

MONYWA, 3 June—Cargo vessels in Sagaing Region which had rested in this summer as the water level of Chindwin River was low has resumed their operation after heavy rainfalls that followed Mahasen Cyclone.

Ko Min Min of Shwe Chan Myae cargo vessel said, "It takes 10 or 15 days to travel from Monywa to Homalin in the summer. It takes only five or six days in the rainy season. We have to transport Diesel, construction materials, foods, consumer goods and electronics from Monywa and pulses and beans and rice from Homalin."

The entrepreneurs are pleased with the early rise of the water level of the Chindwin River.

MMAL-Region IPRD

Cargo vessels resume regular operation in Chindwin River as the water level rises thanks to heavy rainfall.

Kayah State CM calls for timely completion of construction works

LOIKAW, 3 June—Roads and bridges in regions and states are being repaired with the fund alloted to respective areas for regional development.

Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo called for timely completion of the construction works at a meeting on progress in construction of roads and bridges in Kayah State in the meeting hall of Kayah State Public Works on 28 May morning.

Executive Engineer U Khin Maung Phyu of State Public Works explained construction works in the state and State Road Transport Minister U Chit Hla submitted the supplementary report.

Superintending Engineer U Aung Thiha of Special Group No (4) elaborated on progress in construction of Thanlwin River-crossing Bridge (Pasawng) and Pon creek bridge (Bawlakhe).

State government ministers and departmental officials participated in discussion.

MMAL-State IPRD

HRD

US Embassy's English classes camp out in NyaungU

NYAUNGU, 3 June—US Embassy organized English Access Micro Scholarship Programme Summer Camp (Bagan) in Wakyaung monastery in Bagan old city in NyaungU District in Mandalay Region from 29 May to 2 June.

Forty schoolchildren between 13 and 19 of age group were present at the camp.

They were chosen from more than 200 applicants through placement tests and interviews.

"We have opened the camp since 2007. We have donated by a wellwisher.

The donor handed over the relevant documents of the school building to the deputy director of region education officer's office.

MNA

DEVELOPMENT

Lake dredged to reduce risk of water scarcity

PADAUNG, 3 June—A lake in Thabyegon village in Kyibin village-tract in Padaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Region was dredged by volunteers on 22 May to prevent water scarcity in summer.

The water storage capacity of 30 years old lake has been reduced by collection of silts at the bottom of the lake.

The volunteers from Kyibin, Tegon, Pebin, Nyaungbin, Yekyaw and Ledi villages and Jatropha plantations participated in five-day efforts.

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HRD

New school buildings opened in Shawpya, Chaungtha villages

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung speaking at opening ceremony of new school buildings.

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—New school building of Shawpya Village Basic Education High School (branch) in Pathein Township was opened and handed over to the Education Ministry on 1 June, attended by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung.

Region Agriculture and Livestock Minister U San Maung and personnel formally opened the school building. The region chief minister spoke on the occasion and the school head handed over relevant documents to the deputy township education officer.

The region chief minister also attended the opening of new school building in Chaungtha Village as No.65 Basis Education Post-primary School of the village got a new school building

similar camps in Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi and Lashio. As the term of the programme is two years, the second year programmes are organized in Sagaing and Hopong. We are now in Bagan to make a summer camp. The children you see now are first-year students from Bago, PyinOoLwin, and NyaungU (Bagan). The number of students from three towns is 120 in total,'' in-charge of the camp Ma Thuzar Lwin said.

The outstanding students who excel in English were carefully selected for the programme.

MMAL-Ye Thura Aung (NyaungU)

The New Light of Myanmar

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 4 June, 2013

Budding democracy's promising business

Tourism actually is a business of showing natural or man-made wonders, especially the ancient ones, or cultural ethos of a country concerned.

The world has various brands of tourism, namely, cultural, adventure, leisure, health, transit, luxury, event, bicycle, beer and wine tourism, and ecotourism and geotourism. There are even sex tourism, nightlife tourism and casino tourism in some countries.

In countries like Korea, temple stay is a popular and attractive variety of tourism in which visitors stay and dine like monks at a Buddhist monastery.

But whatever the name is, it is nothing more than a holiday business that provides the most indulgent treatment every one wishes to enjoy, with eventual motive of making handsome profits like any other business industry.

And like any other business industry, it needs sustainable development that calls for responsibility, accountability and the liability. In fact, tourism depends on culture, ancient edifices, natural and man-made heritage, natural environment which are so delicate that always needs special care and attention and preservation and restoration measures in dealing with them.

As for our country Myanmar, she has the cultural ethos, a diversity of unique people having different customs, picturesque landscapes such as Inlay Lake, ancient heritages such as Bagan and MraukU, natural wonders like Khagaborazi and Mount Victoria, and wonderful beaches, for instance, Ngapali and Ngwesaung, all with their exceptional qualities even to charm a discerning visitor.

Some of the types of tourism are not fit with our religious and cultural values. But of most of the types can be much beneficial to our country that is receiving more and more visitors year after year.

In fact, the most important thing here is that we must keep in mind the long-term interest and not just the short-term profits as this leisure industry is one of the most promising businesses of our budding democracy.

NATIONAL

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker holds talks with US delegation, Chief of British Armed Forces and party

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June— Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received Chairperson of National Democratic Institute (NDI) Ms. Madeleine Albright, former US Secretary of State, and party at the hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning.

They held comprehensive discussions on parliamentary affairs, strengthening bilateral friendship and amity and further cooperation between Myanmar and the United States, ongoing process for ensuring national unity, national reconsolidation, the rule of law and internal peace.

Also present together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker at the call were Pyithu Hluttaw committee chairmen U Htay Oo, U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Zaw, U Thein Swe, U Hla Myint Oo, U T Khun Myat and officials of Hluttaw Office.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir David Richards of British Armed Forces.—MNA

The visiting delegation was accompanied by US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann also received a British delegation led by Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir David Richards of British Armed Forces at Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall in Hluttaw Complex, here, at 2.15 pm today.

They discussed Myanmar's reform processes and matters related to bilateral friendship and cooperation in respective sectors between the two countries.

Present at the call together with the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw were Pyithu Hluttaw committee chairpersons Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, U Thein Swe and U Hla Myint Oo, commission members U Myint Swe and U Khin Maung Tun and officials of Hluttaw Office.—*MNA*

UEC Chairman receives NDI Chairperson

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June— Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received former US Secretary of State Chairperson of National Democratic Institute (NDI) Ms Madeleine Albright and party at the hall of UEC, here, at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call were members of Union Election Commission U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, Dr Daw Myint Kyi, U Win Kyi, U Nyunt Tin, U Win Ko and Secretary U Tin Tun. The former US Secretary of State was accompanied by US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell. At the call, they focused on work processes of the commission to hold free and fair elections in 2015.—*MNA*

Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye welcomes former US Secretary of State Chairperson of National Democratic Institute (NDI) Ms Madeleine Albright.

MNA

Vice-Senior General Soe Win meets Deputy Minister of Policy Affairs of Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Korea Lt-Gen (Retd) Lim Kwan-Bin.—MNA

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services meets ROK Deputy Defence Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June— Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win received a delegation led by Deputy Minister of Policy Affairs of Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Korea Lt-Gen (Retd) Lim Kwan-Bin at Zeyathiri Beikman here this noon.

Also present on the occasion were Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, and senior military officers from Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office. The Korean delegation was accompanied by Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae Yong, Military Attaché Colonel Chol Shin Il and personnel.

The meeting focused on cordial ties and potential of cooperation between the two armed forces. The two sides exchanged gifts and posed for a documentary photo after the talks.—*MNA*

NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein attends opening ceremony of Cooperative Business Centre

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June— President U Thein Sein who was in Yangon attended the opening ceremony of Cooperative Business Centre held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony of fourth wood sculpture competition at the corner of Saya San Road and New University Avenue in Bahan Township, here, yesterday morning.

It was also attended by Union ministers, the Yangon Region Chief Minister and ministers, departmental heads, officials of Central Cooperative Limited, cooperative societies and guests.

First, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and Chairman of Central Cooperative Union and Cooperative Bank Limited U Khin Maung Aye formally opened the ceremony, and the President unveiled the signboard of the Cooperative Business Centre (CBC).

Next, they visited Saya San Branch of Cooperatives Bank Limited on the first floor of the building where Vice-Chairman U Kyaw Lin of CB Ltd elaborated on opening of branches across the nation, plans to open more branches during this fiscal year, installation of CB ATMs at branches, shopping malls, restaurants, hotels and crowded places, arrangements to be made for installation of ATMs near stadiums where SEA Games will be held and tourist attraction spots, and banking services being carried out in cooperation with international banks.

Regarding the reports, the President called for security measures to be placed on banking services and monetary system as international banks have been experiencing attacks on their security systems. He stressed the need of banking services meeting the set standards while Myanmar's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014. He urged to install ATMs at hotels on a wider scale for the convenience of visitors.

Next, the President viewed round the souvenior shops on the first floor of the building and attended the prize presentation ceremony of Fourth Wood Sculpture Competition.

The Cooperative Business Centre was opened thanks to collaborative efforts of the Central Cooperatives Society limited and 268 cooperative societies. Myanmar handicrafts, wood sculptures, lacquer wares and silverwares, clothing, polished jades and jewelleries and local products will be on sale at the souvenior shops from 9 am to 8 pm daily.

MNA

***President U Thein Sein visits booths displayed at opening ceremony of Cooperative Business Centre.*—MNA**

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives British, US guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June— Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a British delegation led by Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir David Richards at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, at 3:30 pm today.

Similarly, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw met Former US Secretary of State and Chairperson of National Democratic Institute (NDI) Ms. Madeleine Albright and party at the same venue at 4:30 pm today.

Also present at the calls were Amyotha Hluttaw Committee Chairmen U Zaw Myint Pe, U Thein Win, U Aung Nyein, Col Maung Maung Htoo and U Nay Win Tun, Committee Secretaries U Khin Maung Htay, U Hmat Gyi and officials of the Hluttaw Office. The British and US delegations were accompanied by the British ambassador to Myanmar and the US ambassador to Myanmar.—*MNA*

***Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint holds discussions with Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir David Richards of British Armed Forces.*—MNA**

***Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and British Chief of Defence Staff General Sir David Richards exchange gifts.*—MNA**

Tatmadaw cooperating...

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democracy, it will never deviate from the road to the democracy, he added.

While cooperating friendly with armed forces of its neighbours, regional countries, ASEAN and other countries in the world, the Tatmdaw is trying to become a modern one for defence.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing also said that he believed that the goodwill visit of the British army delegation is a first step to promote the friendship between the two countries and to strengthen the relations between the two armed forces.

General Sir David Richards expressed his understanding over Myanmar's challenges for reforms.

He expressed his belief that friendly relations could be realized, vowing to remain as a good friend of Myanmar forever. Coordination will be made for development of Myanmar Armed Forces and technological development by formulating short-and long-term plans, he added. He pledged to provide assistance as much as he can while Myanmar is facing challenges on her way to the democracy. He spoke words of praise for efforts that can translate the pressures into a success. He suggested that relations between the two Armed Forces could be enhanced by appointing military attachés on both sides.

Then, they exchanged gifts and posed for a documentary photo.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla hosted a luncheon to the British goodwill delegation.

Then, the commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife and the British Chief of the Defence Staff and wife exchanged gifts. Next, the two armed forces chiefs presented a bouquet to the artistes and posed for a documentary photo.—*MNA*

LOCAL NEWS

HRD

Hanthawady BEHS (branch) gets new building in Gangaw

KALAY, 3 June—School enrollment day was observed along with donation of notebooks, desks and stationary at Hanthawady Village Basic Education High School (branch) in Gangaw Township, Magway Region on 27 May, attended by departmental personnel, the village administrator, members of rural development supporting committee, teachers and school board of trustees.

The villagers contributed 340 dozens of notebooks for needy students, village education and health development committee K 3.1 million for 200 sets of desks, a community elder U Tun Win K 64000 for four sets of desks. The headmistress accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks.

The school was upgraded to BEHS (branch) beginning 2013-2014 academic year.

Kyemon-Shin Nay Min

Shwebin Ngwebin Library opened in Talokpin Village

PADAUNG, 3 June—Shwebin Ngwebin Library was opened in Talokpin Village, Padaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Region, on 31 May.

The ceremony was attended by the staff officer of Pyay District Information and Public Relations Department, Township Administrator U Win Zaw Htway, the chairman of township writers association and community elders.

The library was formally opened and wellwishers furnished the library with cash, periodicals and publications.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Thein Tun Myint spoke words of thanks.

The library building was constructed at a cost of K 2.3 million—K 1 million constructed by the government and K1.3 million by the village.

Kyemon-Aung Myint

Collective natural fertilizer broadcasting ceremony held in Kawkareik

KAWKAREIK,3June—The collective natural fertilizer scattering ceremony was held at 10-acre farmland in Field No. 120/ka in Yancoke village-tract in Kawkareik Township of Kayin State on 30 May.

It was attended by Kawkareik District Deputy Commissioner U Than Swe, District Head of Agriculture Department U Hla Thein, Township Administrator U Hsan Oo, the village administrator and farmers. They collectively broadcast natural fertilizers in the farmlands.

The district deputy commissioner and district head of the Agriculture Department disseminated knowledge on increasing the per acre yield and conservation of fertile soil.—*Kyemon-U Tin Win Hlaing (Kawkareik)*

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Tree planting—Myanmar pride

MINDAT, 3 June—Mindat Township and District Forest Departments under the Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry held a monsoon tree-planting ceremony for environmental conservation and greening at Basic Education High School No. 1, in Mindat of Chin State, on 1 May.

At the ceremony, heads of Mindat District and Township General Administration Department, officials from NGO, departmental stuff and students led by Mindat District Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Ant Maung, Township Administrator U Ngwe Doe, Head of District Forest Department U Myint Thein Tun, Head of Mindat District Information and Public Relations Department U Lain Kee planted 300 pine plants and 800 Khatawmi plants together with personnel.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Animals vaccinated in Maungtaw District

MAUNGTAW, 3 June—Under the supervision of District Head Dr Khin Maung Latt of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the veterinarians and staff had vaccinated animals in April and May by making a field trips to 76 village-tracts in Maungtaw and Buthidaung Townships.

The combined team vaccinated 4590 buffalos and bullocks and gave treatment to 420 buffalos and bullocks, 176 goats and 178 pigs. They also shared knowledge on development of livestock breeding sector.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Sittoung Bridge No. 3 scheduled to be complete in April, 2015

HTANTABIN, 3 June—A bridge has been constructed across Sittoung River to link Htantabin and Toungoo townships since December, 2012.

The bridge, named as Sittoung River-crossing Bridge No. 3 is on Toungoo-Htantabin-Zayatgyi motor road. Construction of bored piles has been completed on Htantabin side so far.

Bridge Construction Special Group No. 4 under the Public Works is undertaking the construction works. The RC type bridge will be 1200 feet in length, and 24 feet in width with a two-way motor lane, flanked by 3 feet wide pedestrian walks. It is scheduled to be complete in April, 2015. The bridge will benefit a great deal to residents in eastern part of Sittoung River.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin-Swa

Thandaunggyi Township gets a new court

THANDAUNGGYI, 3 June—The opening of Township Court was held at the court in Thandaunggyi of Hpa-an District in Kayin State on 31 May.

It was attended by Kayin State Chief Minister Thiri Pyanchi U Zaw Min, Kayin State Chief Judge U Saw San Lin, Kayin State Judicial Officer U Ohn Thaung, Commander Brig-Gen Myat Kyaw of the local station, Pyithu Hluttaw Representa-tive U Saw Nay Kaw Gyi, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Saw Htaw Pale, Kayin State Hluttaw Representative U J Win Myint and Hpa-an District Deputy Commissioner U Ye Naing, Hpa-an District Judge U Ohn Thwin, Thandaung-gyi Township Administrator U Thein Win, Township Judge U Nyo Htay and invited guests.

First, Kayin State Chief Justice U Saw San Lin, Kayin State Judicial Officer U Ohn Thaung and Hpa-an District Judge U Ohn Thwin formally opened the new building. Then, Kayin State Chief Minister Thiri Pyanchi U Zaw Min made an opening address. Next, Kayin State Chief Justice U Saw San Lin made clarification on opening of the court and Township Judge U Nyo Htay works progress for construction of the court.

The newly-opened one-storey court was built by Tharaphu Development Construction Co at a cost of over K 42 million contributed by the State government.—*H*

Raul Castro meets senior Chinese communist party official

HAVANA, 3 June—Cuban leader Raul Castro met a senior Communist Party of China (CPC) official on Saturday afternoon and pledged to enhance communication between the two countries.

Guo Jinlong, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, said that over the past 53 years since the two countries established diplomatic ties, China and Cuba have been offering understanding, sympathy and support to each other in building socialism, safeguarding world peace and promoting common development.

"The two countries have in the process nurtured deep friendship between them," said Guo, who is also the party chief of Beijing Municipality.

The new Chinese leadership led by General Secretary Xi Jinping deeply cherishes such a kind of traditional friendship and will support the efforts of the Cuban party, government and people in the just cause of defending their state sovereignty and fighting against foreign intervention, Guo said.

In addition, China's leadership supports the Cuban party and government in exploring a socialist development path suitable to the country's own national conditions, he said.

In the future, China is ready to work with Cuba to deepen the traditional friendship between the two countries, expand practical cooperation in all areas, and push forward the continuous development of bilateral relations, he added.—*Xinhua*

Cuban leader Raul Castro (3rd R) meets with Guo Jinlong (4th L), a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, in Havana, capital of Cuba, on 1 June, 2013.
XINHUA

Minister orders review of rule for easier dismantling of nuke plants

TOKYO, 3 June — Japan's industry minister Toshimitsu Motegi said on Sunday he has instructed his ministry to review an accounting rule for electricity companies in order to make the decommissioning of nuclear power plants less financially onerous for their operators.

Motegi told reporters in Yokohama that he has given the instruction to "consider an organization and schedule so that a review of the rule can be started at an early date." Under the current rule, utilities are required to build reserves for decommissioning over a period of 40 years on the assumption that nuclear plants will be used for 40 years or longer. If a plant is to be decommissioned in less than 40 years, the utility operating that plant must cover any shortfall in reserves. According to informed sources, a possible revision will allow multi-year booking of losses resulting from decommissioning instead of single-year booking under the current rule.—*Kyodo News*

An autistic girl performs in a musical drama "A Tale of the Peach Blossom Spring" in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 June, 2013. Dozens of autistic children from Beijing Xingxiwang Autism Rehabilitation Centre attended the performance at the Capital Library of China on Sunday, demonstrating the effects of art therapy.—XINHUA

M6.3 quake hits central Taipei, two dead, one missing, 21 injured

TAIPEI, 3 June—A powerful earthquake measuring 6.3 in magnitude struck central Taipei on Sunday, shutting down railway and road traffic, killing two people dead while leaving one missing and 21 people injured, National Fire Agency officials said.

The quake, which struck at 1:43 pm, triggered landslides and disrupted transport on sections of railway and high-speed rail systems. Certain segments of the Central Cross-Island Highway connecting the east and west coasts were also shut down.

The quake's epicentre was at the aboriginal township of Jenai in Nantou County, central Taipei and its focus was 10 kilometres below the earth's surface.

Officials said two men were killed by falling rocks and one man who had gone fishing was reported missing in Chiayi and Nantou counties.

According to local media, about 100 villagers living near the epicentre of the earthquake were briefly stranded by landslides.

Shockwaves were felt throughout the island, including Taipei in northern Taiwan where the tremor was felt for about 30 seconds.

The Central Weather Bureau said the earthquake was the strongest recorded this year. The quake originated in the same fault line where an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.2 hit the same township on 27 March. Seismic data show that there are 33 active fault lines around the island, including the one that triggered an M7.3 earthquake in Nantou County on 21 Sept, 1999. That quake claimed 2,415 lives.

Kyodo News

Asia set to become centre of world wealth: senior Thai politician

BANGKOK, 3 June—Asia is set to become the centre of world wealth in the near future, Korn Dabbaransi, former deputy prime minister of Thailand, has said.

The senior Thai politician, who is now president of the Thai-Chinese Friendship Association, told *Xinhua* in a recent interview that the rise of Asia will come inevitably as the global economic gravity centre shifts toward the East.

"The whole world is looking to Asia now and Asia is looking up at their big brother, China. Together we can lead the world," Korn said.

Korn pointed out that China's economic achievements in the past 30 years have shown that the country has found a right path to growth and prosperity and has set a good example for other Asian countries to follow.

With positive influence from China, many Asian countries, especially those in Southeast Asia, have recently recorded growth rates well above the world average, he said.

Korn, a long-time champion of regional cooperation, said he has visited China more than 100 times and is impressed with the country's significant steps forward over the past three decades. The Thai politician, who served three times as deputy prime minister, is now preparing for an upcoming trip to China's western city of Chengdu for the 2013 Fortune Global Forum.

The forum is a gathering of business leaders from multinational corporations on 6-8 June that Korn said is proof that the world recognizes the great achievements China has made in developing its western provinces.

Xinhua

People gather around a burnt NATO supply container at the attack site on the outskirts of southwest Pakistan's Quetta, on 2 June, 2013.—XINHUA

India may acquire icebreaker ship for polar exploration

NEW DELHI, 3 June—India may acquire an icebreaker ship in three years' time to carry out exploration in polar regions — the Arctic and Antarctica, a top government official has said. "We are in the process of acquiring an icebreaker ship for carrying out exploration in the polar region," Shailesh Nayak, the secretary in the Ministry of Earth Sciences, told the media.

According to the official, the hi-tech ship would cost around 144 million US dollars. "Our estimate as of now is that we should be able to get it by the end of 2016," he said. India has a principal research base in the Arctic, while it has got three such stations in Antarctica.

"Right now for experiments, we hire or charter the ships from private parties in Russia and Norway."

Xinhua

Tourists take photos of Siberian tiger cubs at the Siberian Tiger Park, world's largest Siberian tiger artificial breeding base, in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 2 June, 2013. Ten cubs born this year were taken under patronage at an event held by the park on Sunday.—XINHUA

Australia, Japan could deepen defence industry cooperation

CANBERRA, 3 June — Australia and Japan could increase engagement and cooperation on defence, including in the areas of submarines and computer network operations, a latest analysis report from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) said on Monday. According to the report, as the most capable of American partners in the region, Japan offers much as a closer partner to Australia. The bilateral relationship is already stron — Japan is now one of its closest Asian security partners.

The report said that Japan's expertise in building submarines suited to Pacific operations could be of interest to Australia as it looks to replace its six Collins boats. "In particular, Japan and Australia could increase their defence industry cooperation and ease export controls, a move that Japan has recently taken with the United Kingdom," it said. Australia is currently examining options to replace the Collins submarine, including an all-new design or an evolution of the Collins.—*Xinhua*

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAKAN VOY NO (317) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.6.2013 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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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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This photo taken on June 2, 2013 shows the ruins of Avdat in the Negev Desert, south Israel. The World Heritage Committee recorded the Incense Route-Desert Cities in the Negev on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's World Heritage list in 2005. The official citation reads: "The four Nabatean towns of Haluza, Mamshit, Avdat and Shivta, along with associated fortresses and agricultural landscapes in the Negev Desert, are spread along routes linking them to the Mediterranean end of the incense and spice route. Together they reflect the hugely profitable trade in frankincense and myrrh from south Arabia to the Mediterranean, which flourished from the 3rd century BC until the 2nd century AD. With the vestiges of their sophisticated irrigation systems, urban constructions, forts and caravanserai, they bear witness to the way in which the harsh desert was settled for trade and agriculture."—XINHUA

400 kg explosives seized at Syrian-Turkish border crossing point

ANKARA, 3 June—Syrian opposition forces have seized 400 kg explosives at a Syrian-Turkish border crossing point on Sunday, Turkey's private *Dogan News Agency* reported.

The rebels seized the explosives at a vehicle trying to cross from Bab- El Hava border crossing point into southern Turkey. The Syrian crossing point, closed to Reyhanli town of Turkey's Hatay Province, is currently is under control of the Syrian opposition.

On 11 May, a total of 52 Turkish civilians were killed and 222 injured at twin car bombings in Reyhanli town of Hatay. Turkish leaders have blamed Syrian intelligence organizations and pro- Assad groups for the attacks, an accusation strongly denied by Damascus.

Xinhua

Beijing-Paris Vintage Car Rally passes through Mongolia

ULAN BATOR, 3 June—2013 "Beijing-Paris Vintage Car Rally" reached Mongolian capital Ulan Bator on Sunday with 98 vintage cars displayed in central square of Ulaanbaatar.

MG, Mercedes-Benz, Chevrolet, Porsche and other brands of vintage cars attracted a large number of people. Each car had its owner's name sprayed on its body and personalized decorations and luggages filled the cars. The convoy travelled around the city of Ulaanbaatar according to the set route.

These classic cars, from 1917 to 1975, were trimmed in Ulaanbaatar on 1 June as the number 5 and number 9 vehicles pulled out of the race due to mechanical failure.

These cars set off from Beijing's Great Wall, continued their jouney through Tianjin, Shanxi, Inner Mongolia before they came into the territory of Mongolia.

After leaving Ulan Bator, the team will continue westbound Trans-Siberian and their travel also covers Ukraine, Slovakia and some other European countries. The team is expected to arrive at Champs Elysees in Paris on 29th June to finally end the 12,247-kilometre journey.

"Beijing-Paris" vintage car rally first began in 1907, when there were five cars from Beijing to Paris, completing the world's first intercontinental car race - Beijing-Paris rally course.

Xinhua

Promotion of shark eco-tourism could bite into fin trade

VANCOUVER, 3 June—A new study spearheaded by academics at the University of British Columbia could be a blow to the global trade in shark fin as it suggests the animals can generate more money in the water as tourist attractions rather than as food product.

In the paper Global Economic Value of Shark Eco-tourism: Implications for Conservation, the scholars say that 590,000 dedicated shark watchers worldwide collectively spend about 314 million US dollar annually in a tourism sector that supports around 10,000 jobs in such places as the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Mexico and the Philippines, among others.

The research, billed as the "first global estimate of the current and potential contribution of shark eco-tourism in terms of tourism, tourism spend and employment," was collected over a one-year period by five academics, three from UBC and one each from the University of Hawaii and the University of Baja California in Mexico. It reviewed such things as the literature available on shark watching and shark fishing practices in 45 countries and regions, internet websites, data bases from the UN, government and NGOs, as well as personal inquiries.

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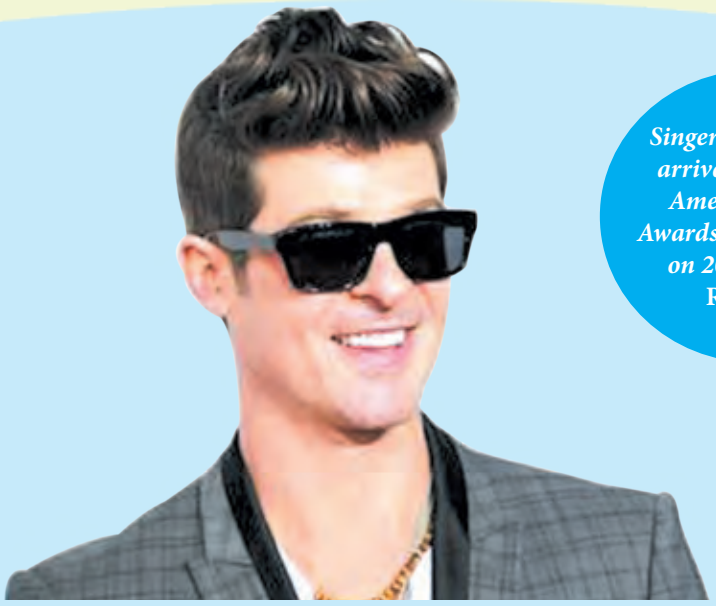

Singer Robin Thicke arrives at the 2011 American Music Awards in Los Angeles on 20 Nov, 2011. REUTERS

Robin Thicke scores first UK singles number one

LONDON, 3 June — American R&B singer Robin Thicke has scored his first number one in the British singles charts with "Blurred Lines," which became the fastest selling single of 2013, the Official Charts Company said on Sunday. The song, which features hip hop artists T.I. and Pharrell Williams, sold 190,000 copies during its first week on sale, knocking British rapper Naughty Boy's dance track "La La La", featuring London singer Sam Smith, into number two.

"It is an honour and a pleasure to be number one in the UK. It's something I've always dreamed of," Thicke told the Official Charts Company. In the albums chart, French electronic music duo Daft Punk retained the top spot with "Random Access Memories", which had shot straight to number one last week, while veteran Rod Stewart held on at number two with "Time".

The duo in the shiny helmets, who were at the forefront of electronic dance music in the 1990s, have scored an international success with "Random Access Memories" after a tantalizing online promotional campaign ahead of release. The album gave Daft Punk their first number one on the US Billboard 200 album chart last week.

Kate Winslet wants another child?

LOS ANGELES, 3 June — Actress Kate Winslet, who has two children already, reportedly hopes to get pregnant by year end.

"Winslet knows how much Ned Rocknroll (Winslet's husband) wants to be a father," *America's Star* magazine quoted a source as saying, reports entertainmentwise.com.

"She thinks they would have the most adorable kid together, so they're planning on getting pregnant by the end of the year. Having a child together is her absolute priority," the source added.

Winslet has a daughter Mia, 11, with her first husband Jim Threapleton and Joe, 8, with second husband Sam Mendes.

PTI

Actress Kate Winslet

Reuters

"Fast & Furious 6" extends No 1 place in North America to 2nd weekend

LOS ANGELES, 3 June — Universal's "Fast & Furious 6" continued to dominate the box office derby in North America this weekend, fending off a two-throng attack launched by a pair of new films. The latest installment on the blockbuster hit franchise, directed by Justin Lin, is projected to register a 65 percent drop from last week, raking in 34.5 million dollars worth of tickets since it opened 10 days ago. The much anticipated actioner, starring Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Dwayne Johnson, is on track to take in a 170.3 million dollar gross for a worldwide total of 480.6 million dollars.

Placing in No 2 this weekend is "Now You See Me" which had a 28 million dollar debut. A Summit Entertainment thriller, directed by Louis Leterrier and stars an ensemble cast including Jesse Eisenberg and Mark Ruffalo, hit 2,925 theatres in the United States and Canada. The PG-13 film exceeded the expected 20 million dollar opening. It cost 75 million dollars to produce. Designed to serve as a counterprogramming to summer studio fare, the film earned an "A-" rating on CinemaScore. It skews slightly towards female who made up 51 percent, and 52 percent of the moviegoers was younger than 30 years old.

Another debut over the weekend, "After Earth," placed third with a 27 million gate. The sci-fi adventure film, starring Jaden Smith and Will Smith, has failed to realize the expected 30 million to 40 million dollar debut as it opened in 3,401 locations. The film received predominantly negative reviews from critics and moviegoers. It only received a 12 per- cent approval rating from review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes, and earned a so-so "B" rating from CinemaScore, which bodes ill for the future.

Twentieth Century Fox's 3D animated film "Epic" and Paramount's "Star Trek Into Darkness" have tied for No 4 with a 16.4 million dollar business apiece. The final order will be set on Monday when official statistics were available.—*Xinhua*

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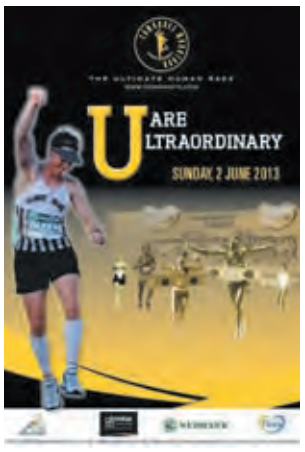
South Africa succeeds in hosting 2013 Comrades Marathon



JOHANNESBURG, 3 June —The 2013 Comrades Marathon on Sunday ended successfully at the southeastern South Africa with its runner Claude Moshiywa becoming the champion. The 2013 Comrades Marathon kicked off at 05:30 am local time in the southeastern port city of Durban, concluding in the Kuazulu-Natal provincial capital of Pietermaritzburg at 05:30 pm local time. It is an ultra-marathon of approximately 89 kilometres, attracting nearly 18,000 runners from around the world.

Moshiywa completed his race in five hours 32 seconds in the men's race, becoming the first South African to win the up run (from Durban to Pietermaritzburg, while down run is from Pietermaritzburg to Durban) in more than 20 years. Swedish runner Jonas Buud came second following Moshiywa, while Mpesela Ntlosoeu from Lesotho finished in the third position. Russian twins Elena and Olesya Nurgalieva took the first and second place respectively in the women's race. Among them, Elena won the women's race in 6 hours 27 minutes.

The race aroused the excitement for teams and spectators remained undiminished. "It feels good to be a winner. I am very happy for me and my team. It's nice to see the smile on people's faces," a smiling Latvala commented.

Xinhua

The first Comrades Marathon took place in 1921, and has been run every year since except World War II. On Saturday the organizers Comrades Marathon Association said the Comrades Marathon is the biggest and best ultramarathon in the world and the most inclusive sporting event in South Africa.

Xinhua

Finn driver Jari-Matti Latvala wins Acropolis Rally 2013

Finn driver Jari-Matti Latvala.

ATHENS, 3 June—Finn driver Jari-Matti Latvala won on Sunday the Acropolis Rally 2013 for his first victory in the World Rally Championship (WRC) this year and in the 59-year old history of the Greek three-day race. The Volkswagen driver crossed the finish line at 3:31:01 overall time, after covering a distance of some 300 kilometres from Athens to the seaside resort of Loutraki at the Peloponnese peninsula and back to the Greek capital in one of the most demanding races internationally.

Spaniard Dani Sordo ranked second for Citroen's team and Belgian Thierry Neuville was third in a Ford race car. French driver Sebastien Ogier, who retains a lead in the world championship this season for Volkswagen, ranked tenth in Athens. Dusty roads with gravel under heat make the Acropolis race, the so-called "Rally of Gods", one of the most difficult for participants. Spaniard driver Alexander Villanueva lost control of his Mitsubishi car for a moment during a turn in one of the final legs of the rally on Sunday, and got off the road, slightly injuring a spectator who received first aid, the organizers announced.

A total of 50 crews, including 13 World Rally Championship (WRC) cars, entered the 59th Acropolis Rally, which was the sixth race on the WRC calendar this year. The stages had been reduced to 14 down from 22 in past years due to the economic crisis, yet the interests of the South African government officials. It was reported about 190 officials from Department of Correctional Services participated in the race.

Honda arrives back in Japan on eve of World Cup q'fier

TOKYO, 3 June—CSKA Moscow midfielder Keisuke Honda on Monday arrived back in Japan on the eve of Japan's crucial World Cup qualifier against Australia. Honda, who is returning home on a high after completing a trophy double with his club side in the Russian Cup final on Saturday, did not speak to reporters as he came through the arrival lobby at Narita airport carrying his young son.

Honda played 67 minutes of CSKA's victory over Anzhi Makhachkala and said after the match that he was confident he had fully recovered from a thigh problem. CSKA won 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw. Stuttgart's Shinji Okazaki and Gotoku Sakai arrived at Haneda airport in Tokyo after both played as substitutes in Saturday's 3-2 German Cup final defeat to Bayern Munich. Japan top Asian zone World Cup qualifying Group B with 13 points from six games and need only a draw to qualify for Brazil 2014. Jordan have seven points from six, while Australia have six with a game in hand on the top two. Japan were beaten by Jordan 2-1 away in their last qualifier and were blanked 2-0 at home to Bulgaria on Thursday thanks to a rare blunder by goalkeeper Eiji Kawashima and an own goal by captain Makoto Hasebe.

Okazaki scored the goal that sealed qualification for Japan for the 2010 World Cup in Brazil, a scrappy header in a 1-0 victory away to Uzbekistan, and he said he was hoping to get on the scoresheet against Australia. "If you don't score goals you don't win games. Scoring is first and foremost for me."

Kyodo News

Dempsey scores twice as US beat Germany

WASHINGTON, 3 June— Clint Dempsey scored twice as the United States held on to beat a below-strength Germany 4-3 in a friendly on Sunday, giving American coach Juergen Klinsmann victory over his former homeland. Dempsey's second half double provided the Americans with a commanding 4-1 lead before Germany responded with two late strikes in a seven-goal international at RFK Stadium in Washington DC.

"Obviously we are pleased with such an entertaining game as the centennial game," said Klinsmann, who scored 47 goals in 108 games for his country and coached Germany to the 2006 World Cup semi-finals. "Overall it was a good performance, we saw a lot of things we wanted to see. Having a player like Clint Dempsey on your team it is a privilege, he is one of the best players in US soccer history." The Americans, celebrating the centenary of the US Soccer Federation, had grabbed the lead in the 13th minute thanks to a powerful volley from Jozy Altidore, his first goal for his country since November 2011.

USA's Clint Dempsey (C) celebrates his goal in the second half of their international friendly soccer match against Germany at RFK Stadium in Washington, on 2 June, 2013. The USA won 4-3.—REUTERS

Four minutes later, the advantage was doubled via an appalling error by German keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen, who somehow allowed a routine back pass from Benedikt Hoewedes slip off his foot into the net. Germany rebounded strongly after the half-time break, pulling one back in the 51st minute when Heiko Westermann, allowed to get free by Omar Gonzalez, powered in a header from a Max Kruse corner. Two superbly finished goals from Dempsey, the second a beautiful curling effort from 25 yards, gave the US a three-goal lead, to the delight of the 47,359 crowd, before the Germans began to pile on the pressure.

Reuters

Federer down but not out, Serena swaggers on

PARIS, 3 June—Seeing the usually majestic Roger Federer down on his hands and knees — literally — is a rare sight in tennis but that turned out to be the least of his problems at the French Open on Sunday as he flirted with a last-16 exit. Federer has not fallen before the quarter-finals at a grand slam for a decade but a nasty tumble in the sixth game of the second set against Gilles Simon sparked a sequence of events that threatened to deny him a 36th successive last-eight spot at a major. As it was, the Swiss master picked himself up off the clay, dusted himself down, lost the second and third sets before dousing the fireworks of the gallant Frenchman with a heart-pumping 6-1, 4-6, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 win.

"I work hard to be exactly in this situation in a tough match where the crowd is going crazy and you want to stay calm within the storm. Honestly, for me it's what I play for," said Federer.

He can expect more of the same when he faces another Frenchman, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, in the last eight. Sixth seed Tsonga won an entertaining encounter with Serbia's Viktor Troicki 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. As Federer lived to fight another day, Spaniard Tommy Robredo proved there was more than one warrior among the 30-somethings.

Fans had barely filed into a sun-soaked Suzanne Lenglen Court by the time the fourth seed was back in the locker room following a 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 demolition of South Africa's Kevin Anderson. Serena Williams was also in an unforgiving mood. As the reigning doubles champion at Roland Garros, Roberta Vinci arrived for the fourth-round showdown knowing that she had the game to hurt the world number one on red dirt. Yet it was the Italian who was left aching all over as she was given the runaround for 70 agony-filled minutes before Williams ended the ordeal with a 6-1, 6-3 win.

Reuters

Roger Federer of Switzerland hits a return to Gilles Simon of France during their men's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 2 June, 2013.—REUTERS

GENERAL

Iron man Robredo completes third great escape

Tommy Robredo of Spain celebrates defeating compatriot Nicolas Almagro in their men's singles match during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 2 June, 2013.
REUTERS

PARIS, 3 June—Once is commendable, twice is extraordinary but winning from a two set-deficit for the third round in succession at a grand slam tournament like claycourt warrior Tommy Robredo did at the French Open on Sunday stretches the boundaries of credibility. Especially considering last year the Spaniard could hardly run, needed leg surgery and had fallen to 471 in the rankings. The 31-year-old looked down and out when he trailed fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro by two sets and 4-1 in the third but produced another Houdini-esque escape and fought back to claim an emotional 6-7(5), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory.

After a shattered Almagro dumped a backhand volley into the net, Robredo collapsed to the court and could not stop the tears flowing as the enormity of his feat sunk in. In the second round Robredo gave Dutchman Igor Sijsling a two-set lead and he was at it again against Frenchman Gael Monfils in round three, storming back to win in five after saving four match points. On Sunday it was 11th seed Almagro's turn to suffer at the hands of the comeback king as Robredo became the first player to overturn three successive two-set deficits since Frenchman Henri Cochet showed a fondness for lost causes at Wimbledon in 1927.

"It's funny, because the last three, four years I couldn't even run that much," Robredo, who needed surgery to repair his continually-tearing left hamstring last year, told reporters. "And I love to run. Before the match I was tired, I was in pain everywhere and I was hoping to try and win the first set because if not I knew it was going to be tough for me," he added.

Reuters

Prague welcomes birth of first quintuplets

PRAGUE, 3 June—The first quintuplets were successfully born in a Prague maternity hospital shortly before 8:00 am (0600 GMT) on Sunday and the babies and their 23-year-old mother are in a good condition, said a doctor in the Prague-Podoli hospital.

The quintuplets who were naturally conceived are four boys and one girl, They are also the first quintuplets in the Czech Republic.

Podoli maternity hospital director Jaroslav Feyereisl returned from a congress in Dublin to Prague to assist in the delivery of the quintuplets. "We did our utmost to be prepared for possible complications," he said.

The hospital doubled all health care personnel on the shift, including the number of doctors in the operating theatre. The laboratories and services for a possible blood transfusion were also on alert, he added.

Xinhua

Liberian leader urges liberation from fear at human security symposium

YOKOHAMA, 3 June—Liberian president and Nobel Peace Laureate Ellen Sirleaf on Sunday called for liberating people from fear and violence arising from conflict and poverty, in an address at a symposium at an African development conference.

At the event held in Yokohama to discuss the concept of human security, Sirleaf said human security is the cornerstone for the stabilization of society.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe echoed Sirleaf, saying, "Let's work hand-in-hand to promote human security and realize the development of Africa as a whole."

Former UN High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata, who has contributed to the promotion of the concept of human security, also attended the symposium.

The event, organized by the Japanese government, the African Union, the World Health Organization and others, was held on the sidelines of the three-day Tokyo International Conference on African Development through Monday. Japan has been at the forefront of introducing the idea of human security to the international community.—*Kyodo News*

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8:35 pm
29. Pyi Thu Ni Ti

9:00 pm
30. News
31. Bakery World
32. India Drama Series

UNHCR voices concern over attacks on foreigners in S Africa

CAPE TOWN, 3 June—The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on Sunday voiced concern over recent attacks on foreigners in South Africa.

"UNHCR is extremely concerned over the recent spate of violence in Gauteng and Eastern Cape Provinces affecting foreigners, including refugees and asylum-seekers," the agency said in a statement emailed to *Xinhua*. Since last week, foreign-owned shops were attacked in several locations in Sebokeng, Evaton, Orange Farm and Lakeside townships in Gauteng Province.

According to the information received, the attacks started off during service delivery protests which then transformed into attacks on foreign-owned shops. In Diepsloot township in northern Johannesburg, violence and looting began last Sunday evening after a Somali man allegedly shot and killed two Zimbabweans following a dispute. Foreign-owned shops were the prime targets though other local shops were also looted. In Port Elizabeth, the Eastern Cape Province, about 20 foreign owned shops were also looted during the same period.

The police, however, managed to contain the violence. The UNHCR said it was working closely with the South African Police Service (SAPS) to try to prevent more violence.

The attacks drew condemnation from the South African government and the ruling African National Congress (ANC).

The government said it would not tolerate "criminal activities against each other" as such acts would impact negatively on the country's economy and image. The UNHCR said it has taken note of the statements and appreciates the efforts made by the City of Johannesburg, and the SAPS to restore order and provide safety to the victims.

"While we appreciate the efforts made so far, UNHCR is calling on the Government to do all it can to prevent any future incidents," said UNHCR's Regional Representative for Southern Africa, Clementine Nkweta-Salami.

Xinhua

"Rose Queens" take part in a parade during the Rose Festival in the Kazanlak city, the centre of Bulgaria's Rose Valley, on 2 June, 2013. The Rose Festival was held in Kazanluk on Sunday, with activities including rose picking, dance performances and parade after the election of the Rose Queen.—XINHUA

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Tatmadaw cooperating friendly with armed forces of neighbours, regional countries, ASEAN and other countries in the world

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir David Richards of the British Armed Forces at Zeyathiri Beikman, here today.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and senior military officers from the Commander-in-Chief Office while General Sir David Richards was accompanied by British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Andrew Heyn, military attaché and high-ranking officials of the British Armed Forces.

During the meeting, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing expressed his delight for improvement of the relations between the two countries when the new government took office in Myanmar, expressed his willingness, on behalf of news leaders of Myanmar armed forces, to promote the good relations between the two armed forces.

He continued that the Tatmadaw is providing its assistance to the new government so that it can achieve success in its reforms.

As the Tamadaw itself took a role in bringing the country to the road to

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***Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife pose for documentary photo with Chief of the Defence Staff of British Armed Forces General Sir David Richards and party.*—MNA**

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Notification No (2/ 2013) 10th Waning of Kason 1375 ME (3 June 2013)

First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw seventh regular session summoned

In accord with section 79 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, section 13 of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law and 3 (b) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Bylaw, it is hereby announced that the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw seventh regular session will be held at 10 am on the 8th Waning of Nayon 1375 ME (1 July 2013) (Monday) in Nay Pyi Taw.

Sd/Khin Aung Myint
Speaker
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Pyithu Hluttaw Notification No (1/ 2013) 10th Waning of Kason 1375 ME (3 June 2013)

First Pyithu Hluttaw seventh regular session summoned

In accord with section 126 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, section 35 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law, it is hereby announced that the first Pyithu Hluttaw seventh regular session will be held at 10 am on the 2nd Waning of Nayon 1375 ME (25 June 2013) (Tuesday) in Nay Pyi Taw.

Sd/Thura Shwe Mann
Speaker
Pyithu Hluttaw

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Amyotha Hluttaw Notification No (1/ 2013) 10th Waning of Kason 1375 ME (3 June 2013)

First Amyotha Hluttaw seventh regular session summoned

In accord with section 155 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, section 35 of Amyotha Hluttaw Law, it is hereby announced that the first Amyotha Hluttaw seventh regular session will be held at 10 am on the 2nd Waning of Nayon 1375 ME (25 June 2013) (Tuesday) in Nay Pyi Taw.

Sd/Khin Aung Myint
Speaker
Amyotha Hluttaw

Myanmar ready to hold 22nd World Economic Forum on East Asia

By Maung Maung Myint Swe
Photos: Kyaw Thu Win

Workers prepare for the 22nd World Economic Forum (WEF) on East Asia at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw.

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June— The upcoming 22nd World Economic Forum (WEF) on East Asia on 5-7 June is central for Myanmar as the forum would bring benefits and business opportunities to the country.

Local and foreign workers have been working hard preparing for the forum at the Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw since a few days ago. Meanwhile, the government has set up sub-committees and supporting groups to hold the forum successfully.

We interviewed some of the responsible personnel of sub-committees for holding the forum.

Police Col Ko Ko of Ministry of Home Affairs, Security Sub-committee for holding 22nd WEF

Q: Which security measures are being taken by the Security Sub-committee?

A: "Days before the forum takes place, we have been taking pre-security measures inside and outside the MICC. We are also working hard to be able to provide security systematically of the building, routes and dignitaries who will attend the forum."

U Nyein Aye, Director of Ministry of Transport, Transportation Sub-committee for holding 22nd WEF

Q: How about the measures being taken by the Transportation Sub-committee?

A: The Transportation Sub-committee has taken the role of transporting the dignitaries who will attend the forum. We has planned to use about 60 vehicles including Marcedes for VIPs from deputy minister level to prime minister and president level.

We are also planning to provide fuel and ground services to planes at the Yangon International Airport and Nay Pyi Taw Airport. We estimates that there would be 54 flights and we have already made plans for transporting State-level dignitaries and VIPs.

Photo shows buses which will be used to transport dignitaries who will participate in 22nd WEF.

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