

President U Thein Sein felicitates Portuguese counterpart, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Anibal Antonio Cavaco Silva, President of the Portuguese Republic and His Excellency Mr Pedro Manuel Passos Coelho Momedo, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic, which falls on 10 June 2013.—MNA

Myanmar parliamentary goodwill delegation leaves for US

YANGON, 9 June—At the invitations of Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Mr. John A Boehner and the government of the United States of America, a Myanmar parliamentary delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann left here by air at 11:45 pm yesterday for the United States of America to pay a goodwill visit.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win and Hluttaw representatives, Special Representative to Myanmar of National Democratic Institute (NDI) Dr. Richard A Nuccio and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

The Myanmar parliamentary goodwill delegation



comprises Pyithu Hluttaw Transport, Communications and Construction Committee Chairman U Thein Swe, International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo, Amyotha

Hluttaw National Race Affairs Committee Secretary U Khet Htein Nan, Hluttaw Representatives Dr Win Myint and Dr Myo Aung and officials of the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann being seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and party.

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Greater Yangon Project: building and water supply aspects

In accommodating properly the potential population in the future, not only the current central business zone but also the new other places as the main parts will constitute the downtown area. The new downtown areas will be categorized into secondary business zone, business zone divisions, and the hearts of new towns.

As to industrial sector, Yangon currently has 24 industrial zones covering an area of 5105 acres including unexploited land. The number of employment in industrial sector is estimated to increase by 554000 in 2040, and thus around 700 acres of

new economic zones apart from Thilawa SEZ will be needed.

The water supply project aims at providing the potential population with fair share of water, gradually increasing the water supply network, establishing separate water supply zones and complying with equitable basic water supply system, strengthening the beneficial water distribution system by controlling water wastage, and finding a balance between human resources and organizational set-up to ensure effective water distribution to fulfill water demand.

The water supply development goal and

effectiveness index is for the provision of tap water to cover 23 to up to 70 per cent of urban Yangon, 21 to 60 per cent of Greater Yangon, to reduce water wastage from 63 per cent to 25 per cent, to deliver round-the clock service to half of the population, cent per cent provision of chlorinated water, and improving the water quality to 50 per cent.

It is estimated that the total water distribution area will increase from 21 per cent in 2011 to 36 per cent in 2025, and 60 per cent in 2040.

The urgent measures in implementing water supply plan include improving water

resources, improving the capacity of water purification plants, establishing effective water distribution system, controlling water wastage, and improving water taxation, water quality management system.

The middle-term plans include improving water resources, building water treatment plants in water storage tanks and river water pumping projects.

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Illegal timber seized in Sagaing, Mandalay Regions

CRIME



SAGAING, 9 June—A team led by Assistant Director U Thant Zin-2 of Sagaing Region Forest Department, Staff Officer of Sagaing Township Forest Department U Kyaw

Kyaw Oo, foresters U Zaw Lwin Oo, U Min Swe and U Ye Latt, rangers U Nyunt Than and U Than Tun Oo and policemen led by IP Thein Zaw Win of Mingun Police Station made

a field trip to the bank along Ayeyawady River to search illegal timbers.

On 28 May, they seized ownerless bamboo raft, west of Thaphandaunt Village in Madaya Township. They also

inspected the bamboo raft near Yaungmasok Village in Madaya Township and seized illegal sawn timber. They brought the rafts to Mingun Nursery by Danu vessel from Myanmar Timber Enterprise.

On 29 May, they handed over 63,341 tons of sawn timber and logs including 203 teak logs from the rafts to Sagaing Jetty of Mandalay Rafting Area of Myanmar Timber Enterprise and 831 logs of In, Kanyin and teak weighing 10,147 tons to No. 84 Saw Mill of Domestic Trading and Saw Mill Branch of Myanmar Timber Enterprise. The authorities are chasing the owners of the rafts to enable the Forest Department to take action against them under the law.

Kyemon-Myo Win

Sub-power stations, power lines under construction in Thayawady District

PYAY, 9 June—The government is installing 13.6 miles long 33 KV power line, 22.5 miles long 11 KV power line and 1.4 miles long 400 V power lines for electrifying Tharawaw and Hteintaw

where diesel generators are producing electricity for the local people of Thayawady District of Bago Region (West).

At present, one 11/0.4 KV (315) KVA sub-power

station is under construction in Tharawaw and two 11/0.4 KVA sub-power stations in Hteintaw.

At the end of June, the constriction will be completed cent percent and the two towns will enjoy electricity.

CULTURE

NYAUNG U, 9 June—Sculpture is one of the handicrafts of Myanmar. The globetrotters are very interested in the art in Bagan ancient cultural region.

The tourists purchase sculptures and paintings of Myanmar handicrafts as gifts and home decoration works. They visit the works of sculptures in the industry and take photos on work processes.

Moreover, they observe production process of Myanmar sculpture work from the experts in the worksites.

Kyemon-Ye Thura Aung (Nyaung U)



MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners

causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon

Inpaung-Myohla road emerges as gravel one in Yamethin Township

YAMETHIN, 9 June—A road linking Inpaung Village and Myohla Village in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region was repaved for convenience of local people in rainy season.

In the past, the road was inundated in the rainy season.

Therefore, the local people under the auspices of Inpaung Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jotika repaved the road with gravel

on a self-reliant basis and dug the drains along both sides of the road and cleared the bushes.

Within one month and four days period, the construction of the road cost K 4,383,100. Thanks to the newly-repaved road, the local people can enjoy fruits of better transportation in addition to health, economic, education and social sectors.—*Kyemon-Hline Than Tint-Yamethin*

Natural gas pipeline in regular distribution

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—The 20-inch diameter

On completion of the sub-power stations and power lines, Tharawaw and Hteintaw rural people will have the opportunity to get electricity on a self-reliant basis and uplift living standard.—*Kyemon-497*

Kanbauk-Myainggale natural gas pipeline that had recently spilled out the natural gas in Lamaing and Ye Townships of Mon State section was repaired yesterday. At present, the pipeline distributes natural gas regularly as of 7 June.

MNA

Tourists very interested in process of sculpture in Bagan region

HRD

BEPS branch put into service, reading habit rose



People young and old at reading contest.

YAMETHIN, 9 June—A ceremony to open the Basic Education Primary School Branch was held in Magyisu Village of YeU Village-tract in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region on 6 June morning.

Region Hluttaw Representative U Zaw Win, Township Education Officer U Tin Ko Ko and the chairman of the School Board of Trustees formally opened the school.

The ceremony to award the best reading

table for the year and the most reading award for the year followed.

The region Hluttaw representative made a speech. Deputy Head of District Information and Public Relations Department Daw Moh Moh Aung explained the purpose of reading.

Later, officials presented the best reading table for the year and the most reading award for the year to the winners.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Taninthayi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).—*MNA*

WORLD

Xi proposes building new type of ties in all aspects of China-US relations

INDIAN WELLS, 9 June—Chinese President Xi Jinping called for implementing the spirit of building new type ties with the United States in all aspects of the bilateral relationship, Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi said on Saturday.

Xi made the proposal during the 7-8 June summit with his US counterpart Barack Obama at the Sunnylands estate in Rancho Mirage, California, Yang said.

Laying out the four-point proposal, the Chinese leader said first of all, the two sides need to elevate the level of dialogue and mutual trust and institutionalize the meetings between

leaders of the two nations at multilateral venues such as the Group of 20 and the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, while making good use of the existing over 90 dialogue and communication mechanisms between the two governments.

Secondly, to open a new horizon for pragmatic cooperation, Washington should take active steps to relax restrictions on hi-tech exports to China and promote the bilateral trade and investment structures toward a more balanced future.

Thirdly, to create a new mode of interaction between major countries, the two sides need to main-



Chinese President Xi Jinping (L) and US President Barack Obama (R) take a walk before heading into their second meeting, at the Annenberg Retreat, California, the United States, on 8 June, 2013.—XINHUA

tain close coordination and collaboration on the Korean Peninsula, Afghanistan and other global hotspot issues, and work more closely on issues such as crackdown on piracy and transnational crimes, peacekeeping tasks, disaster relief, cyber security,

climate change and space security.

Last, the two sides need to find a new way to manage their difference and actively foster a new type of military relations in accordance with the new type of inter-power ties.

Xinhua

Danube flood breaks record in Budapest, still rising

BUDAPEST, 9 June—The Danube river reached a level of 863 centimetres on Saturday afternoon, breaking the hitherto all-time high of 860 centimetres set in 2006, the Water Management Office of the Interior Ministry reported.

The river is still rising and not expected to crest until Monday at close to 9 metres. Budapest Mayor Istvan Tarlos said earlier that the city would be able to withstand a flood level of 930 centimetres without causing significant damage. In the meanwhile, the city has set up a facility on its permanent fairgrounds, able to temporarily house nearly 15,000 evacuees, should it prove necessary.

The Roman Embankment, a riverside community in northwest Budapest, is the most vulnerable section of the city. Temporary dikes have been reinforced and while leaks have been observed, the flood barriers appear to be holding. Some 200 people are on duty along this flood-line, ready to make emergency repairs if necessary.

In another development, Pest County (the county surrounding Budapest) has closed down Route 11, a major highway running adjacent to the Danube and connecting the capital city with its northern suburbs.

Xinhua

G8 host Britain calls for action to save children from hunger

LONDON, 9 June—Setting the stage for this month's G8 summit of rich industrialized countries, British Prime Minister David Cameron on Saturday called for fresh approaches to help eliminate malnutrition and hunger among the world's poorest children.

As donors, charities and officials gathered for Saturday's Nutrition for Growth event, up to 45,000 people rallied in London demanding global leaders take specific steps to tackle hunger when they meet in Northern Ireland later this month.

Charities have linked poverty and hunger in developing countries to tax dodging by some global corporations — a topic at the heart of Britain's G8 presidency.

Seeking to portray Britain as a defender of the global poor, Cameron proposed a target of saving

20 million children from chronic malnutrition by 2020.

This echoes an earlier goal by the Group of Eight, set in 2000, to halve the proportion of people living on less than \$1.25 a day by 2015 and other similar global targets, where progress has been mixed at best.

"We will never beat hunger just by spending more money or getting developed nations and philanthropists to somehow 'do development' to the developing world," Cameron said.

"It has to be about doing things differently. Different in terms of business. Different in terms of science. And different in terms of government."

At the event, governments and development agencies made commitments of up to \$4.15 billion to tackle under nutrition up

to 2020 in a deal dubbed the Global Nutrition for Growth Compact.

Other initiatives included improving the nutrition of pregnant women and young children, and saving children's lives by increasing breastfeeding and improving the treatment of severe malnutrition.

In his address, Cameron said he was proud of Britain's commitment to spending 0.7 percent of gross domestic product on development aid despite a period of austerity that has forced his government to cut many parts of the national budget.—Reuters

Two Koreas hold working-level talks at Panmunjeom

SEOUL, 9 June—Working-level officials from North Korea and South Korea on Sunday held talks for about an hour in the morning at the South Korean side of the truce village of Panmunjeom and agreed to continue the talks in the afternoon, South Korea's Unification Ministry said.

In the morning session, the two sides made their opening remarks, touching on preparatory details of planned ministerial talks between the two sides such as the agenda and size of the delegations, ministry spokesman Kim Hyung Seok said. The ministerial meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday in Seoul. "The talks were carried out in an atmosphere in which the two sides wanted to hold substantive talks in a mutu-

Pakistan summons envoy after US drone strike kills nine

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, 9 June—A US drone strike killed nine people in north-west Pakistan, security officials said, prompting newly sworn-in Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to summon America's envoy on Saturday to protest against such attacks.

The missile strike, on a compound near the Afghan border in the North Waziristan region late on Friday, was the first US drone attack in Pakistan since Sharif was sworn in on Wednesday. There was no information about the victims.

In his inaugural address, Sharif called for an immediate end to the US drone strikes.

Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the demand for an immediate halt to the attacks was repeated on Saturday.

"It was conveyed to the US charge d'affaires that the government of Pa-

kistan strongly condemns the drone strikes, which are a violation of Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity," the ministry said in a statement.

"The importance of bringing an immediate end to drone strikes was emphasized."

The attack came 10 days after a similar US strike killed the Pakistani Taliban's second-in-command, Wali-ur-Rehman, and six others in a major blow to the militant group.

President Barack Obama said last month the United States would scale back drone strikes, only using them when a threat was "continuing and imminent".

Drone casualties are difficult to verify. Foreign journalists must have permission from the military to visit the Pashtun tribal areas along the Afghan border. Taliban fighters often seal off the sites of drone strikes immediately.—Reuters



Pakistan's newly elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif (R) arrives to inspect the guard of honour during a ceremony at the prime minister's residence after being sworn-in, in Islamabad on 5 June, 2013.—REUTERS



Afghan fire fighters try to extinguish fire in eastern Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, on 7 June, 2013. More than thirty shops were burnt and three people were injured as a gas cylinder exploded at a market on Friday, an official said.—XINHUA

ally cooperative way, befitting the status of the talks as a working-level contact," Kim said.

Sunday's talks are the first inter-Korean official dialogue since September 2011, according to the Unification Ministry.

The meeting, slated to begin at 10 am, got under way about 15 minutes late due to "technical matters," according to South Korea's Yonhap News Agency.

Chun Hae Sung, a senior Unification Ministry official, is leading the three-member South Korean delegation at Sunday's talks. The North's three-member delegation is headed by Kim Sung Hye, a senior official at the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of Korea. "The talks are to discuss admin-

istrative and technical matters to successfully hold ministerial talks between South and North Korea on 12 June in Seoul," Chun told reporters prior to departing for Panmunjeom.

He said he will "do his best on the basis of the spirit of the Korean Peninsula trust-building process that requires the two sides to build trust from small things and develop inter-Korean relations."

Sunday's meeting comes just three days after North Korea made a surprise overture for the two countries to hold their first governmental talks in years aimed at normalizing two suspended inter-Korean economic business ventures and tackling other issues between the two sides.

Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NASA launches rocket for galaxy formation study



WASHINGTON, 9 June — US space agency NASA on Wednesday night launched a rocket that carries the Cosmic Infrared Background Experiment (CIBER) designed to study the formation of the first galaxy.

The Black Brant XII suborbital rocket carrying the CIBER took off at 11:05 pm EDT (0305 GMT Thursday) from NASA's launch range at the Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia. With the CIBER, scientists will study when the first stars and galaxies formed in the universe and how brightly they burned their nuclear fuel.

This is the fourth flight for the CIBER on a NASA sounding rocket. The previous launches were made in 2009, 2010 and 2012, respectively, from the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. After each flight the payload was recovered for post-calibrations and re-flight. For this flight, the CIBER flew on a larger and more powerful rocket than before. They will loft it to a higher altitude than those previously obtained, thus providing longer observation time for the instruments, said NASA. The experiment, which will splash down in the Atlantic Ocean more than 400 miles (about 644 km) off the Virginia coast, will not be recovered, NASA said.

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A NASA Black Brant XII suborbital rocket streaks into the night sky following its launch from the Wallops Flight Facility in Wallops Island, Virginia in this long exposure photograph.
REUTERS

Sprint says retired admiral Mike Mullen to oversee security

WASHINGTON, 9 June — Mike Mullen, a retired admiral and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will join Sprint's board and serve as the company's security director if a deal with Japan's SoftBank Corp closes, Sprint said on Friday.

As part of a US gov-

ernment review of their proposed deal, Sprint and SoftBank signed a National Security Agreement that includes board oversight of security issues. Other companies that have had such arrangements have historically opted for former military officers as well.—Reuters



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen speaks at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, on 22 Sept, 2011.
REUTERS

Mongolian "Warriors Tyrannosaurus" fossils return home, on first exhibition

ULAN BATOR, 9 June — Hundreds of spectators and reporters gathered at the Sukhbaatar Square of Ulan Bator on Saturday, waiting to have their first look at an exhibition of "Warriors Tyrannosaurus" fossils returned from the United States.

The Mongolian "Warriors Tyrannosaurus" fossils had been smuggled into the United States, but they would soon become a valuable heritage of Mongolia, Tsedevdamba Oyungerel, Minister for Culture, Sports and Tourism, said at an opening ceremony.

In order to effectively protect the country's abundant dinosaur fossil resources, the government has decided to build a Mongolian dinosaur museum, with the tem-



The skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus is displayed in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, on 8 June, 2013. The 2.4 metres high and 7.3 metres long Tyrannosaurus' skeleton that was returned from the United States is displayed to the public in Ulan Bator.—XINHUA

porary exhibition open till September, said the minister.

A large number of

Mongolia's dinosaur fossils have been smuggled into Europe, North America and Asia. More than

120 pieces of them would be returned to their homeland in the near future.

A nearly complete fossil of a giant Tyrannosaurus, which was unearthed in Mongolia, was put on auction in New York on 20 May last year. The Mongolian government lodged a protest, asking the US government to return it back.

A US District Court in Manhattan ruled this piece of fossil must be returned to Mongolia, and it was sent back home on 18 May this year. Mongolian dinosaur fossils are mainly distributed in the south, middle and east gobi. Since 1922, scientists have found many fossils of Cretaceous dinosaurs, including protoceratops and oviraptors.

Xinhua

More Chinese to pay for e-books with Kindle's arrival

BEIJING, 9 June — Chinese publishing industry insiders said on Saturday that with the official entrance of Amazon Kindle products into the country, more Chinese will start paying for e-books.

Huang Lei, senior manager of the Chinese branch of Amazon.com, said that the Kindle Paperwhite and Kindle Fire HD e-readers were officially launched in China on Friday.

While many netizens have praised the arrival of the products, others have complained about their prices, which are higher than in some other countries.

Yu Dianli, general manager of Commercial Press, a major Chinese publishing house, said Kindle products will bring more choices for Chinese readers. "Although a large number of domestic readers are not used to paying for e-books, growing demand and the guid-

ance of relevant policies and regulations will help foster the habit," said Yu. In early June, Commercial Press published dictionaries for minority languages in both digital and paper forms so as to meet different readers' needs.

According to a 2012

survey of 18,619 people in 28 provincial-level regions, Chinese people read 4.39 books, 77.20 newspapers, 6.56 magazines and 2.35 e-books on average, with the latter increasing by the most, 65.5 percent, year on year.

Xinhua



A spokesman from China's manned space programme says the Shenzhou-10 spacecraft will be launched in the middle of June. The spacecraft will carry three astronauts to the Tiangong-1 space module. The assembly of the Shenzhou-10 spacecraft and the Long March-2F carrier rocket was transported to the launch site on 3 June at Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Jiuquan, northwest China's Gansu Province.—XINHUA

World's 1st bionic eye may bring vision to the blind

MELBOURNE, 9 June — A group of Australian scientists and industrial designers published their latest development of world's first bionic eye, a device that may help thousands of people in darkness to see shapes and light again, local media reported on Saturday.

Recipient is hoped to be able to see the basic outlines made of light through a pair of sunglasses shaped like Google Glass. It takes images and information from the digital camera attached to it and processed them into signals, which will be sent wirelessly to a microchip implanted in the recipient's brain.

The basic idea of bionic eye is bypassing the damaged eye by transmitting the vision signal directly to the brain via wireless link.

Mark Armstrong, the leader of the Monash University Bionic Eye Industrial Design Team, told local media that with the clinical trial starting the coming

year, the bionic eye is anticipated to give some vision to those who lost their sight completely. "Signal is transmitted wirelessly from what's called a coil, which is mounted at the back of the head and inside the brain there is an implant which consists of a series of little ceramic tiles and in each tile are microscopic electrodes which actually are embedded in the visual cortex of the brain," Armstrong said.

"This is the first human cortical implant with a wireless link," said Professor Arthur Lowry, the project head from the Monash Vision Group. "A small amount of information to someone who has no vision at all is enormously useful," he said. With this new technology, people with blindness don't need to have a permanent hole to put the wires for processor connection in the head any more, he added.

Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

China May CPI slows, gives room for easy monetary policy



A woman chooses vegetables at a supermarket in Beijing on 9 May, 2013.—REUTERS

BEIJING, 9 June—China's annual consumer inflation slowed to 2.1 percent in May from April's 2.4 percent, data showed on Sunday, below market expectations and adding to views that the world's second largest economy could slow further in the current quarter.

The National Bureau of Statistics also said that China's producer prices fell 2.9 percent last month from a year earlier, compared with a drop of 2.6 percent in April.

Economists polled by Reuters had expected annual consumer inflation of 2.5 percent and factory-gate prices to fall 2.5 percent in May.

"The inflation data showed China's economic growth continued to slow down. Q2 growth is probably even slower than Q1. In particular, the PPI

data showed very weak demand," said Jianguang Shen, chief China economist at Mizuho Securities Asia in Hong Kong.

The subdued inflation will enable China to keep an easy monetary stance and some see the possibility that the People's Bank of China could cut rates later this year to reduce financing costs for struggling Chinese firms, provided that housing inflation does not flare up.

"China has rising room and the possibility to cut interest rates in the second half of this year," Shen added.

"The financing cost for companies is very high now and the central bank should further pursue interest rate liberalization. China's fiscal policy in the second half needs to protect consumption growth and support investment."

China's economy grew at its slowest pace for 13 years in 2012, and it has so far surprised on the downside, bringing warnings from some economists that the country would even miss its annual growth target of 7.5 percent.

On Saturday, data showed that China's exports posted their lowest growth rate in almost a year in May while imports unexpectedly fell, underlining concerns that growth in the world's second-largest economy could slow anew in the second quarter.

Government economists from top think-tanks in Beijing told Reuters this week that the new leadership of President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Ke-qiang will tolerate quarterly growth to slip as far as 7 percent before hitting the stimulus button.

Li had struck a more upbeat note on Saturday, being quoted by state television as saying that China's economy was generally stable, growth was within a "relatively high and reasonable range" and the employment situation was stable.

Month-on-month, consumer prices fell 0.6 percent in May versus a forecast for a drop of 0.2 percent.

Reuters

Manufacturers increasingly turning away from credit

LONDON, 9 June—British manufacturers are increasingly turning away from external funding to grow their businesses, a survey found, despite tentative signs that the cost of credit is easing.

Nearly 52 percent of companies polled by manufacturers' organization EEF for its quarterly Credit Conditions Survey said they had no need to borrow to support their business, a record high.

Industry turning its back on sources of credit would be bad news for the government and the Bank of England, which are trying to get lending going with measures such as the Funding for Lending scheme (FLS) that makes it cheaper for banks to lend to small businesses.

Some improvement of such lending may be starting to emerge in the second quarter, said EEF economist Andrew Johnson.

The survey, published on Sunday, found the balance of companies who said the cost of credit was rising rather than falling sank to 2 percent, the lowest since the survey began in 2007, although the improvement was largely concentrated among big businesses.

"The counterpoint to this cautious optimism, however, is that there is

continued growth in the number of companies that appear to no longer see external finance as an important funding source to support their business," said Johnson.

"This is a result mirrored by other surveys and will surely slow investment."

Johnson said that some manufacturers seemed to be

of doing more to stimulate banking competition for smaller companies, such as by making it easier for firms to switch banks or lowering the set-up costs for new banks.

Figures earlier this week showed that banks were drawing down funds from the FLS but cutting net lending as they run down massive pre-credit



A worker brazes a component at manufacturing firm Sigma UK in Hinckley, central England, on 1 May, 2013.—REUTERS

relying on internal funds to support investment because they found many of the criteria that banks set for fresh borrowing unreasonable.

EEF called on the government to consider ways

crunch loans. EEF, which represents over 6,000 British engineering, manufacturing and technology firms of varying sizes, surveyed 210 companies between 1 and 22 May.—Reuters

High heels may cause permanent injury

LONDON, 9 June—High heels may cause permanent injury, with most women suffering pain in just over an hour of wearing height-enhancing footwear, a new study has found.

Wearing the ill-fitted shoes can cause long-term damage including arthritis, stress fractures, and trapped nerves, which may even require surgery or steroid injections, consultant podiatrist Mike O'Neill warned.

Researchers at The Col-

lege of Podiatry, UK, found that almost half of women have suffered foot problems after wearing an uncomfortable pair of shoes, but 43 percent will suffer in the name of fashion.

One third of women also admitted that they had worn heels they knew did not fit, simply because they "looked nice" — and could not find a pair in their size, The Telegraph reported.

On average, high heels start to hurt after 1 hour, 6

minutes and 48 seconds, but a fifth 20 per cent started to feel the pinch within just 10 minutes.

As many as 28 per cent women said they have resorted to dancing bare foot in a nightclub or bar when they could not put up with the pain any longer.

One third of them admitted to have been forced to remove their shoes and walk home barefoot because they could not bear the pain any longer.

The study of 2,000 British adults also found that only 12 per cent of men have put up with stylish but uncomfortable shoes.

Researchers said that could explain why women are likely to have more issues with their feet, and are twice as likely to suffer from corns, cracked heels and bunions.

A staggering 90 per cent of women have experienced problems and 20 per cent admitted they are "embarrassed" by their feet while they cover them constantly.

As many as 19 per cent of women have refused to seek help despite these problems, because they believed their foot complaint was unimportant. Researchers said it appears younger women are more likely to be doing themselves harm as the younger the woman, the higher their heels. 20 per cent of those aged 18 to 24 owned a pair of six inch heels.—Reuters

Cheese, dairy products may help prevent cavities

WASHINGTON, 9 June—Consuming cheese and other dairy products may help protect teeth against cavities, a new study led by an Indian-origin researcher has claimed.

Consuming dairy products is vital to maintaining good overall health, and it is especially important to bone health. However, there has been little research about how dairy products affect oral health in particular.

The new study published in the General Dentistry, the peer-reviewed clinical journal of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), sampled 68 subjects ranging in age from 12 to 15, and the authors looked at the dental plaque pH in the subjects' mouths before and after they consumed cheese, milk, or sugar-free yogurt.

A pH level lower than 5.5 puts a person at risk for tooth erosion, which is a process that wears away the enamel (or protective outside layer) of teeth. "The higher the pH level is above 5.5, the lower the chance of developing cavities," said

Vipul Yadav, lead author of the study.

The subjects were assigned into groups randomly. Researchers instructed the first group to eat cheddar cheese, the second group to drink milk, and the third group to eat sugar-free yogurt. Each group consumed their product for three minutes and then swished with water. Researchers measured the pH level of each subject's mouth at 10, 20, and 30 minutes after consumption.

The groups who consumed milk and sugar-free yogurt experienced no changes in the pH levels in their mouths. Subjects who ate cheese, however, showed a rapid increase in pH levels at each time interval, suggesting that cheese has anti-cavity properties.

The study indicated that the rising pH levels from eating cheese may have occurred due to increased saliva production (the mouth's natural way to maintain a baseline acidity level), which could be caused by the action of chewing.—Reuters



Children perform as they take part in an anti-smoking activity to observe World No Tobacco Day which will fall on May 31 in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 30 May, 2011. XINHUA

Syrian forces capture final rebel stronghold in Qusair region

BEIRUT, 9 June—Syrian government troops backed by Hezbollah guerrillas seized the western village of Buwayda on Saturday, ending rebel resistance around the town of Qusair in a fresh success for President Bashar al-Assad.

The swift fall of Buwayda came just three days after rebels were swept out of Qusair, denying them an important supply route into neighbouring Lebanon and giving renewed momentum to Assad's forces battling a two-year civil war.

Several opposition activists confirmed Buwayda was in government hands and said dozens of rebels, including a number of foreign fighters, had been captured alive. There was no immediate word of their fate.

"We can now declare Qusair and the surrounding area to be a fully liberated area. We will go af-

ter the terrorists wherever they are," an unnamed, senior Syrian army officer told state television from the rubble-filled streets of Buwayda.

Fighting flared elsewhere in Syria, including close to the capital Damascus and in the northern Aleppo Province, which is expected to be the focus of renewed attack by Assad's forces following the collapse of the Qusair rebel front.

In Syria's third city Homs, an epicentre of the anti-government revolt, a suicide bomber detonated a car full of explosives in a pro-Assad neighbourhood, killing seven people, Syrian television reported.

Three women were among the dead and at least 10 people were wounded, with the video showing pools of blood on the ground and at least one badly charred body.

The report could not



Soldiers loyal to the Syrian regime gesture while on their military vehicle in the village of Debaa near Qusair, after the Syrian army took control of the village from rebel fighters on 7 June, 2013.—REUTERS

be independently verified as the Syrian government restricts access to independent media.

The United Nations estimates at least 80,000 people have died in the conflict. UN humanitarian agencies launched a \$5 billion appeal on Friday, the biggest in their history, to cope with the fallout from the fighting that has sent some 1.6 million refugees fleeing to neighbouring countries.

Syrian state television broadcast live from the deserted streets of Buwayda,

13-km (eight miles) north-east of Qusair, showing destroyed buildings, debris-strewn roads and large numbers of boxes full of unused ammunition.

Reuters

Visiting Venezuelan parliament leader meets with Fidel

HAVANA, 9 June—Visiting Venezuelan Parliament President Diosdado Cabello met respectively with Cuban President Raul Castro and former president Fidel Castro, the island's official NNTV reported on Saturday. Cabello, who arrived here on Thursday, had official talks on Saturday with Raul Castro, while the meeting with Fidel Castro was on Friday afternoon, the NNTV said.

President Castro and Cabello praised bilateral relations and had fruitful exchanges on regional and international issues, the report said. Castro also ratified "the invariable support of Cuba to the Bolivarian revolution" and highlighted Venezuela's contribution to regional integration in Latin America.

The Cuban leader also commended Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro for his efforts in carrying on the work of late leader Hugo Chavez. During their meeting on Friday, Cabello and Fidel Castro exchanged ideas on bilateral relations and discussed the global food situation, apart from honouring the memories of Chavez. The two countries have maintained good relations. Venezuela supplies Cuba with 100,000 barrels of oil per day, and in exchange, Cuba provides Venezuela with more than 45,000 professionals, mainly in medical and healthcare fields.

Xinhua

Three Americans killed after argument with Afghan soldier

KABUL, 9 June—Three Americans, two soldiers and a civilian, were killed in Afghanistan on Saturday when a man in an Afghan army uniform turned his weapon on them in the eastern Province of Paktika, the NATO-led force said.

So-called insider attacks by Afghan soldiers on their NATO-force allies have become an increasing problem over the past year or so, threatening to undermine already waning support for the war among Western nations sending troops. Last year, a surge in such attacks prompted NATO to temporarily curtail some joint operations with Afghan government forces. The three Americans were shot dead by the man following an argument, the Paktika provincial governor's spokesman Mukhlas Afghan said, adding that three other Americans had been wounded.

The attacker was himself shot dead soon after opening fire, the spokesman said. "Two US Interna-

tional Security Assistance Force service members and one US civilian were killed today when an individual wearing an ANA uniform turned his weapon against (them)," a statement from Afghanistan's NATO-led force said. A previous statement had said all three were soldiers.

Insider attacks accounted for one in every five combat deaths suffered by NATO-led forces in Afghanistan and 16 percent of all American combat casualties, according to 2012 data. The toll has alarmed Afghanistan's Western allies and raised troubling questions about the unpopular war's direction as most international forces prepare to withdraw by the end of next year.

Also on Saturday, an Italian soldier was killed and three were wounded when a child threw a grenade at a NATO convoy in the western Province of Farah, a spokesman for the governor and a Taleban spokesman said.—Reuters



Visitors view the displayed Thai products during the Exhibition of Thailand Week 2013 in Yangon, Myanmar, on 8 June, 2013. A Thailand sourcing and business matching opened here on Saturday aimed at promoting economic and trade cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand and enabling beneficial co-operation between business entrepreneurs of the two sides.—XINHUA

At least five fishermen killed as gales whip Sri Lanka coast

COLOMBO, 9 June—At least five fishermen were killed and 13 injured when gale force winds lashed Sri Lanka's south coast on Saturday morning.

Officials said that air force helicopters and naval craft rescued 20 stranded fishermen, some severely injured.

The bodies of four men were washed ashore, triggering an angry response from fishermen who said they had not received a bad weather warning.

A group of fishermen staged a protest in Colombo's southern suburb of Dehiwela, dragging a boat across the south coast railway line and further disrupting train services with bonfires along train tracks.

The government's meteorological department said on Saturday that it had issued a bad weather warning on Friday evening but had no explanation why the fishermen had not been warned against going out to sea.—Kyodo News

Mandela in 'serious' condition in hospital

JOHANNESBURG, 9 June—Former South African president and anti-apartheid hero Nelson Mandela was in a "serious but stable" condition on Saturday after being taken to hospital with a recurrence of a lung infection, the government said.

The 94-year-old, who became the first black leader of Africa's biggest economy in 1994 after historic all-race elections, has been in hospital three times since December. He has been battling the infection for a few days, the government said in a statement.

"This morning at about 1:30 am (12:30 am British time) his condition deteriorated and he was transferred

to a Pretoria hospital. He remains in a serious but stable condition," it said.

The government's choice of words, in particular the use of "serious", was clear cause for concern to South Africa's 53 million people, for whom Mandela remains a potent symbol of the struggle against decades of white-minority rule.

"It's such painful news but I pray for him that he can get better and better and better as he is the best man in this country," said Pretoria resident Khodani Mulwena.

Presidential spokesman Mac Maharaj said he was optimistic about the health of the Nobel Peace

Prize laureate. "What I am told by doctors is that he is breathing on his own and I think that is a positive sign," he said.

"Madiba is a fighter and at his age, as long as he is fighting he will be fine," Maharaj said, referring to Mandela by his clan name.

Mandela's wife, Graca Machel, accompanied him to the hospital, the *South African Press Association* reported. Machel had been scheduled to speak on Saturday at a conference on hunger in London but cancelled the engagement, SAPA reported.

Mandela stepped down as president in 1999 after one term in office and has been removed from politics for a decade. His last appearance in public was at the final of the soccer World Cup in Johannesburg in 2010.

He appeared in a brief television clip aired by state television in April during a visit to his home by President Jacob Zuma.

At the time, the ruling African National Congress (ANC) assured the public Mandela was "in good shape", although the footage showed a thin and frail old man sitting expressionless in an armchair with his head propped against a pillow.—Reuters



Former South African president Nelson Mandela looks on as he celebrates his birthday at his house in Qunu, Eastern Cape on 18 July, 2012.

REUTERS

LOCAL NEWS

Dengue campaign launched at schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June— As part of efforts for combating the dengue hemorrhagic fever, a combined team has carried out sanitation and preventive measures against the dengue fever at schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area as from 28 May.

The team comprising local authorities, health officials and members of social organizations carried out the sanitation campaign and fumigation at schools in Zabuthiri Township in attempts to kill larvae and mosquitoes.

MNA

TRANSPORT

Yangon Highway Bus Terminal being expanded

YANGON, 9 June— Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) of Yangon City Development Committee is expanding the road in busy Aung Mingala Highway Bus Terminal in Yangon from two-lane road to six-lane one.

The road is busy with highway expresses and city

buses.

The expansion will also include walkways flanked the road, according to an official.

While under repair, the road is now switched to a one-lane mode with first two lanes expected to reopen soon.

MMAL-Moe Yan



Yangon Highway Bus Terminal road under major repair.

Bago gets fourth traffic light

BAGO, 9 June—Bago Region is seeing more traffic lights at the junctions of the roads under the directive of the region government.

A new traffic light has been added at the busy junction of Thanatpin road

and Bandoola road.

It is the fourth of its kind in the city of Bago Region.

The road users welcomed the installation of the new traffic lights.

MMAL-Thant Zin



A new traffic light installed at the junction of Thanatpin road and Bandoola road in Bago.

Htanhsan cave in Taunggyi charges USD 10 per foreigner

TAUNGGYI, 9 June— Board of trustees of Htanhsan natural limestone cave in Hopong Township in Taunggyi District in Shan State has collected entry fee of USD 10 per foreigners since early this year.

The cave with Buddhist artworks is crowded with local pilgrims and foreigners.

Another places that

charge foreign visitors with entry fees are Inlay, Pindaya, Kakku, and Sakar regions. But they all charge 5 USD each. Taunggyi and Nyaungshwe cultural museums under Archeology, Library and Museum Department charge only 2 USD each. Tourism organizations are requesting to review the fee.

MMAL-Naing Tun (TGI)

HEALTH CARE

Free eye treatment provided to eye patients in Sitagu Eye Hospital

MAGWAY, 9 June— Sitagu Dipankara Sakkhudana Eye Hospital provided free treatment to eye patients regardless of race or religion on 4-9 June.

The hospital in Dipankara Monastery in Natmauk in Magway Region was founded by donors led by Nanissara Sitagu International Buddhist Academy Ashin Nanissara and has provided treatment since 2009.

A total of 911 patients received eye surgeries at

the hospital up to 2012.

The six-day free eye treatment is eight of its kind at the hospital. Eye patients from Myothit Township, Taungdwingyi Township, Yenangyoung Township, Pyawbwe Township, Magway Township, Kyaukpadaung Township and Natmauk Township received treatments, according to in-charge Sayadaw of Sitagu Sakkhudana Hospital U Yujana.

MMAL-Natmaukthar

Farming rights certificates granted

KALAY, 9 June— Farming rights certificates were granted to farmers in Kalewa Township

on 31 May. A total of 211 farmers from nine village-tracts received the certificates at the ceremony held at Township General Administration Department.

MMAL-Shin Nay Min

Police arrests gambling suspect

KYAUKTAGA, 9 June— Phado Police Station detained a woman carrying illegal three-digit lottery tickets on Minhla-Sein Kant Lant road in Kyauktaga Township in Bago Region.

Acting on a tip-off, police from Phado Police Station seized Ma Thin Thin Aye, 24, of Thinbawtaik village in Kin village-tract with three-digit tickets and K 55,440 in her cloth pocket.

The evidences were seized in the presence of eye witnesses.

The Phado police station has filed a lawsuit against her.—MMAL-Moe Kya (Myitkyina)

Sugarcane farmers upbeat due to early monsoon

PYU, 9 June— Sugarcane farmers in Pyu Township and Kyaukkyi Township feel upbeat after signs of early monsoon.

The farmers of two townships have put 6600 acres of farmlands under sugarcane.

The sugarcane plantations are well irrigated and they predicts the good harvest this year.

Hsinbyutaung sugar mill of Kyaw Thar Company Ltd in Zeyawady is providing aids to the farmers for better yield of sugarcane.

HRD

Stipends, stationery donated to students in Layein village BEMS



NATMAUK, 9 June—U Vijaya, the Pyawbwe Sayadaw, donated stipends and exercise books to students in Layein Village Basic Education Middle School in Natmauk Township for 2013-2014 academic year.

The donation ceremony was held in Basic Education Middle School in Layein village in Natmauk Township in Magway Region on 4 June.

Donor Sayadaw U Vijaya delivered a sermon

and granted stipends of K 948,950 to students of sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grades through Headmistress Daw Mya Than Kyi.

The Sayadaw and donors U Hla Shwe and wife Daw Tin Mya and sons of Layein village presented 357 dozens of exercise books, 1247 ball pens and 500 pencils to the students.

Headmistress Daw Mya Than Kyi spoke words of thanks.

MMAL-127

BC to organize climate talks

YANGON, 9 June— Myanmar Climate Change Watch Chief Executive Officer Dr U Tun Lwin and Myanmar Environmental Working Group Consulting Officer Professor Dr Khin Maung Cho will give talks on present and future impacts of climate change on Myanmar and global warming soon.

The talks in commemoration of World Environment Day will take place at Brisith Council Library on 12 June evening.

Anyone who is interested in the topic are to enroll by 11 June at <http://www.research.net/s/ClimateTalk> or email their seat request to libraryenquires@mm.britishcouncil.org.

The numbers that could reach to organizers are 254658, 256290-3316.

Non-member attendees are required to bring their student ID or Citizenship Scrutiny Card.

MMAL-Myat Sandi

Thin Zaw



The farmers are in negotiation with the sugar mill to grow sugarcane next year.

MMAL-Pyu-Myint Oo

Photo shows thriving sugarcane plantation.

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 10 June, 2013

No water no life

The world has faced energy crises because of the constantly rising (sometimes rapidly growing) worldwide demand that pushes many countries to adopt energy security policies of their own. Especially, the big consumer nations are in hot pursuit of new energy resources and gaining ground in the existing important global markets. This has sometimes led to tense diplomatic situation in the global arena.

World nations are always in need of energy as the machines they are operating run on various kinds of energy in which oil, natural gas, coal, and hydropower and nuclear are the main sources. So if there is no energy at all, the world can even stand still. But what about water as there cannot be life without it?

The not so good news is that many areas of the world are already experiencing stress on water availability. Due to the accelerated pace of population growth and an increase in the amount of water a single person uses, it is expected that this situation will continue to get worse.

Mainly, human beings are consuming fresh water for everything from household needs to mass agriculture and industrial purposes and environmental conservation globally using large amounts of clean water every day in every part. But the problem is that 97% of the water on the Earth is salt water. However, only three percent is fresh water, slightly over two thirds of this is frozen in glaciers and polar ice caps. The remaining unfrozen freshwater is found mainly as groundwater, with only a small fraction present above ground or in the air.

There will be no life without water, and as for human beings their survival totally depends on fresh water. So, a shortage of freshwater would be detrimental to the mankind as it would affect everything from sanitation, to overall health and the production of grain, eventually life on Earth itself.

In order to be free from danger on the highway

Hey, a series of warning signboards on traffic rules have already been posted



Holding on! Hey, there still needs another signboard that is "to read all the signboards and abide by instructions they carry"



Cartoon Tha Byay

NATIONAL

A & I Ministry to assist in production, selling fertilizers to farmers

YANGON, 9 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing has called for supplying fertilizers to farmers at a reasonable price as farmers are in need of affordable and quality fertilizer.

During his visit to a private NPK fertilizer plant in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone in Yangon Region, yesterday, the Union Minister stressed the importance of establishing competitive plots and model farms in regions and states for farmers to gain trust from them, pledging the assistance from the Agriculture Department of the ministry to the private model farms.

The Union Minister also pledged that the ministry would help Myanma Awaba Company ensuring its



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visits NPK fertilizer plant in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone.—MNA

boosting production from 50000 tons of fertilizer to 100000 tons per year.

He also stressed the

need for raising awareness of chemical fertilizers among the farmers.

The Union minister also

visited the 2000-acre project for mechanized farming in Ottwin Township.

MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister attends school handing over ceremony

YANGON, 9 June—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe yesterday morning inspected preventive measures against DHF being carried by staff from Yangon City Development Committee and the Department of Health and members of social organizations in Sangyoung Township and attended an educative talk on DHF.

A ceremony to hand over the new three-storey building of No. 4 Basic Education High School to the Ministry of Education took place at the school in Sangyoung this morning. Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Director-General U Min Zaw of No. 3

Basic Education Department and Tawwin Foundation Chairman U Ko Ko Htway formally opened the new school building. The chief minister unveiled the stone inscription of the new school building and looked round there.

The hand-over of three-storey school building and furniture followed. Tawwin Foundation Chairman U Ko Ko Htway explained the purpose of donation for the school and handed over documents related to the new school building to Director-General U Min Zaw of No. 3 Basic Education Department.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu and the headmistress spoke words of thanks.

Myanmar delegation leaves for Philippines

YANGON, 9 June—At the invitation of the World Bank, a Myanmar delegation led by Secretary of Rural Region Development and Poverty Alleviation Work Committee Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win left here by air this morning to join a visit among developing countries under community-based development project to contribute to rural region development and poverty

alleviation of Myanmar to the Philippines from 10 to 16 June.

The Myanmar delegation was accompanied by Advisor to the Central Bank of Myanmar Daw Khin Saw Oo, Director Daw Nyo Nyo Win of Rural Region Development Department under the Border Affairs Ministry and Deputy Director Dr Tun Lwin.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Committee Chairman leaves for Singapore



YANGON, 9 June—To attend the WTO-TFCTN Parliamentary workshop on International Trade Singapore, a Myanmar delegation led by Dr Myint Kyi, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Local and Foreign Labours Affairs Committee

left here by air this morning.

The Myanmar delegation was accompanied by U Win Than, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee.

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LOCAL NEWS

NATIONAL SPORTS

Myanmar cycling team leaves for PRC to take joint training



YANGON, 9 June— Under the management of the Ministry of Sports, a 10-member Myanmar Cycling Team which are undergoing training for 27th SEA Games led by Staff

Officer Daw Thuzar Aung of Sports and Physical Education Department left here by air this afternoon for the People's Republic of China to take a three-month joint training from 1 June to 31 August

under the government to government programme.

They were seen off by the officials of Myanmar Cycling Federation at Yangon International Airport.—Kyemon

MWF President's Cup Weightlifting Championship on 20-22 July

YANGON, 9 June— Myanmar Weightlifting Federation will organize MWF President's Cup Weightlifting Championship at Aung San Gymnasium from 20 to 22 July.

The championship includes open (men/women) event and

under-17 years (men/women) at respective regional weightlifting training camps.

Both open and under-17 years events, eight classes for men and seven classes for women are included.

Either team or individual may take part in the tourney and those

wishing to compete may register to U Myint Swe (General Secretary, Myanmar Weightlifting Federation) in Aung San Stadium not later than 6 July.

For further information, dial Ph 01-388160.

Kyemon

Myanmar Senior PGA Championship wraps up



YANGON, 9 June—The second round and prize presentation of the 1st Myanmar Senior PGA Championship 2013 organized by Myanmar Senior PGA took place at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) of Insein Township on 7 June.

Executive of Myanmar

Senior PGA U Maung Maung Myint presented daily best scorers.

Vice-President of Myanmar Golf Federation U Aung Kyi presented prizes from the second to the fifth to the respective winners. Patron of MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Rtd) awarded U Myint Shwe

(Srixon) who stood first in the championship with 149 strokes in aggregate.

Chairman of Myanmar Senior PGA U San Naung gave a cheque worth K 1.5 million to first prize winner U Myint Shwe (Srixon). Secretary of Myanmar Senior PGA U Chan Han

presented gift and cash assistance to Yangon Golf Club through treasurer of the club U Zaw Tun.

The chairman of the Myanmar Senior PGA sponsored the championship together with co-sponsors Tiger Golf, Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd, KM Golf Centre, 100 Plus, Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water and Yangon Golf Club.—H

ANTI-NARCOTIC DRIVES

Stimulant tablets seized in Hsihseng Township

HSIHSENG, 9 June— Stimulant tablets worth K 100,000 were seized at Hsihseng Township of Shan State on 6 June morning. A squad led by Police Captain Aung Kywe and IP Aung Zaw Moe from Hsihseng Township MPF searched U Khun Tun Aung's house in Htilikepay Village of

Duties assigned to departmental personnel in Pakokku

PAKOKKU, 9 June— Departmental personnel were charged with duties in Pakokku District for 2013-14 FY. Pakokku District Deputy Commissioner U Tin Maung Win assigned targeted duties to personnel in agriculture, livestock, forestry, electricity, transport, communications, monetary, social and administrative fields on 6 June.

District level departmental personnel, township administrators of Yesagyo, Myaing, Pauk, Seikpyu and Pakokku



townships and personnel assumed respective duties.

Matters related to implementation of 2013-14 FY targets were

discussed and the deputy commissioner called for accomplishment of the assigned duties.—Kyemon-Pakokku District IPRD

Bago Region MCWSC meets



BAGO, 9 June—Bago Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee met at Bago Town Hall on 6 June, attended by Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan

Win, Patron of Bago Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Myint Myint Soe, Chairperson Daw May Thu

and members and heads of health department.

Resolutions of the 23rd annual meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association were clarified at the work coordination meeting. The Bago region chief minister presented K 500,000 to the Bago Region MCWSC as it has won the first prize in research paper presentation of MCWSCs. The chairperson of the region MCWSC presented cash contribution to presidents of district MCWSCs.

Kyemon-San Wai (Hanthamyay)

HRD

Tonzang gets one more BEHS (branch)

TONZANG, 9 June— Under the arrangement of the Education Ministry and Chin State government, basic education middle school in Paitu Village in Tonzang Township was upgraded into a high school (branch) and opened on 1 June.

Township administra-

tor U Tin Myo Latt spoke on the occasion and together with the township education officer formally opened the school. Tonzang has seen one more BEHS (branch) and post-primary school for 2013-14 academic year, increasing the number of high, middle and primary schools there to 59.

Kyemon-Shin Nay Min



WORLD

Turkey rules out early polls, thousands defy call to end protest

ISTANBUL, 9 June—Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's AK Party on Saturday ruled out early elections as tens of thousands of anti-government demonstrators defied his call for an immediate end to protests.

Huseyin Celik, deputy chairman of the Justice and Development (AK) Party founded by Erdogan just over a decade ago, said local and presidential elections would be held next year as planned, and a general election in 2015.

"The government is running like clockwork. There is nothing that necessitates early elections," he told reporters after a meeting of the party's executive

demonstrations, massing again in the central Taksim Square, where riot police backed by helicopters and armoured vehicles first clashed with protesters a week ago.

Tourists and curious locals swelled their numbers around a makeshift protest camp in Gezi Park, a leafy corner of the square where activists have been sleeping in tents and vandalised buses, or wrapped in blankets under plane trees.

Senior AK officials said they had discussed calling a rally of their supporters in Istanbul or Ankara next week but no decision had yet been taken, with some party figures urging restraint for fear of



Anti-government protesters gather near Istanbul's Taksim square on 8 June, 2013.—REUTERS

committee in Istanbul.

"The world is dealing with an economic crisis and things are going well in Turkey. Elections are not held because people are marching on the streets."

A few kilometres away, tens of thousands of Turks defied Erdogan's call on Friday for an immediate end to anti-government

provoking the situation on the streets.

What began as a campaign against government plans to build over the park spiralled into an unprecedented display of public anger over the perceived authoritarianism of Erdogan and his Islamist-rooted AK Party, leading to the worst riots in decades.—Reuters

Sweden's Princess Madeleine weds New York banker

STOCKHOLM, 9 June—Princess Madeleine, fourth in line to the Swedish throne, married US-British banker Christopher O'Neill on Saturday at a ceremony attended by royals and socialites from around the world.

The 30-year-old princess married O'Neill, 38, before some 600 guests in the chapel of the Royal Palace of Stockholm.

O'Neill fought back tears as the princess, wearing a white lace and silk dress by the Italian designer Valentino, walked down the aisle with her father, King Carl XVI Gustaf.

Marie Fredriksson of the pop group Roxette and

Swedish musical star Peter Dinklage both sang at the service.

After a kiss outside the chapel, and a 21-gun salute, the newlyweds processed in a horse-drawn carriage through the city centre, cheered by thousands of spectators, to a boat taking them to a banquet hosted by the King and Queen Silvia at the Drottningholm Palace outside Stockholm.

The event was less lavish than Sweden's last royal wedding, that of Crown Princess Victoria to her former personal trainer Daniel Westling in 2010.

Princess Madeleine met O'Neill in New York, where she moved in 2010,

UN says Mali still precarious, future peacekeepers need equipment

UNITED NATIONS, 9 June —Armed groups in Mali continue to pose a serious security threat to the entire region while African troops forming the core of a UN peacekeeping mission deploying next month are not yet properly equipped, the UN chief said in a new report.

France launched a massive military campaign in January which broke al Qaeda-linked Islamist fighters' control over the northern two-thirds of Mali and allowed the Tuaregs to regain control of their traditional fiefdom of Kidal.

But UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in a report to the Security Council on Saturday that despite the gains made by

French troops, Malian security forces and an African force known as AFISMA, the situation continues to be precarious.

"The situation on the ground remains ... fluid, with sporadic clashes between armed groups and continued asymmetric attacks across the three regions of the north," Ban said in the report, obtained by Reuters.

"Furthermore the advance of the MDSF (Malian defence and security forces) northwards towards Kidal and the fatal clashes with MNLA (separatist Tuareg) elements on 5 June have exacerbated tensions and increased the volatility of the situation in the region," it said.

Cyclone Andrea heads out of the United States with strong winds

NEW YORK, 9 June—Post-tropical cyclone Andrea was slowly working its way out of the United States and into Canada on Saturday, leaving behind strong winds and potential flooding along the East Coast.

The storm's centre, moving at 39 miles per hour, was located about 75 miles east of Portland, Maine, as it headed through the Atlantic Canada area, according to the National Hurricane Centre.

The storm was expected to produce strong winds of up to 45 miles per hour and less than 1 inch of rainfall in parts of Maine, the centre said.

Several counties in the Carolinas, Rhode Island and Connecticut were under

flood warnings on Saturday due to heavy rains from the storm a day earlier.

According to AccuWeather.com, Andrea delivered the rainiest 7 June on record for cities in North Carolina to Massachusetts, which experienced between 3 inches and slightly more than 6 inches of rain on Friday.

AccuWeather.com reported that flooding in Nassau County and Long Beach, New York, and Greenville County, Virginia, closed roads and stranded motorists on Friday evening.

The storm also delayed hundreds of flights in the US Northeast.

After swirling over the Gulf of Mexico, then-Tropical Storm Andrea made



Bert Koenders (centre R), United Nations special envoy for Mali, is greeted by Mali's foreign affairs General Secretary Sekouba Cisse (center L) upon his arrival at Bamako Airport, on 4 June, 2013.—REUTERS

To reduce those renewed tensions, Mali's government and Tuareg separatists began talks on Saturday that both sides said they hoped would lead to a ceasefire ahead of national elections next month and pave the way for a permanent peace deal.

The talks in the capital

of neighbouring Burkina Faso, due to conclude on Monday, follow the first fighting in months between Mali's army and the MNLA rebels this week as government forces advanced toward the Tuaregs' last stronghold of Kidal in the remote northeast.

Reuters

landfall on Thursday over the Big Bend area where the Florida peninsula joins the mainland.

The storm buffeted Florida's western coast, spawning several tornadoes before moving across southern Georgia and into the Carolinas.

The storm kicked off the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from 1 June

to 30 November.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the US government's top climate agency, warned in an annual forecast last month that this year's season could be "extremely active" with 13 to 20 tropical storms, of which seven to 11 could become hurricanes.

Reuters

Jamaican currency depreciates to historic low

KINGSTON, 9 June—The Jamaican currency reached a historic low against the benchmark US dollar on Friday as the weighted average selling rate climbed to 100.08 Jamaican dollars to the greenback, according to the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ).

The local currency also lost ground against the Canadian dollar and the British pound sterling.

Just over a year ago the US currency traded at an average rate of about 86.61 Jamaican dollars to one dollar. However, the currency went into freefall, crossing the 100 Jamaican dollars mark on Friday after levelling out in the range of 86 Jamaican dollars by December 2011.

But the International Monetary Fund (IMF) insisted that Jamaica had an overvalued currency, as it made the island's goods and services uncompetitive.

In fact, Jan Kees Martijn, the head of IMF's Jamaican mission, at the conclusion of a routine staff

visit in May, said the devaluation of the Jamaican currency is an important correction and was therefore welcomed. He, however, refrained from prescribing an ideal rate of exchange, and said the market would make the determination given Jamaica's floating exchange rate policy.

With the local currency at an all-time low, consumer purchasing power is now a concern given the expected rise in the local price of goods and services. This is expected to have an impact on the country's inflation rate as well as debt-servicing costs and the overall value of the foreign debt.

In contrast, a weaker local currency could act as a deterrent to import, thereby improving the country's trade balance.

Additionally, a depreciation of the local currency makes the country more attractive to foreign investors who stand to gain a better competitive edge in Jamaican economic investment.

Xinhua



Newly-weds Princess Madeleine of Sweden and Christopher O'Neill leave in a carriage after their wedding ceremony at the royal chapel in Stockholm on 8 June, 2013.—REUTERS

having earlier broken off her engagement to a Swedish lawyer.

Public support for the ceremonial monarchy remains fairly broad in otherwise egalitarian Sweden, even if it has weakened somewhat in recent years.

The Crown Princess's wedding and the birth of her daughter, Princess Estelle, have helped to counteract negative publicity such as allegations that the king had had an affair and visited strip clubs.

Reuters

REGIONAL

Husband of former Indonesian president Megawati dies



Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDIP) Secretary-General Tjahjo Kumolo (C) talks to media at the residence of former Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 8 June, 2013. Chairman of Indonesian People Consultative Assembly (MPR) Taufiq Kiemas, who is also the husband of former president and chairperson of PDIP Megawati Soekarnoputri, died in a hospital in Singapore on Saturday afternoon, a senior official of the party said.

XINHUA

SINGAPORE, 9 June—Taufik Kiemas, husband of former Indonesian president Megawati Sukarnoputri, died at a Singapore hospital Saturday evening.

Taufik, 70, was warded at the Singapore General Hospital after complaining of exhaustion following Pancasila celebrations last Saturday in Ende Regency, East Nusa Tenggara.

He is also the chairman of the People's Consultative Assembly. "We have confirmed from the family that he has died," said Tjahjo Kumolo, the secretary-general of the opposition Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle, of which Megawati is chairman.

His body is expected to arrive in Jakarta on Sunday morning and will be buried at the Kalibata Heroes Cemetery in South Jakarta.

Xinhua

LDP eyes legislation to speed up retrieval of WWII remains

TOKYO, 9 June—The ruling Liberal Democratic Party is planning to propose new legislation to speed up the retrieval of remains of Japanese soldiers and civilians who died in the country and abroad during World War II, party sources said on Saturday.

The LDP aims to submit a bill to an extraordinary Diet session in the fall to accelerate the recovery of the remains of some 600,000 Japanese war dead in hard-fought battlefields such as Iwoto Island in the Pacific, Okinawa and the Philippines, the sources said. The bill will call for appointing a state minister in charge of the retrieval of remains to reduce red tape, and setting up a period for intensive collection of the remains during which the government will increase budget and personnel for the recovery activities.

According to the Health,

Labour and Welfare Ministry, half of the remains of about 2.4 million Japanese war dead have been returned to Japan. The government began collecting ashes of those people in 1952. The remains of some 1.13 million have yet to be recovered and excluding those believed to have sunk into the sea, the remains of about 600,000 Japanese nationals can be retrieved. Due to the difficulty of gaining information on burial sites from aging informants, the remains of up to 2,000 war dead were collected each in fiscal 2011 and 2012.

An LDP special committee on the retrieval of the remains concluded the government is slow in recovering them as legal basis for the activities is weak, according to the sources.

Based on a Cabinet approval in 1952 on the return of the remains, the welfare

ministry mainly takes charge of the recovery activities with support from the foreign and defence ministries. However, the lack of firm legal ground for the project has led the retrieval to be snarled in red tape, the sources said.

Under the new legislation, the LDP is considering designating the coming seven to 10 years as a period for intensive collection of the remains and increasing staff at Japanese diplomatic missions abroad to beef up information gathering on burial sites. The Japan Youth Memorial Association, a nonprofit organization supporting the recovery of the remains, has called for enactment of a new law to speed up the retrieval, saying it usually takes two years for the government to take some action after receiving information on the remains.

Kyodo News

Signapore launches blood donation website

SINGAPORE, 9 June—Singapore launched a website on Saturday to make blood donation more convenient with real-time updates and information on the blood bank's blood stock requirements and needs for specific blood types.

The Red Cross Connection microsite also features a calendar of upcoming blood drives, closest blood bank locations, as well as information about the blood donation process.

Information from the microsite can be linked and shared on the user's social media networks.

Local organizations celebrated the 10th anniversary of the World Blood Donor Day on Saturday.

The blood donations in Singapore increased by almost 80 percent over the past decade to 118,000 units in 2012, organizers of local celebrations said.

The National Blood Programme is aiming to collect 126,000 units of blood this year to meet the needs of patients in Singapore.

It is targeting the youths, as people aged 25 and below made up 32 percent of the donors last year. The aim is to increase the figure to 35 percent by 2014.—Xinhua

Mongolian miners' operation at Tavan Tolgoi may foil int'l bidding

BEIJING, 9 June—Mongolia's state-run coal miner plans to start mining operations at the country's Tavan Tolgoi coal mine, a move that would raise uncertainty over the international bidding for rights to develop one of the world's largest coal deposits.

Yaichil Batsuuri, chief executive officer of Erdenes Tavan Tolgoi LLC, told Kyodo News on Saturday that the miner plans to start and continue operations at the mine with other Mongolian companies until the selection of a successful bidder.

Batsuuri said the Mongolian government has

approved the tentative operation by the Mongolian companies and that they plan to produce 2.6 million tons of coal by the end of this year.

The operation could start as early as this month, and the coal produced is expected to be exported to China.

The Mongolian side has apparently chosen to prioritize early development of the mine instead of waiting for the completion of the international bidding.

But concerns are spreading over how the operation by the Mongolian side on its own would affect the bidding procedure. An official at a Japanese company said the move may lead to cancellation of the international bidding.

The bidding procedure for the Tavan Tolgoi mine began in December 2010, and the major Japanese trading houses Itochu Corp. and Marubeni Corp. are among the bidders.

Kyodo News

A 4 June, 2013, photo shows an area of the Tavan Tolgoi coal field in Mongolia, the object of international bidding for rights to develop one of the world's largest coal deposits.

KYODO NEWS



Japan plans to oppose fishing subsidy ban in TPP trade talks

TOKYO, 9 June—Japan plans to oppose a US-proposed ban on fishing subsidies in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations that Japan will join from July, due to concern the ban would have numerous adverse effects on Japan's fishing industry, government sources said on Saturday.

If the subsidy ban is introduced by other TPP countries, the Japanese gov-

ernment will call to limit its scope to subsidies that would obviously lead to overfishing, as the Japanese fishing industry heavily depends on subsidies, according to the sources.

Japan's position also reflects concern the ban may cover subsidies for building seaports and other infrastructure developments, hindering recovery efforts in coastal regions of northeastern Japan

where the 2011 earthquake and tsunami devastated the fishing industry.

The issue of banning fishing subsidies is far from a done deal, as a gap lies between countries like the United States, Australia and New Zealand that are hoping to protect the environment and fishing resources through the ban, and other countries that are opposed to the ban.

Kyodo News



Visitors attend the Indonesia Yachts Show in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 8 June, 2013. Indonesia Yachts Show 2013 is held on 8 to 9 June to showcase the latest yachts and boats and the luxury yachting lifestyle.

XINHUA

Nepali business leader sees Chinese dream as inspirational

KATHMANDU, 9 June—Nepal's private sector leader Suraj Vaidya, who chairs the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FNCCI) has said the Chinese dream is appreciable as well as inspirational to Nepal. In a recent exclusive interview with Xinhua about the Chinese dream, the head of the federal representative body of Nepali business community, said Nepal can follow the road to prosperity inspired by the Chinese dream.

He said the Chinese dream is vision of successful leadership in China and it is all about aspiration and guidance of the leadership to integrate the huge population, huge geographical differences and multiethnic culture of China into a single dream.

"The Chinese dream could take forward the prosperity of China to a step ahead and indeed the dream

will benefit every fellow citizen in coming days," he said.

Nepal should appreciate the Chinese dream and the Chinese people who are working hard to fulfill the vision of the leader, said Vaidya. "The Chinese dream will also help China to transform itself into more open economy for the investors worldwide," he said.

Industrialist Vaidya who owns several commercial agricultural farms and largest tea estates in the eastern part of the country, believed that Nepal should focus on exporting agricultural products to China's Tibet to get better economic advantages from China.

As the cost of agricultural production is much expensive in Tibet due to the lack of enough agricultural ground on the average 3,000 meters high altitude, Nepal can export food and vegetables there, he said.—Xinhua

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2. Bidder should submit the open tender (Technical and Requirement Proposal) on July 1, 2013 during 09:30 to 16:30 at Head Office Building of Overseas Department, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, Near 8 mile junction, KaBaAye Pagoda Road, Yangon, Myanmar and MPT will deny the tender that is submitted over the assigned period as above.
3. Bidder should submit the price proposal when we call you the day of price bargaining.
4. Tender documents are available from Head Office Building of Overseas Department, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, Near 8 mile junction, KaBaAye Pagoda Road, Yangon, Myanmar and detail can be asked to telephone number + 95 1 650118 during office hours.

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AMARC, or the Aerospace Maintenance And Regeneration Center, is a joint service facility managed by the US Air Force Material Command located in the town of Tucson, Arizona, the United States.—REUTERS

Russian official criticizes Golan Heights peacekeeper restrictions

Moscow, 9 June—A Russian official on Saturday said Moscow should be allowed to send UN peacekeepers to the Golan Heights despite being prohibited from doing so as a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

“We should not cite 40-year-old restrictions here,” Deputy Foreign Minister Gennady Gatilov said in his Twitter account. “The tasks of maintaining peace and stability require a different political mentality.”

If the United Nations was really concerned over tensions in the Golan Heights, Gatilov said, “then sending a Russian contingent there is the solution.”

President Vladimir Putin offered on Friday to send peacekeepers, as part of the UN Disengagement Observer Force, to replace the Austrian peacekeepers who were to withdraw due to an “unacceptable level of danger to its personnel.”

UN spokesman Martin Nesirky said later it was impossible to accept Russia’s

offer because the country is one of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

“We appreciate the consideration that Russia has given to provide troops on the Golan,” he told reporters. “However, the disengagement agreement and its protocol between Syria and Israel does not allow for the participation of permanent members of the security council in UNDOF.”

Gatilov argued that decision on the composition of peacekeeping contingent should lie solely in the UNSC.

“It is not in the terms of reference of the UN secretary-general’s spokesman to decide what countries can be represented in the contingents on the Golan Heights,” he said. “Such decisions are made by the UNSC.” The Golan Heights have been occupied by Israel since 1973. The UNDOF has been monitoring the ceasefire between Syria and Israel since 1974 May.

Xinhua

American yogurt producer wins Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur of 2013

MONACO, 9 June—Hamdi Ulukaya, founder of American yogurt producer Chobani, was named the Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2013 at an awards ceremony held in Monaco on Saturday evening.

As president and CEO of Chobani, Ulukaya was picked from among 49 finalists vying for the title across 47 countries and regions, each of whom had already been named the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year in their home country and region.

Turkish-born Ulukaya founded Chobani in upstate New York in 2005 and launched Chobani Greek

Chinese language, a bridge connecting Vietnam and China

HANOI, 9 June—“I want to become an interpreter after graduation from university. I will be a cultural ambassador, helping the Vietnamese and Chinese peoples to know each other to contribute to strengthen the long and finely friendship between the two countries”, said Le Thi Phuong Thoa.

The third-year student from Hanoi University defeated other 12 competitors from 11 universities at the contest of the North Vietnam Division of the 12th

Chinese Bridge -Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students which was held in Vietnam’s capital Hanoi on Saturday. “I choose to learn Chinese because I like Chinese culture and language very much. China is a country with long cultural history. Chinese language allows me to know more about Chinese culture,” the student said.

“I now find that studying Chinese is a right choice. I feel very happy when becoming the win-

ner of the contest. I have tasted the initial sweetness of fruitful results”, the 21-year-old student could not hide her happiness.

“In the past years, the relationship between China and Vietnam has developed strongly in politic, economic and cultural areas. Along with the development, the demand for high-level Chinese-speaking people will be booming,” Liu Sanzhen, cultural counselor of the Chinese Embassy in Vietnam, addressed the contest as saying.—Xinhua

At least 13 dead as asylum seekers boat sinks off Western Australia

CANBERRA, 9 June—At least 13 people were dead after an asylum seekers boat sank near Christmas Island off Western Australia, Australian Home Affairs Minister Jason Clare confirmed in Canberra on Sunday.

Clare said about 55 people were earlier seen in the vessel in waters off Western Australia’s north coast. And these people were mostly adult men, but included a small number of women and children. The bodies are yet to be recovered as the search for survivors continues. “This is another terrible tragedy. Another terrible reminder how dangerous these journeys are,” Clare said.

The boat was first spotted on Wednesday morning by an Australian air force plane but Australian authorities never received a distress call from it.

Then HMAS Warumba was sent to the location and arrived on Thursday morning, but did not find the vessel. The search continued along the approach corridor to Christmas Island throughout Thursday and Friday along with the help of aircraft.

The boat’s submerged hull was spotted on Friday by an Air Force aircraft about 65 nautical miles northwest of Christmas Island. The navy vessel on the spot found wood and life jackets floating, with the first body sighted late on Friday and another 12 found by Sunday morning.

Xinhua

A policeman arranges sacks of explosive materials at a police station in northwest Pakistan’s Peshawar, on 8 June, 2013. Police seized about 15,000 kg explosives and ammunition from two vehicles in Peshawar and arrested drivers for further investigation, local media reported.—XINHUA



Regional unrest’s impact begins to show in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 June—Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki on Sunday said the Middle East unrest has begun to show its impact on Iraq and urged the all factions to reconcile to confront the threat.

“The area is witnessing a violent storm, because of the re-emergence of extremist organizations like al-Qaeda and al-Nusra,” Maliki said in a speech to his

cabinet in the city of Erbil, the capital of the autonomous region of Kurdistan in northern Iraq.

“Iraq is part of the area, and we started to get affected by the storm that engulfed the area, therefore, we all have to revive national reconciliation to confront the menace,” Maliki said, referring to the impacts that threatens Iraq’s fragile stability of the unrest in neighboring

Syria and Turkey.

Maliki’s Shiite leadership has long been at odds with the Kurds over the distribution of oil wealth and the control of some disputed areas, while the Sunni Arabs have been protesting the government for over five months, accusing him of marginalizing them and his troops of indiscriminately arresting their sons and torturing them.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT



Aishwarya Rai Bachchan with her daughter Aaradhya. PTI

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan picks daughter Aaradhya over meeting Al Pacino

NEW DELHI, 9 June—No body can keep her away from her daughter Aaradhya, not even the world's most famous 'Godfather' Al Pacino, and actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan proved just the same when she skipped meeting the legendary Hollywood actor for her daughter.

While her husband, actor Abhishek Bachchan was ecstatic to meet Pacino during their stay in London early this week on 2 June,

Aishwarya chose to skip the envious rendezvous because there was no one around to look after their Aaradhya.

Aishwarya's mother Vrinda, who was also with the couple in London was also leaving back for India the same day, leaving the actress on her own to look after her toddler. The Bachchan couple was in London to attend the charity event "Chime for Change".

PTI

Jennifer Lawrence turns producer with The Rules of Inheritance

LOS ANGELES, 9 June—Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Lawrence will do a double task of starring and producing The Rules of Inheritance.

The 22-year-old actress will team up once again with director Susanne Bier, who serves behind the lens for Lawrence and Bradley Cooper's next film *Serena*, reported *Ace Showbiz*. The film is based on Claire Bidwell Smith's memoir about a woman who loses both her parents to cancer as a young adult. "We are thrilled to be working with the dream team of Jennifer Lawrence, Susanne Bier, Abi Morgan and Bruce Cohen," FilmNation CEO Glen Basner and production chief Aaron Ryder said in a joint statement.

"We have no doubt that this inspirational and hopeful book will be turned into an emotionally powerful movie that audiences around the world will fall in love with," they added. Lawrence has meanwhile wrapped



Actress Jennifer Lawrence

up *The Devil You Know*, which is set for a 9 July release. The *Hunger Games: Catching Fire*, her next

Sonakshi Sinha: Ranveer Singh is hyper, I am calm

MUMBAI, 9 June—Actress Sonakshi Sinha, who has teamed up with Ranveer Singh in *Lootera*, says both of them have different working styles. *Lootera* is a period romance drama set in the Bengal of 1950s and it has Ranveer Singh romancing Sonakshi Sinha for the first time on screen.

"Ranveer and I are opposites. As hyper as he is, I am calm. Even as actors, our styles of working are different. He likes to prepare whereas I don't switch on until the camera comes on," Sonakshi said in a statement. Sonakshi is happy the way the film has come out and finds it magical. "The beauty of *Lootera* lies in how Vikramaditya Motwane (director) tuned two diametrically opposite actors so well with each other. I'm sure that the audience will love to see our fresh pairing," she said.

Even Motwane of *Udaan* fame is quite happy with the way both Sonakshi and Ranveer have played their roles. "The most important thing in a love story for me is the intensity and passion that my lead actors bring into playing their characters. Both Ranveer

and Sonakshi have portrayed their love to perfection like seasoned actors even though *Lootera* is their first film together," Motwane said. Produced by Balaji and Phantom, the film releases on 5 July.—PTI



Actress Sonakshi Sinha

Brad Pitt gifts lacy lingerie to Angelina Jolie on birthday

LONDON, 9 June—Post Angelina Jolie's double mastectomy, Hollywood superstar Brad Pitt has reportedly treated his fiancée with some beautiful lingerie on her 38th birthday.

The actress, who celebrated her birthday on 4 June, recently underwent a breast removal surgery to reduce her risk

of breast cancer, reported Sun online. "Since Angelina Jolie has recovered from the surgery, they have been acting like a couple of lovestruck teenagers. They can't keep their hands off each other."

"It was her birthday on Tuesday, Brad arranged for the French fashion designer Heidi Slimane, from Saint

Laurent in Paris, to sort her out with a whole wardrobe full of new clothes. Angelina was so touched by Brad's gifts that she teared up. She can't wait to marry him this summer," a source said. Jolie celebrated her birthday in Paris, where the couple attended the premiere of Pitt's horror movie *World War Z*.—PTI



Brad and Angelina at the Berlin premiere of *World War Z*.—PTI

chapter as Katniss Everdeen, will open nationwide on 22 November.

PTI

SPORTS

No messing as spectacular Serena sinks Sharapova

PARIS, 9 June—The look in her eyes said “don’t mess with me” and no one dared to cross Serena Williams during an unforgettable French Open fortnight when the American proved she “really, really wanted” the title “more than anyone else”. Just how much she wanted it was clear for all to see when at 5.02pm local time on Saturday the world number one fired a lethal 198-kph ace, tossed her racket, sunk to her knees and arched back to let out a primal roar that went on and on and on.

The guttural howl that marked her 6-4, 6-4 win over 2012 champion Maria Sharapova was so loud that perhaps even her 71-year-old father Richard could hear it back in the United States. As his youngest daughter added more silverware

would have to wait until 2013 to experience the joy of winning the claycourt major again.

“After 11 years it’s incredible. I want to come back here and win again. I think I’m Parisienne,” a delirious Serena told the crowd in French after becoming the oldest woman to win the title since tennis went professional in 1968. The last time she triumphed at the spiritual home of claycourt tennis, the 31-year-old American turned out to be an unstoppable force as she went on to complete what she dubbed the “Serena Slam”. After conquering the surface that is considered to be

grand slam haul, completed a remarkable turnaround from 12 months ago when she surprisingly perished in the first round. “I’ve always said a champion isn’t about how much they win but it’s about how they recover from their downs, whether it’s an injury or whether it’s a loss,” said

Serena who is already guaranteed a place among the all-time greats.

“I think that really creates a real champion. My winning appetite is really high. I definitely want to continue my journey to get a few more.” Since that shock 2012 defeat Serena has scooped up titles at Wimbledon, the Olympics, the US Open and now Paris. She has also climbed

weakest, it could well be game on for yet another “Serena Slam” as she is now on an astonishing 31-match winning streak following her humbling of Sharapova.

The top seed, who flashed up 10 manicured fingers and then six more on Saturday to signal her total

Serena Williams of the US poses with her trophy after defeating Maria Sharapova of Russia in their women’s singles final match to win the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 8 June, 2013.
REUTERS



Bryan twins make it a good day for the 30-somethings

PARIS, 9 June—The 30-somethings have enjoyed themselves at the French Open this year and American twins Bob and Mike Bryan continued the trend by winning a record-extending 14th grand slam doubles title at Roland Garros on Saturday. Just a few hours after 31-year-old fellow American Serena Williams hoisted the women’s trophy, the Bryans broke French hearts by beating Nicolas Mahut and Michael Llodra 6-4, 4-6, 7-6(4) in an entertaining final.

When the 35-year-old identical twins captured the Australian Open title this year, they broke the record of 12 grand slams they had shared with Australians John Newcombe and Tony Roche. Like Williams, who ended an 11-year wait for a second Roland Garros title,

the Bryans also endured a long delay before adding to their 2003 success. “It’s great winning slams with your brother. Just we really wanted to win another French. It’s been 10 years. This is the first one we won back in the day and kind of launched our career,” said Mike, who is now half way towards completing a calendar grand slam.

“This is the toughest slam to win.” I think 24 grand slam finals in 10 years is great. We lost a bunch of them early and we have won a bunch late. “You never fathom that you’re going to hit that many slams and add a gold (from the Olympics) to it. It’s just been kind of a fairytale.” Things have certainly changed for the brothers since their last win at Roland Garros.

Reuters



Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan of the US pose with their trophy after defeating Michael Llodra and Nicolas Mahut of France in their men’s doubles final match to win the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 8 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Chicago Blackhawks join Boston Bruins in Stanley Cup Final

CHICAGO, 9 June—The Chicago Blackhawks beat the Los Angeles Kings 4-3 in double overtime on Saturday to win the series and join the Boston Bruins in the National Hockey League’s Stanley Cup Final. The Blackhawks completed a 4-1 series win over the Kings, who won the Cup last season, to claim

the Western Conference for the first time since winning the NHL championship in 2010. Chicago will have home-ice advantage for the best-of-seven series with the Bruins because they had the better regular season record.

The Blackhawks won the Presidents’ Trophy for having the most points in the regular season. Boston sealed their place in the Final with a 4-0 sweep of Pittsburgh to capture the Eastern Conference title.

Reuters



Chicago Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford (L) makes a save as Los Angeles Kings’ Dustin Penner and Blackhawks’ Brent Seabrook battle in front of the net during overtime in Game 5 of their NHL Western Conference final hockey playoff series in Chicago, Illinois, on 8 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Palace Malice beats Oxbow, Orb in Belmont

NEW YORK, 9 June—Palace Malice followed a perfect script to upstage the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes champions on Saturday and win the Belmont Stakes, the final race of

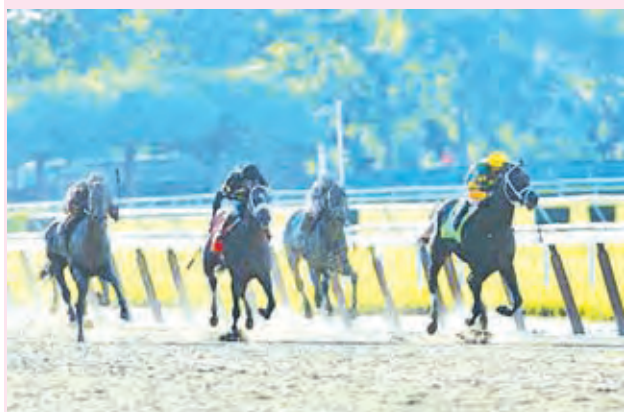
the Triple Crown for three-year-old thoroughbreds. Palace Malice, who was 12th in the Kentucky Derby, won by 3 1/4 lengths with Mike Smith aboard after prevailing in a stretch run duel with

Preakness winner Oxbow, who finished second ahead of late closing Derby winner Orb.

The Belmont victor had set the early pace in the Derby only to fade at Churchill Downs, but on a sunny day with the track rated fast despite Friday’s rains, Palace Malice maintained his powerful stride, this time racing without blinkers. “Blinkers off, honestly,” Smith said about the difference in his horse this time. “He was just enjoying the trip, sucking all the air in.” Palace Malice skipped the Preakness, the middle race of the series, and seemed stronger down the stretch as he surged to the lead in the last quarter mile and pulled away from Oxbow, who won the Preakness leading wire-to-wire.

Jockey Smith saluted trainer Todd Pletcher’s game plan for Palace Malice, who paid almost \$30. “Likely you’ll be sitting right outside of Oxbow, just keep your eye on him and you just play it from there,” Smith said about his pre-race talk with Pletcher. “That’s really what we did. “We thought Freedom Child would probably be in front. I knew Oxbow would be sitting right of him, and we just parked ourselves right outside of him.” Smith said his winning move past Oxbow and his rider, Gary Stevens, was like a movie moment. “I was keeping a close eye on him,” Smith said about the ride as he headed toward the end of the backstretch. “I felt I was moving better.

Reuters



Palace Malice (R), with jockey Mike Smith in the irons, takes the lead to win the 145th running of the Belmont Stakes, the final leg of horse racing’s triple crown, at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York, on 8 June, 2013.

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France friendly vital for Brazil’s morale

PORTO ALEGRE, 9 June—Striker Fred admits Brazil must win Sunday’s international friendly against France to restore their confidence ahead of the FIFA Confederations Cup. The match at Arena do Gremio will be Brazil’s last warmup fixture before their Confederations Cup debut against

Japan in Brasilia on 15 June.

Luiz Felipe Scolari’s team has won just once since the 64-year-old replaced Mano Menezes as national coach in November. The victory against Bolivia has been accompanied by a loss to England and draws against Chile, Russia, Italy and England.

“This match will be important to build up our morale ahead of the tournament,” Fred said during a Press conference on Saturday. The 29-year-old will face two of his former Lyon teammates, goalkeeper Hugo Lloris, now at Tottenham, and Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema.

“Benzema is a great striker, a player out of the ordinary,” Fred said. “And Lloris is a fantastic goalkeeper. I hope we can reduce their impact because that will go a long way to helping us win the match.” Brazil have not defeated France since a 2-0 victory in Paris in 1992.

Xinhua

GENERAL

Nadal wary as Ferrer finally enjoys the spotlight



David Ferrer of Spain celebrates defeating Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France in their men's singles semi-final match during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 7 June, 2013.

REUTERS

PARIS, 9 June—David Ferrer is used to wearing the “best of the rest” label when it comes to Spanish claycourtters, but on Sunday against Rafa Nadal the 31-year-old has the chance to add his name to the pantheon of greats. The Valencia-based player has reached the French Open final without dropping a set, and on Friday produced a ruthless display of power and accuracy to torment French hope Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

It was a magnificent performance to end a sequence of five defeats in his five previous grand slam

semi-finals, yet once again Ferrer was left in the shade by Nadal's extraordinary five-set semi-final thriller over Novak Djokovic. For many that match was “le final” in all but name, but Nadal has too much respect for Ferrer—a player who shares his work ethic—to relax as he aims to become the first man to win the same grand slam tournament eight times.

“He didn't lose a set during the whole tournament, so he's a player that brings you to the limit,” 11-times major winner Nadal—who was an unknown 15-year-old when Ferrer

began his professional career in 2000—told reporters on Saturday. “He's a player that if you are not playing perfect, you will be in big, big trouble.” The statistics do not look good for Ferrer, although he will take some heart from the fact that the last time two Spaniards met in the French Open final, in 2002, Albert Costa was the underdog but defeated Carlos Moya in four sets.

Ferrer won his first claycourt clash with Nadal in 2004. Since then he has lost 16 in a row on the surface. Add the facts that Nadal has suffered one defeat in 59 matches at Roland Garros, has never lost any of his 13 finals against Spaniards, and is just five behind Argentine Guillermo Vilas's record of 46 career claycourt titles, and the odds are stacked against fourth-seed Ferrer.

Ferrer has arguably been unlucky in that his career has spanned an era containing some of the greatest players in the sport's history. More often than not in recent years the only players he loses to at grand slams are the top four of Djokovic, Nadal, Andy Murray and Roger Federer.

Reuters

Heidi Klum puts fashion aside as TV's 'Talent' judge

LOS ANGELES, 9 June—German supermodel Heidi Klum, who has strutted from the runway to entrepreneur and reality TV host, will now try her hand as a judge on NBC's television competition show “America's Got Talent.”

Klum, 40, nicknamed “The Body” for her statuesque figure, has carved a career beyond modeling, as the host of Lifetime's fashion series “Project Runway”

and “Germany's Next Top Model.”

For “America's Got Talent,” the model stepped out of her role as fashion expert for the first time, to sit alongside former Spice Girl Mel B, comedian Howie Mandel and radio host Howard Stern on the judging panel for the show's eighth season, which began this week.

Klum, who has her own fashion empire with jewelry, clothing and fragrances,



Supermodel Heidi Klum arrives at the 2013 Elton John AIDS Foundation Oscar Party in West Hollywood, California, on 24 Feb, 2013.

REUTERS

spoke to Reuters about her transition from a model to entrepreneur and major tel-

evision player in the United States and Germany.

Reuters

Storm kills 14 Sri Lankan fishermen, more missing

COLOMBO, 9 June—A sudden storm which lashed parts of Sri Lanka for two days has killed 14 fishermen while 36 others are missing, an official said on Sunday.

Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Sarath Kumara Gunaratne told Xinhua that more than 20 fishermen were also injured after their boats were caught in rough waters on Friday night and early Saturday morning.

He said that the Sri Lan-

kan navy and air force were involved in a search and rescue operation but there are fears more may have been killed at sea.

The Sri Lankan Department of Meteorology on Saturday issued a weather alert telling fishermen not to go out to sea as strong winds created rough sea conditions.

The winds began on Friday night uprooting trees in parts of the capital Colombo as well as on the outskirts,

Transport along some

railway lines had been hampered as a result of the bad weather while roads were also blocked on Saturday night as uprooted trees had fallen across them.

The Sri Lankan Department of Meteorology said on Sunday that the showery and windy conditions has reduced over the country. However it said showers were still expected at times in several parts of the country during the night.

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| 6:00 am | 3:15 pm |
| 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw | 17. Documentary |
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| 3. Dance & Song of National Race | 19. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Physics) |
| 7:00 am | 4:45 pm |
| 4. News/ Weather Report | 20. Dance Variety |
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| 5. People Talks | 21. Song Programme |
| 7:35 am | 5:30 pm |
| 6. Teleplay | 22. World Heritage (Poland, Warsaw) |
| 8:00 am | 5:45 pm |
| 7. News/ International News | 23. Road to 27 th SEA Games (Takwando) |
| 8:25 am | 6:00 pm |
| 8. SEA Games Go For Gold (Chess) | 24. News/ Weather Report |
| 9:20 am | 6:50 pm |
| 9. Cartoon Series | 25. TV Drama Series |
| 10:00 am | 7:00 pm |
| 10. News | 26. News |
| 10:15 am | 7:15 pm |
| 11. TV Drama Series | 27. TV Drama Series |
| 11:00 am | 8:00 pm |
| 12. Beautiful ASEAN | 28. News/ International News/ Weather Report |
| 12:00 am | 8:35 pm |
| 13. News/ International News/ Weather Report | 29. People Talks |
| 12:25 pm | 8:50 pm |
| 14. Myanmar Movies | 30. Hit Songs of Stars |
| 2:15 pm | 9:00 pm |
| 15. Song Programme | 31. News |
| 3:00 pm | 32. Cartoon Series |
| 16. News | 33. India Drama Series |

At least 4 killed in suicide car bombing in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 9 June—At least four people were killed and 17 wounded in a suicide car bomb attack targeting a police headquarters in the Iraqi capital on Sunday, police said.

The attack occurred at about 8:00 am local time (0500 GMT) when a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into the entrance of the headquar-

ters located in Baghdad's northern district of Kadhimyah and blew it up, a source at the Interior Ministry told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The death toll of the attack could rise as ambulances and police vehicles were evacuating the victims to different hospitals and medical centres in the area, the source said. —Xinhua

A Boeing 787 Dreamliner from south China's Guangzhou City lands at Beijing Capital International Airport in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 June, 2013. The 228-seat 787 aircraft, operated by China Southern Airlines, is the first of its kind delivered to China. The debut flight on Friday marked the beginning of the 787 aircraft's commercial operation in the country. —XINHUA



Myanmar puts 30 booths at 1st China-South Asia Expo in Kunming

NAY PYI TAW, 9 June—The 1st China-South Asia Expo and 21st Kunming Export and Import Fair was held in Kunming of Yunnan Province in China on 6-10 June. Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, reps of Cooperatives Department, personnel from Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and over 250 Myanmar businessmen were present at the event.

Deputy Prime Minister of State Council of China Mr Ma Kai together with presidents, PMs, deputy ministers of the invited regional countries attended the opening of the expo and visited the booths.

The Myanmar delegation held talks with Yunnan Province Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Mr Qin Guanyong and Vice Governor of Kunming Mr Gao Shuxun separately, focusing on promotion of bilateral trade, smoothing trade activities, promotion of comprehensive cooperation on the basis of border trade between the two neighbours, and potential Chinese investment in agriculture and livestock and special economic zones in Myanmar and increasing B2B and G2G cooperation.



The 1st China-South Asia Expo and 21st Kunming Export and Import Fair in progress in Kunming of Yunnan Province in China.—MNA

The Myanmar delegation also held talks with Dehong Deputy Party Secretary Mr Wan Ji Chan and Vice Administrator Mr Su Hongtao on development of border regions and promotion of border trade.

The Myanmar delegation met Linchan Party Secretary Mr Li Xiaopin and Mayor Soefei to discuss border region development and border trade promotion potential, before visiting Luosiwang International Trade Center.

Such Myanmar products as agricultural

produce, forest products, and gems were exhibited at the expo with 30 booths—one by UMFCCI, five each by Myanmar Timber Extractors Association and Cooperatives Department, four by Muse-Namkham Border Trade Association, one each by Yathar Cho Co Ltd, Golden Key Coffee Mix, Asia Dragon Handicraft, Sin Phyu Daw & Htay Thit Sar, Thiri Myanmar Arts & Crafts and ten by Myanma Gems and Jewellery Merchants Association.

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Union FM felicitates Portuguese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Paulo Sacadura Cabral Portas, Minister of State and Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic, which falls on 10 June 2013.—MNA

2nd Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament concludes

YANGON, 9 June—The prize-presentation of the 2nd Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013, organized by Junior Golf Myanmar under the aegis of Myanmar Golf Federation, took place after the round today at Yangon City Golf Course.

Myanmar Golf

Federation Vice-Presidents UMinThein and U Aung Kyi and member of Yangon City Development Committee U Soe Si presented prizes to the winners.

In the championship, Phyo Zan stood first in U-10 event, Phone Pyae Chan Han in U-14 event and Okkar Oo in U-24 event respectively.

Junior Golf Myanmar awarded Ma Yin May Myo for her outstanding performance in 2013 European Championship held in East Lothian, Scotland and 2013 US Kids Van Horn Cup.

Elite Tech Group of Companies, Double Eagle Golf Co Ltd, Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd, KM Golf Centre, J' Donuts (J & J Co Ltd), Asian Wings Airways, Sam Par Oo Purified Drinking Water, Premier Coffee jointly sponsored the tournament.

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Weather Forecast for 2nd Dekad (10-days) of June 2013

Bay of Bengal Condition

A low pressure may form in the West Central Bay of Bengal and further intensify into a depression. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Rainy Condition

Rainy conditions are likely to be above normal in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, below normal in Sagaing Region, Kachin and Northern Shan States and about normal in the remaining Regions and States.

Rainy days are expected about (7) to (8) days in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and (5) to (6) days in the remaining Regions and States.—NLM

Cross border trade between Myanmar, India to get boost from a new road

As part of efforts for promoting the border trade and tourism, Myanmar and India are planning to build a road linking Paletwa in Chin State in Myanmar and a border town in India.

The new road that runs from Paletwa, Chin State, Myanmar to a border town in India, would serve as the ASEAN road network and the corridor that connects Myanmar and other countries in ASEAN community and Asia.

India renewed its proposal to build the road instead of maintaining the waterway from Paletwa to Kaletwa.

The two countries will build the road which comprises two road sections: the 73-km long Paletwa -Kaletwa

(Satpyitpyin) road section and the 60-km long Kaletwa (Satpyitpyin) to Myeikwa at Myanmar-India border.

Engineers from the M/S IR CON International Ltd from India and Myanmar engineers have completed the initial tasks of the work on construction of the Paletwa-Kaletwa road section, choosing axis and carrying out measurements for the road while the detailed report of the project is on the table of the Indian government.

The cost for the 60-km long section connecting Kaletwa to Indian border town is being calculated by the two countries based on the detailed assessment for the road section.

When completed, the road would become a new trade route between the

two countries and would help India to link with the ASEAN Highways network and Asian Highways which pass through Myanmar.

Myanmar and India, that both are members of the BIMSTEC, have been promoting trade through the BIMSTEC Highway linking Morah at

Myanmar-India border and Tachilek at Myanmar-Thai border passing through Tamu, Mandalay and Meiktila.

Similarly, Myanmar and Indian governments are coordinating to build a road linking Reed at Myanmar-India border and Tiddim.



Photo shows a scene on part of Kalay-Tamu section that links Myanmar and India.

Byline: Maung Maung Myint Swe

The two countries also share the 845-mile long Greater Mekong west corridor with Thailand.

Besides, India and Myanmar have owned the Asia Highway No. 1 passing through Myawady-Hpa-an-Thaton-Payagyi-Mandalay-ChaungU-Pale-Gangaw-Kalay-Tamu route which is 1665 km long. Similarly, the

trade between India and Myanmar is increasing thanks to the ASEAN Highway No. 1. If new border crossing roads between the two countries emerge, the cross border trade between Myanmar and India will see a rosy picture.

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