

Long and difficult period of efforts for national brethren to be finally sitting together at the negotiation table

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June— Chairman of Restoration Council of Shan State/Shan State Army (RCSS/SSA) Lt-Gen Ywet Sit called for dispelling mutual suspicion and building mutual trust as he met President U Thein Sein at 500-acre mechanized farm here this morning.

The President spoke of long and difficult period of efforts for national brethren to be finally sitting together at the negotiation table. He said that both parties were born within the Union which also belongs to Shan nationals like it belongs to him and his side.

He said that all the citizens want to see the end of over-six-decade-long armed conflict between national brethren, stressing that the sole solution is to come to the negotiation table to end the armed conflict that is so far too complex to be resolved with arms.

Though there are conflicts resulted from different views, there do exist the same points, said

the President who describes nationalistic spirit, national concern for perpetuation of the nation, and desire for co-existence within the Union and so on as the common ground.

He wishes to introduce a new political path that ensures political tolerance and dialogue setting aside the differences. It is “cooperation but not competition” that can bring benefits to the nation, stressed the President who said citizens will be able to have the equitable chances through cooperation under the same acceptable law.

Myanmar has lagged much behind her neighbors in various aspects, for which the lack of stability is to blame despite all the sound foundations, lamented the President.

He wishes to silence the decades-long sounds of gunshots between the national brethren in his time and hand down the peace and tranquility to inheritors. He



President U Thein Sein having a conversation with Chairman of RCSS/SSA Lt-Gen Ywet Sit.

said nationwide prevalence of peace is within the reach now, calling for mutual coordination based on understanding to end all the remaining fighting between the lower echelons of two sides.

He called for reaching a

historic milestone in peace process, grasping the hard-won chance to build internal peace.

He affirmed his government commitment to assist as much as possible in deployment of troops, rehabilitation, creation of

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jobs, food supplies and education and health care to RCSS/SSA. He wishes the RCSS/SSA to understand that the government is just making efforts to create a better and peaceful future for the next generation. Upon prevalence of peace

in all regions, all the peace negotiation groups and Union Peace Making Work Committee will meet in Nay Pyi Taw or somewhere appropriate to sign total ceasefire deal, announced the President.

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Union Peace-making Work Committee, RCSS meet



Meeting between Union Peace-making Work Committee and Restoration Council of Shan State/Shan State Army (RCSS/SSA) in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June— Union Peace-making Work Committee led by Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister at the President Office U Aung Min held a meeting with a delegation led by Restoration Council of Shan State/Shan State Army (RCSS/SSA) Chairman Lt-Gen Ywet Sit, at

the minister's office at 3 pm today.

It was attended by Vice-Chairmen of Union Peace-making Work Committee U Aung Min, U Thein Zaw, relevant Union ministers, deputy ministers, the Deputy Attorney-General of the Union, and officials concerned from the Commander-in-Chief Office (Army).

The delegation was accompanied by consultants of RCSS/SSA and central committee members.

The meeting focused on designation for location of each force of both sides, formation of peacekeeping monitoring groups, matters on running businesses such as agriculture and livestock breeding in line with the law so as to carry out re-

habilitation tasks, opening of liaison offices, resettlement of LDPs, issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards, clarification about current peace-making process.

After the meeting, Union Minister U Aung Min and the RCSS Chairman exchanged the gifts, and answered the queries raised by local and foreign media.—MNA

New generations with peace and prosperity

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Lt-Gen Ywet Sit, Chairman of Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS/SSA) and party at the 500-acre Mechanized Farmland here today.

The interviews with Lt-Gen Ywet Sit and party over the meeting are as follows—

We have gained in understanding on what we did not understand and the different views we had. I am delighted as we had been able to openly discuss the five to six-decade long war at home and solve the issue.

To gain eternal peace, we need to carry out three tasks. The first one, we need to heal the wounds of victims and their phobia as well. To build a federal Union,

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we all must cooperate each other. Majority of the people are Buddhists. Buddhism encourages the democracy and we all need to practice democratic system.

We are very delighted to see the president. On behalf of the people in the country, we have asked for justice and democracy. That is for all the people. The people, on their part, are obliged to understand the politics and to work together to gain justice and democracy.

We, all the people living together in the Union of Myanmar. That's why, we all must help each other. We all need to be united.

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CNG buses ready to join bus lines in Yangon

YANGON, 10 June—As over 120 vehicles have received the permission to take out natural gas, these vehicles will run in respective bus lines, according to the press conference held by All Private Bus-line Control Committee (Central) on 5 June.

“A total of 128 of 129 have received the permission to take out CNG. These vehicles will be used in bus lines so as to contribute much to convenience of passengers,” said Chairman

of the APBCC (Central) U Hla Aung.

The newly-permitted buses will be joined the existing bus lines—three to No 57 bus line, one to No 43 bus line, one to No 40 line of the downtown (APBCC), two to No 249 bus line, 20 to No 258 bus line of Yangon West District Committee, two to Thongwa-ABC line, 24 to No 124 bus line of Yangon North District Committee, one to Shwe Yangon bus line, one to Thiha Dipa Bus Line, 15 to No 142 bus line,

10 to No 74 bus line, five to Pyimandaing bus line, two to No 67 bus line, three to Hmawwuntha bus line, five to Dipa bus line, three to No 68 bus line, five to Shwe Myanmar bus line, six to Okkan-Sule bus line, and two to Thiha Yaza bus line, 10 to Kandayawady bus line and eight to No 129 bus line.

City buses will take places of overage vehicles and Dyna buses gradually for safety of passenger on their routes.

Kyemon-Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)

ANTI-NARCOTIC DRIVES

Seizure of stimulant tablets at entrance to Nawnghkio

NAWNGHKIO, 10 June—The authorities seized about 5000 stimulant tablets secretly carried by private car at the entrance to Nawnghkio of Shan State (North).

At 4.30 pm on 5 June, a mobile team (Nawnghkio) of Lashio Anti-Drug Squad searched the vehicle driven by Win Aung (a) Hwam Ah Chun from Lashio to Mandalay at mile post 78/5 at the entrance to

Nawnghkio and seized 20 packets of WY brand stimulant tablets each containing 200 tablets from the engine room and four packets from the oil tank cover, weighing 432 grams.

The seized tablets were worth K 10 million. According to the confession, the driver purposed to carry the tablets to Yangon.

On arrival in Yangon, the tablets will be worth over K 20 million.



Action was taken against Win Aung (a) Hwam Ah Chun under Sections 15/19 (a) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-Cherry Hlaing

Traffic accident kills motorcyclist in Ottwin

TOUNGGOO, 10 June—A Hyundai vehicle driven by Zaw Min, 38 carrying bags of gram from north to south along Yangon-Mandalay Highway hit a motorcycle by a man from Rampu Village of Pyu Township at the mile posts 160 and 160/1 at the entrance to Ottwin of Tounggoo District at 3.30 pm

on 7 June.

After hitting the motorbike, the Hyundai plunged into the eastern side of the highway.

In the accident, the motorcyclist died on the spot with the injury at his head and the motorcycle was damaged.

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Drain dredged for flood prevention

HINTHADA, 10 June—Farmlands in eastern part of Laymyethna Township and western parts of Hinthada Township of Ayeyawady Region are flooded annually. Therefore, the people and departmental personnel dredged the three-mile drain from Kyonpatoe Creek to Daka Creek with the use of

five heavy machinery from 18 to 27 May.

A total of 1891 acres of farmlands were inundated in Khamauksu, Lahagyi, Wayonchaung village-tracts in Laymyethna Township and Leikkhon and Okpon village-tracts in Hinthada Township.

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Field trip for health care services in rural area

KANI, 10 June—A medical team from Kani Township Health Department made a field trip to Taungpauk

Village on 7 June for providing health care services to the local people of rural areas.

The health personnel gave medical treatment to the people at Taungpauk Village Rural Health Branch. The medical team plans to make more field trips to Hmyaing, Chaungma and Medin village-tracts of Kani Township in June.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

On 9 June, workers of Yangon City Development Committee repairing underground concrete pipes laying along Theinbyu Street for ensuring proper flow of water.—Khin MAUNG WIN (KYEMON)

Outstanding trainees awarded in Buddhist culture course

HRD

YANGON, 10 June—The awarding ceremony for 30th Buddhist culture course was held at Mya Thein Tan Pariyatti Monastery in Pazungdaung Township on 9 June.

Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Mya Thein Tan Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara administered the Five Precepts.

Members of the Sangha, Township Administrator U Kyaw Zeya and officials presented prizes to the outstanding



trainees.

A total of 54 trainees attended the course, and 39

trainees among them passed the exam.

Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

Monastic education schools for 2013-2014 academic year

MYANAUNG, 10 June—A ceremony to open monastic education schools for 2013-2014 academic year was held at Parahita Myoshwe Monastery in Myanaung of Ayeyawady Region on 3 June.

Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders Kyanigan Monastery Sayadaw gave words of advice.

The Abbot of Parahita Myoshwe Monastery explained purpose of opening

the monastic education schools.

On the occasion, ward administrators, well-wishers and staff of the Ministry of Education donated stationery to students.

Kyemon-Win Bo (Myanaung)

Illegal cattle seized in Pyapon

CRIME

PYAPON, 10 June—According to the information that illegal cattle were conveyed to Kundainggyi Village of Pyapon Township in Ayeyawady Region, policemen led by IP Tin Maung Win of Kyonkadun Police Station of Pyapon

Township together with local authorities searched the boat at Kundainggyi Creek at 2.30 am on 3 June.

They seized one cow and 12 oxen, totalling 13 on board the boat carried by San Win, 61 of Padauknyaungwaing Village of Mudon Township

in Mon State and Kyaw Kyaw, 34 of the same region.

Action is taken against the two illegal cattle traffickers at Kyonkadun Police Station under the law.

Kyemon-Pathein Hla Kyi

Alatchaung Village to get access to electrification

TWANTAY, 10 June—Alatchaung Ywamagyi Village in Twantay Township of Yangon South District is making concerted efforts for electrification of the village on a self-reliant basis.

A member of the village power supply committee said that they are striving for electrification of the village as quickly as possible. As the village has small

number of housings, they are devoid of capability to cover the cost of electrification works. In consequence, the power supply task delays but the local people will have the electricity soon. At present, a transformer has been installed in the village and some lamp-posts have been erected there. The people are waiting for electrification.

Kyemon-Shwe Taing Lwin



WORLD



Japan's Crown Prince Naruhito (L) leaves his residence in Tokyo on 10 June, 2013, to visit Spain to attend a series of events to mark the 400th anniversary of bilateral exchanges. Crown Princess Masako (2nd from L) and Prince Akishino (R) saw the crown prince off. KYODO NEWS

Iran to load heavy water reactor with "virtual fuel"

TEHERAN, 10 June — Head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), Fereidoon Abbasi, said on Sunday that his country will load Arak heavy water reactor with "virtual fuel" by the end of current Iranian calendar year, on 20 March, 2014, local media reported.

Abbasi made the remarks in a ceremony, attended by Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in the site to install the "main upper container" of the IR-40 reactor.

The installation "is considered a significant step forward in developing the project," Abbasi was quoted as saying by the state-run IRIB TV on Sunday. "We hope to push ahead with the required tests concerning the sound operation of the reactor and to start full use of it next year," he added.

Xinhua

'No Nile, no Egypt', Cairo warns over Ethiopia dam

CAIRO, 10 June — Egypt's foreign minister, vowing not to give up "a single drop of water from the Nile", said on Sunday he would go to Addis Ababa to discuss a giant dam that Ethiopia has begun building in defiance of Cairo's objections.

Speaking to Egypt's state news agency MENA two days after the Ethiopian government flatly rejected a request from Cairo to halt the project, Mohamed Kamel Amr said Egyptians

view any obstacle to the river's flow as a threat to national survival.

"No Nile - no Egypt," he said, highlighting the pressure on the Egyptian government, whose popularity is wilting in the face of economic troubles, to prevent the hydro power plant cutting already stretched water supplies for its 84 million people. Last week, Ethiopia summoned the Egyptian ambassador after politicians in Cairo were shown on television sug-



Egyptians youth dances and enjoy a Nile River cruise in Cairo on 6 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Over 500,000 Fijians register to vote in 2014 general election

SUVA, 10 June — More than 5,000 Fijians registered to vote during the first week of phase three of electronic voter registration (EVR) in the country, local media reported on Monday.

Government figures showed 5,648 registered in the first week, adding to the 505,036 Fijians who registered during the previ-

ous phases. This brings to 510,684 the total number of Fijians that have registered to vote in the 2014 general election. The country has less than 1 million people.

Phase three of the EVR started last week, as Fijians travelled to registration centres across the country.

According to government figures, 745 cards

were replaced and 380 people made corrections to their personal registration details. Ministry of Justice acting permanent secretary Mohammed Saneem said the first two phases of registration covered the vast majority of eligible Fijians.

"Our goal during this phase is to seek those Fijians who were missed out,

lay among the wreckage of fruit and vegetable stalls.

"I was selling watermelon and suddenly I heard a powerful blast at the entrance of the market. I fled from dust and smoke when a second blast turned the place into hell," said Hassan Hadi, a wounded farmer being treated in hospital.—Reuters

Thousands of Germans evacuate as dam on Elbe river breaks

MAGDEBURG/GROSS ROSENBERG, 10 June — Thousands of people left their homes in eastern Germany on Sunday as a dam burst on the swollen River Elbe and swathes of farmland were flooded in an attempt to spare towns, with meteorologists forecasting more rain.

In Magdeburg, one of the oldest cities in eastern Germany and a regional capital, some 23,000 peo-

ple were asked to evacuate as water levels in the Elbe rose to a record 7.48 metres, around 5 metres above normal and surpassing the level reached in devastating floods in 2002.

"We helped yesterday to carry sandbags to secure the town. The mood is very depressed and frightened because many people have to leave their homes," said resident Liane Nagen.

There have been at least a dozen deaths as a result of floods that have hit Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Poland and the Czech

Republic over the past week.

Officials said more than 8,000 people were evacuated by bus from towns and villages around Aken, south of Magdeburg. Some took their pets or farm animals with them.

A dam at the confluence of the River Elbe and the River Saale south of Magdeburg burst despite attempts to stabilize it. A dike was also breached, and a crisis unit said the high waters were likely to put further pressure on dikes in coming days.—Reuters



Volunteers rest on sandbags next to the river Elbe at Weder District in the eastern German town of Magdeburg on 9 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Narendra Modi to lead election campaign of India's opposition BJP

NEW DELHI, 10 June — India's main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party announced on Sunday that Narendra Modi will chair its campaign committee for the 2014 general election.

BJP President Rajnath Singh said the party had reached the decision through general consensus and Modi will lead the party to victory.

"Every political party considers general election as an important and serious event. Keeping in mind the campaign for the next general elections, I announce the name of Narendra Modi as the chairman of the campaign committee," Singh said after a BJP meeting in the southwestern state of Goa.

With Modi set to lead the BJP at the next election,

he could emerge as a prime ministerial candidate, observers said.

Modi is widely viewed as the BJP's most popular leader, having served three consecutive terms as chief minister of the western state of Gujarat.

Political opponents, however, view Modi as a divisive figure, citing his tough stance during the 2002 Godhra communal riots in Gujarat, in which more than 1,000 people, mostly Muslims, were killed.

Modi was recently appointed as a member of the party's parliamentary board, with media speculation in recent days anticipating his appointment as chairman of the party's campaign committee.

Kyodo News

Bombs strike Iraqi market killing at least 13

BAGHDAD, 10 June — Three car bombs, one detonated by a suicide bomber, tore through a busy food market in a Shi'ite Muslim town north of Baghdad on Monday, killing at least 13 people in growing sectarian unrest. No group claimed the attack on Jadidat al-Shatt in Diyala province, 40 km

(25 miles) north of the capital. Officials blame a surge in violence on Sunni insurgents determined to tip the country back into civil war.

Officials said two car bombs were parked near the market and a suicide bomber in another vehicle detonated his explosives. The dead and wounded



Traffic signs emerge from the river banks of the swollen Danube River in Budapest on 9 June, 2013. REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Iran ups cyber attacks on Israeli computers: Netanyahu



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 9 June, 2013.—REUTERS

TEL AVIV, 10 June—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused Iran and its Palestinian and Lebanese allies on Sunday of carrying out “non-stop” cyber attacks on major computer systems in his country.

He gave no details on the number of attacks but said “vital national systems” had been targeted.

Water, power and banking sites were also under threat, he added.

“In the past few months, we have identified a significant increase in the scope of cyber attacks on Israel by Iran. These attacks are carried out directly by Iran and through its proxies, Hamas and Hezbollah,” he told a conference on cyber warfare in his country’s

commercial hub Tel Aviv.

“Despite the non-stop attacks on us, you hear only about a few of them because we thwart most of them,” he added.

Netanyahu established a national cyber directorate in 2011 charged with protecting Israel’s computer systems from disruption.

Israel and the United States are widely believed to be behind a series of cyber attacks in recent years against an Iranian nuclear programme they say is aimed at developing atomic weapons. Iran says its nuclear activities are peaceful.

Two months ago, Israel said it weathered a pro-Palestinian cyber attack campaign against government websites. Israeli officials said those attacks briefly disrupted several sites and security protocols were updated in response.

Reuters

Nokia EOS PureView phone gets hands-on treatment



Nokia-EOS

MUMBAI, 10 June—After making an appearance in pictures leaked on the Internet, the Nokia EOS PureView branded Windows Phone has apparently got some hands-on treatment.

Vizileaks, which earlier leaked purported pictures of the EOS phone on Twitter, has now posted a blog entry offering more information on the phone complete with new pictures including pictures of the phone’s user interface.

It mentions that the phone is big, Black and on the bulky side due to the 41-megapixel camera sensor, however, the user couldn’t judge if the material used in the construction of the phone was Polycarbonate or metal, though it felt metallic. It looks similar to the recently announced Lumia 925 from the front but sports the big protruding camera lens

at the back. The Volume rocker, Power/ Screen lock key and the Camera shutter key are located at the right side of the phone, with the left side remaining bare, while the micro-SIM tray, the 3.5mm headset jack and the noise cancellation microphone sit at the top. The micro-USB port, lanyard slot and a drilled speaker grill are at the bottom.

The back of the phone features two metallic contacts for wireless charging covers and of course the giant camera lens without any specific marking for the resolution. The post confirms that the specifications floating on the Internet are likely to be accurate but the user couldn’t verify them.

Vizileaks has also posted a video of the EOS Phone’s camera shutter in action.

A recent report claimed that Nokia Lumia

EOS is already being tested by AT&T, claiming that the phone is codenamed Elvis and will be released sometime in July. Apart from the 41-megapixel camera sensor, this smartphone is rumoured to have OLED display, which has a screen resolution of 768X1280 pixels and 32GB of internal storage. Much like the other smartphones in the Lumia series, Nokia Lumia EOS too is expected to come with a polycarbonate body and will not support microSD card. This smartphone is also alleged to come with Flip to silence feature.

Prior to that, it was also reported that the phone features a new “Nokia Pro Camera” app that has a refreshed interface, while the regular camera app is also available. The camera interface also offers manual focus.—PTI

Mobile gaming still eludes a troubled industry

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 June—To get a sense of how investors view the promise of mobile gaming, one need look no further than Japan’s GungHo Online Entertainment. With just one game under its belt, its stock has risen tenfold since October and its market cap almost equals that of decades-old Nintendo.

From veterans like Electronic Arts to rising stars such as “Clash of Clans” maker Supercell, the \$66 billion video game industry is scrambling to devise games and experimenting with ways to appeal to a generation of players that spends more time on mobile devices than on

computers or consoles.

Most are having scant success in an industry peppered with one-hit wonders like OMGPOP and where even established players like Zynga are faltering, industry sources say.

“It’s sort of like all the chess pieces have been thrown in the air, and the industry has not yet landed on what the chess board looks like,” said Owen Mahoney, CFO of Japanese online gaming giant Nexon Co Ltd, which has in the past year bought two companies to accelerate its mobile foray.

In recent years, the model has been to offer games for free, then encour-

The corporate logo of Zynga Inc, the social network game development company, is shown at its headquarters in San Francisco, California on 26 April, 2012.—REUTERS



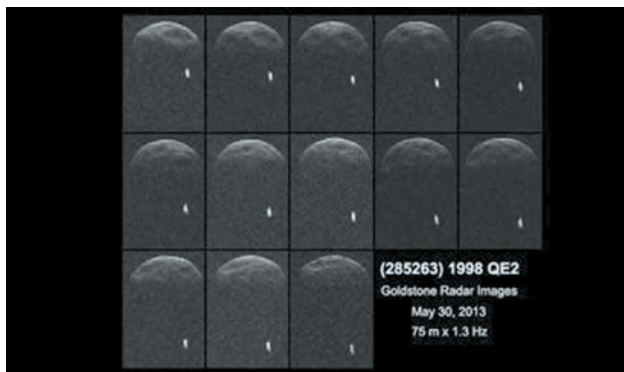
age players to spend real money on in-game purchases — a system perfected by Zynga in its online games. But its rapid decline in just the past year illustrates the challenge of hooking new players, and loosening gamers’ purse strings.

The company that shot to fame on the back of Facebook games like “Farm-

ville” bought OMGPOP, developers of the mobile sensation “Draw Something” — for \$180 million. After months of losing users that once peaked to 14.5 million players over a year ago, Zynga last week shut its New York-based studio, effectively laying off the OMGPOP team.

Reuters

Asteroid the size of a small truck buzzes Earth



The first radar images of asteroid 1998 QE2 were obtained when the asteroid was about 3.75 million miles (6 million kilometres) from Earth, as pictured in this image courtesy of NASA.—REUTERS

CAPE CANAVERAL, 10 June—An asteroid the size of a small truck zoomed past Earth four times closer than the moon on Saturday, the latest in a parade of vis-

iting celestial objects that has raised awareness of potentially hazardous impacts on the planet.

NASA said Asteroid 2013 LR6 was discovered

about a day before its closest approach to Earth, which occurred at 12:42 am EDT (0442 GMT on Saturday) about 65,000 miles over the Southern Ocean, south of Tasmania, Australia.

The 30-foot-wide (10-metre-wide) asteroid posed no threat.

A week ago, the comparatively huge 1.7-mile-wide (2.7-km-wide) asteroid QE2, complete with its own moon in tow, passed 3.6 million miles (5.8 million km) from Earth.

While on 15 February, a small asteroid exploded in the atmosphere over Chelyabinsk, Russia, leaving more than 1,500 people injured by flying glass and de-

bris. That same day, an unrelated asteroid passed just 17,200 miles from Earth, closer than the networks of communication satellites that ring the planet.

“There is theoretically a collision possible between asteroids and planet Earth,” astronomer Gianluca Masi, with the Virtual Telescope project, said during a Google+ webcast that showed live images of the approaching asteroid.

NASA says it has found about 95 percent of the large asteroids, those with diameters 0.65 miles or larger, with orbits that take them relatively close to Earth.

Reuters

Google close to buying Israeli mapping start-up Waze

JERUSALEM, 10 June—Google is close to buying Waze for \$1.3 billion, an Israeli newspaper reported on Sunday, potentially trumping rival offers for the Israeli mapping start-up.

The report on the website of financial newspaper *Globes* did not cite sources or provide further details.

Last month sources told *Reuters* the Internet search giant was in talks to acquire Waze, while a second Israeli newspaper reported Facebook was willing to pay up to \$1 billion for the firm.

Facebook is delving deeper into mobile technology as it tries to expand its

user base.

Waze is a crowd-sourced, mobile-oriented navigation device for drivers that relies on information provided by its 47 million members to populate its maps.

Mapping services are among the five most-used applications on smartphones and are crucial to engaging and retaining mobile users. The key advantage of owning, rather than licensing, a mapping service is that it allows the product to be personalized for users.

Officials at Waze were not reachable for immediate comment.—Reuters



A Google sign is seen at a Best Buy electronics store in this photo illustration in Encinitas, California on 11 April, 2013.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Nuclear plant shutdown to increase California's reliance on natural gas

NEW YORK, 10 June—California's growing reliance on natural gas to fuel its power plants will increase and power prices will remain elevated following Southern California Edison's decision to retire a crippled nuclear power plant.

Both reactors at the 2,150-megawatt (MW) San Onofre plant will be permanently closed due to uncertainty over the cost and timing of restarting one of the units, said SCE, a unit of California energy company Edison International, on Friday.

While the grid agency has warned that the loss

of San Onofre could cause rolling outages this summer as use of air conditioners soars, old and new power plants fueled by natural gas will likely pick up the slack.

"Any time you have a large plant closure, it affects both existing plants as well as future planning to replace the energy the plant was producing," said John Chillemi, west region president of NRG Energy Inc, which has more than 5,000 MW of gas-fired generation in California at 11 sites.

"I can tell you that when (San Onofre) first went off-line, NRG experienced increases in power generation at our southern



A man walks his dog next to the damaged San Onofre power plant located next to San Onofre State Park in California, in this on 8 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

California-based energy stations," said Chillemi.

Because the San Onofre reactors have been shut since January 2012, analysts said there should be little immediate impact to electricity or gas markets from SCE's decision not to

seek regulatory approval to restart the nuclear plant.

"We kind of knew San Onofre might not come back this summer. Now we know for certain," said Paul Patterson, energy analyst at Glenrock Associates in New York.—Reuters

BSkyB to cut broadband fees as it enters BT price war



LONDON, 10 June—British satellite TV firm BSkyB (BSY.L) will cut prices for its broadband packages in response to competition from BT's

(BT.L) new sports channels, the *Sunday Telegraph* reported.

The price cuts, which will apply to internet and television bundles sold

by the Rupert Murdoch-owned firm, will be announced early this week, said the paper, citing unnamed sources.

Last month, BT said it would screen free English Premier league soccer matches to its broadband customers, having splashed out on the rights to show 38 live matches. Available from August when the new season starts, it will be the first time such matches have

been aired free in more than 20 years.

The BT announcement triggered a fall in the shares of both BT and BSkyB, as well as smaller broadband providers such as TalkTalk (TALK.L), over fears a potential bidding war would eat into their profits.

Sky has dominated the British pay-TV market in the last decade and still retains the rights to 116 live matches. It has expanded into BT's territory to offer broadband and telephone services to its 10.7 million households.

BT, a former state monopoly, fought back by developing an online TV service designed to persuade customers they should upgrade to its superfast broadband in order to watch it.

Analysts have been expecting BSkyB to make some tactical discounts in order to counter a marketing push by BT.

BSkyB declined to comment.

Reuters

Despite the politics, Chinese investment in US grows

RALEIGH, 10 June—The biggest-ever Chinese acquisition of a US company faces hurdles in Washington from lawmakers and regulators, but in much of America, Chinese investment is quietly booming.

With over \$10.5 billion of deals by Chinese companies in the United States so far this year, 2013 is on pace to be the largest year ever for mergers and acquisitions of US firms by Chinese companies, according to Thomson Reuters data.

Almost every week, the North Carolina state government receives a "a wonderfully overwhelming amount of inquiries" from Chinese companies looking to set up shop, says April Kappler, the state official in charge of drawing investment from Asia.

Home to one of the headquarters of Chinese-owned personal computer maker Lenovo Group Ltd (0992.HK), North Carolina is fighting hard to draw computer component and software companies,

machinery makers and pharmaceutical firms from China.

To promote trade and investment, the state has offices in Hong Kong and Shanghai, and its mayors and governor travel to China frequently to meet potential investors.

The Chinese businessmen who come "always joke about trees, teas and PhDs for all the greenery, golf courses and all the higher education institutions," said Jean Davis, the state's director of international trade.

North Carolina universities — Duke, the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State — tap the connections of professors and graduate students from China. UNC does a joint degree with Tsinghua University, known as "the MIT of China."

North Carolina State University meteorology professor Lian Xie set up the Carolina China Council 10 years ago to link local economic development boards to investors back home.

Reuters



A US \$100 banknote is placed on top of 100 yuan banknotes in this picture illustration taken in Beijing on 7 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Britain to launch public sale of Lloyds shares; RBS later

LONDON, 10 June—British finance minister George Osborne will launch the early sale to the public of shares in bailed-out lender Lloyds Banking Group (LLOY.L), the *Sunday Times* reported without citing sources.

Shares the government owns in Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS.L), also rescued during the financial crisis, will be sold at a later date, the paper said. (link. reuters.com/zud78t)

Osborne will announce the sale of the state's 39 percent stake in Lloyds, which could raise up to 17 billion pounds (\$26 billion), during his annual policy speech to London's business community at Mansion House on

price at which the government considers it would break even on the transaction.

A report by think tank the Policy Exchange, due to be published on Monday, will support selling Lloyds shares, but via a different structure. It will recommend taxpayers are given shares, keeping any profits but with the original cost returned to the government when they sell them, sources familiar with the report said.

Any decision on both banks' future will also likely be influenced by a report from the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards, expected to be published next week.



A sign from a branch of a Lloyds bank is reflected in a window in central London on 13 May, 2013.—REUTERS

19 June, the *Sunday Times* said.

However, citing people close to the process, the *Financial Times* reported that the Treasury is considering selling an initial 10 percent of Lloyds before the end of the year.

The Treasury declined to comment on Sunday, and Lloyds said it was a matter for the government.

Osborne is under pressure over a widely unpopular austerity programme aimed at cutting Britain's huge public deficit.

Offloading shares in Lloyds could be relatively straightforward, given they are trading above the

For RBS, the commission will put forward as one option dividing the lender into a 'good' and a 'bad' bank as a way of ring-fencing its toxic assets, political and industry sources said on Tuesday.

RBS has already undergone one massive restructuring since the government pumped in 45.8 billion pounds (\$70 billion) in 2008 to keep it afloat, leaving taxpayers with an 81 percent stake.

UK Financial Investments, which manages the government's bank stakes, could not immediately be reached for comment.

Reuters

Singapore reports second death from dengue this year

SINGAPORE, 10 June—A 60-year-old man died of dengue fever in Singapore on Sunday, the second dengue death reported so far this year in the city state.

The man went to the Tan Tock Seng Hospital on Wednesday with fever, shortness of breath, vomiting and rash on his left leg. He was diagnosed with skin inflammation of the left leg and prescribed with antibi-

otics. He was also told to return to the polyclinic for a repeat blood test, the Ministry of Health and the Environment Agency said in a joint statement.

He returned to the hospital on Friday and tested positive for dengue fever a day later.

His condition later deteriorated and he was transferred to the intensive care unit on the same day.

Singapore is currently in the midst of a dengue fever outbreak. By Sunday, more than 9,000 cases have been reported this year, significantly higher than the numbers reported in 2012 or 2011.

A 20-year-old young man died of dengue fever on May 29 in the first death from dengue this year in Singapore.

Xinhua

WORLD

Jordan hosts US jets and missiles in drills in Syria's shadow



US Army Maj Gen Robert Catalanotti (R), director, Exercises and Training Directorate J-7, US Central Command, speaks during a news conference with Maj Gen Awni el-Edwan, Chief of staff of the Jordanian Operations and Training Armed Forces in Amman, on 9 June, 2013.—REUTERS

AMMAN, 10 June—US troops equipped with Patriot missiles and fighter jets began military exercises in Jordan that have drawn condemnation from Russia, which accuses the West of fanning the conflict in neighbouring Syria. Washington confirmed last week it was sending the *F-16* jets and missiles — which can be used against

planes and other missiles — to its ally Jordan, and said it may consider keeping them there after the drills.

Both Washington and Amman said on Sunday the Eager Lion exercises were not related to the war in Syria, where President Bashar al-Assad's air power has given him an edge over lighter-armed rebels. But the Da-

mascus government, and its most powerful ally Moscow, have been sensitive about any transfer of Western arms closer to the conflict, particularly any gear that could be used to enforce a no-fly zone. More than 4,500 American troops, around 3,000 Jordanians, and 500 soldiers from Britain, Saudi Arabia and other countries were taking part in the exercises, less than 75 miles from the Syrian border, said military officials.

"The drills having nothing to do with any objective related to what is happening in Syria," the top army commander in charge of Jordanian troops, Major General Awni al-Adwan, told reporters during the launch of the exercises on Sunday. US Major General Robert G Catalanotti told a joint news conference the Eager Lion events would increase "our ability to operate together in any upcoming contingency".

Reuters

Japanese envoy to the Philippines follows in father's footsteps

MARAWI CITY, (Philippines), 10 June—Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines Toshinao Urabe recently visited the country's southern island of Mindanao, where his diplomat father narrowly escaped a revolt over 40 years ago.

It was in Mindanao's Marawi City where Urabe's late father, Toshio, who served as Japan's ambassador to the Philippines from 1969 up to 1974, hid from Muslim insurgents on the night of 21 Oct, 1972.

Strolling around the campus of Mindanao State University on 29 May, the 63-year old ambassador told reporters, "It's my first time to come to Marawi. I'm very happy because it was here where my father was almost captured by insurgents. So, it's a sentimental journey for me to come and see this place." Urabe first came to the Philippines in the early 1950s, when his father served as chief of the Japanese Mis-

sion in Manila, his first assignment in the country.

It was then, as a boy, that Urabe got his "first taste of the Philippines."

"In 1954, at the tender age of 4, I entered the Jose Abad Santos Memorial School (in Manila) as a kindergarten student. Less than a decade after the last war, anti-Japan sentiment was still strong, but the Filipinos received me warmly. My parents were forever grateful," Urabe said. But nearly two decades later, while visiting Mindanao State University, his father found himself in the most dramatic situation of his life. It was October 1972, just a month after then Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos placed the entire country under martial law, when Muslim separatists stormed the university campus. Guimba Poingan, now a retired university professor of Mindanao State University, was among the key players of the so-called "Marawi Rebellion."

Showing Urabe around the campus and telling him about the rebellion on 21 Oct,

1972, Poingan, a staunch separatist at the time, said the rebels had no idea that the Japanese ambassador was on the campus on that day.

"It was not known even to the rebels that he was around. But there was no intention to hurt anyone, especially not civilians," he told *Kyodo News*. "The uprising was part of our long-standing struggle. It's part of the so-called recurring rebellion in the south. My role at that time was to take over the government radio station inside the campus," Poingan said. "We wanted to tell the world that we started to challenge and fight martial law and that we would continue to fight for our cause," the 63-year-old former rebel said, referring to Muslim separatist calls for the formation of an autonomous region in Mindanao. With hundreds of rebels entering the campus, Urabe's father had to hide in the university president's residence all night and only managed to flee along with other guests the following day, disguised as a rebel.

Kyodo News

98,700 affected by extreme weather in NW China

URUMQI/TAIYUAN, 10 June—Torrential rain, hail and floods have affected about 98,717 people in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region since Tuesday, local authorities said on Sunday.

Strong rainfall began on Tuesday and has continued into Sunday morning, affecting Xinjiang's northern and western areas of Altay, Aksu and Tacheng, the region's civil affairs department said in a statement.

The rainstorm has damaged over 12,300 hectares of crops and killed 2,340 head of livestock, while 303 houses have been toppled or damaged, forcing the evacuation of 939 people. Direct economic losses are estimated to have reached 104 million yuan (about 17 million US dollars), the department said. The rainstorm has also triggered torrential floods, destroying parts of channels, sluices and infrastructure as well as

bridges and roads, it added.

In north China's Shanxi Province, a strong hailstorm that hit Zhangzi County on Saturday killed one person and injured three others, the Shanxi Provincial Civil Affairs Department said on Sunday. The hailstorm damaged over 3,000 hectares of farmland and destroyed 28 houses. It is believed to have incurred 19.87 million yuan in direct economic losses. Heavy rain

has been hitting parts of south China's Sichuan Province and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region since Saturday, with precipitation expected to reach 100 to 180 mm by Sunday, the National Meteorological Center (NMC) said. On Monday, the rain will spread to most parts of south China, including the provinces of Guizhou and Yunnan, as well as Chongqing Municipality.—*Xinhua*

Explosions, gunfire heard around Kabul international airport

KABUL, 10 June—Insurgents launched a pre-dawn attack on Afghanistan's main international airport in the capital, Kabul, on Monday, police said, with explosions and gunfire heard coming from an area that also houses major foreign military bases.

There were no immediate reports of casualties and there was also no early claim of responsibility for the attack.

Attacks on the heavily guarded airport, used by civilians and the military, are relatively rare and would represent an ambitious target for insurgents, with recent assaults staged against

less well-protected targets.

The airport, by comparison, is home to a major operational base for NATO-led forces that have been fighting Taliban and other insurgents for 12 years and is bristling with soldiers and police, guard towers and several lines of security checkpoints.

Police said the attack appeared to be centered on the military side of the airport, to the west of the civilian terminal.

"Gunmen have entered a house under construction in the west of Kabul airport and are fighting with security forces," Kabul police spokesman Hashmatullah Stanekzai said.



Afghan police arrive at the site of an attack in Kabul on 10 June, 2013.—REUTERS

"Their target is Kabul airport and all roads to it are sealed," he said.

A spokesman for the Afghan Air Force, which is also based at the facility, also said the airport was the target of the attack. There are also a number of logistics bases in the area.

The attack began at about 4.30 am (2400 GMT).

Embassies in the diplomatic zone in the centre of Kabul were quickly locked down and emergency alarms were heard ringing loudly from the British embassy.

Reuters witnesses reported hearing explosions at the airport, with reports of rocket-propelled grenades and gunfire.

Reuters



A microbus is submerged in the flood water at a community in Nanning City, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 9 June, 2013. A thunder storm hit Nanning on Sunday night, causing floods in many regions of the city. —XINHUA

Israel's military exports jump by 20 pct in 2012

JERUSALEM, 10 June — Israel's military exports soared by 20 percent, reaching about 7 billion US dollars in 2012, the *Ha'aretz* daily reported on Sunday.

The increase is primarily attributed to an 1-billion-dollar deal between Israel and Italy that was signed in 2012.

According to the deal, Italy's Ministry of Defence will purchase from Israel Aeronautical Industry two Conformal Airborne Early Warning and Control Systems (aircraft with radar

systems) and a surveillance satellite. Israel's biggest export markets are the United States and the European countries followed by Southeast Asian countries and South America.

A US congressional report in September 2012 ranked Israel eight among top arms exporter countries.

Recent years witnessed sharp changes in arms export worldwide, as the military budgets of many countries has shrunk due to the global economic crisis.

Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

DEVELOPMENT

New hospital, school buildings under construction

MANDALAY, 10 June—Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint on 5 June visited No (1) Basic Education High School in Mogok and viewed students learning their lessons at the newly-built Bandoola two-storey RC building.

The chief minister and party also inspected the construction of a two-storey building in the compound of No (35) Basic Education Primary School and the new two-storey building of No (3) Basic Education Middle of Kyatbyin market.

He met headmistresses there and attended to the



Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint views progress of construction tasks.

needs.

The chief minister and party then arrived at the quake-stricken hospital in Thabeikkyin Township

and inspected construction of temporary wards and another hospital building. He called on the township administrator and the in-

charge of the construction works to ensure that the buildings met set standards.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Villagers volunteer for roadwork



Photo shows local people at road construction work.

PYIN O O LWIN, 10 June—Villagers of Naung Kham Gyi Village in Pyin Oo Lwin Township in Mandalay Region volunteered to pave gravel on the main road of the village since 1 June.

Village-tract administrator U Nay Win and road construction committee members supervised the efforts to pave gravel on the self-reliant road.

U Aik Lu of Taungsu ward of the village funded K 10 million and U Kyaing Laukcha K 10.8 million for the construction of the road.

The paving and tarring the road would cost more than K 40 million.

MMAL-032

Municipal elections held in Bilin

BILIN, 10 June—Elections of Mon State's Bilin Township Development Affairs Committee was held at Township General Administration Department Office on 7 June afternoon. Township officials

elected the new committee as per rules and regulations.

The committee formed with four townselders and three departmental personnel would take over development works in the township.

MMAL-Aye Myo Myo San (Bilin)



ACCIDENT

Locomotive runs into staff quarters



MANDALAY, 10 June—A locomotive hit the sunshade of a staff quarters near the rail while shunting Mandalay-Myitkyina (58) coaches in Mandalay on 7 June evening.

The accident is reportedly caused by fatigued drive.

There is neither casualty nor loss of any valuable property.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Stationery provided to needy students

TAUNG DWINGYI, 10 June—The needy students support committee of No (2) Basic Education High School (Branch) (Moede) in Taungdwingyi Township in Magway District provided

cash assistance and stationery to students of the school on 4 June afternoon.

The ceremony was attended by Headmaster U Myo Tint, parents and guests, totaling about 100.

Cash and stationery were presented to 90 students. The school staffed with 34 teachers is teaching around 750 students.

MMAL-Hintha (Taungdwingyi)

Educative talks on traffic rules organized

PATHEINGYI, 10 June—Basic Education High School of Patheingyi in Mandalay Region hosted educative talks on traffic rules on 6 June.

Headmaster U Tin Shwe

made an opening speech, followed by educative talks on traffic rules by responsible persons of Mandalay Region Traffic Police Corps.

It was attended by

Township Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee members, members of school board of trustees, teachers and students.

Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheingyi)

Township Administrator Cup Football Tournament commences

DAIKU, 10 June—Jointly organized by DaikU Township General Administration Department, Sports and Physical

Education Department and Jinshi Motorcycle Co, the Township Administrator Cup Football Tournament kicked off at the township

sports ground in DaikU on 1 June afternoon.

At first, Township Administrator U Kyaw Swa Aung made a speech.

WATER SUPPLY

Well goes well in Yamethin



YAMETHIN, 10 June—The efforts to sink a well in Segyi village in Segyi village-tract in Yamethin Township in Mandalay Region by

Township Development Affairs Committee under the instruction of the Mandalay Region Chief Minister have proved viable.

The artesian well could

supply 3000 tons of drinking water in one hour pumping. The water is stored in brick tanks.

The village which is home to 900 people from 174 households is an agrarian one.

"We had difficult access to potable water last year due to lack of rain," a villager said.

"We are now eased about the water because the well has been sunk."

Water is pumped twice a day at the well.

MMAL-Hlaing Than Tint (Yamethin)

NATIONAL SPORTS

A total of 16 football teams from wards and villages are taking part in the tournament from 1 June to 4 July.

MMAL-Peinzalok Thein Nyunt

The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now.

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 11 June, 2013

Find ways to improve livelihood of farmers a priority

Myanmar is a country rich in untapped natural resources on land, underground and underwater. With these endowments and potential, agriculture is a priority not only for the economic development of the country but for also the food security of the people and export. Although the country is endowed with a lot of good things, it is not an agricultural force. The reason is low productivity and a lack of investment, technology and research and development.

The civilian government just after taking the office has embarked on eight-point rural development and poverty alleviation scheme, focusing on socio-economic improvement of rural people, especially farmers who constitute 70 per cent of the population.

To promote inclusive growth in Myanmar at this crucial stage in its development, investments in rural areas and finding ways to improve the livelihood of farmers should be a priority. Putting a big focus on agriculture right now, which is an integral part of poverty alleviation drive, is a key.

The country has food sufficiency for current population and food surplus, which accounts for 30 per cent of export. Myanmar has set a target for food sufficiency of future generation, which needs capital and technology as well as foreign investments. Combination of foreign capital, technology and human resources with Myanmar's natural resources and workforce would lead to the win-win-win situation — for the country, its people and the investor.

Promoting the agriculture sector can help ensure a balanced growth in the country over the long term, which will allow it to avoid the middle-income trap while helping farmers get discretionary income. Just as this value-chain approach could benefit farmers, it is really important that this process be seen as transparent and on a level playing field.

Daewoo E&P contributes to Road Upgrading Work in Kyaukpyu

KYAUKPYU, 10 June— On 11 May, 2013, the ceremony to celebrate the completion of Road Upgrading Work was held in Kyaukpyu. With this completion ceremony, upgraded road was handed over to Public Works and Township Development Committee by Daewoo E&P on behalf of Shwe Consotium.

For convenience of local people, from February 2012 to May 2013, Daewoo has conducted Road Upgrading Work from Kyaukpyu to No.1 Jetty to Shwe OGT (Onshore Gas Terminal) in Kyaukpyu.

Total length of Road Upgrading Work is 10.15 km. Highway road section is 7.65 km and township road section is 2.5 km. Both sections have been built with 5.6 meters width and design load bearing capacity is 40 tons. And also 23 new bridges and box culverts were built after old bridges had been demolished.

Many experts anticipate that it will improve mobility of local people. Many villagers in Kyaukpyu expressed their thanks to Daewoo for road upgrading.

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Long and difficult...

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He promised to do what should be continued in according to the law after signing the deal. Proposal to amend the constitution and organize political dialogues will be put forward to the parliament and proceeded under its arrangement, said he, wishing wellness of the other side and rapid achievement of lasting peace.

Lt-Gen Ywet Sit described the commitment of the President as “encouraging signs for peace”, ex-



President U Thein Sein holds talks with Lt-Gen Ywet Sit.—MNA



President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Lt-Gen Ywet Sit and party.—MNA

pressing his willingness to cooperate with him to make his peace endeavors a success. Their intent of fighting with arms is not to secede from the Union but just “to obtain self-determination rights to build a genuine Union”, a democratic nation and ensure willing hands of all citizens.

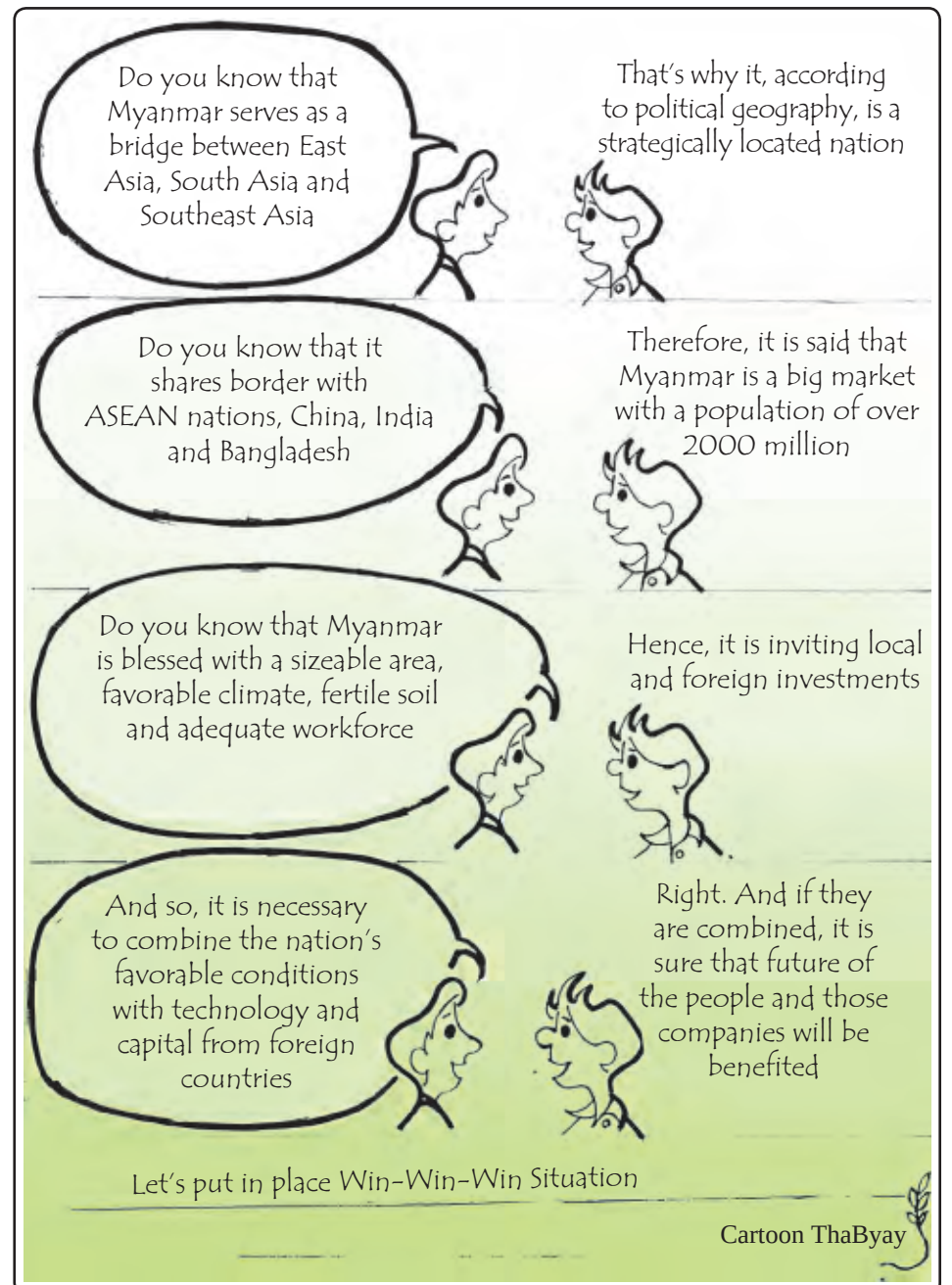
He called for dispelling mutual suspicion and building mutual trust to build condition for peace, which are as important as quelling the perceived fear among the citizens. “We were together when fought the colonialism and it was only after the WWII we began to fight each other because of mutual suspicion,” said he who now believes that peace could be achieved through dialogue as the government has opened the political door.

He urged the government to take care of his forces and their families as well as the locals during the political dialogue after the ceasefire agreement has reached.

He also called for victims to have citizenship

scrutiny cards and farmland for their livelihoods. He called for forming monitoring groups to avoid fighting between the two sides from misunderstanding. He wishes to organize joint briefings to ensure public participation and to dispel the public fear.

The President talked about his possible responses to his request. Also present on the occasion were Union ministers U Aung Min, U Soe Thane, U Khin Maung Soe and U Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister U Ye Htut and personnel from Myanmar Peace Centre.—MNA



NATIONAL

Peace and prosperity a must: Dr Sai Mauk Kham

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Chairman of the Union Peace Making Work Committee, hosted a dinner in honour of Lt-Gen Ywet Sit, Chairman of Shan State Restoration Council (RCSS/SSA) and party at the Yadana Theinga Hotel here this evening.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said since it took office, the government, after organizing the Union Peace-making Central Committee and work committee, has offered olive branch to armed groups as part of efforts for ceasing decades-long armed conflicts at border areas.

The government has to

work to reach a ceasefire and to hold political dialogue through peace talks. However, decades-long conflicts can't be solved just by talking around a table at one sitting and some fighting happened at lower levels, he added.

He also expressed his hope that the visit of Lt-Gen Ywet Sit and party to Nay Pyi Taw to meet president would deepen understanding and trust that would support the ongoing peace process. But, the current peace should lead to the eternal peace, he said.

We all understood that the country would never become a developed one without gaining eternal peace, and that's why the word "peace and prosperity"

has become popular in the world today, he said.

The Vice-President called for tolerance and working for reaching compromise to gain eternal peace as 60-million people are longing for the eternal peace.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ywet Sit expressed his commitment to making peace through tolerance and lovingkindness.

He also expressed his hope that frequent meetings between the two sides would remove the doubts between them. He pledged to build a new nation through mutual trust and solidarity.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presented gifts from the president to Lt-Gen



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents gift to Lt-Gen Ywet Sit at the dinner.—MNA

Ywet Sit. During the dinner, artistes from the Fine Arts

Department of the Ministry of Culture, entertained them

with songs and dances.

MNA

U Tint Swai presents Credentials to President of the Hellenic Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—U Tint Swai, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Hellenic Republic, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Karolos Papoulias, President of the Hellenic Republic, on 4 June 2013 in Athens.—MNA

Certificate Course and Basic Diplomatic Skills (31/2013) conducted

YANGON, 10 June—The inauguration ceremony of the Certificate Course and Basic Diplomatic Skills (31/2013) conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at Wunzinminyarzar Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, this

morning, with an opening address by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw.

Also present on the occasion were the directors-general and responsible officials of the Departments under the

Ministry, retired Myanmar ambassadors, senior diplomats, professors and instructors as well as trainees.

The 12-week course includes contemporary international affairs, holding and attending

of international conferences, negotiation skills, international law, international economic relations, international etiquette, diplomatic and official correspondence and communication skills.

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New generations with ...

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We all need to sit down on a table to settle issues resulting from our different views and doubts. Today, the president has opened a window for us to bring about peace and to hold peace talks. So, we need to solve the problems through peace talks.



Sao Khun Sai.

We all the people, leaders of the national races and political parties need to support the president's peace making process for the people.

Since the president offered olive branch to all armed ethnic groups on 18 August, we have expected to meet the president. We

are very delighted to meet the president.

Sao Khun Sai (Consultant)

Discussing our problem is not the main reason to come here. Problem always exist. The reason why we come here is to solve the problems with the participation of all the people. We can't solve the problems by just asking others. We need participation of all the people. If we work together to solve the problems, we need to build trust and friendship. That's why, we come here to meet the president.

Our view is that we can't make peace unilaterally. But we can start war unilaterally. But, if we want to make peace, we, both sides must work together. We appreciate the Myanmar Peace Center. But, it would be great if we cooperate each other. I believe it would lead to more success and make peace more quickly.

Col Sai Hla (Central Com-

mittee member)

We will have to find a solution to peace through dialogue after meeting with the President. We are national brethren who had built the Union together. We in the past had to resort to armed struggle line as we could not resolve political problems through political means. Nowadays, the government led by U Thein Sein opened the door for political talks in which we are going to seek a solution. We accepted the offer of government to seek a solution to peace, living together with other national races through thick and thin in the country.

It was the first time when I attended the Union Day dinner. This is the second time. I felt honored to have the opportunity to meet with the senior figures of state/government.

Dr Min Zaw Oo (Myanmar Peace Centre)

Currently, there are as many as 13 armed groups that had entered into a ceasefire agreement with the government. There

will be 14 if KIO is added to. Two years into the government, we managed to establish a ceasefire with 13 armed groups. And now, there are hardly skirmishes. Moreover, the government had been able to adopt a firm policy for political dialogues apart from ceasefire. It had also been able to send message to continue political



Col Sai Hla.

process under the policy of political dialogue to national race armed groups. So, it is safe to say that our peace-making process is taking shape. There are still conflicts in the lower level. There are still some fights. Whatever it may be, their leaders themselves came to Nay Pyi Taw and met with the President as well as high-ranking of-

Lt-Gen

Ywet Sit

replies to

queries

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terview.



officials like U Aung Min. This means that the two sides were able to build a political culture capable of resolving conflicts on a table between them, although there were some problems in the lower level. To make a peace process successful, it is necessary to establish a political culture which could find a solution to peace through political means. So, it can be said that we had been able to build a political culture that could resolve conflicts on a table through political means rather than fighting with arms during the period of two years' tenure of the government in addition to

establishing a ceasefire with 13 armed groups.

The President disclosed that the government will establish a nation-wide ceasefire when all the armed groups concerned have entered into a ceasefire agreement. This is scheduled to take place by the end of July. By the time, it appears that KIO has already signed the ceasefire, and this will be followed by the nation-wide ceasefire which calls for concerted efforts of the stakeholders.

A better future for the new generation rests solely on the relentless efforts of the President.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Trees grown to mark World Environment Day



BUDALIN, 10 June—To mark World Environment Day 2013, Budalin Township Forest Department distributed teak and eucalyptus saplings to Kan-

tha and Sinwun villages Aungchantha Village-tract on 6 June.

The department handed over 300 teak saplings and 1500 eucalyptus saplings to village-tract administrator U Win Tun and members of the village-tract development supporting committee and supervising the growing as each household planted three teak and 20 eucalyptus young trees. Community-based organizations also partook in the activity.—*Kyemon-Forest Department*

Monsoon tree-planting ceremony held in Haka

HAKA, 10 June—Under the leadership of Chin State Government and supervision of Chin State Forest Department, the monsoon tree-planting ceremony (second week) was held at backward of Haka General Hospital,

here, on 8 June.

At the ceremony, Chin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Zaw Min Oo and State Hluttaw Speaker U Hauk Khin Kham planted Minebaw plants on behalf of the State Chief Minister.

The State ministers, State, district and township-level departmental personnel and local people planted 1500 Khartawhmi plants, 200 Minebaw plants and 100 Yaythinwin plants at the designated places.

Kyemon-Chin State IPRD

Car donated to social organization in Toungoo

TOUNGGOO, 10 June—Daw Nyein Tin from No. 6 Ward, Toungoo, in memory of her late daughter Ma Khin Htwe (a) Ma Htwe, donated a super custom car to philanthropic social organization yesterday.

U Myint Nyo (Amein) of the association accepted the donation and returned a certificate

of honour to the donor.

Meals and offertories were offered to monks on the occasion and among the congregation were family members of the donor, departmental personnel, guests and executive members of the association.—*Kyemon-UKyaw Hla (Toungoo)*

Taninthayi Region Minister meets teachers

KAWTHOUNG, 10 June—Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Aung of Taninthayi Region government met basic education teachers from urban Kawthoung and surrounding villages, at



No.1 Basic Education High School in Kawthoung on 8 June.

The region minister

fulfilled the needs of the schools and called for teachers to ensure the proficiency of students by

constantly monitoring their progress.

Kyemon-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung IPRD)

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HEALTH CARE ACTIVITY

Preventive measures against DHF being undertaken in Twantay

YANGON, 10 June—Preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever in eight wards of Twantay Township are being jointly carried out by Township Development Affairs Committee and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association through rotation

system.

Under the supervision of Township Administrator U Than Zaw Han, Zethit Ward Administrator U Htin Kyaw, Executive Officer U Nay Win of Township Development Affairs Committee, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare

Association Daw Zarchi Win Myint and members of Township WAO and Red Cross Brigade carried out preventive measures against DHF in Zethit Post-Primary School and 70 households in Otkyin Street on 8 June.

Kyemon-Myo Hlaing (Twantay)

Basic education schools fumigated in Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 10 June—As part of efforts to prevent dengue hemorrhagic fever, personnel of Township Health Department and Township Malaria Control Group with the contributions of wellwishers U Thet Naing-Daw Su Su Khin family (Shwenattaung Express) and Myoma Ward administrator U Zarni Linn carried out fumigating 16 Basic Education Primary

Schools, two monastic education schools, one pre-primary school, one Muslim schools in Nyaunglebin of Bago Region on 8 June.

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Health workers fumigating a pre-primary school in Nyaunglebin.



Schoolchildren get stationery and school uniforms in Dawei

DAWEI, 10 June—A ceremony to provide stationery and school uniforms to the schoolchildren for 2013-2014 academic year organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Taninthayi Region Women's Affairs Organization was held at the hall of the Taninthayi Region Government Office, here, on 8 June.

Secretary of Taninthayi Region Government U Tin Thein gave a speech on the occasion.

Then, Chairperson of Taninthayi Region WAO

Daw Khin San explained the purposes of the providing and presented stationery, school uniforms and micro credit loans to the members of district and township WAOs.

Stationery and school uniforms worth over K 2.5 million were provided by MWAFF and region WAO to 600 students in Taninthayi Region.

Kyemon-District



REGIONAL

Chinese Premier urges innovation in PV sector

SHIJIAZHUANG, 10 June—Chinese Premier Li Keqiang urged Chinese photovoltaic (PV) companies to be stronger in adversity by strengthening innovation and tapping both overseas and domestic markets.

During an inspection tour to north China's Hebei Province on Friday and Saturday, Li visited a PV company, an environment monitoring site, a university, and a village among other stops.

At Jinglong Company, a large PV firm in Xingtai City, Li said the Chinese

sector boasts international competitiveness, and that the country firmly opposes trade protectionism.

"We need to stabilize overseas markets while activating the domestic market to revitalize China's PV industry," said Li.

The premier warned it will not be easy for the sector to keep being a leading player in the international market. He urged PV companies to grasp core technology, gain advantages through innovation and grow stronger in adversity.

When visiting an environment monitoring site, Li said air quality information must be publicized in an open, transparent and correct manner to better serve the public.

Li said the environmental protection authorities should do more in analyzing the sources of pollution, enhancing legal enforcement, pressing enterprises to live up to their environmental obligations and promoting development of the environmental protection industry.

Xinhua



The 1st China-Latin America and the Caribbean Agricultural Ministers' Forum is held in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 June, 2013.

XINHUA

Regional policy on fertilizer, seed required in South Asia

KATHMANDU, 10 June—South Asian countries including Nepal should adopt shared regional policy on fertilizer and improved seed trading to ensure food security in the region, officials and experts said on Sunday.

In the absence of such policy, unregulated cross-border flow of substandard chemical fertilizer and low quality seeds of vegetables, cereals, food crops has been a major cause for decreasing agricultural production in South Asian countries, according to the experts.

"As we were able to provide only 37,320 metric ton (MT) of improved seeds to the farmers in 2012 which accounted only 10 percent of the demand, farmers are compelled to approach the illicit cross border traders," Dr Uttam Bhattarai, joint secretary of Ministry of Agriculture

Development (MoAD) said.

Nepal has infrastructure deficit in the customs checkpoints at the southern border with India to control unauthorized seed imports, he said. Likewise, Government of Nepal (GoN) supplied only 200,000 MT of chemical fertilizers to farmers but demand was for 500,000 MT in 2012. "Mostly the farmers in the Terai plains, known as food basket of Nepal, are cheated by the illicit fertilizer and seed traders in terms of quality, price and availability of such agricultural inputs," Dr Deva Bhakta Shakya, agriculture expert at Nepal Economic, Agriculture and Trade (NEAT) Activity told Xinhua. He urged the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) coun-

tries to standardize their legal frameworks within one policy comprising all aspects like quality control, trading procedures, quarantine, subsidies on fertilizers and improved seeds.

Dr Bishnu Dev Pant, executive director of Institute for Integrated Development Studies informed that 43 out of 75 districts in Nepal have food deficit mainly due to decreasing production because of substandard fertilizers and seeds.

Dr Pramod Kumar Joshi, director of South Asian Chapter of International Food Policy Research Institute questioned the policy of respective governments of the region. "The governments in the region should ask whether their policies are correct if illicit cross-border trading is prevalent for such a long time," he said.—Xinhua



Japan's Masahito Yoshida (front R) celebrates with his mother Toshiko (2nd from L) in People's Square in Shanghai on 9 June, 2013, after completing his walk around the world in which he covered about 40,000 kilometres with a two-wheeled cart after leaving Shanghai on New Year's Day 2009.

KYODO NEWS



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (L, front), also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, visits a photovoltaic enterprise in Xingtai, north China's Hebei Province, on 7 June, 2013.—XINHUA

S Korea holds Global Summit on green growth

SEOUL, 10 June—The Global Green Growth Summit kicks off on Monday at Songdo District of Incheon, 40 kilometres west of Seoul.

The third summit will focus on the nexus between finance, innovation and policy, providing a unique way in accelerating the transition to an inclusive, green growth pathway.

Top economic and environmental policymakers and experts will gather

in Songdo District to join the two-day Global Green Growth Summit (GGGS).

The summit is expected to announce a number of important initiatives and cooperative undertakings, infusing the event with an exciting blend of both vision and action, according to the GGGI.

The third summit is co-sponsored by South Korean government and Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).—Xinhua

Tourists visit the North Ninepin Island in Hong Kong, south China, on 9 June, 2013. The Ninepin Group, or Kwo Chau Islands, is a group of islands in the southeastern Hong Kong.



At least six people killed in two attacks in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 10 June—At least six people were killed on Sunday in two separate attacks in a Pakistani tribal area and the port city of Karachi.

According to police, at least three security forces personnel were killed in a bomb attack on an army convoy in Miranshah, the administrative headquarters and largest town in north Waziristan.

The town has been placed under curfew, with security forces searching

the area for suspected militants, officials said.

Earlier on Sunday, at least three police officers were shot dead by motorcyclists in the Karachi suburb of Jamshed Town, police chief Usman Bajwa said, adding that the perpetrators managed to escape.

"It was a clear case of targeting the police," Bajwa said, citing recent attacks on police officials in Pakistan.

Kyodo News

Gov't to start selection of special economic zones in September

TOKYO, 10 June—The government plans to start selection of "strategic special zones" in September to spur corporate investment through deregulation and tax incentives, revitalization minister Akira Amari said on Sunday. The zones will be selected by a panel led by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as "energetic zones that can lead Japan's growth," Amari said in a stump speech in Tokyo.

Private sector members of the government's industrial competitiveness council are calling for the designation of such zones in the Tokyo, Osaka and Aichi metropolitan areas. Regarding the recent stock market volatility, Amari said the market is turning bearish but is expected to change "if it correctly understands the effects of the government's growth strategy."—Kyodo News

5.6-magnitude quake hits Northern Territory, Australia

HONG KONG, 10 June—An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale jolted Northern Territory, Australia at 14:22:13 GMT (22:22:13 Beijing Time) on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 3.90 km, was initially determined to be at 25.9509 degrees south latitude and 131.9885 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

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China to launch nationwide fire risk campaign

BEIJING, 10 June—A four-month nationwide campaign will be launched on Monday to carry out checks and remove fire hazards after recent devastating disasters, the Ministry of Public Security announced on Sunday.

The campaign is part of measures to prevent major fires, according to a teleconference hosted by the ministry.

The campaign will primarily focus on checks at

hotels, restaurants, shopping malls, hospitals and production plants of labour-intensive companies, the conference revealed.

Checks will also cover high-rise buildings, construction sites and businesses producing or selling flammable or explosive materials, according to the meeting.

Fire-fighting equipment and evacuation routes will also be checked, the ministry said.

Serious punishments will be handed down to those who are not actively involved in the campaign, and major fire risks will be exposed, the ministry said.

A fatal bus fire claimed 47 lives on Friday in the eastern Chinese city of Xiamen. A separate plant fire in northeast China's Jilin Province killed 120 people and injured 77 others in the week.

The campaign will last until 15 October.—Xinhua



Food made by Basem Shnar are seen at his small restaurant in Gaza City, on 9 June, 2013. Shnar, a Palestinian who lived in Syria before the conflict took place there, now makes a living by selling pastries with Syrian flavours and spices in Gaza.

XINHUA

Four billion US dollars to help ease world hunger

BEIJING, 10 June—International donors have met in London, to discuss a pledge of four billion US dollars to tackle world hunger. The pledge came at the Nutrition For Growth conference, attended by leaders and businessmen from around the globe.

As host, British Prime Minister David Cameron addressed the summit and urged more investment to tackle the issue. The meeting comes ahead of a G8 summit where leaders from eight industrialized countries will focus on eradicating hunger.

Meanwhile, thousands of campaigners attended a rally in London's Hyde Park to press G8 leaders to address the causes of hunger. Speakers told the rally that one in eight people in the world go to bed hungry.

Xinhua



Women practise pole dance on the Pole Dance National Day at a park in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 9 June, 2013. Mexican women gathered in parks around the country to practise pole dance on 9 June, the third Pole Dance National Day, or the Urban Pole National Day. The pole dance, practised as a sports event, has become popular among Mexican women.—XINHUA

Mexico, China draw up tourism joint agreements

MEXICO CITY, 10 June—The governments of Mexico and China are currently drawing up several joint agreements on tourism following the recent visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Mexico, official sources said on Sunday.

In a statement, Mexico's Ministry of Tourism (Sectur) said the minister, Claudia Ruiz Massieu,

would travel to China in July to continue the negotiations and achieve accords.

In the first quarter of 2013, Mexico received 19,363 Chinese tourists, up by 35.1 percent compared with the same period in 2012.

"We are drawing up a work programme on China-Mexico cooperation to increase the bilateral tourism

flows," said the minister.

During her work visit, Ruiz Massieu will meet with Chinese authorities and representatives from tourism agencies and airlines with an aim to increase the number of flights and tourist flows and seek tourism investments, both for infrastructure and tourist projects.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Katy Perry parties with John Mayer

On-and-off couple Katy and John party together for the weekend.



LOS ANGELES, 10 June—Singer Katy Perry was seen partying with on and off boyfriend John Mayer at the weekend.

The 28-year-old, who has been spending time with the 35-year-old singer-songwriter, again after splitting up for the second time in March, on Friday joined 15 other friends at the Chateau Marmont, West Hollywood.

A source ushered kept

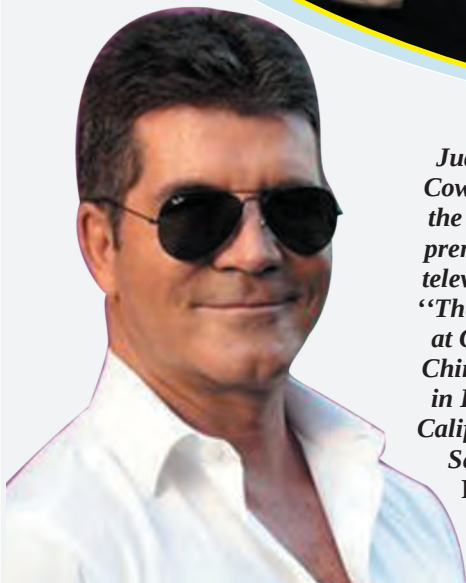
told people.com that the on and off couple and their entourage were into the far back corner of the hotel's tented patio, where security staff a close eye on them.

Perry, who wore a short-sleeved white cashmere sweater and fitted metallic skirt, did not sit beside Mayer.

Though the couple were seen spending time together, they have decided that they are not ready to commit to each other.

A source previously said: "They are just hanging out. They are not putting a label on it."—PTI

Judge Simon Cowell poses at the season two premiere of the television series "The X Factor" at Grauman's Chinese theatre in Hollywood, California on 11 Sept 2012. REUTERS



No charges after Simon Cowell hit by eggs in TV show

LONDON, 10 June—A woman who threw eggs at international talent show guru Simon Cowell during the finals of the popular television contest "Britain's Got Talent" will not face charges, show organizers said on Sunday.

Cowell was one of four judges watching two brothers singing during the live televised performance on Saturday night when a viola player ran from the back of the stage and threw several eggs at him before being removed by security staff.

Cowell removed his jacket and the show continued.

The woman was later named as Natalie Holt, 30, a member of the brothers' backing group, who had competed in the same talent show last year with her string ensemble Raven Quartet, without much success.

"As a result of her

misguided actions, the police were called. However, we have decided to take no further action at this stage," said a spokeswoman for the show.

In the statement, released by the show's organizers, Holt apologised to the brothers, Richard and Adam, for overshadowing their performance, saying she realised that "it was a silly thing to do".

But she was less contrite in comments to the Telegraph website, saying: "I basically took a stand against people miming on television and against Simon and his dreadful influence on the music industry."

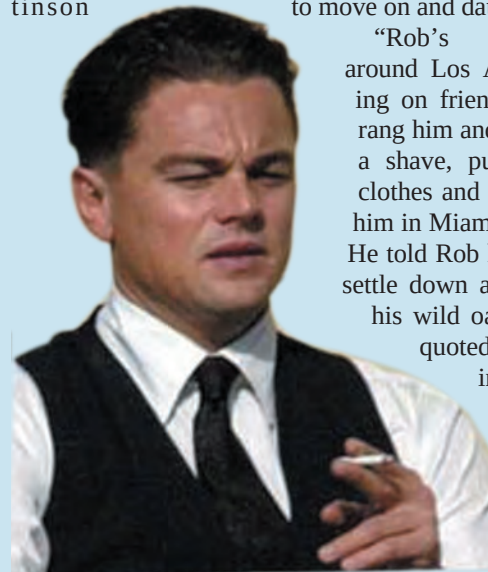
Cowell is the mastermind behind global TV franchises such as "The X Factor" and "Got Talent" that are often accused of creating overnight stars without real talent, and of fuelling a culture of celebrity.—Reuters

Leonardo DiCaprio wants to help heartbroken Robert Pattinson

LOS ANGELES, 10 June—Actor Leonardo DiCaprio reportedly wants Robert Pattinson to rent a house near his pad in Miami, which will help him in moving on from his break up with Kristen Stewart.

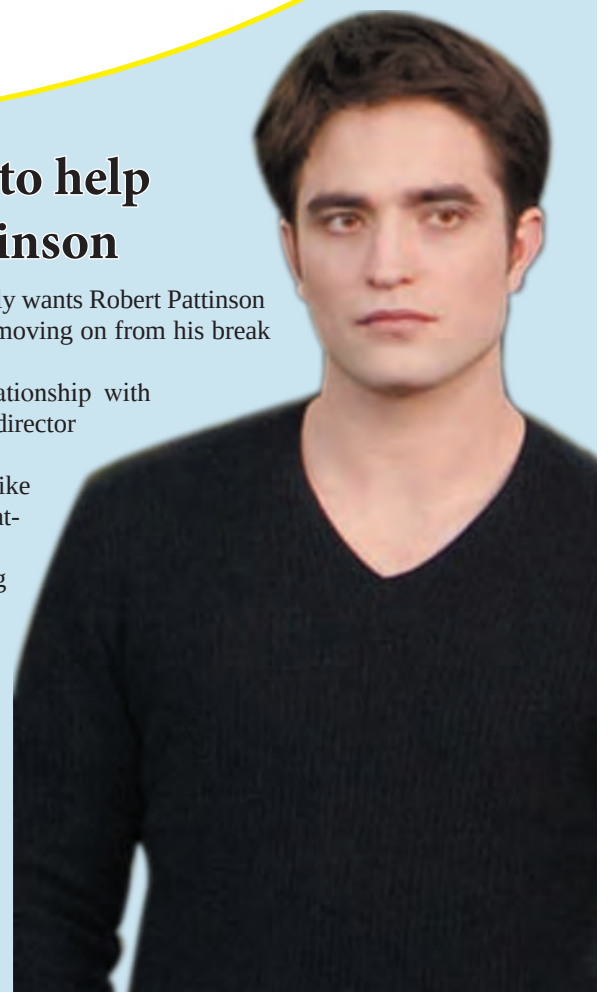
Apparently, Pattinson finally pulled the plug on his relationship with Stewart when he found out that she was still in contact with director Rupert Sanders.

However, DiCaprio, who has dated a string of celebrities like Bar Refaeli, Toni Garrn and Erin Heatherton, wants Pattinson to move on and date other girls.



"Rob's been mooching around Los Angeles and staying on friends' couches. Leo rang him and told him to have a shave, put on some nice clothes and rent a house near him in Miami for the summer. He told Rob he's too young to settle down and ought to sow his wild oats," thesun.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

PTI



Robert Pattinson ought to sow his wild oats, advises Leonardo DiCaprio.

John Travolta gatecrashes wedding in T-shirt, baseball cap

LOS ANGELES, 10 June—Actor John Travolta made a couple's wedding day extra special by landing up at their nuptials after meeting them the night before at a bar.

The wedding was held in Georgia last week, and Travolta turned up unexpectedly only to wish them luck, reports contactmusic.com. The Grease star, who donated his former plane to a Georgia museum last



John Travolta

week, was in the state to renew his pilot's license when he bumped into the young couple and learnt that they were tying the knot the next day.

Travolta was "down-to-earth about the whole ordeal" and came to the occasion dressed in a t-shirt and a baseball cap from the night before and happily posed for photographs with the whole bridal party.

PTI

SPORTS

Brazil scrap their way to 3-0 win over France

PORTO ALEGRE, 10 June—Brazil scrapped their way to a flattering 3-0 friendly win over France on Sunday in an ugly, disjointed match against opponents who are even worse off than themselves.

Second-half goals from Oscar, Hernanes and Lucas gave the under-fire Confederations Cup hosts a timely pre-tournament tonic in the city where coach Luiz Felipe Scolari built his reputation.

give Brazil some relief, France were left to face the long flight back from their brief South American tour reflecting on their fourth defeat in five matches this year and their fifth in 11 outings under Didier Deschamps.

Having rested Bayern Munich's Franck Ribery, the toothless French, beaten 1-0 by Uruguay on Wednesday, barely tested Julio Cesar as they completed their trip without scoring.



Brazil's Hernanes (R) scores their second goal past France's Mathieu Debuchy (2) and goalkeeper Hugo Lloris during their international friendly soccer match in Porto Alegre on 9 June, 2013.

REUTERS

Brazil, who ended a six-match, 21-year winless run against France, had gone into the game under enormous pressure after only one win in six outings since Scolari returned for a second stint in the job last November.

While the result, if not the performance, will

"We didn't have the head nor the legs," Deschamps told TF1 television. "We played well for 20 minutes against Uruguay and for a short period against Brazil. Even in adversity, against superior teams, we should be able to do better."

Reuters

Mourinho damaged Spanish football, Iniesta says



Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho gestures after their Spanish first division soccer match against Osasuna at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 1 June, 2013.

REUTERS

MADRID, 10 June—Jose Mourinho did more harm than good to Spanish football during his controversial three-year tenure as coach of Real Madrid, Barcelona and Spain midfielder Andres Iniesta was quoted

as saying on Sunday.

Portuguese Mourinho quit Real three years before the end of his contract after a 2012-13 campaign without major silverware and has returned to former club Chelsea.



South African David Frost

Vettel wins in Canada to end American jinx

MONTREAL, 10 June—Red Bull's triple world champion Sebastian Vettel won the Canadian Grand Prix on Sunday to capture his first Formula One victory on North American soil and extend his overall lead to 36 points. The 25-year-old German cruised to his 29th career win without resistance, taking the chequered flag 14.4 seconds clear of Spain's Fernando Alonso, driving a Ferrari.

Briton's Lewis Hamilton, who had won in Montreal three times before, made it a podium of champions by finishing third for Mercedes

after being passed by Alonso in the closing laps.

Vettel's Australian team mate Mark Webber was fourth and Germany's Nico Rosberg, winner of the previous race in Monaco for Mercedes, fifth.

Vettel's win was his third from seven races this season while Alonso roared from sixth to second to leapfrog Kimi Raikkonen into second-place overall.

Raikkonen, the 2007 champion, finished ninth in his Lotus to equal Michael Schumacher's record of 24 successive grands prix in the points. Despite his domination of the sport in recent years, Vettel had never won in either Canada or the United States before breaking his drought in emphatic fashion on Sunday — even if he skimmed the wall at one point. He made a clean getaway from pole

Frost lands first major title on Champions Tour

LONDON, 10 June—South African David Frost clinched his first major title on the over-50s Champions Tour with a one-shot victory at the Regions Tradition in Birmingham, Alabama on Sunday.

A stroke in front going into a weather-disrupted final round at Shoal Creek, the 53-year-old closed with a four-under-par 68 to hold off American playing partner Fred Couples, who also carded a 68.

Frost, who began the season with five consecutive top-10 finishes on the Champions Tour, including a win at the Toshiba Classic, birdied three of the last eight holes to post a 16-under total of 272.

Play was suspended for

just over an hour due to the threat of lightning with the leaders having completed 15 holes. After resuming, both Frost and Couples birdied the 16th before finishing par-par. United States Presidents Cup captain Couples briefly caught Frost in a tie for the lead after seven holes but had to settle for second place after the South African pulled away with three birdies in five holes around the turn.

American John Cook signed off with a 66 to share third place at 13 under with Mexican Esteban Toledo (67), with Germany's Bernhard Langer a further three shots back in a tie for 10th after firing a blistering, best-of-the-week 63.—Reuters



Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany raises his trophy on the podium after winning the Canadian F1 Grand Prix at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal on 9 June, 2013.—REUTERS

position and led for almost the entire 70-laps. The only time he was not in front was a brief period when he made the first of his two pit stops to get fresh tyres. Vettel lapped half the field, including Raikkonen, before reaching the half way point of the race and only five cars finished on the same lap as him when he crossed the line.

McLaren failed to score,

at a circuit where they have won four times in the last five years, for the first time in 65 races. Former champions Williams also ended up empty-handed, despite Finnish rookie Valtteri Bottas starting third on the grid, for the eighth race in a row.

Vettel now has 132 points, ahead of Alonso (96), Raikkonen (88), Hamilton (77) and Webber (69).

Reuters

Nadal wins eighth title in protest-hit Paris final



Rafael Nadal (2nd R) of Spain and runner-up compatriot David Ferrer (2nd L) pose with their trophies and Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt (R) and French Tennis Federation (FFT) President Jean Gachassin (L) during the victory ceremony at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 9 June, 2013.—REUTERS

PARIS, 10 June—Rafa Nadal made light work of fellow Spaniard David Ferrer to win a protest-interrupted French Open final 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 on Sunday and become the first man to win eight singles titles at the same tournament.

Third seed Nadal, with a jaw-dropping 59-1 record at Roland Garros, collapsed on to the red clay after ending the contest on his first match point. The match was briefly interrupted in the second set when a bare-chested protester ran onto Court Philippe Chatrier after letting off a flare before being dragged out by security.—Reuters

GENERAL

English wins first PGA Tour title in Memphis



Harris English.

LONDON, 10 June—Harris English took advantage of a late collapse by fellow American Scott Stallings to clinch his maiden PGA Tour title with a two-shot victory at the St Jude Classic in Memphis, Tennessee on Sunday.

The 23-year-old English birdied two of the last three holes at the TPC Southwind to close with a one-under-par 69, ending a roller-coaster final round where he and Stallings had duelled back and forth for the lead.

A curling 17-foot birdie putt at the 17th put English two strokes clear and he safely parred the tricky final hole to post a 12-under total of 268 in the final PGA Tour event before next week's US Open.

Stallings had been two ahead when he hit his approach into water at the 15th en route to a damaging double-bogey six and had to settle for a share of second place after bogeying the 18th for a 68.

Level with Stallings at 10 under was four-times major champion Phil Mickelson, who thrilled the crowd when he nearly holed out his approach at the par-four last for a tap-in birdie and a 67.

Reuters

FAO experts express pollution concerns

BEIJING, 10 June—Experts from a United Nations agency have applauded China's efforts in ensuring food safety but expressed concerns over potential risks posed by soil contamination.

In an exclusive interview with *Xinhua*, Jose Graziano da Silva, director-general of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations said, "We have seen a lot of improvements in China but there is much more to be done."

The FAO chief said, "We're concerned about pollution in general," adding that food safety does not only require less use of fertilizers but also better management of water resources.

In May, three rice mills in central China's Hunan

Province were investigated after rice was found to be contaminated with cadmium, a carcinogenic industrial chemical.

A food safety inspection conducted in the first quarter showed that 44.4 percent of rice and rice products in the city of Guangzhou in south China's Guangdong Province also contained excessive amounts of cadmium, according to a Guangzhou Food and Drug Administration statement on 16 May.

Although the source of the pollutants has not yet been found, heavy metal contained in fertilizers has contaminated irrigation water and arable land.

Agricultural authorities in Hunan said in 2012 that heavy metal pollution has been spreading from urban agricultural production

bases to rural areas.

"It's not exactly true that the more fertilizers you use, the more output you get," according to the FAO chief.

China produced about 6.21 million tonnes of fertilizer in 2011, accounting for about 20 percent of global output and making the country the world's largest fertilizer producer, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) data showed.

Xinhua

A girl performs acrobatics on the Cultral Week for the annual Dragon Boat Festival in Kaifeng, central China's Henan Province, on 9 June, 2013. The week-long event, which was kicked off here on Sunday, will held a series of activities of folk custom, showcasing local intangible cultural heritage to tourists.

XINHUA



A 6-year-old contestant makes Zongzi, a pyramid-shaped dumpling made of glutinous rice wrapped in bamboo or reed leaves, during a contest in celebration of the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 9 June, 2013. The contest was held by a local Chinese association to promote the traditional Chinese festival—Dragon Boat Festival, which falls on the fifth day on the fifth month on the lunar calendar.—XINHUA

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China confirms 131 H7N9 cases, 39 deaths

BEIJING, 10 June—A total of 131 H7N9 avian flu cases have been reported on the Chinese mainland, including 39 that have ended in death, according to an update released on Sunday by health authorities.

Of the total, 78 H7N9 patients have been discharged from hospitals after receiving treatment. The other 14 patients are being treated in hospitals, according to the National Health and Family Planning Commission.

China's confirmed H7N9 virus cases are isolated and there has been no sign of human-to-human transmission, the commission said.

Seven provincial regions including Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Anhui have ended their emergency response to H7N9, the commission said. It will update information about cases on the 10th of each month, holidays excluded.—Xinhua



Experts discuss ways to meet organ transplant demand

CHANGSHA, 10 June—Chinese scholars have called for a number of ways, including legislation and heterotransplant, to meet the growing demand of organ transplants in the country.

The widening gap between the growing number of recipients and the number of donors has hindered the development of the organ transplant sector, Zheng Shusen, China's leading organ transplant expert and academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering told a forum held here on Saturday.

Government statistics show about 1.5 million Chinese people need transplants but only around 10,000 operations are performed annually due to a lack of donors. Organ transplants began in China in the 1960s.

Experts attending the "Young Scholars' Forum on China's Organ Transplants," called for establishing a human organ donation system, national or regional networks for donors and recipients, and formulating the law on brain deaths.

Exploring heterotransplantation is also one way of

alleviating the strained organ supply pressure, according to Ye Qifa, a professor with the Third Xiangya Hospital of Central South University in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province.

Heterotransplantation is where tissue is taken from one species and transplanted to another.

On Thursday, a cornea donation centre was jointly set up by the Zhongshan Ophthalmic Centre of Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangdong Province and the Guangdong Provincial Red Cross Society.—Xinhua

People of the country are obliged to participate in the drive against corruption as it cannot be solved by individuals

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Despite limitations caused by decades-long sanction and isolation imposed on the country, the government would move forward holding new views and ideologies to fight corruption in the country, said Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

In his address at the Workshop on Transparency and Accountability at the Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) here today, he also said that it is regretted that the corruption has become a new culture in Myanmar society, turning a blind eye to dignities of the State, governmental employees, legal system.

He also expressed his hope that the workshop organized the Transparency International would help Myanmar to ensure its drive against corruption.

Myanmar enacted some laws before and after independence to combat corruption and signed the United Nations Convention against Corruption and set up a committee on fighting against corruption on 9 January.

The current government has received the good and bad legacy bequeathed by the history and have practised the bottom-up policy based on the people as part

of efforts for relaxing the centrally controlled system, he added.

People-centered administration system has practised at village-tracts, townships and districts by organizing the supporting committees for development with trustful personnel elected by the local people by themselves, he said.

He also urged the participants of the workshop to discuss current challenges for combating corruption, taking the salary of governmental employees into account which has not yet reached the satisfactory level even though it has been increased for two times.

In compared with the salaries of the governmental employees, commodity prices and pension rate and guarantees for pensioners during the past eras when there were hardly corruption to those of current fast-changing time, it is found that many situations has caused hindrances for the governmental employees to preserve their dignity, he said.

During the recent World Economic Forum on East Asia in Nay Pyi Taw, many participants pointed out that Myanmar has become one of the poorest countries in the world and it has not yet seen



Workshop on Transparency and Accountability at Myanmar International Convention Centre in progress.—MNA

huge investment flow due to the country's corruption.

The Vice-President has also called for transparency and accountability to become the clean government and good governance, stressing the need for moral courage and mindset to take responsibility and accountability.

Corruption is the problem that is rooted at the country for decades, he added.

It is the time to take

action against not only corruption in the economy but also political corruption and the people of the country are obliged to participate in the drive against corruption as it cannot be solved by individuals, he said.

He hoped that experiences shared by the Transparency International and the results from the workshop would help the country

to ensure steps of the reform process of Myanmar.

During the workshop, the participants including Dr Tin Maung Than and Dr Zaw Oo from the Centre for Economic and Social Development, Myanmar Development Resource Institute (MDRI-CESD), Dr Srirak Plipat, Director of the Transparency International for Asia Pacific, and Mr

Rukshana Nanayakkara, Manager of the Transparency International for Asia Pacific, discussed the transparency, accountability and opportunity and challenges for a drive against corruption.

The workshop was jointly organized by MDRI-CESD and the Transparency International.

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GE supplies Myanmar's capacity building efforts with USD 7 million

YANGON, 10 June—General Electric has announced a \$ 7 million commitment in Myanmar so as to enhance significant training and capacity building efforts throughout the country strengthening the health care system, improving the energy architecture and promoting the development of Myanmar's human capacity.

Under the Developing Health Globally-GHB Program, USD 3 million would be spent on the health care system including reducing maternal and child mortality rate and

promoting maternal and infant care at district and township clinics. The GHB Program cooperates with the Ministry of Health and John Hopkins University's affiliate Jhpiego in implementing infra-structures and capacity building enhancement.

General Electric has spent over USD 80 million on public health care services.

As a rural healthcare pilot project, training, technology and equipment that help reduce maternal and infant mortality rates would be supplied at Yangon General Hospital in partnership with the MOH in August, 2013.

Besides, GE's Power and Water programme would identify what types of power solutions would be most effective and where facilities should be located to maximize efficiency and system

stability.

Under GE's leadership development, 50 individuals from public and private sectors would be selected for an intensive two-week program in the United States focusing on the development of leadership skills in business, government and civil society. Besides, An additional 50 local leaders will be given the opportunity to participate in a GE-sponsored ASEAN regional leadership training program at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore.

The GE Foundation works to advance the rule-of-law in Myanmar.

Nearly USD 200 million was invested by GE in education sector in 2012. It is also striving for health and education sectors, environmental conservation and resettlement program caused by natural disasters.—Sagawah

Myanmar, JICA sign loans contract



Director-General U Maung Maung Win of Budget Department and Chief Representative Mr Masahiko TANAKA of JICA sign ODA Loan Agreements.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—The signing ceremony of ODA Loan Agreement for Regional Development for Poverty Reduction Phase 1 (My-P1), Urgent Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project Phase 1 (My-P2) and Infrastructure Development in Thilawa Area Phase 1

(My-P3) was held at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, here, on 7 June. Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein and Vice-President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Mr Hiroto Arakawa delivered speeches.

Japan is to grant 51.052

billion yen through ODA loans—17 billion yen to Myanmar for construction and renovation of infrastructure to reduce poverty alleviation in the regions and states, 20 billion yen for development of infrastructure in Thilawa Special Economic Zone and 14.052

billion yen for upgrading and installation of power grid project and power stations in Yangon. Director-General U Maung Maung Win of Budget Department and Chief Representative Mr Masahiko TANAKA of JICA (Yangon Branch) signed the contracts.—MNA