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President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Philippine counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June— On the occasion of the 115th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2013, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Benigno Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines.

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President U Thein Sein felicitates Russian counterpart, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vladimir V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation and His Excellency Mr Dmitry A Medvedev, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June, 2013.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom and party

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 2 pm today.

They exchanged views on promoting of relations between Myanmar and Thai navies, holding of navy to navy talks between the two navies, doing exercises in natural disaster risks preventive measures by exchanging mutual advice and security cooperation in the territorial waters of the two countries.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and senior military officers from the Commander-in-Chief Office. The Thai delegation was accompanied by senior military officers of the Royal Thai Navy and the Thai Naval Attaché to Myanmar.

After the meeting, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy exchanged gifts and posed for a documentary photo.

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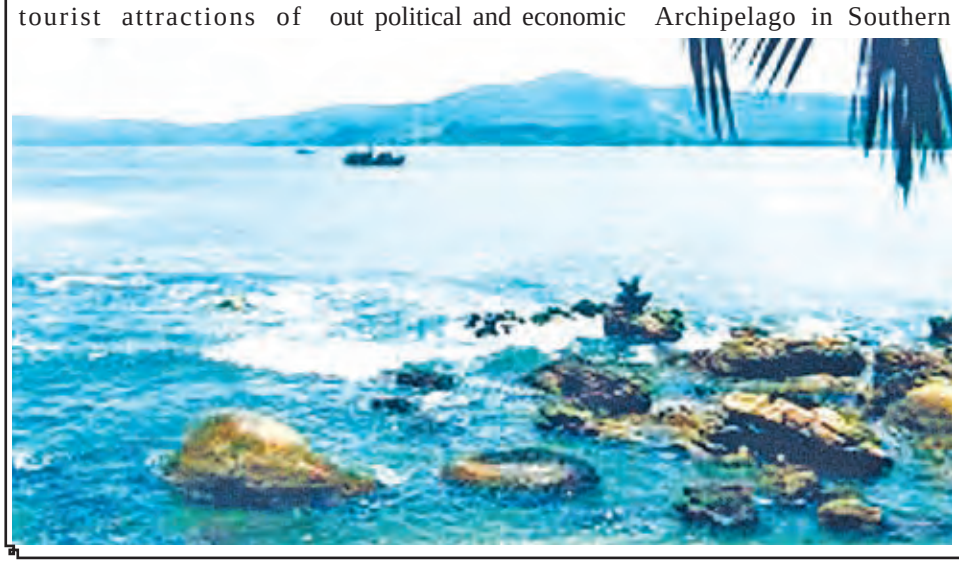
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party pose for documentary photo with Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom and party.—MNA

Archipelago off Taninthayi Coast to become unique tourist attraction

By Sabei Pyu Kyaw

Myeik Archipelago is one of the fast-becoming tourist attractions of Myanmar since Myanmar has opened up its door, carrying out political and economic reforms.



Tourist arrival to Myeik Archipelago in Southern Myanmar is on the increase, showing a great deal of its potential for tourism.

Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has planned to extend regional tours including archipelagos in the Taninthayi coastal region.

The ministry will set up camps to offer swimming and scuba-diving trainings in Dawei, and tourism has become a part of efforts for development archipelago, scuba-diving and marine research and development in Taninthayi coastal region, said Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung.

There are over 100 islands in Taninthayi coastal area, attracting tourists who are to do various activities of water like swimming, scuba-diving, sun-bathing especially enjoy natural scenic beauties of the sea and islands.

The Pearl Island, which is one of the over 100 island in the Taninthayi coastal area, is well-known in the world for natural oyster farming to produce pearls. The island is also the regional landmark of Taninthayi.

As marine tourism developes and the transportation improves in the region, the number of tourists to archipelago is up.

Myeik Archipelago, a unique tourism destination with its over one hundred islands, water activities and hospitality and warm welcome of local people, offers to the global travelers unforgettable experience.

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Public Service Media under Democratic Reform

Public Service Media (PSM) is funded by the public and for the public. The idea for the PSM originated with establishment of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in 1926 and the idea has been practiced widely by most countries in western European countries.

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LOCAL NEWS

WATER SUPPLY

Concrete water pipelines laid in placement of old decay iron one in Dala

DALA, 11 June—Workers of Pipe Branch-2 of Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) are making concerted efforts in replacing the old iron water pipeline with the concrete ones to supply water from Yangonpauk water station to the water collecting tank in Twantay Township.

On 6 June, the workers are carrying out replacement works of water pipelines with the use of one heavy machinery of YCDC at the corner of Bogyoke Road and Dala-Twantay Road in Banyadala Ward of Twantay.

"We are undertaking the tasks as of 6 May. We substituted the decayed iron pipes with 20 feet long and 0.16 inches diameter concrete pipes. The pipelines are being laid from Myawady Mingyi Road in Kyansittha Ward to the 100,000-gallon-capacity water collecting tank, stretching 4900 feet long distance. We used 245 concrete pipes, The work will be completed soon," said U Myo Than Htoo, Junior Engineer of the Pipe Branch-2.

U Than Hlaing, Yangon Region Hluttaw representative, said that on completion, the 22 KL motor from Yangonpauk water supply station will be substituted with 37 KL motor for water supply tasks. So, the motor will raise pumping power of the station to supply water to the local people sufficiently.

After this rainy season, a plan is underway to extend supply of drinking water to Dala with the use of three feet diameter pipelines and the department keeps a 37 KL water pump in hand for more project, said U Than Hlaing. The local people are pleased with safe water from the water supply pipelines thanks to concerted efforts of YCDC workers.—*Kyemon-Than Htay (Dala)*

Milk makes you smarter: healthier and more intelligent

ANTI-NARCOTIC DRIVES

Stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 11 June—The authorities searched a car driven from Monghsat to Tachilek in Tachilek of Shan State (East) at 11 am on 7 June.

They seized narcotic drugs and ammunition from the genes bag from the seat of rear of the car. IP Htay Lwin of Tachilek Anti-Drug Special Squad together with witnesses searched a car driven by Ah Lan at Loidawkham checkpoint in Tachilek Township. They seized one packet of stimulants containing 20 tablets with WY brand, 15 grams of stimulant powder in 39 cold drink straws, one packet of 4-gm stimulant powder, one packet of 10-gm stimulant powder, one litre of essence, 89 bags for stimulant tablets and five rounds of ammunition.

Tachilek Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Ah Lan, 32 of Mekyok Village in Mongtwam Village-tract of Monghsat Township under Section 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substance Law.

Kyemon-Myintmo (Tachilek)

FIRE

Fire destroys saw mill, paddy in Thanatpin

THANATPIN, 11 June—A short circuit engulfed a saw mill and one 40 feet by 60 feet building of Chit Min Thu, 22 of Min Village in Thanatpin Township of Bago Region at 6 am on 8 June.

Over 200 local people put out the fire and totally died it down at 7.15 am.

The fire destroyed about 200 baskets of paddy worth K 600,000, one TV, regulator and sewing machine worth K 200,000 and one China-made saw mill worth K 2.5 million and the building worth K 1.8 million, amounting to K 5.1 million.

Min Village Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the outbreak of fire under Section 285.

Kyemon-578

Outstanding policemen honoured in Pathein

PATHEIN, 11 June—A ceremony to honour outstanding policemen who could expose criminals with excellent performance in their efforts and hand over the seized property to owners was held at the hall of Ayeyawady Region Police Force in Pathein of Ayeyawady Region on 29 May morning.

On the occasion, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung presented certificates of good service to nine policemen including IP Yan Naing Latt of Athegyi Police Station, leader of surveillance squad SIP Win Min Latt who arrested the crime brokers in burglary case.

The policemen arrested the burglars within three hours after the owner of the property had opened a file of lawsuit over the commiting the burglary act of K 26 million.—*Kyemon-Tin Hlaing (H&T)*

Preventive measures against DHF emphasized in Thanlyin

YANGON, 11 June—As part of effort to prevent outbreak of dengue hemorrhagic fever, a team led by District Deputy Commissioner U Sai Thaw Win, Head of District Health Department Dr Nilar Soe, Township Administrator U Moe Myint, Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Kyaw Lin Than and officials supervised preventive measures against DHF and sanitation tasks in wards and village-tracts in Thanlyin Township on 8 June morning.

They shared knowledge about DHF to the people and chlorinated water of the local people.

DHG broke out in Thanlyin Township this year, so a plan on prevention against DHF with the strength of local people will be implemented in the township weekly.

Kyemon-527

Passenger express bus hits overturned truck

CRIME

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—A truck overturned on the road due to break failure near mile post No 266 of Yangon-Mandalay Highway at 4.30 pm yesterday, and unfortunately, passenger express bus Aye Chan Maung hit the overturned truck.

A Nissan that left Tatkon for Nay Pyi Taw overturned near mile post 266 of the highway in Winbyan Village due to out of control in rains. While the truck blocked the road, an express bus Aye Chan Maung that left Mandalay for Nay Pyi Taw the overturned truck. The passenger bus plunged into the roadside, leaving three passengers injured.

Policemen and local people helped the passengers and truck.

Thanks to their assistance, the track congestion could be cleared within 30 minutes. Action is being taken against the drivers.—*Kyemon*

Motorcyclist dies of traffic accident

TAUNGGYI, 11 June—A motorcycle driven by Ma Nilar Aye, 29 of Taunglaylon Village-tract of Taunggyi Township bumped up with a trawlergy of Yan Naing Oo, 27 of Hsele Ward in Shwenyaung at the entrance to Yaynwe Village of Taunglaylon Village-tract in Taunggyi Township of Shan State at 8.35 pm on 3 June.

The motorcyclist injuries at head, law and knee, and then she died on the spot.

Shwenyaung Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against reckless driver Yan Naing Oo under the law.

Kyemon-Sai Tin Oo (Shan South)

WORLD

Bombs and battles hit northern Iraq, more than 70 dead

BAGHDAD, 11 June—Insurgents attacked cities across Iraq on Monday with car bombs, suicide blasts and gun battles that killed more than 70 people in unrest that has deepened fears of a return to civil war.

No group claimed responsibility for the day-long attacks, most of them in northern Iraq, but officials blame much of the violence that has killed nearly 2,000 people since April on Sunni Islamist insurgents linked to al-Qaeda's local wing.

Weeks of bloodshed have accompanied rising political tensions between Iraq's majority Shi'ite leaders and members of the Sunni community, who believe they have been marginalized since the fall of Saddam Hussein after the 2003 US-led invasion.

But war in neighbouring Syria, where Shi'ite Iran and the region's Sunni Gulf states are backing opposing sides, has also put pressure on Iraq's own balance among Shi'ite, Sunni and ethnic Kurds who share power in a fragile government.

Markets in two northern Iraqi towns were hit early on Monday, police said. Later attacks targeted security forces. In the northern city of Mosul, suicide bombers and rocket fire struck police headquarters, killing 24, many of them police and soldiers.

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

"I was hit in my leg and lay down in shock."

Most of the apparently coordinated violence hit the north of the country and included at least eight suicide blasts and gun battles at military bases or checkpoints.

Two roadside bombs also exploded near a cafe, killing four people in the Shi'ite District of Sadr City, northeastern Baghdad, police said.

Reuters

A member of Iraq security personnel inspects the site of a car bomb attack at Jadidat al-Shatt in Diyala Province, 40 km (25 miles) north of Baghdad, on 10 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Abe to brief G-8 leaders on Japan's economic policies

TOKYO, 11 June—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Monday he will explain Japan's economic policies aimed at beating chronic deflation when he meets with his Group of Eight counterparts at their summit later this month.

"I want to explain that the Japanese economy will contribute to recovery in the world economy," Abe told a meeting with Natsuo Yamaguchi, who heads the New Komeito party, the junior coalition partner of his Liberal Democratic Party.

Abe is likely to brief other G-8 leaders on his so-called "Abenomics" policies, such as flexible budgetary spending and bolder monetary easing by the Bank of Japan, when they hold annual talks on 17 and 18 June in Britain. The group also involves Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and the United States.

Abe also told Yamaguchi that the government wants to work out later this year additional steps to stimulate Japan's growth, asking for cooperation from the coalition partner.

"I want to draw up a second growth strategy in this fall, focusing on thorough tax reduction to boost corporate capital spending," Abe said.

The premier last week unveiled the latest part of his first full-fledged growth strategy since taking office in December, featuring deregulation measures to increase business investment.

But it did not involve specific tax easing, falling short of market expectations and triggering a sell-off in Tokyo stocks.

The first set of measures, another core piece of Abenomics, will be approved by his Cabinet later this week.—*Kyodo News*

Iran watchdog denies considering banning election candidate

DUBAI, 11 June—Iran's Guardian Council said on Monday it was not considering barring any candidate from the 14 June presidential election, denying media reports that one of only two moderate contenders could be disqualified.

It will be Iran's first presidential vote since the 2009 re-election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that spawned months of unrest by backers of losing reformists who said his victory was rigged. Security forces crushed the protests and the two reformist candidates in that vote have been under house arrest since 2011.

Iran's stand-off with the West over its disputed nuclear programme has bubbled up in the election campaign. Sanctions imposed over its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment and open up to UN nuclear inspectors are now hitting Iran's vital oil exports and have helped trigger a plunge in its rial currency.

The semi-official *Mehr* news agency, citing an unnamed source, said on Sunday the Guardian Council would consider barring moderate cleric Hassan Rohani from the presidential race for revealing what it said was classified information on the Islamic Republic's nuclear activity in a televised debate, and for some slogans chanted by his supporters during rallies.

The Guardian Council denied that report on Monday. "A further review of the qualifications of candidates has not been raised and we deny such a thing," state news agency *IRNA* quoted Abbas Ali Kadkhodai as saying. He added, however, that the body retained the right to review candidates in accordance with Iran's presidential election law.

The Council surprised many last month when it banned former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani from running, a move seen as intended to eliminate an independent who might have challenged the authority of clerical Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Rohani is the most prominent moderate approved to run by the Guardian Council, a vetting body made up of clerics and jurists. The slate of eight candidates is dominated by hardliners and conservatives close to Khamenei.

During a televised presidential debate on Friday, candidates clashed on Iran's nuclear policy, with nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili coming under fire from rivals over the lack of progress in talks with world powers.

Reuters

Pakistani policemen stand alongside torched NATO supply trucks after an attack by militants in northwest Pakistan's Jamrud on 10 June, 2013. At least five people were killed when unknown militants opened fire at two NATO containers in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of Khyber Agency on Monday morning, local media reported.—XINHUA

One killed, many trapped in collasped building in Mumbai

MUMBAI, 11 June—At least one person was confirmed dead and many were trapped in a gigatic debris from the collaspe of a five-storey residential building in central Mumbai, said police.

The building collased in the popular Mahim District of central east Mumbai at 20:00 pm after two days of heavy rains.

Authorities have sent dozens of fire engires and several cranes for the rescue operation which looked a tremendous task as the collapsed building was reduced to a huge heap of concretes and mud under which many were feared trapped.

Hundreds of people were gathering around the debris looking for their relatives and friends and police had to drive them back to let the rescue operation going on, according to TV footages.

Police said four people were dragged out alive and sent to hospital while one dead body was found so far.

Police hope more injured could be found although they fear the casualties could mount.

Building collapse takes place from time to time in Indian cities due to running condition and heavy packaging of inhabitants.

Xinhua

Thai-US navy exercise code-named "CARAT", or Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training, is held at Had Yao beach in Chonburi Province, Thailand, on 10 June, 2013. The exercise involving nearly 3,000 service men from both sides, was aimed at training maritime security initiatives, including skills to combate seaborne terrorism threats and transnational crimes at sea.
XINHUA

UNESCO to add new sites to World Heritage list

PARIS, 11 June—World Heritage Committee will meet this month in Cambodia to consider adding 32 more sites onto UNESCO's World Heritage list, said the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on Monday.

The Committee's debates on *16-27* June will be chaired by Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sok An in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap of Cambodia. Deputies will also examine conservation of properties on the List.

The Committee published on Monday on the official website of UNESCO the nominations by States Parties to the World Heritage Convention that will be examined.

Among the Natural properties are Xinjiang Tianshan of China, Great Himalayan National Park of India, Mount Etna of Italy, Mount Kenya-Lewa Wildlife Conservancy (an extension of "Mount Kenya National Park/Natural Forest) of Kenya, El Pinacate and Gran Desierto de Altar Biosphere Reserve of Mexico, Namib Sand Sea of Namibia, Mount Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary of Philippines, Tajik National Park (Mountains of the Pamirs) of Tajikistan, and Cat Tien National Park of Vietnam.

In addition, there are four candidates for Mixed Natural and Cultural Properties presented by Canada, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho and South Africa.

The candidates for Cultural properties comprised of 18 sites in the countries around the world.

Five of the above sites had already been considered for inscription in the past: Hill Forts of Rajasthan of India, Al Zubarah Archaeological Site of Qatar, Historic Monuments and Sites in Kaesong of DPRK, Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex of Russia and Tajik National Park of Tajikistan.

Three of the nominations to be debated are extensions to existing World Heritage sites.

A Press conference with the Chair of the World Heritage Committee Director-General of UNESCO Irina Bokova will be held at the venue of the session on 17 June.—*Xinhua*

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

New Apple mobile software will sport anti-theft feature

Apple Inc CEO Tim Cook addresses the crowd during the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) 2013 in San Francisco, California on 10 June, 2013.
Reuters

San Francisco, 11 June—Smartphone thieves are set to have a harder time after Apple Inc introduces an "activation lock" feature in its new mobile software, a move that comes amid pressure from authorities and consumers for companies to do more to stem a tide of smartphone theft.

The new feature, available with the launch of iOS 7 in the fall, will require a legitimate owner's ID and password before an iPhone can be wiped clean or re-activated after being remotely erased, Apple executives said in a brief outline at company's annual developers conference.

New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon plan to meet with representatives of Apple, Google Inc's Motorola Mobility, Samsung Electronics and Microsoft Corp to discuss theft prevention on Thursday.

Both prosecutors have criticized the cellphone industry for what they say is a perceived unwillingness to solve an escalating problem. About half of San Francisco robberies last year involved stolen mobile devices, Gascon has said.

A recent study found that lost and stolen cellphones cost consumers some $30 billion in 2012, his office has said.

Reuters

Tech experts tie WikiLeaks soldier to database breach

Fort Meade, (Maryland), 11 June—Computer forensic experts testified on Monday that they traced break-ins to a secret US government website to Bradley Manning, the American soldier charged with the biggest leak of classified files in US history.

The testimony came as the court-martial of the private first class entered its second week. Manning, 25, is accused of providing more than 700,000 secret files to anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks while serving in Iraq in 2009 and 2010.

He is accused of 21 charges, including aiding the enemy, and could face life in prison without parole if convicted in the case, which has raised questions about the limits of openness and secrecy in the digital age.

The trial was gathering pace as officials search for more details about an ex-CIA employee who leaked details of a top secret US surveillance program in which security services monitored data about Americans' phone calls and internet usage.

*US Army Private First Class Bradley Manning (C) departs the courtroom after day four of his court martial at Fort Meade, Maryland on 10 June, 2013.—***Reuters**

Manning, who was arrested in May 2010, is charged with downloading intelligence documents, diplomatic cables and combat videos and forwarding them to WikiLeaks.

Government witnesses told the court-martial they had traced breaches of the US government's secret Intelink intelligence database to Manning's user name and Internet Protocol address. The testimony was presented as prosecutors seek to prove that Manning orchestrated the release of documents, including secret diplomatic cables.—*Reuters*

China successfully launches Shenzhou-10 spacecraft

Jiuquan, 11 June—China successfully launched its fifth manned spacecraft on Tuesday afternoon, announced Zhang Youxia, chief commander of China's manned space program.

Shenzhou-10, atop an upgraded Long March-2F carrier rocket, blasted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China late Tuesday afternoon and entered its designated orbit minutes later.

Three astronauts, two male and one female, are aboard the spacecraft.

A see-off ceremony was held at the center hours before the launch. Chinese President Xi Jinping, who just returned from his visit to the United States, attended the ceremony and extended good wishes to the three astronauts.

"The mission's members carry a space dream of the Chinese nation, and represent the lofty aspirations of the Chinese people to explore space," said Xi who watched the launch process in Jiuquan.

*The Long March-2F carrier rocket carrying China's manned Shenzhou-10 spacecraft blasts off from the launch pad at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Jiuquan, northwest China's Gansu Province on 11 June, 2013.—***Xinhua**

In its 15-day journey, the spacecraft will dock with the orbiting space lab Tiangong-1 twice, once through automatic operation and the other manual, and a lecture will for the first time be given on board of the assembled orbiter to a group of students on the ground.

Xinhua

Phone apps help track pets' activity, nutrition

Toronto, 11 June—Dog and cat lovers have a new way to make sure their pets get plenty of exercise and nourishment: phone apps that track how much an animal plays, runs, sleeps and eats.

Whistle, an iPhone app and monitor worn on a dog's collar that was launched last week, measures an animal's activity throughout the day. The app can track changes over time and can compare exercise levels with other dogs of the same breed.

Created with input from veterinarians, Whistle Labs' app aims to help owners detect early medical problems by showing changes in a dog's activity level and behaviour compared to other animals of the same age, breed and weight.

"What (veterinarians) get today are hyperemotional responses, often driven by one or two anecdotes," said Ben Jacobs, chief executive of the San Francisco-based company.

"What we found out was that a) vets didn't really have the information they needed and b) there's no breed weight and age standards," he added in an interview.

The app gathers data from a small circular device attached to a dog's collar. An accelerometer in the device detects motion, helping to determine if the dog is playing, walking or resting. The rechargeable device is enabled for Wi-Fi and Bluetooth.—*Reuters*

Microsoft prices Xbox at $499 for November launch

*The new Xbox One controller (R), next to the previous controller during a press event unveiling Microsoft's new Xbox One in Redmond, Washington on 21 May, 2013.—***Reuters**

Los Angeles, 11 June—Microsoft Corp (MSFT.O) said on Monday its new Xbox One console would launch in November at $499 in the United States, higher than most gamers had expected.

The price is greater than its current console, the Xbox 360, but it includes a Kinect motion sensor for hands-free game playing.

Microsoft announced the Xbox One in May as the latest move in its rivalry with Nintendo Co Ltd (7974.OS) and Sony Corp (6758.T) in the $65 billion a year video game business.

At a glitzy event at the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) in Los Angeles, Microsoft said the console will be sold in 21 countries, including the United Kingdom at 429 pounds.

The announcement of the pricing was met with some groans from the audience, mostly hard-core gaming enthusiasts, who had hoped for a cheaper price tag.

The 8 gigabyte Xbox One is priced higher than Nintendo's new Wii U 8GB model at $300. Sony may detail pricing of its new PlayStation 4 at a presentation at E3 later on Monday.

Microsoft also announced exclusive game titles coming to the new console, including an Xbox edition of 'Minecraft' and a new 'Halo' game, which will be released in 2014.

Yusuf Mehdi, an executive at Microsoft's interactive entertainment unit, did not set any sales targets for the new Xbox, even though its existing console is currently the best selling in the United States market.

"We have nothing new to announce other than the price," said Mehdi in an interview.

Reuters

Google apps are shown on an Apple iphone 5 in this photo illustration in Encinitas, California, on 16 April, 2013.
Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Petronas to spend $20 billion on Canadian LNG project

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 June—Malaysian state oil and gas firm Petronas expects to spend $20 billion on a project in west Canada to export liquefied natural gas (LNG), a senior company official said on Tuesday.

The project, known as Pacific NorthWest LNG, will build two LNG trains of 6 million tons per year (tpy) each by the end of 2018 or 2019, Arif Mahmood, vice president of corporate planning at Petronas told an industry conference.

The investment cost includes about $5 billion to be spent on a pipeline project to supply the two LNG trains, he said.

Petronas also plans to make a final investment decision on its second floating LNG project in Malaysia later this year, he said. The FLNG project will be at the Rotan Field in Block H and could start production in 2016, he said.

Reuters

***A general view shows a Petronas petrol station in Putrajaya in this 5 August, 2009 file photo. Petroliam Nasional Bhd , Malaysia's state oil firm, will focus this year on increasing domestic production after posting a 45 percent year-on-year drop in fourth quarter net profit.*—REUTERS**

US hiring outlook positive; global employers uncertain

NEW YORK, 11 June—More employers in the United States plan to hire workers next quarter than in any period since the fourth quarter of 2008, according to a survey by Manpower Group (MAN.N), the global employment services giant.

Manpower's quarterly survey released on Tuesday found most employers around the globe were uncertain about hiring more workers in the July through September period given tepid consumer demand. There were certain bright spots, however, with employers in the United States and some parts of Europe feeling cautiously optimistic. "If you look at it from a global perspective, the overall feeling is that there are definitely challenges," said Manpower's CEO Jeff Joerres. But he said employers are more optimistic than in past months about global economic prospects.

Manpower, which surveyed 42 economies, found that employers in 31 countries and territories planned to hire next quarter. Hiring intentions strengthened in 17 economies, including Spain, Greece and the United States, compared to the previous quarter.

Hiring intentions remained unchanged in four economies and weakened in 21, including France, China and India. The United States added 175,000 jobs last month after adding only 149,000 in April, the Labour Department said on Friday. The unemployment rate rose a tenth of a point to 7.6 percent. The United States' net employment outlook ticked forward one point from the previous quarter to a seasonally adjusted plus-12, the report said. The outlook measures the difference between those adding jobs and those cutting jobs. Manpower's index is a directional indicator rather than a predictor of the size of job gains.

For the second consecutive quarter, employers in all 50 states, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico have reported positive hiring plans, Manpower said.

Joerres said US companies still have concerns about what will happen next in areas like Europe or China, about healthcare costs and general uncertainty. "In the past, that would shock the system," he said. "Today, we're used to shocks."

More than one in four employers in the US construction sector have said they will hire in the quarter beginning in July, the strongest outlook since before the global recession. This is a positive sign for the housing market, Joerres said. In Europe, hiring has stalled with growing uncertainties among employers, the report said. But Joerres said the region has had some positive indicators, including in Greece, which has seen its still-negative hiring outlook improve for four consecutive quarters.

***People wait in line to be processed during a summer city employment event in New York on 4 June, 2012.*—REUTERS**

"We're not saying Europe is out of the woods," Joerres said. "It's that Europe is still moving and driving towards an overall solution rather than falling off the cliff, and that's positive for the rest of the world."

Hiring outlooks weakened in most of the Asia Pacific region, most significantly in India, which reported the weakest expectations since joining Manpower's survey eight years ago. While none of the Indian employers surveyed by Manpower said they intended to reduce their workforce this quarter, the hiring expectations dropped 6 points from the previous quarter and 28 points from a year earlier to a plus-18. Joerres said the decline is partly due to the slowdown of India's business process outsourcing industry, which has matured.—*Reuters*

UK house prices rise in May at fastest pace in three years

***A woman walks past houses on a street in London on 13 March, 2012.*—REUTERS**

LONDON, 11 June—British house prices rose at their fastest pace in nearly three years in May, a survey showed on Tuesday, as policies aimed at kick-starting the market attracted new buyers.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said that its seasonally adjusted house price balance for May came in at +5, meaning that slightly more of its members reported price rises rather than price falls in the preceding three months.

That was the strongest reading since June 2010, which also recorded +5, and beat the forecast for +4 in a Reuters poll. In April the balance stood at +1.

The balance has been in largely negative territory for the last three years, as the government's tough austerity measures, muted wage growth and difficult lending conditions have weighed on the housing market, with house prices still almost a fifth below their 2007 peak.

But new buyer enquiries were reaching 2009 levels last month, RICS said, as measures such as the Bank of England's Funding for Lending Scheme and the government's Help to Buy policy, aimed at loosening credit conditions, began to flow through the market.

RICS said its members sold 17.9 homes on average in the three months ending in May. While still low compared with the 2007 peak, it was the highest reading since January 2010.

The RICS survey chimes with house price data from mortgage lender Halifax, as well as wider economic surveys that suggest recovery is gathering pace. "More people decided to get out there and view property, and more transactions went through than in quite some time," said Peter Bolton King, RICS global residential director, adding that the housing market was stabilising across the country, not just in the more affluent south-east.

"There is still a very long way to go until we see a full-scale recovery but green shoots are beginning to sprout."

The Funding for Lending scheme, launched last year, offers banks and building societies cheap finance to encourage them to lend more to households and businesses and has led to more affordable new mortgages.

The government's Help to Buy scheme commits funds to shared equity loans for new-build homes and from 2014 will guarantee mortgages, allowing buyers to purchase without large deposits.—*Reuters*

Diabetes death rate hits all-time high in NYC

NEW YORK, 11 June—The New York City Health Department on Monday released a new report which states that the number of diabetes-related deaths in the City for 2011 was 5,695, an all-time high.

According to the report, these deaths include those for which diabetes is classified as the underlying cause of death as well as those for which diabetes is classified as a contributing cause. Even as the overall death rate in New York City continues to decline, diabetes-related deaths continue to increase.

Since 1990, the proportion of all New York City deaths related to diabetes nearly doubled, from 6.0 percent in 1990 to 10.8 percent in 2011. Overall, one person dies of diabetes-related causes every 90 minutes, adding up to 16 deaths a day in New York City, said the report.

"Diabetes is a condition that too many people live with and die from," said Health Commissioner Thomas Farley. "It is linked to our epidemic of obesity, and like obesity, it can be prevented."

Sugary drinks are associated with obesity and with increased risk of developing diabetes. To address the obesity and diabetes epidemics, the Health Department has launched initiatives such as Green Carts and Shop Healthy to increase access to healthy foods, and proposed an amendment to the Board of Health to reduce the portion sizes of sugary drinks at food service establishments.—*Xinhua*

Electric car maker Miles Electric Vehicles files for bankruptcy

DELAWARE, 11 June—US electric car manufacturer Miles Electric Vehicles filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy early on Tuesday, court documents showed.

The company listed estimated assets in the range of $10 million to $50 million, and estimated liabilities of between $50 million and $100 million.

The case is in re Miles Electric Vehicles, Case No 13-11511, US Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware.

Reuters

Miles ZX40S electric car

WORLD

US holds high-level meetings on Syria, including on arming rebels

People run for cover after what activists said was shelling by forces loyal to Syria's President Bashar al-Assad in Raqqa Province, eastern Syria on 10 June, 2013.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 11 June—The United States could decide as early as this week whether to arm Syrian rebels, US officials said on Monday, as Secretary of State John Kerry put off a Middle East trip to attend meetings on the subject.

The battlefield has tilted against the rebels in the Syrian civil war as Lebanese Hezbollah has entered the fray on the side of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, helping his forces retake the strategic town of Qusair last week.

However, the White House has debated for months whether to give arms to the rebels and a US official stressed that while a decision was possible as early as this week, deliberations on the issue could easily take longer.

US officials are adamant that Washington will not put "boots on the ground," which means deploying troops.

Fredrick Hof, a former senior US official who worked on Syria policy, said the administration might decide to take charge of the distribution of weapons to the rebels, but not necessarily to provide US arms.

Having withdrawn US troops from Iraq and working to wind down the war against the Taleban in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama has sought to avoid deeper involvement in the Syrian civil war. The shift in the military momentum toward Assad has made it less likely that a US and Russian planned peace conference to bring the rebels and the government to the table for talks would yield a negotiated political transition to remove Assad from power.

With Assad's forces, backed by Hezbollah and Iran, gaining the upper hand, he has little incentive to give up power.

Reuters

Japan to extend nonmilitary aid to Syria's rebel-held areas

TOKYO, 11 June —Japan will extend nonmilitary aid to people in rebel-held areas in Syria in cooperation with rebel aid groups and nongovernmental organizations, the government said on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is considering unveiling the plan at a meeting next Monday and Tuesday of leaders from the Group of Eight leading industrialized countries in Northern Ireland, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference.

"We think the aid needs to be extended in coordination and cooperation with aid groups of the opposition, which effectively controls the areas in need, and with NGOs," Suga said, adding that such aid would be limited to a field where goods would not be converted to military purposes.

Syria remains gripped by more than two years of fighting between government and rebel forces, and it has become urgent to extend aid to people in areas in which the Syrian government or international organizations are unable to provide assistance, officials said.

The envisioned aid to rebel-held areas will be limited to the health field, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said in a statement, noting that other kinds of aid would be considered after ascertaining needs on the ground.

Japan has extended about $80 million in humanitarian aid to Syrian refugees and displaced people in cooperation with international organizations and NGOs.—*Kyodo News*

The forum "Leadership in the 21st Ages and processes of reconciliation and cooperation" is held in Banja Luka, Bosnia-Herzegovina, on 10 June, 2013. XINHUA

Seven killed by A/H1N1 virus in Buenos Aires, Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 11 June — At least seven people have died from the influenza A/H1N1 virus in recent weeks in the Argentinean Province of Buenos Aires, and another 40 have been infected, a health official confirmed on Monday.

"There have been seven deaths and 40 cases in the province," Luis Crovetto, director of Primary Attention at the Buenos Aires Province Ministry of Health, told a local television channel, adding that the death toll was "five or six more than the (deaths) reported last year in the same period."

However, "we are not facing an outbreak," as was the case in Argentina in 2009, Crovetto said.

"The deaths occurred in the cities of San Martin, Tornquist, Hurlingham and Mar del Plata," the official said, adding another critically-ill man has been identified with A/H1N1 in the province's western zone, and he has been hospitalized in Quilmes, some 30 kilometres south of Buenos Aires, the Argentinean capital.

"The situation should not generate concern," though people should be aware of the situation, he said. In 2009, Argentina became the country with the second-highest incidence of deaths from the flu-like virus, after the United States.

Xinhua

Iran's Bushehr nuclear plant had generator problem

MOSCOW, 11 June—Iran's Russian-built nuclear power plant has experienced technical problems with its generator and experts are working to resolve the issue, Teheran's envoy to Moscow said on Monday.

Ambassador Mahmoud Reza Sajjadi said there was "absolutely no link" between this problem at the Bushehr plant — which was shut down when UN nuclear inspectors went there in mid-May — and a powerful earthquake that shook the region two months ago.

He spoke a few days after Arab Gulf states sought reassurances from Iran at a UN nuclear agency meeting over the safety of its only nuclear energy plant, which is located in an earthquake-prone area.

The facility on Iran's Gulf coast is a growing worry for nearby countries: if radiation ever does escape it could be blown over the Gulf to Qatar's capital Doha and the main oil exporting ports of the United Arab Emirates.

Earlier this year, reports by the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said Iran had informed inspectors visiting the plant in mid-February and again last month that the plant was shut down but gave no details.

"The one problem in the working of the nuclear power plant at Bushehr occurred with the generator," Sajjadi told a news conference, without saying when it happened. "We are working very closely with Russian specialists to resolve the issue."

Teheran repeatedly has rejected safety concerns about the reactor, which began operations in 2011 after decades of delays. Iran and the Russian company that built Bushehr said it was not affected by the April earthquake.

"There is absolutely no link to the earthquake here. The nuclear power plant is designed to sustain a powerful earthquake," Sajjadi said. Asked whether the plant was online now, he said: "I do not have any current information."

Construction of the 1,000-megawatt plant was begun in 1975 by German company Siemens, and Russian engineers took over in the 1990s.

The West suspects Iran is seeking the capability to develop nuclear weapons behind the facade of an atomic energy programme.

Reuters

Mandela's condition remains 'serious but stable'

JOHANNESBURG, 11 June—Former South African president and anti-apartheid hero Nelson Mandela remained in hospital for a third day on Monday with a lung infection and his condition was "serious but stable", unchanged from the weekend, the government said.

In a two-sentence statement, President Jacob Zuma repeated his call for the country to pray for the ailing 94-year-old, who became the first black leader of Africa's biggest economy after historic all-race elections in 1994.

It is Mandela's fourth hospital stay since December and the use of the word "serious" to describe his condition has intensified concerns about the health of a man revered around the world as a symbol of perseverance and reconciliation.

However, among South Africa's 53 million people there is a growing realization they will one day have to say goodbye to "Madiba", the clan name by which he is affectionately known.

On state radio on Monday morning, the top two news items were a long-running scandal in the national prosecutor's office and a snap of cold weather hitting Johannesburg.

The previous day, the *Sunday Times* newspaper struck a philosophical tone, with the front-page headline "It's time to let him go".

"The family must release him so that God may have his own way. They must release him spiritually and put their faith in the hands of God," it quoted long-time friend and anti-apartheid freedom fighter Andrew Mlangeni as saying. "Once the family releases him, the people of South Africa will follow."

A boy walks past a mural painted outside the house former South African President Nelson Mandela once lived in, in Johannesburg's Alexandra township on 9 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Mandela has a history of lung problems dating back to his time on the wind-swept Robben Island prison camp near Cape Town. Before his 1990 release he spent nearly three decades in prison for conspiring to overthrow the apartheid government.

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

Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

NATIONAL SPORTS

Myanmar U-23 leave for Vietnam

YANGON, 11 June— Myanmar U-23 football team left for Vietnam on 7 June for friendly matches there.

The team is led by Manager U Tin Myint Aung, Chief Coach Park Sung-hwa, Assistant Coach U Zaw Win Tun, Fitness Coach Ha Hae John, Goalkeeping Coach U Myo Chit, Media Officer U Soe Moe Kyaw, Intrepreter U Aung Thura, and Aung Kyaw Oo.

It is formed with Goalkeepers Pyae Phyo Aung and Kyaw Zin Phyo, Defenders Ye Zaw Htet Aung, Zaw Min Tun, Ye Win Aung, Thet Naing, Aung Hein Kyaw, Thein Than Win and Aung Zaw, Midfielders Phyo Ko Ko Thein, Nanda Lin Kyaw Chit, Naing Lin Oo, Kyi Lin, Sithu Aung, Ye Lin Aung and Yan Aung Win, and Forwards Kyaw Zeyar Win, Dwe Ko Ko Chit, Soe Paing Thwe, Chit Min Soe and Soe Kyaw Kyaw.

Myanmar U-23 played a V-League club on 9 June and face Vietnam U-23 on 11 June.

MMAL-Pho Thaw Zin

Myanmar gymnastics athletes participate in Singapore open

YANGON, 11 June— Myanmar gymnastics athletes left here for Singapore on 6 June to participate in Singapore Open Gymnastics Competition 2013 on 6 June.

The team was led by Executive of Myanmar Gymnastics Federation U Khin Maung Win.

They were seen off by officials of Myanmar Gymnastics Federation at Yangon International Airport.

The Singapore Open Gymnastics Competition was held on 6-9 June.

Myanmar gymnastics team seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Singapore.

The team is formed with Coach Mr Deng Hua-Qing and athletes Aung Khant Zaw, Zin Lin Aung and Myo Zaw Oo. They participated in six events.

MMAL-Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

Thailand Week 2013 organized in Yangon

YANGON, 11 June— Ministry of Commerce, Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Thailand's Department of International Trade Promotion jointly organized a trade fair at UMFCCI Office Tower in Lanmadaw Township in Yangon on 8-11 June.

Farm equipment, foods, cosmetics, electronics and consumer goods which were not introduced in Myanmar before were put on display at Thailand Week 2013.

A Myanmar-Thailand business consultation was also organized on 8 June to enable Thai entrepreneurs to find local partners in Myanmar. A total of 20 Thai economic missions visited Myanmar in first five months of 2013 and explored areas of cooperation in Myanmar.

The border trade camps between Myanmar-Thailand border have been opened and have resumed operation, according to an official of Thai embassy.

MMAL-Aung Thura

Thakayta Township school enrollment week ceremony held

YANGON, 11 June—The whole township school enrollment week ceremony was held at Thakayta Township No (1) Basic Education High School in Yangon Region on 31 May.

Donors, entrepreneurs, teachers and the State have worked in cooperation to get poor school-age children back to schools since 2000.

The last week of May is designated as the school enrollment week.

Donors presented stationery, clothing and assistance worth K 2.3 million for needly children.

MMAL-Ye Khaung Nyunt

Dam, lake under repair in NyaungU Township

MANDALAY, 11 June— Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, accompanied by region Hluttaw Representatives and officials, visited the repair site of dams in NyaungU and Kyaukpadaung Townships on 8 June.

At Tagundai dam repair site near Tagundai village in Kyaukpadaung Township, he heard report on dredging works at 653-acre dam by Assistant Director of District Irrigation Department U Maung Maung Lwin.

He called for coordination with departmental staff and local people and swift completion of the dam as the dam would provide both potable and irrigation water to Khabaunggon, Gaegyigon and Tagundai villages. It would irrigate 250 acres of farmland.

At the site of dredging Thedwingon lake in Thedwin village in Wakhingyi village-tract in NyaungU Township, Head of Township Irrigation Department Daw Hlaing Wai Wai Oo reported to the chief minister on dredging works with the use of machinery.

The chief minister said the newly-dredged lake could store 560,000 gallons of drinking water and ease difficulties of water scarcity in 12 villages in the surrounding, calling for cooperated efforts to maintain the lake in good condition.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

Expresses plying between Yangon and Kalay daily

KALAY, 11 June—Forty bus lines in bus terminal in Kalay of Sagaing Region are running expresses to Monywa, Mandalay and Yangon on Kalay-Yargyi-Monywa road.

Some expresses and trucks are banned temporarily on the road in rainy season since 1 June.

Kalay-Yangon expresses of Tatlan, High Class, Tint Taing Aung, Yazar Min and Tun Tauk express bus lines are plying between Yangon and Kalay daily through Kalay-Gangaw road.

Kalay-Mandalay trip is 297 miles long on Kalay-Gangaw road, and 224 miles long on Yargyi-Monywa road. The bus fares for Kalay-Yangon trip increases to K 30,000 for 70 more miles of the new route.—*MMAL-Junai*

Express buses seen at terminal.

Tree planting ceremony marks World Environment Day

MONYWA, 11 June—A collective tree planting ceremony was held in Maha Nanda Lake in Shwebo in Sagaing Region to mark the World Environment Day on 5 June morning.

It was participated by Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Dr Aung Than, Region Hluttaw Representative U Tun Ko Ko, Township Administrator U Thein Zaw and district/township departmental personnel, members of social organizations and towselders. Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives and Township Administrator planted a tree each and encouraged those present at the campaign. Attendance of 750 planted 1500 saplings in total.

MMAL-District IPRD

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PERSPECTIVES

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Make a list in order to deploy your skills

Lists show us the way out of the maze of everyday life. They map the duties, responsibilities, appointments and chores so ready to suffocate us in the mundane. Lists are a strategy, a declaration of intent to overtake rather than be overtaken. List-makers are described as gifted and creative strategists who see the big picture and find meaning in the risky challenge of changing the world.

Lists are indestructible. No matter how hard you try to keep them down, they bounce back up. The list will keep on being there, insisting, like the daddy-long-legs that remain on the bedroom wall after you've half-suffocated yourself beneath the sheet. Even were one to forgo the tyranny of a personal list, lists are an ever-encroaching drag-net. The mere pleasure of moving down the list, eliminating things done, becomes more rewarding than doing even agreeable things.

The true list-maker is well aware that knowing what one wants is a matter of such complexity that people spend lifetimes pondering it. With able stewardship of a list-maker, those under his leadership will be able to look ahead to the future with great optimism and anticipation.

Lists also give us an opportunity to use one of our first skills: writing. Few of us are immune to the childlike satisfaction of seeing black ink impress white paper. Composing a list—headings, sub-headings, underlings—requires a measure of clarity, a sorting out of importance. Making a list on a regular basis will surely put you at a distinct advantage, for it could offer a wonderful way to turn abstracts into specifics.

There will always be petunias that need planting, a letter to be dashed off, stamps to be bought, and a friend to be telephoned. In short, the list-maker is just too busy—but thanks awfully for the invitation.

FM sends message of felicitations to counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June— On the occasion of the 115th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines which falls on 12 June 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Albert F. Del Rosario, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines.— *MNA*

Union FM sends felicitations to Russian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Sergey V Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation, which falls on 12 June, 2013.—*MNA*

ARTICLE

Public Service Media under Democratic Reform

Banya Aung

Public Service Media (PSM) is funded by the public and for the public. The idea for the PSM originated with establishment of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in 1926 and the idea has been practiced widely by most countries in western European countries.

After the Cold War and during the period of the third wave of democratization, a number of developing countries had carried out democratic reforms. During their transition to democracy, they used the Public Service Media as a main way to educate and provide information to their peoples.

Dr Waheed Khan, Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO), provided a definition of the Public Service Media said that the PSM is the best way to promote the participation of the people in democratization process as only the PSM can reflect the needs, anticipations and worries of the people and can encourage the media pluralism environment, social equality and community-based organizations. He also said that the PSM is also a main pillar for sustainable development as it can provide necessary information which helps every citizen to be able to make right decision for their life.

Media Development Indicator of the UNESCO provides a definition of the PSM as follows: "Public Service Media (PSM) is media made, financed and controlled by the public and for the public. It is neither commercial nor state-owned, free from political interference and pressure from commercial forces. Through PSM, citizens are informed, educated and also entertained. When guaranteed with plurism, programming diversity, editorial independence, appropriate funding, accountability and transparency, public service media can serve as a cornerstone of democracy."

Besides, it is found that the Public Service Media also plays an important role in enforcing human rights.

According to the paragraph 19 of the International Human Rights Declaration, everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression and shall have freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, through any media. Therefore, international organizations including UNESCO have promoted the Media Pluralism which encourages not only the freedom of expression but also seeking information easily from any media and expressing their views through diverse media. The Resolution 45/76 of the UN General Assembly-1990 called on governments to develop the medial pluralism in both the public and private sectors with the aim of promoting free flow of information among communities of each nation.

The Public Service Media is for development of the media pluralism. Eric Barendt, Media Law Expert, notes six key features of public service media as follows:

(a) General geographical availability;
(b) Concern for national identity and culture;
(c) Independence from both the State and commercial interests; editorial inde-pendence and independent financial policies;
(d) Impartiality;
(e) Range and variety of programs;
(f) Financing by the public.

According to the above principals, it is clear that the Public Service Media is a part of a democratic reform.

Generally, private media which emerge as the market demands it focus on marketable issues. Myanmar is in need of media which can provide information which should be sent to the people and can reflect voices of the vulnerable groups in border areas and of the ethnic minorities. The PSM must provide that service to fulfill the need of the country.

To distribute information to societies across Myanmar which has over 100 national races with different dialects, culture and beliefs, there is a need for Public Service Media which meet the international standard, and the PSM can also be considered as a part of the country's democratization process. (to be continued)

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Gifts for Fire Services Department

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—A ceremony to hand over five fire engines by the Society for Promotion Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD) from Japan and Myanmar Japan Travel & Tours Co Ltd to Fire Services Department took place at the department, here, this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko.

The Union minister said that 70 per cent of natural disaster are caused by fire in Myanmar, and for the safety of fire the government is fulfilling necessary fire engines. He expressed thanks for donation of five fire engines produced by Japan by the Society for Promotion Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD) from Japan and Myanmar Japan Travel & Tours Co Ltd. The Union minister also disclosed that he takes pride for fulfilling necessities of the State, the ministry and the people.

The donors explained the purpose of donation and handed over the documents related to the fire engines to Director-General U Tin Moe of FSD who spoke words of thanks.

Next, the Union minister, the deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council and officials viewed the fire engines.

MNA

Myanmar golfer team leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 11 June—The young golfers team led by Vice-President U Min Thein of Myanmar Golf Federation left for Thailand to take part in the 11th Mercedes Benz Junior Golf Championship 2013 to be held from 12 to 14 June. They were seen off by officials and relatives at Yangon International Airport, yesterday.

The young golfers team consists of U Myo Tun (Joint-General Secretary) as team manager and 14 participants—eight men and six women.

Myanmar golfers annually participate in this competition and Yin May Myo got first prize, May Oo Khaing second and Zin Min Thu third in the las t year's competition.—*NLM*

NATIONAL

Union Chief Justice meets British guests

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo received a delegation led by Mr Roy Fleming OBE, Rule of Law Senior Adviser to Stabilisation Unit of the British Government, at the Supreme Court of the Union, here, this morning.

They discussed the responsibilities of law enforcement organizations for assuring the rule of law, functions and processes of the Supreme Court of the Union and every level of courts in accord with the fundamental principles prescribed in the Constitution and the Union judicial law, and the judicial process in the conflict-affected regions.

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Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win meets JMFA Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win met a delegation led by former Senior Speaker of the Japanese House of Councilors and Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr. Hideo Watanabe at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, this evening.

They held a cordial discussion on further strengthening relations between Myanmar and Japanese Armed Forces.

MNA

AGM of SEA Regional Natural Disaster Risk Management Committee being held

YANGON, 11 June—The 17th Annual General Meeting of South-East Asia Regional Natural Disaster Risk Management Committee which is formed with National Red Cross Societies from 11 SEA countries was held at Summit Park View Hotel on Ahlon Road today. At the meeting, Chairman of SEA Regional Natural Disaster Risk Management Committee Lt-Gen Dr Amnat Barlee made an opening speech.

The committee meeting is annually held based on 12 basic principles and directives adopted by the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies for global disaster risk reduction. The meeting also aims to share experience gained from the works carried out by National Red Cross Societies from SEA countries and their achievements and to discuss ongoing tasks.

MRCS has been undertaking disaster risk reduction and disaster risk response tasks. Moreover, the committee has been sharing knowledge on disaster risk and carrying out rehabilitation tasks in cooperation with the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Public benefit works are being carried out by the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in cooperation with UN agencies, Norwegian, Singaporean and Hong Kong Red Cross societies. The meeting continues up to 13 June at Summit Park View Hotel.—*Moe Thuzar Soe*

Union Minister meets Reuters SEA Chief

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint received Reuters Southeast Asian Bureau Chief Jason Szep at his office, here, this morning.

The Union minister replied to questions on religious affairs raised by the Reuters' Southeast Asian Bureau Chief.—*MNA*

Myanmar to compete in Asian Junior Wrestling Championship

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—A sport delegation led by secretary U Aung Kyaw Hsan of Myanmar Wrestling Federation left here for Thailand this evening to compete in 2013 Asian Junior Wrestling Championship to be held in Phuket of Thailand on 13-16 June.

The delegation members are head of Sports and Physical Education Department Daw Nant Aye Mi San, coach Mr Mustafa and three wrestlers.

MNA

Myanmar navy ship completes Bangladesh goodwill visit

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—A Myanmar navy ship Maha Thiha Thura arrived back from Bangladesh yesterday. The navy ship started her journey from Danyawady Naval Base in Kyaukpyu Township on 6 June to pay a goodwill visit to Chittagong under the friendship programme of the two countries.

During the tour, officers and sailors visited Chittagong Naval Base, Bangladesh Naval Academy and navy training schools and held friendship sport meets there. The commodore of Chittagong Naval Base and senior officers, officers and cadets from Bangladeshi Navy Academy, officers of Bangladeshi Army and students from private school and college also observed Myanmar navy ship.—*MNA*

Myanmar navy ship Maha Thiha Thura arrives back from Bangladesh after paying a goodwill visit.—MNA

New book shop and advertising department opens in Kyauktada Township

Book shop and advertising department of News and Periodical Enterprises (NPE) under Ministry of Information packed with bookworms.—MNA

YANGON, 11 June—The News and Periodical Enterprises (NPE) under the Ministry of Information opened a new book shop and advertising department at No.173/175 (at the ground floor No.6) on Pansodan (middle block) Street, in Kyauktada Township, here this morning. It intends to have easy access for advertisements in three daily newspapers—the Kyemon, the Myanma Alinn and the New Light of Myanmar and to offer full services in accord with the market-oriented economy system.

The NPE moved the old book shop at No.212 on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township to the new place. Myanmar encyclopedia, books on law, history, politics, religion and economics, vocational, story and dictionaries are available at the shop.

It is also known that the NPE will provide a new form of service for advertisements.

Customers will also contact advertising departments: Kyemon at the corner of Maha Bandoola Street and 52nd Street in Pazundaung Township, Yangon; Myanmar Alinn on 1st Natmauk road, No.2 Bogyoke Ward in Bahan Township; the New Light of Myanmar at No.22/23, Strand Road ; and Myanma Alinn Printing House in Shwegondine, Bahan Township.

The new book shop and advertising department will be opened daily from 9 am to 5 pm. Please dial 248102 for books, 248101 for advertisements and visit themirror52@gmail.com, mmalygn544@gmail.com and nlm.ygn@gmail.com.

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LOCAL NEWS

HEALTH CARE ACTIVITY

Expectant mothers provided with eggs in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 11 June—A ceremony to share knowledge for expectant mothers at the township delivery room and present eggs to them by Aungmyethazan Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Mi Mi Khin and executives, the chairpersons of Ward MCWAs, the head of Township Health Department, midwives and officials. Chairperson of Township MCWA Daw Mi Mi Khin made a speech and officials of the Health Department shared health knowledge to expectant mothers.

The township MCWA chairperson presented eggs to 85 expectant mothers.

Then, they viewed 8-day-old twins born of U Kyaw Min and Daw Thin Thin Aye who is staff from Mandalay Home for the Aged and presented clothes, nutritious food and K 20,000 cash assistance to the children.

Kyemon-Tun Hla Aung

Kani gets free medical care

KANI, 11 June— A mobile medical team led by Dr Swe Zin Oo and Dr Thiri Joseph from the township Health Department gave free treatment to 82 rural people in Kani in Monywa District, Sagaing Region on 7 June.

They gave educative talks on medical care and performed medical check-up for those present at the talks.

Myaing, Chaungma and Medin Village-tracts of Kani Township have been on schedule to enjoy free medical care in late June.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

Monthly free vaccination campaign in Zabuthiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June— Monthly free vaccination campaign has been conducting in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area for infants and children under five, every second Sunday of the month.

Yesterday, two nurses from Zabuthiri Township Hospital (1000-bed) vaccinated around 100 children as the Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson of Finance and Revenue Ministry and members fed them nourishing snacks, followed by educative talks on mother and child health care services.

The vaccination campaign aims to prevent the children from contracting TB, Hepatitis (B), lung infection, polio, measles and other frequent diseases.

Kyemon-Kyaw Thura (Nay Pyi Taw)

SEA Games billboard erected in Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 11 June—A 60 feet by 20 feet billboard bearing logoes and mascots of the SEA Games was erected in front of Basic Education High School No 1 beside Yangon-Mandalay Highway and in front of Yanaungmyin Pagoda on Yanaungmyin Pagoda Road in Yamethin of Mandalay Region yesterday.

Kyemon-Tin Oo (Yamethin)

Upgraded BEMS opened in Dabayin

DABAYIN, 11 June—A ceremony to open upgraded Basic Education Middle School (Branch) took place at the school in Pinse Village in Dabayin Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region on 7 June.

It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Repre-sentative U Than Tun, Region Hluttaw Repre-sentative U Thein Tun Oo, Township Administrator U Nyein Chan Aung and township level departmental officials, members of social organization, townselders, the school board of trustees, Headmaster U Kyaw Kyaw Oo and teachers, students and local people.

At the ceremony, the region Hluttaw representative, township administrator and township education officer formally opened the school and the Pyithu Hluttaw repre-sentative unveiled the signboard of the school.

Next, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative delivered an address and the township administrator gave explanation on education sector and the headmaster the historical background of the school.

Afterwards, on behalf of local people, School Board of Trustees Member U Mya Thein spoke words of thanks.

Kyemon-Dabayin Township IPRD

Daewoo E&P contributes to Road Upgrading Work in Kyaukpyu

KYAUKPYU, 11 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.—*NLM*

On behalf of the Director of Resettlements of Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Chairman of Thanmyanthu Bus Line Lt-Col Myint Swe (Rtd) presents cash assistance to children of staff of the bus line. Officials gave K 3,590,000 to students.—KYEMON-U THAN TUN (HLINETHAYA)

One dies in industrial accident

YANGON, 11 June— There was an incident that killed an employee with serious injuries at Diamond Dragon Polyethylene plant on U Tun Nyo Road in Industrial Zone (1) in Hlinethaya Township on 3 June.

Worker Naing Soe aged 28, son of U Tha Tun Aung from Ward-9 in Hlinethaya Township died from serious injuries while engaging in clearing strings of the polyethylene machine at the plant at about 4:50 pm on 3 June.

His body was taken into Hlinethaya Hospital.

Hlinethaya Police Station opened the case and began to investigate the incident.

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Japan eyes earlier start of melted fuel removal at Fukushima plant

TOKYO, 11 June—The government and Tokyo Electric Power Co said on Monday they may be able to start removing the melted fuel inside the crippled nuclear reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi complex within the first half of fiscal 2020 by improving work efficiency, around 18 months earlier than initially planned. The schedule was included in a draft version of a revised road map toward decommissioning the Nos. 1 to 4 reactors at the plant, but prospects are unclear because technology must be developed to perform the work.

The fuel inside the Nos. 1 to 3 units is believed to have melted through the reactor pressure vessels and been accumulating in the outer primary containers, making the task of defueling more challenging than in the case of the 1979 Three Mile Island accident in the United States.

Apparently taking into consideration the uncertainties ahead, the government and plant operator TEPCO maintained the overall timeline for completing the decommissioning process within 30 to 40 years from the point the plant achieved a stable state of cold shutdown in December 2011. "How much time we need to take out the fuel debris hinges on the situation of the fuel. Our basic policy is to accelerate such work as much as possible, but we are not moving up the goal of spending 30-40 years," an Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry official said. The revised road map is expected to be compiled later this month after listening to the opinions of local governments and experts, he added.

According to the draft road map, workers may be able to start removing the melted fuel from the Nos. 1 and 2 reactors within the first half of fiscal 2020 at the earliest by installing new structures for fuel removal and restoring existing fuel handling equipment.

Kyodo News

Photo taken on 9 June, 2013, shows Koiyamagata Station of local railway operator Chizu Express Co in the town of Chizu, Tottori Prefecture. The remote station, used only by two passengers a day on average, was renovated in bright shades of pink as a "love station," as the name contains "koi," meaning love in Japanese.— KYODO NEWS

BOJ starts meeting, longer-term loans eyed to curb bond volatility

TOKYO, 11 June—The Bank of Japan started a two-day policy meeting on Monday, with discussions likely to focus on ways to ease volatility in the government bond market including providing longer-term loans to financial institutions.

The nine-member Policy Board is expected to consider extending the term of its low-interest-rate fund provision operation from up to one year to two years or longer to increase liquidity in the market to contain an unwanted spike in interest rates that could impede an economic recovery.

As for its aggressive monetary easing policy introduced in April, the central bank is likely to keep intact measures centering on doubling the monetary base and boosting the purchase of government bonds.

The BOJ may upgrade its current economic assessment if it confirmed a pickup in corporate production activities, observers say.

Earlier Monday, the government revised upward the January-March gross domestic product data to an annualized growth of 4.1 percent, up from the initially reported 3.5 percent in inflation-adjusted terms, on the back of an upward revision to business investment.

Under the current fund provision programme, the BOJ extends maximum one-year loans to financial institutions such as banks at a fixed annual interest rate of 0.1 percent, taking government bonds and other securities as collateral.

At the previous policy meeting on 22 May, Governor Haruhiko Kuroda said the BOJ would carry out bond buying operations flexibly to ease volatility in the market. But the yield on the bellwether 10-year Japanese government bond briefly spiked to 1 percent the next day, its highest level since April last year.

Using the fund provision programme, however, the BOJ managed to lower interest rates to a certain extent by offering financial institutions on 23 May funds for one year instead of the usual term of one month.—*Kyodo News*

Gov't to exempt Thai, Malaysian tourists from visa requirement

TOKYO, 11 June—The government plans to exempt short-term tourists from Thailand and Malaysia from having to obtain a visa and incorporate the measure into an envisaged action programme to help spur the nation's tourism industry, sources familiar with the matter said on Monday.

The exemption is in line with the government's goal of more than tripling the overall annual number of Japan-bound travellers to over 30 million by 2030, the sources said. The action programme will be adopted on Tuesday by ministers in charge.—*Kyodo News*

Storm death toll in Sri Lanka reaches 40

COLOMBO, 11 June — The death toll from the storm in Sri Lanka has risen to 40 with some fishermen still missing, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said on Monday. DMC spokesman Sarath Lal Kumara told *Xinhua* that the bodies of the 40 fishermen have been recovered and search and rescue operations are underway to locate those missing. Over 100 houses have also been reported as being fully damaged by the storm, the DMC said.

The Sri Lankan air force said on Sunday that it had deployed its Beech King Air (B-200T Beechcraft) surveillance aircraft to search the coastal areas as part of a continuous joint search and rescue operation being conducted together with the navy to locate the missing fishermen.

The navy said it has also increased its search and rescue deployments and has sent one more ship along with five additional fast attack crafts for the relief operation. Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa had over the weekend sought an explanation from Sri Lanka's Disaster Management Minister Mahinda Amaraweera on how the public was informed about the impending storm on Friday night.

Xinhua

***A fishing boat passes by a trapped vehicle on a flooded road in Liuzhou City, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 10 June, 2013. Lingering heavy rainfalls in recent days has caused the Liujiang River's water level to rise to 82.7 metres in urban Liuzhou by 11 am Beijing Time (0300 GMT) on Monday, 0.2 metres higher than the warning level.* XINHUA**

Cambodian, Thailand start first talk on border area development

PHNOM PENH, 11 June— The 1st Meeting of the Joint Committee on Border Area Development and Connectivity between Cambodia and Thailand was held here on Tuesday to seek cooperation for development along the border, officials said.

The meeting, co-chaired by Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Hor Namhong and his Thai counterpart Surapong Tovichakchaikul, was attended by both sides' ministers of agriculture, defence, transport, commerce, and health as well as governors of provinces along the border of the two countries, Koy Kuong, the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told reporters before the meeting.

Hor Namhong said at the opening ceremony that the meeting was very important for the two countries to work together to develop in all fields along the border. "We will discuss the development of infrastructure connectivity, the establishment of special economic zones and trade exchange base, and tourism," he said.

"Through the meeting, I believe that the ties between Cambodia and Thailand will be further enhanced and our border will be turned into a border of friendship, cooperation and development in the future."

For his part, Surapong Tovichakchaikul said the meeting was held under the initiative by Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen to boost bilateral relations and cooperation.

"With our concerted endeavour, I believe that we will be able to turn our border as a border of peace, friendship and prosperity, " he said.

Xinhua

Passengers take a taxi at the Beijing Railway Station in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 June 2013. The 3-kilometre base fare for a taxi in Beijing rose by 30 percent from 10 yuan (1.6 US dollars) to 13 yuan as of Monday. According to the new plan, a cab fare will be charged at 2.3 yuan per kilometre after the first 3 kilometres.— XINHUA

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A model with a dressed up pet dog is seen on stage during the 2013 Woofstock event in Toronto, Canada, on 9 June, 2013. Launched in 2003, the Woofstock has become the largest outdoor festival for dogs in North America. This year's festival was held from 8 to 9 June. XINHUA

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A tourist looks at the artificial miniature landscape of the inauguration of new Dutch King Willem Alexander in the world famous tourist miniature park Madurodam in Hague, the Netherlands on 10 June, 2013. —XINHUA

International travel to US forecast to grow through 2018

WASHINGTON, 11 June — International travel to the United States was expected to grow by 4 percent annually through 2018 after posting a record number of international visitors last year, US Commerce Department said on Monday.

International travel and tourism spending reached a record high of 168.1 billion US dollars last year, up 10 percent from 2011. The increase was due to a surge in international visitors to the United States, as the US had 67 million international visitors last year, a record high and an increase of 4.3 million from the prior year, the department said in a report.

Canada was ranked the first for contributing 22.7 million visitors to the United States in 2012, up 6 percent from a year earlier, followed by Mexico, which served as the source of 14.5 million tourists to the States, up 8 percent from the previous year, noted the report.

The fastest growing source of foreign visitors in the coming years will be China, with a forecasted 21.9 percent annual growth over the next six years. About 1.47 million Chinese travellers visited the United States last year, according to the report.

Xinhua

Dubai marks inauguration of world's highest twisted tower

DUBAI, 11 June— Saudi developer Cayan inaugurated late Monday the opening of the 73-storey, 310-metre-high Cayan Tower in Dubai's prestigious Marina District.

Inspired by the structure of human DNA, each floor of the one- billion-Dirham (272-million-US-dollar) tower is rotated by 1.2 degrees to achieve the full 90-degree spiral, creating the shape of a helix.

Dignitaries from diplomatic corps and Corporate Dubai joined the celebrations which culminated in a gigantic fireworks covering the Dubai's new tower and the Marina night-skyline.

Xinhua

Israel, Colombia sign free trade agreement

JERUSALEM, 11 June— Israel signed a free trade deal with Colombia on Monday, seeking to boost economic ties and expand its ventures in South America.

The accord, which capped 18 months of intensive negotiations, was signed by trade officials in Jerusalem during a state visit by Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos. Trade between the countries is valued at one billion US dollars per year, with some 100 Israeli companies currently active in Colombia in the fields of telecom, water, agriculture and green energy.

Another agreement signed on Monday at the end of a meeting between Santos and his Israeli counterpart Shimon Peres ratifies an extensive government project aimed at assisting Bogota in adopting innovation via Israeli hi-tech experts and entrepreneurs who will be dispatched to the country, as well as an aviation agreement that paves the way for direct flights between the two countries. Peres praised Santos for "finding the way" to unite his country amidst an ongoing battle against terror and crime. "Your visit will provide a renewed push to bilateral cooperation on security, science, technology and agriculture," Peres said, according to a statement.—*Xinhua*

China's first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, has left its homeport of Qingdao in east China's Shandong Province to conduct scientific experiments and sea training, naval authorities said on Tuesday. —XINHUA

Paris Jackson to stay in care home?

Paris Jackson

Los Angeles, 11 June—Following her attempted suicide on 5 June, late pop legend Michael Jackson's daughter Paris Jackson has reportedly been asked to shift from a psychiatric unit to a children's ward at the UCLA Medical Centre here.

Judge Mitchell Beckloff is said to have ordered officials to look into Paris's health, education and welfare.

Child Protection Services (CPS) will look at every aspect of her life. They will decide if she should go into a care home or be placed in the custody of her mother Debbie Rowe, 54.

"For the family, Paris leaving them would be the worst possible scenario," dailystar.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

"There is grave concern about Paris's guardianship moving forward. The CPS officers are looking into what happened and whether the child is being given enough support and guidance in her domestic situation," the source said.

"If not, she could be put in a care home. Everyone is terrified that Paris may be put in care.

And she is going through hell emotionally. She didn't want to take her life. It was a cry for help. She was telling the paramedics she wanted to live," the source added.

A spokesman from the CPS said: "A visit would be normal procedure following a minor's suicide attempt."

PTI

Jennifer Lopez: Women have taken over the music industry

Singer Jennifer Lopez.

Los Angeles, 11 June—Singer Jennifer Lopez says women have taken over the music world and are ruling the industry.

The 43-year-old has been part of the music world since over a decade and belted out hits such as If you had my love, Jenny from the block, Get right and On the floor.

"Women have taken over the music industry — when you think of all the female artists who are out," *Stylist* magazine quoted Lopez as saying.

"Even going back 20 years, back to Cher, Gloria Estefan and that whole time with Mariah Carey and Celine Dion and then the next wave which was me and then Britney [Spears] and Beyoncé to what's continued to now to Rihanna and Lady Gaga," she added.

PTI

Brad Pitt surprises fans with unannounced visits across US theatres

Brad Pitt

Los Angeles, 11 June—Hollywood actor Brad Pitt is surprising his fans by showing up unannounced at the screenings of his recent flick World War Z across movies theatres in the US.

The 49-year-old actor has been on a worldwide promotional tour for his action-apocalyptic film, but is making sure his domestic audience gets the most out of their movie ticket, reports contactmusic.com.

"I've been on the road...it's been amazing, but damn, it's good to be home," said the actor during a surprise visit to a theatre in the US.

"Thanks for coming out. World War Z is big, it's bold, it's bada**. You've never seen anything like it. It's the most intense thing you'll see all summer.

If not, we'll give you your money back. Let's get this party started," Pitt added.

The actor made similar surprise appearances at theatres in Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Georgia, and also showed up at a theatre in Austin, Texas.

Last week it was also reported that Pitt gave a tip of more than $700 to a waitress.

PTI

Cheryl Cole wants friends to pamper her on 30th birthday

Cheryl Cole

Los Angeles, 11 June —Singer Cheryl Cole wants her friends to go "all out" to make her upcoming birthday really special.

The singer turns 30 on 30 June and is thankful about whatever she has received so far in life.

"I feel too fortunate to wish for anything, honestly. I just hope my friends get me a few nice presents," *Sunday Mirror's Notebook* magazine quoted Cheryl as saying.

"I never ask for Christmas or birthday gifts, but I'm turning 30 and this time they can go all-out," she added.

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SPORTS

Tiger Woods of the US bounces a ball on his putter as he leaves the 16th green during a practice round for the 2013 US Open golf championship at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pennsylvania on 10 June, 2013.
REUTERS

Woods a heavy favourite for Merion US Open

PENNSYLVANIA, 11 June —Merion Golf Club has been linked with some of the most iconic moments in championship golf and Tiger Woods will aim to add a chapter of his own when he competes there in this week's US Open as the overwhelming favourite.

A host of other in-form players can lay claim to being genuine contenders for the year's second major, which begins on Thursday, but Woods is widely viewed as the likeliest winner based on his outstanding record and the often dominant form he has shown this season.

Though Woods did not fare well in his most recent start, languishing joint 65th in a field of 73 at the Memorial Tournament eight days ago, he has triumphed four times on the 2013 PGA Tour and is clearly the player to beat at Merion.

With much of his golf this year, the American world number one has revived memories of his glory days in the late 1990s and early 2000s, and he will be eager to end a major title drought dating back to his playoff victory at the 2008 US Open. "I feel comfortable with the motion I'm making," three-times US Open champion Woods said of the progress he has made in consultation with coach Sean Foley following the fourth swing change of his career. "All the stretches where I've played well for a few years, a few tournaments ... I just felt good about what I was able to do ... being able to fix it (the swing) on the fly."

"That took a little bit of time, and I finally have turned the corner. What you're seeing this year is that I've gotten more precise and I've been able to work on other parts of my game and made them strengths."——*Reuters*

Mourinho says Current Chelsea players must get chance

LONDON, 11 June— Jose Mourinho's first task on his return as Chelsea manager is to get to know the players he has inherited and give them all a fair chance to succeed under him, the Portuguese said on Monday.

Since his Stamford Bridge comeback was rubber-stamped last week, there has been a barrage of media speculation on the future of John Terry, Fernando Torres, David Luiz and Juan Mata among others. "I have to start working with the players, even those I've already worked with," Mourinho told reporters after going back to the London club he first managed from 2004 to 2007. "Time changes people, changes players, changes qualities."

Even that group of five or six boys from my time here before, I need to meet them again. The others? I think I know them because I watch them on TV 20 times every season, minimum, but I don't know them.

"That's the first part of this job. It's not to arrive and say, 'Mr Abramovich and members of the board, I need some more money with a lot of zeros, I need to change half the team, move this one and buy that one'," added Mourinho.

"No, I need to work with the players and not commit injustice. I need to give them a chance, be fair with them. After that we'll have time to make decisions." Captain Terry was relegated to fourth-choice centre half last season and while Mourinho offered no guarantees of regular starts, he did say the 32-year-old would remain club skipper.

"John is the club captain," he said. "I am more than happy with that, so are the fans, so I think he has to be the club captain."

Mourinho refused to criticise his predecessor, Chelsea's former interim manager Rafa Benitez, over his handling of Terry or other decisions.—*Reuters*

Newly reappointed Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho poses for photographers during a news conference at Stamford Bridge stadium in London on 10 June, 2013.
REUTERS

Real Madrid buy Brazilian youngster Casemiro

Brazil's Alexandre Pato (R) celebrates with teammate Casemiro after he scored against the US during an international friendly soccer match in Landover, Maryland, on 30 May, 2012.—REUTERS

MADRID, 11 June—Brazilian midfielder Casemiro has signed a four-year contract with Real Madrid with the Spanish club saying on Monday it had exercised an option to buy the youngster who had been on loan from Sao Paulo.

The 21-year-old played on loan for Real's B team Castilla in the second division for the second half of last season but also debuted with the senior squad under Jose Mourinho.

Local media reported the deal was worth 6 million euros.

Real also said on their website (www.realmadrid.com) that their France striker Karim Bezema had undergone minor surgery to remove a cyst from his right knee on Monday.

Benzema underwent the procedure at the Centre Orthopedique Santy in Lyon, France, and was attended by Real's medical services, the club said.

Local media reported the 25-year-old was expected to be fit for the start of pre-season training at Real on 15 July.

Reuters

Nadal first to qualify for ATP Tour Finals

LONDON, 11 June— Rafa Nadal has booked his place at the World Tour finals after winning a record eighth French Open title, the ATP said on Monday.

Nadal has staged a spectacular comeback after being sidelined for seven months with a knee injury from June last year.

Since returning in February, he has reached the final in all of the nine events he has played, winning seven titles including Indian Wells and the Madrid and Rome Masters Series.

The 27-year-old is fifth in the world rankings, but is first in the Race standings that are based on the calendar year's results.

He has already guaranteed a top-eight finish and a place at the end-of-season showpiece event in London.

"Nadal has now qualified for the ATP World Tour Finals nine straight years," the ATP said in a statement.

The Spaniard, who has 12 grand slam titles to his name, has never won the Tour Finals, with his best performance being a final defeat to Roger Federer in 2010.

Nadal missed last year's event in London due to the knee injury that also forced him out of the London Olympics, the US Open and this year's Australian Open. He thrashed fellow Spaniard David Ferrer on Sunday to become the first player to win the same grand slam eight times.

The World Tour finals will take place in London from 4 to 11 November.

Reuters

Rafa Nadal

Canada's Hesjedal injured in crash at Tour de Suisse

Canada's Ryder Hesjedal

BERNE, 11 June—Former Giro d'Italia champion Ryder Hesjedal of Canada suffered several injuries in a crash during the third stage of the Tour of Switzerland on Monday and has withdrawn from the race, his Garmin-Sharp team said.

The 32-year-old, who had been planning to use the nine-day Swiss Tour to prepare for the Tour de France which starts on 29 June, took a "heavy blow to the neck and head" after crashing 150 km into the 205 km stage from Montreux to Meringen.

"Hesjedal suffered multiple, severe contusions and abrasions to the right wrist, hip and knee and left shoulder, elbow and knee," said the team statement after the rider was taken to hospital where he is under observation.

The statement added that preliminary CT scans had not shown any fractures or "neurological pathologies".

Hesjedal, who was in second place overall after the second stage of the race, also had to withdraw from the defence of his Giro title last month suffering with a respiratory infection.

"Hesjedal's health is the team's priority — depending on how his recovery progresses, team medical staff as of now hope he may be able to train in a few days' time, although this will depend on his recovery," the team statement said.

Reuters

GENERAL

Sunderland name Italian De Fanti as director of football

Sunderland boss Paolo Di Canio

London, 11 June—Sunderland have appointed Italian Roberto De Fanti to a new director of football role in a restructuring of their player recruitment operation, the Premier League club said on Monday.

The changes under manager Paolo Di Canio, who joined the struggling north-east team at the end of March and steered them to top-flight safety, include another fellow Italian, Valentino Angeloni, joining from Inter Milan as chief scout.

De Fanti, an agent who helped with Di Canio's appointment, worked with Angeloni to recruit players at Udinese and Inter.

Angeloni, who signed Barcelona's Alexis Sanchez as a 17-year-old at Udinese, worked as a scout at Torino after making over 350 appearances as a player having started at Sampdoria.

Sunderland have already started rebuilding their squad for next season with Lazio's French centre back Modibo Diakite, Basel midfielder Cabral and Maritimo defender Valentin Roberge all poised to join the club in July on free transfers.

Diakite started out at Pescara before joining Lazio seven years ago but lost his place through injury. He will be joined at Sunderland by fellow 26-year-old Frenchman Roberge.

The 24-year-old Cabral, full name Adilson Tavares Varela, is a former Switzerland under-21 international who has since made himself available to play for Cape Verde where he was born.

"Roberto and Valentino bring with them a wealth of experience, knowledge and football contacts from across Europe and indeed the world and we are delighted to welcome them to Sunderland," the club's chief executive Margaret Byrne said in a statement on Sunderland's website (www.safc.com).

"The recruitment of players is of course key for any football club and Roberto and Valentino will work closely with the head coach (Di Canio) and the board to identify targets as we look to strengthen our squad for next season and beyond."

Reuters

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British trade minister visits Cambodia to observe trade, investment atmosphere

Phnom Penh, 11 June—Britain's minister for trade and investment Lord Green visited Cambodia on Monday to look into trade and investment environment and to encourage British companies to do businesses in the country.

Speaking at a meeting with Cambodian deputy prime minister and cabinet minister Sok An, Lord Green said his visit was to inspect investment environment and to encourage British companies to increase their investment in the country in order to further promote ties between Britain and Cambodia.

Meanwhile, he asked Sok An about Cambodia's economic situation, legal and judicial reforms as well as corruption fight.

Sok An said Cambodia had full political stability and the economy sustainably grew, around 7 percent per year. For 2013, the economic growth was expected to exceed 7 percent.

He said the inflation rate was stable, around 3 percent per annum and Cambodian riel currency against greenback was also stable, around 4,000 riel against a US dollar.

In regard to reforms, Sok An said they were underway with successful outcomes.

Earlier in the day, Lord Green visited several British companies such as Prudential insurance, Quantum Clothing, the largest UK garment manufacturer in Cambodia, and Vattanac Capital high-rise building where eight British companies have contributed to design and construction.

He also met with about 20 British business executives in Cambodia. In the meeting, Lord Green encouraged those British companies to continue expanding business activities in Cambodia in order to help strengthen Britain-Cambodia trade and investment relations and cooperation. According to the statistics of the British Embassy to Cambodia, trade between Britain and Cambodia reached 750 million US dollars in 2012, up 27 percent year-on-year. On the investment side, Britain is the fourth largest investor in Cambodia. According to the report of the Council for the Development of Cambodia, since 1994 to 2012, Cambodia had received Britain's promised investment of 2.4 billion US dollars.—*Xinhua*

Protagonists in Mali's crisis to sign Ouagadougou agreement

Ouagadougou, 11 June—The talks between the delegation of the Malian government and the representatives of the different armed groups operating in the north of the West African country could end with the signing of an important agreement.

The different groups taking part in the talks in Ouagadougou, capital of Mali's southern neighbour Burkina Faso, include the National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad (MNLA), the Supreme Council for Azawad Unity (HCA), the self-defence movements as well as the Azawad Arab Movement (MAA).

The talks between the different groups began on Sunday behind closed doors, with a work plan proposed by Burkina Faso President Blaise Compaore, the mediator in the Malian crisis.

The work plan calls for the cessation of hostilities to create conditions for holding free and fair elections and the return of refugees.

It also urged the redeployment of the general administration as well as the return of social services and the security forces to northern Mali, especially in Kidal, the MNLA stronghold, in accordance with the modalities that will be negotiated.

The work plan also stipulates the follow-up and evaluation mechanisms which will mainly be undertaken by the regional countries as well as Mali's financial and technical partners.

The mediator in the Malian crisis said the work plan envisages the holding of peace dialogue after the presidential elections, to ensure restoration of lasting peace and inclusive development in northern Mali.—*Xinhua*

Shallow quake strikes off West Sumatra, Indonesia

Jakarta, 11 June—A shallow undersea quake of 5.3 magnitude hit West Sumatra of Indonesia on Tuesday morning, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said. The quake struck at 09 : 30 am Jakarta Time (0230 GMT) with epicentre at 62 km southwest Pesisir Selatan West Sumatra and with the depth at 10 km under sea bed, an official of the agency told *Xinhua* by phone.

"The quake was felt hard for 2 to 3 second by the people at the Pesisir Selatan and rushed to leave their houses," Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, the spokesman of the national disaster management and mitigation agency, told *Xinhua* by phone. But there was no initial report of damage, he said. Indonesia lies on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called "the Paicific Ring of Fire".—*Xinhua*

Two auto rickshaws are seen beside a street in New Delhi, capital of India, on 9 June, 2013. For most people in New Delhi, haggling with auto rickshaws drivers is part of the daily commute. The insufficient number of public buses and the distant dream for most people to get to the metro made the CNG-powered auto rickshaws a crucial component of the city's transportation system.—Xinhua

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Three sacred Buddha tooth relic replicas to be displayed for public obeisance in Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon

Buddha tooth-relic replicas donated by China being kept for public obeisance at Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June —One of the three Buddha tooth-relic replicas donated by China is being displayed for public obeisance at Moekhin Dhammayon in the compound of the Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay.

As from 29 June, the tooth-relic replica will be housed at No-1 Museum (Crown Prince Museum) in the compound for public obeisance.

The remaining two tooth-relic replicas and two golden stupas were conveyed to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday and one is housed at the Uppatasanti Pagoda.

Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt and wife, Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads, members of religious organizations and local people paid obeisance to the holy Buddha tooth relic.

Another tooth-relic replica and a golden stupa is on the way to Yangon and will be stopped over in Bago for public obeisance today.

It will be conveyed to Yangon tomorrow to be kept in the golden stupa at the Shwedagon Pagoda for public obeisance.—*MNA*

Myanmar, Royal Thai Navy to cooperate

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Thura Thet Swe with Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom inspect the Guard of Honour.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—A Thai delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom was welcomed by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Thura Thet Swe in front of Zeyathiri Beikman this morning.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Thura Thet Swe and the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy took the salute of the Guard of Honour and inspected it.

The two then introduced their entourage.

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Thura Thet Swe met Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom, Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy, at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this afternoon.

The two sides held a cordial discussion on naval cooperation between the two countries. After the meeting, they exchanged gifts.—*MNA*

UEC receives party establishment application

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—Those wishing to set up political parties have been submitting their applications to Union Election Commission which received the application of 16 persons including U Aung Tin to set up Kayah Tribe Democracy Party.

The Union Election Commission allowed to set up the political party as their application was in conformity with law and bylaw today.

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Special group to probe into the case of Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia

YANGON, 11 June—A special delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw and Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security Daw Win Maw Tun left for Malaysia this evening.

The mission of the delegation is to make discussion with respective ministries concerned and to make an investigation into the recently-occurred incidents on Myanmar migrant workers on the ground.—*MNA*

MAI offers KL-Yangon flight 50% discount

NAY PYI TAW, 11 June—The Myanmar Airway International has offered 50% discount for Kuala Lumpur to Yangon flight tickets from 12 June to 12 July.

MAI run Kuala Lumpur-Yangon flight three days a week; on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, leaving KL at 12.50 pm and arriving Yangon at 1.50 pm.

Daw Aye Mya Tha, Marketing and Public Relations Manager of MAI says, "MAI will sell tickets to Myanmar citizens in Malaysia at 50% special discount from 12 June to 12 July. It costs just USD70 for a ticket and they can take the flight back Yangon at very reasonable price. The normal price for the flight between KL and Yangon costs over USD200. We arrange the special offer for the convenience of Myanmar citizens who want to go back home."

U Aung Ko Win, Chairman of Kanbawza Bank says, "I have already donated USD5000, and will arrange a chartered flight if necessary." "Free for the tickets. We will arrange the free tickets plan by combining the contribution of the Kanbawza Bank and MAI's special discount rate," he added. Tickets will be available at any sales agents in Malaysia and the contact number of the MAI Office in Malaysia is 603 20721261.—*MNA*