

President U Thein Sein receives outgoing UNDP Resident Representative



NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—President U Thein Sein met UNDP Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam who has completed his tour of duties and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this evening.

At the call, the President expressed thanks for UN's assistance and cooperation in Myanmar's education,

health, agriculture, poverty alleviation, peace-making with armed national races, local peace and stability, census-taking process and border affairs. UN's Normal Country Program is an urgent need for the country. The President recognized the latter's efforts for multi-sector cooperation.

Mr Ashok Nigam

took pride for bold and decisive undertakings of the government led by the President and for his role played in Myanmar's reform processes in his one-and-half year term. He reaffirmed that he would continue to support UN's aid programme for Myanmar.

It was also attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Soe Thane, Dr Mya Aye and Dr Pe Thet Khin, Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw and departmental heads.

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President U Thein Sein greets UNDP Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam who has completed his tour of duties.

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Insurance in Myanmar enters private sector

YANGON, 12 June—A ceremony to open International Kanbawza Insurance Company Ltd which is the first-ever insurance private company in Myanmar was held at Bosonpat Condo at the corner of Bosonpat street and Merchant street in Pabedan Township, here this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Maung Maung Thein.

Director Daw Nan Kham Naunt of IKBZ Insurance Co., Ltd said the company would provide international-standard insurance services under the supervision of Insurance supervisory committee and implement micro finance insurance that can help support State's poverty alleviation scheme. The company got insurance license on 25 May this year along with other four insurance companies.

To mark its opening, IKBZ donated USD 100,000 through Yangon Region

Chief Minister U Myint Swe for Myanmar workers in Malaysia. After that, Yangon Region Finance and Revenue Minister Daw San San Nwe, Chairman of Insurance Supervisory Committee Managing Director of Myanma Insurance U Aye Min Thein and the IKBZ directors cut the ribbon to open it. Then, the chief minister pressed the button to unveil company's signboard. Afterwards, those present looked round functions there.

It was also attended by Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Nyan Tun, Chairman of IKBZ Insurance Co., Ltd and Kanbawza Bank Ltd U Aung Ko Win, departmental heads, foreign diplomats, regional agents from foreign banks and Insurance companies.

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NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—A ceremony to sign the MoU for opening the Staff Training Programme between Education and Training Department of Ministry of Border Affairs and Nippon Foundation of Japan was held at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win said that according to the MoU to be signed with Nippon Foundation, the training programme would turn out highly capable staff twice a year from 2013 to 2017, spending US\$ 1.5 million. The universities, degree colleges and training schools under the ministry are now training the students to become outstanding staff for the nation while uplifting living standard of the people through vocational training courses. The staff of the ministry will have the opportunity to attend multiplier courses and they will become reliable staff for the nation.

Executive Officer Mr

MoU on staff training programme signed



Signing ceremony of MoU for opening staff training programme between Ministry of Border Affairs and The Nippon Foundation, Japan in progress.

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Shuichi Ohno of Nippon Foundation of Japan and Director-General U San Shwe Aung of Education and Training Department signed the MoU.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw and departmental heads.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (12-6-2013)

Kawkareik	4.69 inches
Bilin	3.82 inches
Mindat	2.68 inches
Sinphyugyun	2.48 inches
Kawthoung	2.28 inches
Thaton	2.25 inches
Saw	2.20 inches

Mayor oversees development tasks



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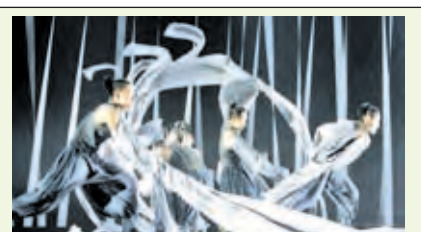


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Dancers from Dragon Style Kung Fu Performance Troupe perform in the Kungfu Dance "The Door" at the Peking University Hall in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 June 2013.

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LOCAL NEWS

Public Relations Workshop shares knowledge to trainees

PATHEIN, 12 June—The Public Relations Workshop kicked off in Pathein on 9 June.

Ayeawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung made an opening address. Managing Director UKyawMinOoofMyanmar Thiha Group of Companies explained purpose of his company as sponsorship for the course.

Principal U Aye Kyaw of MHR Management Institute explained the

purpose of conducting the training course.

Honorary Professor Daw Hla Myint gave talks on Mastering Public Relations, Senior Expert of CSIS U Khin Maung Win, United Nations and the Media, Principal U Aye Kyaw, Working with the Media and Course Instructor Daw Khine Swe Thaw, Using Social Media.

Later, they presented certificates to the trainees.

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NATION-BUILDING
ENDEAVOURS

Mayor oversees development tasks

YANGON, 12 June—Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint inspected repaving of Thawka Street in North Okkalapa Township, dredging of drains along both sides of Khemathi Road for proper flow of water and laying 40-inch diameter HDPE pipeline from Ngamoeyeik water

treatment plant for the second phase on 9 June morning.

The mayor also viewed road works on Bo Myat Tun and Gandayon streets in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, dredging of Naungyoe Creek at Tabinshwehti Road in Dagon Myothit (East) Township and drains along both sides of Kyansittha Street in the same township.

He viewed laying of water pipes with 28 inches diameters HDPE pipes from the Ngamoeyeik water treatment plant, extension of the road works at Waizayanta and Parami streets in South Okkalapa Township, concreting 21300 feet long Shukhintha Road in Thakayta Township and Yathawady Street in South Okkalapa Township, concreting of the container yard in Ahlon Township and dredging of drains for proper flow of water.—MNA



Illegal commodities seized at India-Myanmar border

MONYWA, 12 June—A mobile team comprising departmental personnel from various departments led by the Deputy Commissioner of Tamu District searched 75 vehicles that left Tamu for Kalay and seized commodities without customs duties.

The team searched the detour near Masein Monastery at the Myanmar India border and seized 30 boxes of Chik shampoo

made in India worth K 600,000, 10 boxes of Chik shampoo worth K 200,000 on the detour near Kyungokto monastery, 10 boxes of the same shampoo and five rice cookers worth K 260,000 on the detour near Chaungnetgyi Village.

Customs Department in Tamu Township opened a file of lawsuit over the illegal commodities under the law.—Kyemon

Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

CRIME

Illegal cows seized in Tada of Kyauktan Township

KYAUKTAN, 12 June—SIP Thaung Shwe and party of Tada Police Station in Kyauktan Township together with local authorities as witnesses and Kadappana Village administrator, acting on a tip-off, searched Tun Naing (a) Po Targyi, 30 of Aungthabye Street in Thongwa who illegally

brought two cows from Wingyi and Hse villages on the road between Tada Sub-Township and Thongwa Township, two miles east of Kadappana Village on 9 June. The police station opened a file of lawsuit against illegal animal trafficker under the law.—Kyemon

Tada Kyaw Lwin

27th SEA Games billboards put up in Magway

MAGWAY, 12 June — The billboards 60 feet wide and 20 feet high bearing

the 27th SEA Games 2013 were put up in front of Win Thuzar department store

on Pyidawtha street in Magway Township and at the edge of the Ayeyawady Bridge in Pakokku at 9 am on 9 June.

It is known that a total of 56 athletes from Magway, Chauk, Yenangyoung, Taungdwingyi, Myothit, Natmauk, Minbu, Pakokku, Pwintbyu, Salin, Ngaphe, Gangaw, Saw, Thayet, Aunglan, Mindon and Minhla townships are under training from respective sports events at Gold Camp (Nay Pyi Taw) for taking part in the 27th SEA Games to be hosted in Myanmar.

Kyemon-Magway Hla Myint

Drugs seized in Mohnyin Tsp

MOHNYIN, 12 June—Narcotic drugs and cash were seized by Mawhan police outpost at Thayagone village in Mohnyin Township on 6 June. Inspector Htay Aung from Mawhan police outpost and party searched U Kyaw Kan's house with a warrant and seized 3.6 g of heroin and K 751,200 from Ma Yi Yi Sein. According to Ma Yi Yi Sein, these narcotic drugs are Daw Nyunt Tin's. Mohnyin Police Station filed a lawsuit against Ma Yi Yi Sein and Daw Tin Nyunt.

Kyemon-Ni Toe

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES

DHF preventive measures taken in townships on wider scale

Dagon Myothit (East) Township

Yangon Region Health Department and Health Department of Yangon City Development Committee join hands in taking preventive measures against dengue he-morrhagic fever in townships on a wider scale. The authorities undertook similar activities on 5 June in No. 3 Ward of Dagon Myothit (East) Township as a community activity.

This year, over 500 people suffered from DHF in first four-monthly period in Yangon Region. That is why the local authorities, departmental officials and local people are widely engaged in taking preventive measures against DHF and disseminating talks on health knowledge. Kyemon-

Maung Thon Nya
Dagon Myothit (South) Township

Sanitation and anti-DHF measures were undertaken in Ward 21 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township of Yangon East District on 8 June.

Medical superintendent of the township hospital of Township Health Department, staff, local authorities and members of social organizations including Maternal and Child Welfare Association participated in the sanitation to combat mosquito and larvae at water pots and tanks. They distributed pamphlets on

health knowledge about DHF to the local people.

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Ahlon Township

Doctors and nurses of Township Health Department, members of MCWA and WAO, responsible persons of Red Cross and local people made a field trip to Galon Ward of Ahlon Township of Yangon West District on 10 June morning.

They participated in sanitation and chlorinated water pots and water tanks to prevent reproduction of larvae and mosquito for DHF campaign.

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Kayan Township

Under the leadership of the Kayan Township Administrator of Yangon South District, the local people carried out sanitation in the compound of No. 2 Basic Education High School (Myoma) in Kayan on 8 June for prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever, dredging drains and chlorinating water tanks for the second time.

Kyemon-Ko Min (Kayan)
Kyaunggon Township

As a public activity, the departmental personnel led by the Township Administrator joined the tasks of sanitation at nine schools, one monastic education post-primary school, Myoma market and local residences.

They fumigated the housings, cleared the bushes and dredged drains for proper flow of water.

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Photo shows inundation on Maha Bandoola Street at downtown Yangon on 9 June evening due to heavy rains.

KHIN MAUNG WIN-KYEMON

WORLD

Australian POW to receive A-bomb health-care certificate

NAGASAKI, 12 June—The city of Nagasaki will give a special health-care certificate for 1945 US atomic bombing survivors to a former Australian prisoner of war, an official said on Tuesday.

An official of the city will visit 93-year-old Allan Chick in Heyfield in the state of Victoria, southeastern Australia, on 19 June to hand over the certificate entitling him to medical allowances.

So far, 10 former POWs have received the health-care certificate from the Nagasaki municipal government.

Chick applied for the certificate with the Japanese Consulate General in Melbourne on 20 April, and the city confirmed him as an atomic-bombing survivor through a list of POWs recording their names, countries and birth dates.

It will be the first time for the city office to directly hand the certificate to a foreign survivor who applied through a Japanese Consulate General overseas.

Nobuto Hirano, co-head of a citizens' group supporting atomic-bomb survivors abroad, said, "We want to praise the city's prompt reaction."

"We think it's necessary to establish a sufficient support system" for atomic-bomb survivors abroad, the 66-year-old said.

Kyodo News

Suspected Taliban bomber targets Afghan court, kills 17

KABUL, 12 June—A suspected Taliban suicide bomber in a car detonated a bomb close to minibuses taking Supreme Court staff home in the Afghan capital Kabul on Tuesday, killing at

least 17 people and wounding almost 40, police said.

It was the second large-scale attack in Kabul claimed by the hardline Islamist group in two days. On Monday, seven insurgents,

including suicide bombers, laid siege to Kabul's main airport for four hours before they were killed. Tuesday's attack appeared to underline the Taliban's readiness to target civilians, particularly court officials, whom they consider an arm of the Western-backed government of President Hamid Karzai.

In April, Taliban gunmen killed 44 people in the main court compound in the western Province of Farah. A Taliban spokesman said they had sent several warnings to court staff telling them not to work there. Tuesday's bomb struck three minibuses ferrying Supreme Court staff home, Kabul police spokes-

man Hashmat Stanekzai said.

The attacker's car was parked on a road near the court compound and exploded when the minibuses passed, police said.

A Reuters witness described seeing a damaged minibus leaning at an angle against some trees about 30 metres from the point of the explosion. The witness later saw police carry two bodies from the same area. The Supreme Court is less than 500 metres from the entrance to the heavily fortified US embassy, and the bomb was heard across Kabul's diplomatic precinct, triggering numerous embassy alarms.

Reuters



Afghan policemen stand at the site of a suicide car bomb attack in Kabul on 11 June, 2013.—REUTERS



Japanese Crown Prince Naruhito (2nd from R in front) views the exhibition in Madrid on 11 June, 2013, of photos depicting Japanese citizens' recovery efforts from the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake.

KYODO NEWS

Russia's Putin says Iran nuclear push is peaceful

MOSCOW, 12 June—Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday he has no doubt that Iran is adhering to international commitments on nuclear non-proliferation but regional and international concerns about Teheran's nuclear programme could not be ignored.

Putin, whose country is among six world powers seeking to ensure that Iran does not seek to develop nuclear weapons, also said Iranian threats to Israel's existence were unacceptable.

His remarks appeared aimed to strike a balance between the interests of Iran, on the one hand, and on the other, Israel and global powers seeking to ensure Teheran does not acquire nuclear weapons.

"I have no doubt that Iran is adhering to the rules in this area. Because there is no proof of the opposite," Putin, whose country is one of six leading those diplomatic efforts, told Russian

state-run English-language channel RT.

But he criticised Iran for rejecting a Russian offer to enrich uranium for Teheran's nuclear programme and took aim at aggressive Iranian rhetoric about Israel, with which Putin has been improving ties in recent years.

"Iran is in a very difficult region and when we hear ... from Iran that Israel could be destroyed, I consider that absolutely un-

acceptable. That does not help," Putin said.

Putin suggested that Washington was exaggerating dangers posed by Iran, saying "the United States uses Iran to unite Western allies against some real or non-existent threat".

Putin said that concerns about Iran's nuclear programme, which Teheran says is purely for peaceful purposes including power generation, must be addressed.—Reuters



Iranian workers stand in front of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, about 1,200 km (746 miles) south of Teheran on 26 Oct, 2010.—REUTERS

Japanese media exhibit disaster recovery photos in Spain

MADRID, 12 June — Kyodo News and four newspapers in northeastern Japan hit by the devastating March 2011 earthquake and tsunami opened an exhibition in Madrid on Tuesday for photos depicting Japanese citizens' disaster recovery efforts. An opening ceremony for the exhibition took place in the presence of visiting Japanese Crown Prince Naruhito and Spanish Crown Prince Felipe at the Cuartel del Conde-Duque.

Both princes were briefed about photos showing coastal regions right after

they were ravaged by tsunamis and their current situations. Crown Prince Felipe was seen shaking his head and looked gloomy.

After seeing a photo of an airport, Crown Prince Naruhito asked if it was the city of Sendai, where the airport was flooded in the disaster. The exhibition is one of the events to commemorate the 400th anniversary of a Japanese mission's visit to Spain in 1613 that marked the start of Japan-Spain relations. The commemorative events will be held in various locations both in Spain

and Japan during this year.

Kyodo News, the Iwate Nippo, the Kahoku Shimpō, the Fukushima Minpo and the Fukushima Minyu Shimbun are exhibiting about 50 photos of people who were hit by the tsunami and have been making recovery efforts while restoring smiles.

Also on display are Japanese photojournalist Kazuma Obara's pictures of workers at the disaster-crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, as well as flower arrangements for introducing Japanese culture.—Kyodo News



People stand in front of Greek state television ERT headquarters after the government's announcement that it will shut down the broadcaster in Athens on 11 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Greeks shocked as broadcaster is shut to save money

ATHENS, 12 June—Greece announced the closure of its state broadcaster out of the blue on Tuesday, one of the most drastic measures yet in its struggle to shore up its bankrupt state finances and meet the terms of an international bailout.

The decision to take ERT off the air at midnight and pay off some 2,600 staff before relaunching it in a slimmed-down form set off a firestorm of protests from trade unions and even junior partners in the ruling coalition. Some of the channels appeared to shut down even before the deadline.

"At a time when the Greek people are enduring sacrifices, there is no room for delay, hesitation or tolerance for sacred cows," spokesman Simos Kedikoglou said in what was almost certainly ERT's last televised government statement.

The three domestic television channels, along with regional, national and external radio stations, cost

Greece 300 million euros (\$400 million) a year, and Kedikoglou said it had become a "typical case of ... incredible waste".

Thousands gathered outside ERT's headquarters after the announcement, vowing to fight the decision, and riot police blocked the entrance to a studio in central Athens where protesters had unfolded a banner reading "Down with the junta, ERT won't close!".

"Today is Tuesday, 11 June, and it is a difficult day," anchorwoman Elli Stai told viewers from the studio as crowds of workers outside chanted and clapped.

"We will broadcast what appears to be our last news bulletin with the composure, consistency and professionalism that we are used to."

Private TV stations took their live shows off air for six hours in a display of solidarity, replacing them with re-runs and adverts. None ran the traditional 8 pm news bulletin.

Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Sony takes on Microsoft, prices new PS4 below Xbox One

LOS ANGELES, 12 June—Sony Corp on Monday priced its latest PlayStation 4 console \$100 lower than the new Xbox One by rival Microsoft Corp as competition for gamers' pockets intensifies ahead of the year-end holidays and gift-giving season.

Sony said it would sell the latest PlayStation model for \$399 late in the year shortly after Microsoft announced a \$499 price tag for its first new Xbox in eight years and said it would go on sale in the United States in November.

Sony also drew cheers from the audience at the Electronic Entertainment

Expo (E3) in Los Angeles when it said the PS4 would run second-hand games and did not require an always-on Internet connection.

Microsoft had earlier elicited groans from gamers when it announced restrictions on used games for the Xbox One and said players had to log onto the Internet for authentication.

"The PlayStation 4 won't impose any new restrictions on used games," said Jack Tretton, president and CEO of Sony Computer Entertainment America as the audience whistled and applauded.

Microsoft and Sony

hope the consoles will attract new fans and retain users who are increasingly playing games on smartphones and other mobile devices, gradually diminishing the \$66 billion video game business. Both companies are also offering more entertainment options.

The Xbox 360 is currently the best-selling gaming console in the United States, but global sales are almost on par with the PlayStation 3.

The new Xbox and PlayStation are both pricier than the \$300 Wii U which Nintendo Co Ltd launched late last year but which has sold poorly, partly due to a dearth of new gaming titles. Nintendo is expected to announce new games for the device at the E3 on Tuesday.

Sony did not give details about original programming content for the PS4 but said new game titles would include Assassin's Creed IV Black Flag by Ubisoft and Kingdom Hearts III by Disney Interactive Studios and Square Enix Holdings Co Ltd.—Reuters



Scenes from the game "Max: The Curse of Brotherhood" are displayed on screens during the Xbox E3 Media Briefing at USC's Galen Centre in Los Angeles, California on 10 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Vodafone moves for Kabel Deutschland in quad-play push

LONDON, 12 June—Vodafone said on Wednesday it had made an approach to buy Germany's biggest cable company Kabel Deutschland in what could be its largest deal since 2007 and mark a departure from its roots as a pure mobile operator.

Vodafone had been pursuing a possible 10 billion euro (\$13.3 billion) bid for the German firm since earlier this year, and hired Goldman Sachs to advise on options in February, sources told Reuters at the time.

"(Vodafone) confirms that it has made a preliminary approach to KD regarding a possible offer for the company," it said.

A deal would mark a change in strategy for the world's second biggest mobile operator that largely owns mobile networks in continental Europe and has previously had to rely on renting broadband lines from competitors.

Vodafone owns some fixed lines in Europe, including in Germany, but has only had so-called quad-play services with

TV, fixed and mobile calls on superfast networks in Portugal.

The British operator struck a deal with Deutsche Telekom last month to enable it to offer pay-TV over high-speed broadband to its customers in the increasingly competitive German market, Vodafone's biggest operations excluding its joint venture with Verizon Communications.

Analysts, however, said at the time that the move did not preclude an acquisition of Kabel Deutschland.

Analysts at Espirito



Santo said there would be significant synergies available to Vodafone from migrating some of its fixed-line customer base on to Kabel Deutschland's cable infrastructure, possibly worth as much as 16 euros per Kabel Deutschland share.

They said the deal would also help defend its

Disney launches Infinity video game at E3



LOS ANGELES, 12 June—When Walt Disney introduced its latest video game, Infinity, to the gaming faithful this week at the annual E3 gaming conference, it rented a Los Angeles movie theatre to show 30-minute clips of upcoming films and hosted a party with the glitz it usually reserves for its blockbuster movie wannabes.

It shows just how much the company is counting on Infinity whose players can for the first time mix together characters from Disney's different franchises to help

turn around one part of the media giant that stubbornly refuses to turn a profit.

Since it was created in 2008, Disney's interactive division, which houses its video game and online properties, has chalked up losses in 13 of its 14 quarters, compiling \$1.1 billion in total operating losses in that time.

The division will likely not turn a profit this fiscal year ending on 30 Sept 2013, as a result of the company delaying Infinity by two months, Disney CEO Bob Iger told analysts on an earn-

ings call in May.

"We believe in Infinity," Iger said during the call. "We think it will be a great product and it's going to drive profitability."

It took more than three years and around 200 people to create Infinity, according to John Blackburn, who heads Avalanche Software, the Disney-owned studio that created the game. Disney would not say how much it spent to create the game, which is scheduled for release on 18 Aug, 2013.

In the game, players can pit characters from Disney or Pixar movies against each other, such as a race between the super-charged racecar Lightning McQueen from "Cars" and quick-footed 10-year old superhero Dash from "The Incredibles."

It is Disney's answer to Activision Blizzard's Skylanders games, which lets players collect action figures that they can send on virtual action-adventure quests in a magical world called Skylands.

The game was one of 2012's top-selling games with more than \$1 billion worldwide in retail sales.

Reuters

Blavatnik leads \$130 million buy into Russian online retailer Lamoda

MOSCOW, 12 June—Billionaire American industrialist Leonard Blavatnik has led a \$130 million round of financing for Russian online fashion retailer Lamoda, the company said on Tuesday.

Russia's e-commerce industry, dominated by local players such as Ozon, has boomed in recent years amid rapidly improving access to the internet, and has already attracted several large investments.

The latest cash-for-equity deal gives Blavatnik's Access Industries as well as

Summit Partners and Tengelmann an undisclosed direct stake in Lamoda, which sells clothing, shoes and beauty products, Lamoda said in a statement. The company said the transaction was the largest investment ever made in Russian e-commerce.

In March South African retailer Naspers bought a stake in Russian internet rival Avito with an agreed merger of their local classified businesses and \$50 million in cash. Odessa, Ukraine-born Blavatnik is founder and chairman of Access Industries which also owns chemicals, real estate and media businesses including Warner Music.

He was also part of the AAR consortium which sold its half share of Anglo-Russian oil firm TNK-BP to Rosneft for \$28 billion earlier this year, in a deal that turned Rosneft into the world's largest listed oil firm by output. The tycoon, who emigrated to the United States in 1978, set a trend by converting his Russian wealth into assets in Europe and the United States.

Reuters

Mobile developers from India, China in demand

NEW DELHI, 12 June—To bridge the significant gap in demand and availability of skilled mobile developers, several large organizations are tapping global talent hotspots like India, China, Israel and Europe, says a study.

Job postings for mobile developers has doubled in since 2011, but supply is growing only at 13 percent, the study by Talent Neuron, a web-based talent planning and management platform from Zinnov LLC, said.

To address the gaps, companies are following a three-pronged approach acquisitions, leveraging global talent hotspots by expanding their R&D footprint and vendor partnerships to take advantage of available talent, the study said.

"Several large organizations are leveraging global talent 'hotspots' such as India, China, Israel and Europe," it said. The majority of mobile application talent is located in EMEA region

(Europe, the Middle East and Africa), where 42 percent of the global top 25 cities for mobile development are located, with Finland, Tel Aviv and Moscow emerging as key locations.

Interestingly, APAC (Asia Pacific) is a hotspot for talent that works on Android platform, while iOS and Blackberry developers are less prevalent in the region.

The study found tremendous demand for HTML 5 development skills, which

witnessed a 149 percent increase in job postings in 2013, followed by job posts for Android app developers (146 percent rise) and iOS developers (132 percent rise). Commenting on the findings, Talent Neuron Co-Founder and CEO Vijay Swami said, "There is an intense war for mobile development talent, fuelled by low availability and the dynamic nature of the industry which requires constantly updated skillsets."—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Research shows reducing unnecessary CT scans in kids could cut future cancer risk

WASHINGTON, 12 June—Reducing the number of unnecessary and high-dose computed tomography in children could lower their overall lifetime risk of future imaging-related cancers by up to 62 percent, a US study said on Monday.

Researchers reported in the journal *JAMA Pediatrics* that CT scans almost doubled among children under the age of 15 in the United States between 1996 and 2010 after an examination of CT utilization data from several US health-care systems. They said CT use increased dramatically because it's effective and offers greater convenience than other imaging methods such as magnetic resonance imaging, which requires that a child remain still in a scanner for an extended period of time.



But radiation doses delivered by CT scans are 100 to 500 times higher than for conventional radiography, warned lead study author Diana Miglioretti of the University of California, Davis. "There are potential harms from CT, meaning that there is a cancer risk, albeit very small in individual children," Miglioretti said in a Press release. "So it's important to reduce this risk in two ways. The first

is to only do a CT when it's medically necessary, and use alternative imaging when possible. The second is to dose CT appropriately for children."

The study found that the 4 million CT scans of the most commonly imaged organs conducted in children each year could result in approximately 4,870 future cancers. Reducing the highest 25 percent of radiation doses could prevent 2,090,

or 43 percent, of these future cancers. By also eliminating unnecessary imaging, 3,020, or 62 percent, of cancers could be prevented, it said.

Miglioretti explained that children's organs are at an increased risk of cancer from CT scans because children still are growing and their cells are dividing rapidly. She noted that physicians can reduce dosage amounts using a number of different strategies, including reducing scan length by focusing solely on the "zone of interest," the region requiring imaging. For example, when the zone of interest is the abdomen, physicians should avoid also scanning the pelvis. She said dosage guidelines for imaging pediatric patients should be followed closely.

Xinhua

OPEC sees room for its over-target oil output

LONDON, 12 June—OPEC predicted world oil demand will grow more quickly in the rest of 2013 and indicated the group can keep pumping more oil than the output target it retained at a 31 May meeting without over-supplying the market.

would expand by 900,000 barrels per day (bpd) in the second half, up from 700,000 bpd in the first six months of 2013.

"The second half of the year is expected to see higher demand," said the report by OPEC's economists. "In

barrels to seasonally higher global consumption."

With oil prices near the group's preferred level of \$100 a barrel, OPEC at a May 31 meeting agreed to retain its output target at 30 million bpd, leaving the door open for informal supply tweaks by top exporter Saudi Arabia depending on demand.

OPEC has been pumping above the target and in May. Supply rose by 106,000 bpd to 30.57 million bpd, according to secondary sources cited by the report, led by Saudi Arabia which typically pumps more in summer to meet domestic air conditioning demand.

Still, the report said that output rate was broadly in line with OPEC's estimate of the average demand for its crude in the second half of 30.47 million bpd — meaning most of the surplus will be absorbed rather than head into inventories.

"Overall, existing fundamentals portray a market with ample supply, which is further reflected in comfortable crude oil stock levels," the report said.

OPEC reiterated its familiar warning of downside risks to the demand outlook from weak economic growth.

For 2013 as a whole, it forecast world oil use would grow by 780,000 bpd, slightly lower than 790,000 bpd previously expected.

The report is the first of this month's three prominent oil supply and demand forecasts to emerge. The US government's Energy Information Administration — at present more bullish on demand growth than OPEC with a forecast of 890,000 bpd — issues its report later on Tuesday.

The International Energy Agency's monthly update is due on Wednesday.

Reuters



A view shows a petrol nozzle refuelling a car at a petrol station in Viterbo, north of Rome, on 25 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries in a monthly report forecast world oil demand

terms of demand growth, the expected global economic recovery in the second half of this year could also add more

Boeing scores over \$10 billion in US aircraft orders

RIDLEY PARK, 12 June—Boeing Co (BA.N) has won two multibillion dollar US orders for its Chinook helicopters and the V-22 Osprey it builds with Bell Helicopter, sharply expanding the company's backlog at a time when overall US defence spending is starting to decline.

The US Navy told *Reuters* on Monday that it planned to sign a five-year contract valued at just under \$6.5 billion for 99 new V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft built by Boeing and Bell, a unit of Textron Inc (TXT.N).

On Tuesday, Boeing and

the US Army announced a separate deal valued at \$4 billion for 177 more CH-47 Chinook helicopters, plus options for up to 38 more of the twin-rotor workhorse helicopters. The contracts, which have a combined value of over \$10 billion, will help shore up Boeing's revenues while some other companies are seeing their orders scaled back or cut.

"I'm extremely bullish on the rotorcraft industry," Leanne Caret, vice president and general manager for vertical lift in Boeing's military aircraft division,

told *Reuters* in an interview at the company's sprawling plant outside Philadelphia.

Caret said she expected Boeing to double its rotorcraft revenues by 2030 but declined to give specific dollar targets or the company's current revenues in the sector. She said past innovations in rotorcraft occurred after wars or other events such as the Iranian hostage crisis of 1979-1980, and Boeing was committed to continuing to invest in research and development initiatives even as defence spending declined. "The multiyear agreements

are critical because we're going to continue to advance the technology that occurs on both the Chinook and the Osprey fleets," said Caret, who headed the Chinook programme before moving into her current job in January.

Caret said the government was "fair, but tough" in its negotiations with Boeing, and the company clearly had hard work ahead meeting its commitments on both contracts, which carry fixed price terms, and offer significant savings compared with buying the aircraft one year at a time.

Reuters

Dengue cases continue to increase in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 12 June—The weekly number of new dengue cases reported in Singapore continued to rise over the past week amid a latest epidemic, according to official statistics.

A total of 820 infections were reported in the week ended on 8 June, surpassing the previous weekly record of 756 cases seen this year, according to figures released by the National Environment Agency. Both were more than the previous peak seen in September 2005 during the worst dengue epidemic in Singapore. About 14,000 people were infected in 2005, with 25 deaths reported.

By Tuesday, a total of 9,421 infections have been reported this year, with two deaths, despite authorities and the communities stepping up efforts to wipe out mosquitos. There are four often seen serotypes of the virus. Experts said this year the dominant dengue virus in Singapore is not the Den-2, as was the case over the past few years. As a result, few people have the immunity.

Dengue fever is an illness caused by infection with a virus transmitted by the Aedes mosquito, with the symptoms including fever, fatigue as well as joint and muscle pains.—Xinhua



A worker at Dole Food Company scoops up cocoa beans at the company's Waialua coffee and cocoa farm on the North Shore of Oahu, in Hawaii on 9 Nov, 2011.

REUTERS

Dole CEO offers \$12 per share to buy rest of company

HAWAII, 12 June—Dole Food Co Inc (DOLE.N), one of the world's largest producers and marketers of fruit and fresh vegetables, received an unsolicited buyout offer from Chief Executive David Murdock valuing the company at just over \$1 billion.

The \$12 per share offer from Murdock, who already owns about 40 percent of the company, represents a premium of about 18 percent to the stock's close on Monday.

Shares of Dole, which has posted losses for the last three quarters, were trading at \$12.43 in pre-market trading, suggesting that some investors expect a higher bid.

The offer has an enterprise value of \$1.5 billion, Murdock said in a statement on Tuesday.

The company, which traces its roots to pineapple plantations set up in Hawaii in mid 1800s, said it would establish a special committee of independent directors to consider the proposal.

Murdock, who is also Dole's chairman as well as its biggest shareholder, took over as CEO in February after David DeLorenzo left to run two businesses sold by Dole to Japan's Itochu Corp (8001.T).

Dole sold its packaged foods and Asia fresh produce businesses in a \$1.7 billion deal to Itochu, paring down the size of the company by a third.

It is now left with its fruit and fresh vegetables business in North America and its fruit businesses in Latin America, Europe and Africa.

Dole, like rival Chiquita Brands Inc (CQB.N), has been struggling with volatile demand and low prices for bananas, its biggest-selling product. Murdock said Deutsche Bank would advise on the transaction and that he had received a "highly confident" letter from the lender on the financing for the deal.—Reuters

WORLD

Venezuela vote council says audit confirms Maduro victory

CARACAS, 12 June—Venezuela's election council said on Tuesday an audit of the results of presidential elections in April confirmed President Nicolas Maduro did win by 1.5 percentage points, despite opposition claims that the vote was stolen.

The widely expected announcement by the National Electoral Council, which oversees elections, left losing candidate Henrique Capriles with only a court challenge remaining in what appears to be a futile effort to overturn the victory of Maduro, who succeeded the late socialist leader Hugo Chavez.

Capriles, the 40-year-old governor of Miranda state, refused to participate in what he called a "bogus audit" on the grounds it was not thorough enough to determine whether illegitimate votes had been cast.

The audit consisted of comparing paper receipts issued by electronic voting machines to a printout of the results those same machines transmitted digitally to the elections council for the purposes of tabulating votes nationwide.

The president of the

Gorbachev hospitalized for examination

MOSCOW, 12 June—Former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev has been hospitalized for a general examination, the Interfax news agency quoted the Gorbachev Foundation as saying on Tuesday.

The foundation said the former leader, 82, underwent regular examinations as he has long been suffering diabetes.

It is not immediately known how long he will stay in the Central Clinical Hospital.—Xinhua



Barefooted children play soccer in an area called favela in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 25 May, 2013, KYODO NEWS



Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro reacts while attending a mass at the mausoleum of late President Hugo Chavez to mark three months after his death in Caracas, on 5 June, 2013.—REUTERS

election council, Tibisay Lucena, said the audit of paper receipts at 100 percent of the voting tables showed a difference of just 0.02 percent from the official results. The discrepancies had been explained in incident reports already submitted from election day, she said.

"Election results in Venezuela are and will continue to be a reflection of the will of the people," Lucena said in a televised broadcast.

Election officials and vote volunteers on election day had audited 54 percent of the paper ballots as part of a routine audit that the elections council later agreed to extend.

But Capriles had insisted the extended audit should also include a line-by-line review of electoral registry notebooks. Without this, he said, the audit would not be able to detect

if there had been illegal multiple voting in centres where no opposition poll volunteers were present.

He is challenging the results in the Supreme Court, though few expect the justices will rule in his favour.

Capriles, who has accused the elections council of being under the thumb of the ruling Socialist Party, told voters on Tuesday to focus on municipal elections scheduled for December.

"We have to keep fighting, things are not going to change from one day to the next or with the results of a bogus audit," he said in an internet broadcast.

Government officials say Capriles has failed to present evidence of election-day irregularities and have accused him of fomenting post-vote violence that the government says killed 11 people.—Reuters



People play games at the 2013 Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) that takes place at the Los Angeles Convention Centre in Los Angeles, California, the United States on 11 June, 2013.—XINHUA

Syrian rockets hit Lebanon, one dead

BEIRUT, 12 June—Ten rockets and mortar rounds from Syria slammed into Lebanon's northeastern region of Hermel on Tuesday, leaving one person dead and four others wounded.

A local Lebanese security source told Xinhua that one of the rockets landed in an agricultural field in the Dora area and ignited a fire.

It added that the source of fire could not be confirmed, though it is possibly from a location close to the border of eastern Syrian and Lebanon.

Over the past weeks, Syrian rebels have fired dozens of rockets on Hermel and the Hezbollah stronghold of Baalbek which left two people dead

and eight others injured.

Lebanon's President Michel Suleiman last month condemned rockets from Syria targeting Lebanese regions, calling on Syrian warring parties to "respect Lebanon's sovereignty and avoid the regions close to the border with Syria from being hit."

Xinhua

Wind-driven wildfires destroy homes near Colorado Springs

DENVER, 12 June—High winds, scorching heat and low humidity fueled a wildfire that burned several homes on the edge of Colorado Springs on Tuesday and another blaze forced the evacuation of one of Colorado's top tourist attractions, authorities said.

The blaze near Colorado Springs ignited on Tuesday and ripped through the Black Forest, northeast of the city, said Mike Stearly, spokesman for the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Centre.

The fast-moving blaze reached a residential neighbourhood where it torched at least eight homes and an unknown number of outbuildings, El Paso County Sheriff's Office spokesman Lieutenant Jeff Kramer said. He said authorities have no estimate of the size of the fire. In June 2012, the so-called Waldo Canyon Fire reduced about 350 homes to ash in the Colorado Springs area and led authorities to place more than 30,000 people in the city and surrounding communities under mandatory evacuation orders. It was the most destructive wildfire in Colorado's history.

In neighbouring Fremont County, a 300-acre (120-hectare) wildfire broke out on Tuesday and prompted the evacuation of the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, the US Bureau of Land Management said in a statement.

The Royal Gorge span, which is billed as the

later jumped to the north bank, fire managers said. They added that the river is closed to rafting and other recreational activities in the area and nearby residents are under mandatory evacuation orders.

Investigators are seeking the cause of both fires.

In northern Colorado,



Large plumbs of smoke from a wildfire burning in the Black Forest stretch the horizon threatening homes north east of Colorado Springs, Colorado on 11 June, 2013.—REUTERS

world's highest suspension bridge, stretches nearly 1,000 feet above the Arkansas River for a quarter-mile and is one of Colorado's most visible tourist destinations. The bridge itself is not threatened by the flames.

The fire started on the south side of the river and

a lightning-sparked wildfire that erupted on Monday in Rocky Mountain National Park has burned about 100 acres and is spreading.

"It is increasing in size due to winds, low humidity and beetle-killed trees" which are dry, said park spokeswoman Kyle Patterson.—Reuters

Russian arms supplies to Syria comply with int'l law

MOSCOW, 12 June—Russia supplies Syria with only defensive weapons under existing contracts and in line with international law, said Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

"We supply weapons to all those who contracted legally, which is a universal rule," Lavrov said in an interview published on Tuesday. Defensive weapons and air defence systems are not capable of provoking military crimes in Syria, he said.

Lavrov denied al-

legations that the Syrian government has asked for Kalashnikov automatic rifles, grenade launchers and ammunition from Russia, saying he has not seen that request.

"This is not a contract to which we are committed. Those are two very different things," he said, adding Moscow did not take sides in the Syrian conflict.

The Russian top diplomat meanwhile accused the Syrian opposition of delaying an international conference on Syria.—Xinhua

British man abducted in Indonesia's Aceh

JAKARTA, 12 June—A 60-year-old British man has been abducted by a group of unidentified gunmen in Indonesia's Aceh Province, a local policeman said on Wednesday. Malcolm Primrose was dragged out of his car on the way from a drilling site of Indonesian oil company PT Medco E&P Malaka to the company's base camp.

According to the police, the abduction took place at 11 am on Tuesday in the

Peureulak area of East Aceh.

About 70 military and police officers are still searching the jungle and villages in the Peureulak area, with officials saying no group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Officials suspect, however, that former separatist members of the now-defunct Free Aceh Movement are behind the abduction "for economic reasons."

Kyodo News

LOCAL NEWS

HEALTH CARE SERVICE

Anti-DHF measures conducted



NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Anti-DHF measures which included sanitation tasks, drainage works and educative talks in wards and villages in Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 7 June.

Basic Education Pre-Primary School in Shwechi ward hosted educative talks on Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever on 7 June.

Pyinmana Township Administrator U Hsan Maw, Medical Superintendent of Pyinmana 200-bed Hospital Daw Hla Hla Kyi, Administrator of Shwechi ward delivered talks on Dengue Fever.

It was also attended by ward development support group members, nurses and townselders.

MMAL-Zaw Myo Naing

Rakhine State Health Department taking anti-DHF measures

PONNAGYUN, 12 June—Rakhine State Health Department is leading anti-Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever campaign in the entire state.

“DHF is dreadful. Especially it is more dangerous when children are infected. But it is preventable. Make sure flower pots, water pots and cups are covered. Sanitize the environment. Make sure the drains flow properly,” Dr U Thein Maung of Ponnagyan Township said in an educative talks.

He called for using mosquito nets while

sleeping in the afternoon.

Under the leadership of Head of Health Department of Ponnagyun Township Dr U Thein Maung, the health staff, the chairperson and members of township maternal and child welfare association, members of township women’s affairs organization and ward administrators on 8 June visited each home in the urban wards to inspect whether the homes took proper measures to prevent DHF. They also sterilized waters and delivered educative talks.—MMAL-Lay Wadi Tun Saw Khaing

Drain spillovers fill roads in Meiktila



MEIKTILA, 12 June—Some wards in Meiktila in Mandalay Region were covered with dirty

water spilled over the drains blocked with dump, destroying roads of the town.

Sagaing Myoma market road blocked

SAGAING, 12 June—The road to Myoma Market in Sagaing were merely accessible as they were blocked by undisciplined vendors.

The road with relatively less traffic is also used by schoolchildren.

Motorcycle taxis

parked on the road shared by vendors who displayed their goods.

The need arises that respective authorities should make field trips and bring discipline back to the market.

MMAL-Khaing Zeya



FIRE

MANDALAY, 12 June—Mandalay witnessed three fire outbreaks on two successive days on 9-10 June.

An overheated voltage regulator caused a fire outbreak in Tagundai Yethant ward in Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay

Mandalay witnesses three fire outbreaks during two-day period

at about 8 am on 10 June, reducing six houses to ashes. A total of 252 firefighters put out the fire with 34 fire engines 40 minutes after the outbreak.

Another fire outbreak at about 2.30 pm burnt one house in Chanmyathazi Township. The firefighters

could manage to stop the fire before spreading to other houses in the environs.

On 9 June, a fire outbreak caused by an overheated motor of fan at about 2.40 pm damaged one house and other houses did not catch fire.—MMAL-Tin

Maung (Mandalay)



Resident of Pyithaya north ward Ko Win Zaw Oo said the drains should be cleared for proper flow of water to prevent Danguue Hemorrhagic Fever.

Pouring rains every day flooded Pyithaya north and south wards.

Yan Myo Aung road used by Yan Myo Aung ward and students of Technological University was badly damaged by the water spilled over the drains.

The residents and students are struggling with dirty and damaged road.

MMAL-Htilathar

Music legend performs in Mandalay City Hall

MANDALAY, 12 June—Veteran singer Mar Mar Aye performed a solo live concert in Mandalay City Hall on 8 June evening, to the accompaniment of legendary Myoma Music Band.

She performed popular songs of Mandalay-based Myoma Music Band and duets with Academy Cho Pyone, Pho Thaukkyar, Ei Ei Chun and Pan Ei Phyu.

Anyeint dancer Twetartone accompanied Mar Mar Aye’s never staged before

“Chit Thu Awzar (Influence of Love)”.

Her duets with Myoma’s former pianist U Thein Maung won overwhelming applause from the audience.

The concert was closed with “Taungpyone” sung together with Myoma’s singers and the audience.

She is due to perform another show in Monywa on 18 June.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

BUSINESS

Rice exports to China increase

YANGON, 12 June—Rice exports to China through Muse border gate increased in second week of June, causing spikes in transportation charges.

The rise in transportation charges is reportedly attributed to reports of collection 2 percent income tax in advance as of 14 June and changes in exchange rates of Chinese Yuan.

Around 30000 bags of rice arrived in Muse in those days and are being stockpiled fully in warehouses.

It takes about three days to transport goods from Yangon to Muse.

MMAL-Khin Hsaing

Illegal wood seized in Katha

KATHA, 12 June—Illegal wood logs were seized near Nyaungbintha village in Katha Township in Katha District in Sagaing Region.

Acting on a tip-off, the team of foresters led by Assistant Director of Katha District Forest Department U Min Htut combed the area and seized the illegal wood logs on 6 June morning.

The police are searching the illegal wood smugglers who are currently on the run.

MMAL-Khin Hsaing

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 13 June, 2013

Every child is special

The education system of Myanmar traditionally divides students into two groups: clever ones and the others. The obedient, hardworking and essentially intelligent child is a typical Myanmar student. They won love of parents, of teachers and of the society. But how about the others? The ones who fell into the category are treated as the others and become the ordinary others of the society with some of them who unfortunately become even bad ones.

A school-age child is judged on his or her academic performance or exam results. Naturally, parents and teachers pinned their high hopes on them, consequently ignoring the others. Classrooms unknowingly discriminate between the good boys and the bad boys.

Either the good boys or the bad boys and either the intelligent students or the dull students should be taught equally and loved equally. It is purely natural that the clever children are favoured and it is a reward for their well-organized manners or brilliant performance. But we should also consider that it would take the psychology of the other children into consideration and if we are pushing these students towards even worse manners and performance. It will never do any good if a child feels ignored by their parents and teachers.

It is obvious that our schools have forgotten child psychology. The purpose of the schools should rather be turning the others to the good members of the society than focusing on the polish of the clever boys.

Chinese Navy Ship Haixun 01 starts four-country trip

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Chinese Navy Ship Haixun 01 has departed Shanghai Port to pay goodwill visits to countries including Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia and Myanmar since 10 June.

It will reach Sydney Port of Australia on 22 June. Myanma Port Authority has yet to announce the date of its arrival and duration of stay.

The ship takes about 62 days to travel the four countries.

The trips will promote further cement relationships between the two countries and share experience in a practical way. The ship will complete its trips on 9 August.

The navy ship Haixun 01 is to carry out emergency rescue tasks, protect water pollution and attack pirates in the sea. It carries facilities that can rescue over 200 victims at the same time.

NLM

Man sentenced to 26 years for setting woman fire in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—A 48-year-old man Nay Win (a) O Saman was sentenced to 26 years in prison yesterday for setting a 24-year old woman fire in Lashio on 28 May.

When authorities arrested him on 28 May, they also found two WY brand narcotic tablets in his possession.

Lashio Township Court sentenced him to 26 years' imprisonment with labour—seven years under the Section 307, seven years under the

Section 326, five years under the Section 15 of the narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances law and seven years under the Section 16 (c) of the narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances law.

The victim Ma Aye Aye Win a vendor in Lashio was recovering from her fire burns and this morning she was moved from Lashio General Hospital to Mandalay General Hospital according to her family's wish.

MNA

Public Service Media under Democratic Reform (2)

Public Service Media Law

The distinct point of PSM is totally free from government control and business entities and has editorial independence and financial independence. There is a misunderstanding that press freedom and editorial independence are exactly the same. As a matter of fact, press freedom has no government's pre-censorship and its editorial independence has something to do with editors' freedom of choice. Even though it has press freedom, there is no editorial independence. Even when an editor from private media has press freedom, he or she will hesitate to criticize other business of his or her owners. Sometimes, he or she will have to cover the news in accord with owners' desires. It is also difficult for them to criticize the news of their customers who mostly insert advertisements in their newspapers and journals. It can be said that they have no full editorial

independence even there is press freedom and are under business interest pressure in such kind of circumstances.

PSM needs to be free from government control on its policies and management for ensuring editorial independence. Regarding PMS's fund, it needs to have a prescribed, independent financial source which is independent from advertisers and investors. For ensuring editorial independence and financial independence, it needs to protect the PSM by means of laws and organizational charts of PSM. The following diagram shows protection of PMS with law for its editorial independence and financial

independence.

It is seen that every country that has PSM has prescribed laws for organizational chart, duties, fund system, editorial independence and accountability. In the cases of the countries that transformed to democracy system from the communist system, laws were prescribed so as to transform from State-owned media and communist-owned media into PSM. It is obvious that these laws cover PSM's laws of western democracy countries as well as prescriptions pertaining to transformation of staff of State-owned media. At a time when East Germany and West Germany is reunified, laws were amended to merge the

Banya Aung

State-owned media of East Germany and PSM in West Germany.

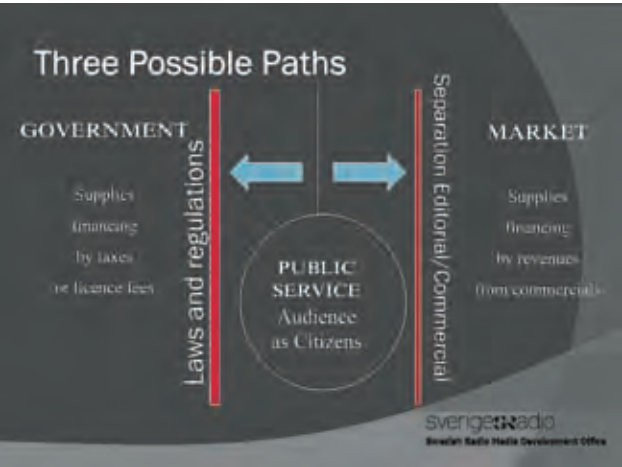
UNESCO has prescribed the following media development index to measure PSM's editorial independence.

- whether or not financial assistance programme is prescribed in the law.
- whether or not editorial independence is guaranteed with an exact law.
- whether or not public accountability system through the governing body is definitely prescribed
- whether or not freedom of the governing body is guaranteed with the law.

It can be seen that it needs to prescribe an exact law to protect PSM in order to implement PSM's basic principles if any country in the world establishes a PSM.

(To be continued)

Trs: MT



Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw

Notification No. 13/2013

4th Waxing of Nayon, 1375 ME
(12 June, 2013)

Three Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives substituted

According to the request made in accord with Section 33 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute three Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted three Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives stated hereunder in Notification No. 2/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 and Notification No. 23/2012 of the commission dated 22-4-2012 with personnel shown against them.

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| 1. BC 16736
Brig-Gen Min Thein Zan | BC 19598
Col Win Lwin Oo |
| 2. BC 18032
Lt-Col San Win | BC 28284
Lt-Col Myo Thit Oo |
| 3. BC 28792
Major Aung Htway | BC 33510
Major Ye Min Htway |

By order,

Tin Tun

Secretary

Union Election Commission

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw

Notification No. 14/2013

4th Waxing of Nayon, 1374 ME
(12 June, 2013)

Three Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw Representatives substituted

According to the request made in accord with Section 33 of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute three Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted three Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw representatives stated hereunder in Notification No. 3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against them.

Bago Region Hluttaw

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| 1. Air 2609
Major Kyaw Lin | Air 2714
Major Lwin Ko Ko |
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Magway Region Hluttaw

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| 2. Air 2808
Major Nyan Lin Aung | Air 2602
Major Naing Lin |
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Yangon Region Hluttaw

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| 3. Air 2734
Major Zin Min Maung | Air 2552
Major Nay Lin Aung |
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By order,

Tin Tun

Secretary

Union Election Commission

NATIONAL

Union Constitutional Tribunal Chairman receives Deputy Chief of Mission of US Embassy

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Mya Thein received a delegation led by Deputy Chief of Mission Ms Virginia E. Murray of US Embassy in Yangon at the former's office, here, this morning.

At the call, they dis-

cussed the duties and functions of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union.

Present on the occasion were members of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Daw Hla Myo Nwe, U Mya Thein and Daw Kyin San and officials.

MNA



Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Mya Thein receives a delegation led by Deputy Chief of Mission Ms Virginia E. Murray of US Embassy.—MNA

UEC receives party establishment application

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Those wishing to set up political parties have been submitting their applications to the Union Election Commission which received the application of 17 persons including U Po Yei to set up

All Nationalities Democracy Party (Kayah State).

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

We will help all Myanmar

(from page 16)
of Myanmar embassy. Meanwhile, arrests of foreigners who live in ghettos and suspected persons were made as part of operation to ensure that they are legal or illegal. This has weakened conflicts in one way or another. Malaysia is obliged to protect legal foreign workers under the law while it is also responsible to handle the problems of illegal workers and deported them. The handling of the problems by Malaysian police who show relentless efforts in the incidents is informed to Myanmar. There is also cooperation in that regard.

Q: What is your expectation on the current trip?

A: I expect the best for our citizens. The President had said that the embassy wherever it has the main responsibility to protect its citizens to the most possible degree. Here, it is an incident that has to be addressed under the agreement of the two countries. The host nation can be providing us with necessary assistance under its law. Donors from Myanmar are now

making arrangements to help workers in distress in Malaysia, reducing the air fares for the latter to return home conveniently. And when we are in Malaysia we are to be discussing with relevant organizations over the arrangements.

Q: In social networks there is dissatisfaction over addressing of the incident by the embassy. Could you make any comment on that?

A: As the embassy is an official organization, it has to report the incident to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and then we have to report it to the President Office. In doing so, the reported information needs to be accurate and firm. And this has to take time, causing delay. The identification and confirmation of victims have to be carried out stage by stage with the help of the authorities concerned. The ambassador himself visited the warded patients and provided eash assistance. We don't want to blame those who are dissatisfied with the handling of the issues. It is them who are desirous of protecting their citizens only. The fact needs to be

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw

Notification No.12/2013

4th Waxing of Nayon, 1375 ME

(12 June, 2013)

Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives substituted

According to the request made in accord with the Section 33 of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law for substitution of 16 Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multi-party democracy general elections held on 7 November, 2010, the Union Election Commission has scrutinized and substituted the following 16 representatives described in the commission's Notification No.1/2011 dated 20-1-2011, Notification No.8/2012 dated 25-1-2012, Notification No.22/2012 dated 22-4-2012, Notification No.41/2012 dated 16-10-2012 and Notification No.1/2013 dated 3-1-2013 with personnel shown against them.

(1) BC 23010	BC 22648
Lt-Col Kyaw Aung	Lt-Col Moe Kyaw
(2) BC 23001	BC 26239
Lt-Col Saw Myint Win Aung	Lt-Col Mya Oo
(3) BC 25305	BC 17678
Lt-Col Kyaw Naing	Lt-Col Myint Maw

(4) BC 20346	BC 33261
Major Myat Thu	Major Han Soe Htut
(5) BC 22592	BC 29338
Major Myo Zaw Oo	Major Ye Soe
(6) BC 31966	BC 29769
Major Soe Lin Maung	Major Than Naing Lwin
(7) BC 24876	BC 34589
Major Than Oo	Major Ye Wunt Htet
(8) BC 28300	BC 29743
Major Aye Win	Major Aye Ko Ko
(9) Air 2485	Air 2896
Major Yan Naing Htoo	Major Myo Min Maung
(10) Air 2612	Air 2648
Major Win Naing	Major Aung Thwin Soe
(11) Air 2666	Air 2599
Major Soe Hlaing Min	Major Soe Min Aye
(12) Air 2735	Air 2741
Major Myo Thet Oo	Major Moe Oo Kyaw
(13) Air 2748	Air 2708
Major Win Aung	Major Myo Htway
(14) Air 2780	Air 2489
Major Yan Naung Soe	Major Aung Kyaw Lwin
(15) Air 2782	Air 2740
Major Thein Htay Aung	Major Nway Oo
(16) Air 2796	Air 2464
Major Pyae Phyo Kyaw	Major Ye Myint Lwin

By order,

Tin Tun
Secretary

Union Election Commission

known to all is that as the incident is to be addressed officially it needs approval which requires time. That's why, the information system was delayed. However, the embassy forwarded the whole process of incident on 29, 30, 31 May and 1, 2, 3 June.

I have instructed the ambassador to comfort the warded patients and to keep in touch with the Abbot Monk of the monastery. I have to work together with the Ministry of Information to release news timely. It's right that them was subject to delay. Because we had to work to get accurate information.

Q: What do you want to tell parents of the migrant workers?

A: The migrant workers

are regarded as sons and daughters of the government. We are deeply committed to doing our best for them. We will meet the authorities concerned in Malaysia. We will have to work in conformity with the law of Malaysia, so, I am not sure whether what we gain is what we expect or not. But, we can work in the legal bounds without damaging the bilateral relations. We will help illegal migrant workers to go back home and will ask the authorities to ensure the safety of legal workers who want to continued to stay there. We will ask the employers of the workers to protect their employees because the employers have already understood

how important is the workforce of the workers, especially in construction, agriculture and restaurant sectors. So, if employers also give their employees protection for their safety, we don't need to worry about their safety.

Q: We heard that the victims would be cremated in Malaysia. Any plan to contact their families in Myanmar?

A: According to Malaysian law, when a migrant worker dies in an accident or dies at the work-site, the Malaysia authorities have no rights to cremate the body immediately. If they cremate the remark without permission of the victim's families in Myanmar, they can be charged. When a

worker dies, his or her friends always contact the victim's relatives in Myanmar. So, the relatives can also negotiate with employers for issues related to the victim including compensation. Or, relatives or families of a victim sometimes inform us (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) to bury the remark in Malaysia. Sometimes, when Malaysian authorities concerned ask permission from us to bury the remark as families or relatives of the victim do not receive any information, we give the permission to them.

Q: Any plan to inform the relatives of victims?

A: If we get the detailed information of a victim, for example, name, (See page 10)

LOCAL NEWS

District IPRD provides wifi at library

SAGAING, 12 June—The Office of Sagaing District Information and Public Relations Department has conducted public library in order that people could gain knowledge by raising reading habit in different reading corners—reading

room for public, reference catalogue and children. The district IPRD Office has now installed free of charge wifi system for enabling easy access to the Internet.

U Tin Maung Win (Nanda Min Lwin) applying wifi system said,

“I am thankful to have easy access to the Internet, and that would be great and people could know what is happening around the world in time.”

Kyemon-Zaw Myint
Naing-Sagaing District
IPRD)

HEALTH CARE
ACTIVITYCash assistance donated to
Health Care Group

PATHEIN, 12 June—Wellwishers donated cash assistance to self-reliant Myat Myitta Free Health Care Group, open at Shwebontha Dhammayon

on SintO Pho Street in Ward-1 in Pathein by Myat Myitta Social Organization. On 9 June, U Pho Cho-Daw Moe Moe San and family donated K 1 million, U Kyaw Win-

Daw Myint Myint Than and family K 1 million and SintO Pho Ward Youths K 450,000 through Myat Myitta Social Association Patron U Ye Myint, Vice-Chairman U Tin Tun and members.

Myat Myitta Social Organization led by General Practitioner Dr Win Win Kyi and 15 health staff are giving free medical treatment in rural villages.

Moreover, free medical treatment can be received at Shwebontha Dhammayon every Sunday.

Kyemon-Pathein Hla Kyi

Health care for Hlinethaya
Tsp DAC staff

YANGON, 12 June—Under the management of Head Dr Myat Mon Aye of Yangon City Development Committee (Health), Deputy Head Dr Aye Aye Oo, the assistant head and officials in cooperation with Township DAC (health) In-charge U Than Nyunt Maung, gave medical treatment and shared knowledge on health care

services to the staff from the township development affairs committee and township development affairs committee (sanitation division) and their family members at the township development affairs committee office in Hlinethaya Township in Yangon South District yesterday.—Kyemon-Min Htet Paing (Hlinethaya)

CONSTRUCTION

Reinforced concrete road
being paved in Sittway

SITTWAY, 12 June—The main road of Sittway has been under concrete paving since May.

Concrete paving work is being carried out by AMC Company with the close supervision of the state Development Affairs Committee and Sittway Township Development Affairs Committee under the

guidance of Rakhine State Government, with the fund contributed by the Ministry of Border Affairs.

The 9240 ft long, 40 ft wide and 8 thick RC road is from Setyon Junction to Mayu Junction. Arrangements are being made to pave the 1774 ft long, 20 ft wide and 8 ft thick RC road from Setyon Junction to the

jetty. As a RC road has been already paved from Point Relaxation Camp to Myolal Bridge, the newly-paved RC road is the second one for Sittway dwellers.

Kyemon-698

Cooperative University confers diplomas in
Economics

SAGAING, 12 June—The 15th diploma conferring ceremony of Cooperative University (Sagaing) was held at Sagaing Institute of Education on 9 June.

Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun attended the ceremony and made concluding

remarks. Afterwards the officials presented awards to outstanding students.

D.B.A, D.M.M and D.B.M were conferred on those who completed the courses at Cooperative University (Sagaing) this academic year.

So far, Cooperative University (Sagaing) has conferred diplomas in Economics on 2045 students.

The officials, responsible persons and invited guests attended the ceremony.—Kyemon-225

NATIONAL SPORTS

Men's and Women's
National and U-18 Basketball
Championships on 22 July

YANGON, 12 June—National Men's/Women's Basketball Championship-2013 and U-18 Men's/Women's Basketball Tournament-2013 will be held at Aung San Gymnasium, here, starting from 22 July to 2 August.

They are conducted by the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports and organized by Myanmar Basketball Federation.

Those participants in the U-18 Men's/Women's Basketball

Tournament-2013 are to be those born in 1995.

Their citizenship scrutiny cards prove their age. The tournament's fixtures would be drawn through lots at Aung San Gymnasium at 10 am on 21 July.

With those tournaments, Myanmar selected Men's/Women's Basketball Team under intensive training for 27th SEA Games will play tune-up matches against the Vision Sports Team of the United States at the same venue.—Kyemon

Personnel of
Health Department
of Yangon City
Development
Committee providing
health care services
to the local people
in Hlinethaya
Township.

MPF launches emergency, complaint-
handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

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

manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police

Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force

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

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REGIONAL

World's oldest ever man in Kyoto dies at 116

KYOTO, 12 June—A Japanese man recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living person and longest-lived man in history died of natural causes at a hospital in Kyoto Prefecture early Wednesday morning at age 116, a municipal government said.

Jiroemon Kimura, a native of Kyoto, died at a hospital in the city of Kyotango in the prefecture at 2:08 a.m. He was recognized by Guinness as the world's oldest living person on 17 Dec, 2012, outranking a US woman who died at age 115.

Later that month, on

28 December, he reached the age of 115 years and 253 days, the longest for a man in the world recognized by Guinness. The previous record was held by a US resident, originally from Denmark, who died in 1998 at 115 years and 252 days.

File photo shows Jiroemon Kimura, who died of natural causes as the age of 116 at a hospital in Kyoto Prefecture on 12 June, 2013. The Japanese man had been recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living person and longest-lived man in history.

Kyodo News

Thai PM invites Cambodian counterpart for official visit

PHNOM PENH, 12 June—Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra invited Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen to make an official visit to Thailand in order to cement bilateral ties and cooperation, a Cambodian spokesman said on Tuesday.

The invitation was extended to Hun Sen by visiting Thai deputy prime minister and foreign minister Surapong Tovichakchaikul, said Eang Sophallet, personal spokesman for Prime Minister Hun Sen.

"Surapong Tovichakchaikul told Prime Minister Hun Sen that Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra invited him for an official visit to Thailand in an appropriate time," he told reporters after the meeting at the Peace Palace. Surapong Tovichakchaikul said the exchange

visit of the leaders of the two countries were very important to illustrate good relationship, cooperation, and mutual trust.

He added that the Government of Thailand was committed to maintaining good ties with Cambodia for mutual benefits.

Meanwhile, Hun Sen said he would arrange a proper time to visit Thailand. Earlier in the day, Surapong Tovichakchaikul and his Cambodian counterpart Hor Namhong co-chaired the first meeting of the Joint Committee on Border Area Development and Connectivity between the two countries.

Both sides agreed to increase cooperation in various sectors including trade, investment, tourism, energy, health, education, and anti-cross border crimes.

Xinhua



Participants push a boat into water for a boat race held to mark the annual Dragon Boat Festival in Sanxi Village, Jiangtian Town, Changle, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 10 June, 2013. This year's Dragon Boat Festival falls on 12 June.

XINHUA

India's May passenger car sales fall for 6th straight month, off 10.6%

MUMBAI, 12 June—Sales of new passenger cars in India shrank for the sixth straight month in May, falling 10.6 percent from a year earlier to 201,437 units, an industry body said on Tuesday. Consumer spending in India has cooled off in recent months, with the

impact sharply felt in big-ticket consumer products such as passenger cars.

High interest rates have particularly dampened sales of small passenger cars, a favourite choice among middle-class income earners in India.

Production of passen-

ger vehicles in India went down 11.10 percent in May from the year-before level to 253,722 units, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers said.

Domestic sales of commercial vehicles in May declined 10.6 percent to 55,458 units.—Kyodo News

Gov't to raise economic assessment for 2nd straight month

TOKYO, 12 June — The Japanese government is making preparations to raise its basic economic assessment in June, upgrading it for a second consecutive month, sources close to the matter said on Tuesday.

The upgrade is largely due to a steady increase in production activities and a pickup in exports on the back of solid overseas economies and the yen's depreciation against the US dollar and other major currencies, they said.

Japanese economic and fiscal policy minister Akira Amari is scheduled to submit the government's economic report for June to a ministerial meeting on Thursday.

In May, the government noted the economy "is picking up slowly," upgrading its economic assessment for the first time in two months amid recovering exports.

Kyodo News

Five dead, five missing after Mumbai building collapse

MUMBAI, 12 June—The death toll stands at five and a further five people remain missing following the collapse of a five-storey building on Monday night in central Mumbai, police said on Tuesday.

The National Disaster Response Force, which reached the site of the building in the city's Mahim District almost immediately, is continuing

its rescue operation.

While the cause of the collapse remains unclear, police sources say days of heavy rain were a factor.

Kyodo News

An excavator is used to move debris at the site of a collapsed residential building in Mumbai, India, on 10 June, 2013.

XINHUA



Residents at the Fuyouen senior citizen's home in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, interact with Palro, a humanoid robot, on 10 May, 2013.

Seen in front are two baby seal-like Paro therapy robots. KYODO NEWS

New Zealand welcomes Australian plan to extend student loan scheme

WELLINGTON, 12 June—The Australian government's decision to extend student loans to its thousands of New Zealand immigrants was welcomed by the New Zealand government, the country's official said on Tuesday.

Australian Tertiary Education Minister Craig Emerson announced that many New Zealanders would be eligible to apply for the Higher Education Loan Programme for tertiary education or vocational training from Janu-

ary 2015.

"This is a positive step forward for both New Zealand and Australia. Making tertiary education more accessible will lead to increased employment prospects and a better educated workforce," New Zealand Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully said in a statement.

New Zealand has already extended student loans to Australians who had lived in New Zealand for three years.

Extending student loan

access to New Zealanders resident in Australia was a recommendation of the Australia and New Zealand productivity commissions.

Although New Zealand citizens have the right to live and work in Australia, they are denied permanent resident status and many of the rights and benefits that go with it.

Since the global financial crisis, New Zealanders have been leaving for better prospects in Australia at a rate of up to a thousand each week.—Xinhua

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The volcano mascot of the traditional "Holy Water Festival" poses for photo with tourists in Wudalianchi, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 11 June, 2013. The festival was listed as the National Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2010.—XINHUA

Economists cut growth forecasts for Singapore economy

SINGAPORE, 12 June—Private sector economists and analysts expected the Singapore economy to grow by 2.3 percent this year, according to the results of a survey released by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) on Wednesday.

This represents a downgrade from the median forecast of 2.8 percent in a previous survey in March.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry has said it expected the Singapore economy to grow by 1 to 3 percent this year.

The survey, based on the forecasts submitted by 22 respondents, showed that they significantly downgraded their growth forecasts for the manufacturing sector from 3.3 percent to 1.2 percent.

The growth forecast for the finance and insurance sector, however, was upgraded from 3 percent to

6.1 percent.

The current survey also finds that the economists expect the private consumption to grow by 2.3 percent, in comparison with the previous forecast of 2.8 percent. The forecast for non-oil domestic product, the key gauge of Singapore's export performance, was cut from 4 percent to 2.5 percent.

The GDP growth forecast for the second quarter was also downgraded from 2 percent to 1.5 percent.

Singapore's economy expanded by 0.2 percent in the first quarter, lower than the median forecast of 0.8 percent reported in the March Survey.

The forecast for the headline inflation for this year was cut from 3.8 percent to 2.8 percent. The unemployment rate is expected to be 2 percent at the year-end, reflecting a tight labour market.—Xinhua

OECD unemployment rate remains at 8 pct in April

PARIS, 12 June—The unemployment rate for the 34-member OECD area was stable at 8 percent in April, said the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development on Tuesday.

The unemployment rate hit a new record high in the euro area, going up 0.1 percentage point to 12.2 percent in April, 1.3 percentage point above its mid-90's peak, according to the latest data release by the OECD.

However, the rate decreased in the United States by 0.1 percentage point to 7.5 percent and in South Korea by 0.1 percentage point to 3.1 percent.

Both Canada and Japan keep their unemployment rate stable at 7.2 percent and 4.1 percent respectively.

"Trends in unemployment rates across OECD countries have diverged significantly since the beginning of the economic and financial crisis," the OECD analyzed in its monthly report. It noted that in May 2013, unemployment rates were significantly below the peaks reached in the second half of 2009 in Canada and the United States, by 1.6 and 2.4 percentage points lower, respectively.

In April, the unemployment rate in Japan was close to its pre-crisis level while, but it reached a new peak in several European countries, including France at 11.0 percent, Greece at 27 percent (in February, the latest month available), Italy at 12 percent, Portugal at 17.8 percent and Spain at 26.8 percent.—Xinhua



A man fishes at a park in the eastern suburbs of Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 11 June, 2013. Local residents go to parks to enjoy the sunshine after experiencing a long and gloomy spring this year.—XINHUA

Mongolia wants to strengthen economic, political ties with Finland

ULAN BATOR, 12 June—Mongolia wants to strengthen its economic and political relationship with Finland, Parliament Speaker Zandaakhuu Enkhbold said on Monday.

Mongolia also wants to learn from Finland in the fields of education and science, Enkhbold said during a meeting with his Finnish

counterpart, Eero Heinaluoma, the Mongolian parliament's media office reported.

Enkhbold called on Finland to create opportunities for Mongolian youth to study in the Northern European country.

The speaker, meanwhile, hailed the good relationship between the parlia-

ments of the two countries, and noted that Heinaluoma's visit coincided with the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Mongolia and Finland.

Heinaluoma, for his part, said Finland expects to cooperate with Mongolia in the areas of mining and agriculture.—Xinhua

US proposes to list all chimpanzees as endangered

WASHINGTON, 12 June—The US Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday announced a proposal to classify both wild and captive chimpanzees as endangered, a move that could affect future use of chimpanzees in scientific research in the United States.

The agency said the rule proposed would "correct the inconsistency" that only wild chimpanzees are listed as endangered while captive chimpanzees are listed as threatened in the country.

If this proposal is finalized, certain activities would require a permit, in-

cluding import and export of chimpanzees into and out of the United States, said the agency.

Permits would be issued only for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species, including habitat restoration and research on chimpanzees in the wild that contributes to improved management and recovery, it said.

The proposal comes months after a decision by the US National Institutes of Health to "retire" many of the over 400 chimps that it supports at primate facilities.—Xinhua



Dancers from Dragon Style Kung Fu Performance Troupe perform in the Kungfu Dance "The Door" at the Peking University Hall in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 June, 2013.

XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

Emma Watson signs apocalyptic comedy

LONDON, 12 June—Former Harry Potter actress Emma Watson says she signed her new film *This is the End* because she found its script ‘crazy’.

The 23-year-old actress said though she was initially confused about giving her nod for the project, but she quickly realized it would be a fun film to do, reported Contactmusic.

“I thought it sounded crazy. I remember trying to get my head around it on the phone to my agent who was like, ‘So, it’s Seth

Rogen and Jonah Hill and James Franco and Danny McBride and all these other comedians. Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg are making it, and all the actors are playing themselves, and it’s going to be the end of the world and they want you in the movie’,” she said.

Watson will portray a larger than life character in the apocalyptic comedy film.

Initially, Watson had a bunch of questions about the storyline of the movie.

“I am like, ‘What? Why? How? I just remem-

ber reading it and thinking it’s hilarious’. I thought it was the most crazy, absurd premise for a story I’d ever heard. I had to do it,” said Watson.

“I was taken aback. Why did they think of me? But then I read the script, and it was so funny. And I loved that they made the only two women in the story these really strong and funny characters. We come off so well,” she added.

The movie also has a cameo appearance by pop star Rihanna.

PTI



Emma Watson will portray a larger than life character in the film.

Mila Kunis, Ashton Kutcher planning English wedding



The couple have not announced a wedding date yet.

LOS ANGELES, 12 June—Actors Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher are reportedly planning to get married in Britain. They are also said to be considering venues like Royal Pavilion in Brighton and Stonehenge for the ceremony.

The couple has been staying in Britain for some time as Kunis has been

shooting *Jupiter Ascending* here.

“Mila and Ashton have fallen in love with Britain. They are desperate to get married as soon as possible because they want to start a family and are slightly old-fashioned about these things,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

“The first place they

thought of was Stonehenge, but they’ve also been looking at the Royal Pavilion in Brighton. Mila loves the idea of a stately home or something in the English countryside,” the source added.

Despite considering lavish venues for the big day, the couple want the ceremony to be “low-key” with selected guests.

“Although the venue may be spectacular, the wedding itself will be low-key. It’s expected it will be just Ashton, Mila and a few family friends,” the source added.

Although the couple are yet to announce their engagement, things have progressed between them over the past few weeks as Kunis has introduced Kutcher to her parents.

PTI

Cameron Diaz locks lips with Lady Gaga’s boyfriend

LONDON, 12 June—Charlie’s Angels star Cameron Diaz was spotted kissing pop sensation Lady Gaga’s boyfriend Taylor Kinney on the set of their

new film.

The pair is currently filming their new movie *The Other Woman* and the kiss was for a scene in it.

But the actors’ proximity

on and off the sets is giving a tough time to Gaga, who is recovering from her hip surgery, reported Contactmusic.

“This isn’t going down well. Cameron and Taylor have clicked on the set and are getting on really well. They’ve been hanging out and the news has reached Gaga’s camp. It’s been a stressful time for Gaga with this on her plate as she’s recovering from hip surgery,” a source said.

The Other Woman, which also stars comic actress Leslie Mann and *Game of Thrones* hunk Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, is about a woman who learns her boyfriend is a married man and hatches a revenge plot with his wife.

PTI



Cameron Diaz and Taylor Kinney share a great camaraderie.

Kanye West celebrates birthday sans Kim Kardashian



NEW YORK, 12 June—Rapper Kanye West celebrated his 36th birthday on 8 June in the Big Apple with his famous friends sans his pregnant girlfriend, socialite Kim Kardashian.

West had to celebrate his birthday in New York because he was due to perform at the Governor’s Ball, while Kim, who is expecting to deliver their first child, a baby girl, early next month, was restricted to Los Angeles, as advised by

her doctors.

Kim, however, took to Twitter and Instagram to wish West. “Happy Birthday to my best friend, the love of my life, my soul!!!! I love you beyond words!” tweeted the reality TV star, who is reportedly upset with West on his decision to be away from the delivery room, when she gives birth to their child.

Kim Kardashian posted a collage of pics to wish beau Kanye West on his birthday.

The rapper, on the other hand, made the best of his big day by hosting a lavish dinner at Miss Lily’s Jamaican restaurant with attendance from his rapper friends Nas and Jay Z, and the latter’s singer-wife Beyonce Knowles.

The guest list also included some other popular artists such as magician David Blaine, Kim’s best friend Jonathan Chebar and her older sister Kourtney’s boyfriend, Scott Disick, reports contactmusic.com.

Nas shared a photo of the three rappers on Twitter, and wrote: “Yeezus x Hov x Godson... The 3 Gods. Happy Birthday to my brotha Kanye! (sic)”.

Rapper trio Kanye West, Jay-Z and Nas at West’s birthday party in New York. (This picture was posted by Nas on Instagram)

Kanye and Kim have been dating since 2012.

PTI

Brad Pitt: No idea why zombies are so popular

LONDON, 12 June—Despite having acted in the recent high-budget zombie movie *World War Z*, actor Brad Pitt insists he is yet to understand the hype about the undead.

The 49-year-old said the 250 million pounds flick is more about the plot than the zombies, reported *Daily Express*. “I was never a huge horror fan to be honest. As for why zombies are so popular, I really have no idea. For me *World War Z* is all about the story. The zombies are the threat but the themes are much wider than that,” he said.

Pitt is currently busy attending the premieres of the apocalyptic horror movie across the globe.—PTI



Brad Pitt’s latest flick *World War Z* is an apocalyptic horror movie about zombies.

SPORTS

Nippy Navas joins Manchester City from Sevilla



Sevilla's Jesus Navas (top) challenges Malaga's Jesus Gamez during their Spanish First Division soccer match at Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Seville on 15 Dec, 2012. REUTERS

MANCHESTER, 12 June—Spain winger Jesus Navas completed his move to Manchester City from Sevilla on Tuesday with the managerless Premier League club tying up their second bit of big transfer business since the end of the season.

Sevilla had already said last week that the 27-year-old would be leaving the club to join up with international team mate David Silva at the Etihad stadium and now the English club have confirmed the deal.

“Manchester City is an exciting project and this is

the right moment for me to take this step. I’m very happy with the opportunity and the decision,” Navas said on his new club’s website (www.mcfc.co.uk).

“The Premier League is a competition where the football is very fast and will suit the way I play. I’m really looking forward to it.”

“I’m going to a great club in England and I want to continue developing my game there. The club has put a lot of faith in me and I want to repay them out on the pitch.”

The club did not give details of the length of con-

tract or transfer fee but local media reported it to be in the region of 15 million pounds (\$23.40 million).

Navas, who spent 10 seasons with Sevilla, joins a trophy-hungry club who are determined to improve on last season’s showing where they finished runners-up to Manchester United in the league and lost to Wigan Athletic in the FA Cup final.

Despite still not having appointed a new manager after last month’s sacking of Roberto Mancini, they have been busy bolstering their squad for next term and last week signed Bra-

zil midfielder Fernandinho from Shakhtar Donetsk.

Former Malaga, Villarreal and Real Madrid manager Manuel Pellegrini is widely expected to be named as Mancini’s successor after the Chilean said last month he had a verbal agreement with the club.

The wealthy club, who won the Premier League in 2012 and FA Cup in 2011, have made no secret of their ambitions with chief executive Ferran Soriano saying last month that City wanted to win five trophies in the next five years.

Reuters

Bolt ready to break 20 seconds in 200 metres

OSLO, 12 June—Olympic sprint champion Usain Bolt is confident he can set a 200 metres world season’s best at Oslo’s Bislett Games on Thursday despite last week’s defeat in the 100 in Rome.

“During the season, none of the 200 metre runners have gone below 20 seconds so... it would be nice to break 20 seconds,” he told Reuters on Tuesday.

“I think I’m in shape, I felt good during training today. I think I can get below 20 seconds, no problem.”

The 26-year old Jamaican, whose early season was hit by a hamstring problem, said the injury was no longer troubling him but that he needed plenty of races to get ready for the world championships in Moscow in August.

Bolt, world record

holder over 100 and 200, has not been officially clocked over the longer distance this year and his loss in the 100 to Justin Gatlin at the Rome Diamond League has increased speculation over his fitness.

However, none of the competitors lined up for the Oslo Diamond League 200 has gone below 20.23

seconds this year, over a second slower than Bolt’s 2009 world record.

“I’ve been through so many injuries now, I understand what it takes to get back, you just need races, races, races and that is always the key thing,” Bolt said.

“Today I went to train and felt extremely good.”

Reuters



Sprinting champion Usain Bolt of Jamaica speaks during a news conference at the Russian Embassy on 11 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Japan sign off with win to end Iraq’s World Cup bid

LONDON, 12 June—Asian champions Japan finished their World Cup qualifying campaign with a 1-0 win over Iraq in Doha on Tuesday that ended the West Asian nation’s slim hopes of joining them in Brazil.

Iraq enjoyed plenty of possession and created lots of chances in the searing Qatari heat but could not find a way through and Japan made them pay with

an 89th-minute goal on the counter from Shinji Okazaki.

The result leaves Japan on 17 points from their eight Group B games with Iraq bottom on five ahead of their eighth and final fixture away to Australia next week.

After losses to Jordan and Bulgaria, Japan coach Alberto Zaccheroni was keen to grab a win before the team begin their Con-

federations Cup campaign against hosts Brazil on Saturday. “It’s been a while since we’d won so I told the players to finish off with a victory,” the Italian was quoted as saying by Kyodo news agency.

“The heat and wind made things difficult but we did well enough tonight. I think we showed we have been a force to be reckoned with in this group.”

Iraq knew only victory in front of a handful of fans in their temporary home ground in Qatar would be enough to keep alive their hopes of claiming a top-three finish and a chance of reaching Brazil.

The Japanese, who sealed top spot in the group last week with a point at home to Australia, rested first teamers Keisuke Honda, Ryoichi Maeda and Maya Yoshida for the fixture while skipper Makoto Hasebe was suspended.

Reuters



Japan's Mike Havenaar (R) fights for the ball with Iraq's Dhurgham Ismael Dawood during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match in Doha on 11 June, 2013.—REUTERS

McIlroy says soft Merion conditions suit him at US Open



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland watches his tee shot on the 10th hole during the final round of the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio on 2 June, 2013.—REUTERS

ARDMORE, 12 June—Rory McIlroy is one of the few top golfers pleased to see the heavy rain falling at Merion, the site for this week’s US Open.

While many of his opponents have bemoaned the arrival of the showers and the slower greens and softer fairways, McIlroy’s mood perked up when he heard the forecast for more torrential weather.

Rather, the Northern Irishman thinks the conditions in Philadelphia could help his chances of winning, just as he did two years ago at a soaked Congressional.

“There might be a few similarities to the way Congressional played to the way this week’s going to play,” said McIlroy.

“It was soft then and it’s obviously going to be soft again this week.”

McIlroy won the 2011 US Open by eight strokes with a record total of 16-under-par but failed to make the cut when he defended his title last year at the harder and faster Olympic Club, outside of San Francisco.

“I didn’t really enjoy the Olympic Club last year,” he said. “I much prefer this sort of golf.”

“When you hit a shot and it doesn’t bounce one way or the other. When you hit it and it stays where you think it’s going to stay.”

Despite his preference for softer ground, McIlroy said the Merion course, with its narrow, tiled fairways, would still present a tough challenge to everyone.

“You’ve still got to hit it on the fairway, it’s still a pretty tight golf course,” he said.

“When you do get it in the rough, you’re not going to make birdies out of there.”—Reuters

Pele asks Brazilians not to boo national team

SAO PAULO, 12 June—Football great Pele appealed to Brazil’s notoriously fickle fans on Tuesday to get behind their team during the upcoming Confederations Cup.

The only player to win the World Cup three times was dismayed by recent games in which home fans barracked Brazil’s players and their manager Luiz Felipe Scolari.

“This is a team that is under construction, this is a 15-day tournament, so let’s not boo them,” Pele said to applause at a promotional event in Sao Paulo.

“Let’s support the players, even if things don’t work out because this is us preparing for the World Cup.”

The eight-team Confederations Cup takes place



Brazil's soccer legend Pele acknowledges cheers from the audience as he enters Rasunda stadium in Stockholm, ahead of the friendly match between Sweden and Brazil, on 15 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

in Brazil from 15 June to 30 June and is considered a major test run for next year’s World Cup, both for players and organizers.

More than 80 percent of the tickets have been sold for this month’s tournament and it promises to be the most successful ever commercial-

ly. Brazilian fans have a reputation for colour and flamboyance when overseas, but at home they are demanding and fickle. As the only team to win the World Cup five times, Brazilian supporters are unforgiving when their expectations are not met.

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Australian woman to brave sharks on swim from Cuba to US



Chloe McCardel, an Australian swimmer, talks during a news conference in Havana on 11 June, 2013.

REUTERS

HAVANA, 12 June—With favourable weather predicted and a team of scientists on her side, Australian Chloe McCardel will set out on Wednesday to become the first person to make the 103-mile (166-km) swim between Cuba and the Florida Keys without a shark cage to protect her.

The treacherous body of water known as the Florida Straits is the Holy Grail for marathon swimmers and has been conquered only once, by Susie Maroney, also Australian, who used a protective cage at age 22 during her 1997 swim that glided on ocean currents and enabled her to make the journey in just 25 hours.

Since 2011, four un-

successful, uncaged swims have been attempted, three by American Diana Nyad and one by Australian Penny Palfrey, and in all, 20 people have tried and failed, McCardel said in a Press conference on Tuesday at the Hemingway Marina west of Havana. She'll take off from there on Wednesday morning.

"It's the hardest marathon swim in the entire world," the blond, well-tanned 28-year-old told reporters.

"This is like winning a World Cup in soccer or getting a world record and a gold medal at the Olympic Games, but it's possibly harder because no one has been able to do it," said Mc-

Cardel, who works as a first aid trainer in Melbourne.

McCardel trains 50 weeks a year and has a record of accomplishment that includes two double crossings of the English Channel.

She'll use so-called English Channel marathon rules, meaning she can't touch the boats that will accompany her during what she estimates will be a 60-hour journey, hopefully ending on the shores of Key West, Florida.

Her biggest challenges during the swim, apart from fatigue, will be the poisonous jelly fish that float through the straits, the sharks, the man o' wars, waves and the powerful and unpredictable Gulf Stream, the mighty ocean current that flows west to east through the Florida Straits.

She and her husband, Paul, did a thorough study of past failed attempts to see what could be done differently. Based on their findings, they turned to science to increase the chance of success.

The swim is being attempted now because the box jelly fish, a particularly venomous species that has stung other swimmers, are less numerous in the Straits this time of year.—Reuters

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They don't need no badges: Tourists bypass Grand Canyon blockade

PHOENIX, 12 June—Tourist cars and buses resumed their bumpy run to a Grand Canyon tourist attraction run on Tuesday, by passing a roadblock set up last week by a dude rancher in a bitter access dispute.

The Hualapai tribe, which operates the canyon Skywalk viewing platform, built the bypass on federal land in Arizona and reopened the Diamond Bar Road to traffic.

Diamond Bar runs briefly through the Grand Canyon Ranch Resort, belonging to Nigel Turner. The former British Army

helicopter pilot grew angry over delays affecting the construction of a separate improved road to the Skywalk for which he had granted an easement in 2007. In late May, Turner deployed armed guards to charge \$20 per person and \$500 per tour bus for the upward of 1,000 visitors a day who use the road before finally preventing entry altogether.

"For two weeks, thousands of people have been coming to the Grand Canyon to enjoy their vacations and have either been faced with an armed man collecting money from them



A skywalk extends out over the Grand Canyon in this view from the incomplete building that houses the skywalk, on the Hualapai Indian Reservation, Arizona in this on 28 Feb, 2012 file photo.—REUTERS

or finding a roadblock and having to turn around," Hualapai Tribe spokesman Dave Cieslak said.

Hualapai Chairwoman Sherry J Counts thanked Arizona US Representatives Ann Kirkpatrick, a Demo-

crat, and Paul Gosar, a Republican, for assisting the tribe in getting the necessary permit to complete work on the bypass.

Turner could not immediately be reached for comment on Tuesday.—Reuters

Chinese firm exports heavy-duty excavators to South Africa

TAIYUAN, 12 June—A heavy-duty machinery manufacturer in north China's Shanxi Province has exported its heavy-duty excavators to South Africa, according to the company.

Cao Keshun, a spokesman for the Taiyuan Heavy Machinery Group Co (TZ), Ltd said the company sold two WK-55 excavators to South Africa. TZ previously exported the same type

of excavator to Chile in 2011. "This type of excavator can be used in all kinds of mining environments. The product has great export potential," Cao said.

Founded in 1950, TZ was the first independent heavy-duty machinery manufacturing firm to be established in China. Its products have been exported to countries around the world.—Xinhua



A visitor takes photos of a bunch of colourful roses on display in the main pavilion of the 9th China (Beijing) International Garden Expo in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 June, 2013. Cultivated by artificial methods, those unusual roses attracted many visitors.—XINHUA

Chicago receives 46.2 mln tourists in 2012

CHICAGO, 12 June—Chicago hosted 46.2 million visitors in 2012, near the record of 46.3 million in 2007 and an increase of 6.1 percent over 2011, Chicago Tribune reported on Tuesday.

The city accommodated nearly 18 million over-

night vacationers, up 10.2 percent from 2011; 16.1 million day trips leisure travellers, rising 4 percent on year; and 7.2 million business travel overnight visitors, up 6.7 percent. International visitors to Chicago rose 3.2 percent to 1.24 million in 2012, Chi-

cago Tribune quoted preliminary data to be released by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Choose Chicago on Tuesday as saying.

As a result, downtown Chicago hotels saw an occupancy rate of 75.2 percent in 2012, up from 72.2 percent in 2011, and the city

hotel tax receipts increased by 26.1 million dollars to 100.8 million dollars.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in a statement that the data indicate the city "is well on its way to meeting and exceeding my goal of 50 million annual visitors by 2020."—Xinhua

Union Minister receives UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko received UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Myanmar Mr Ashok Nigam and party at his office, here, this afternoon and discussed matters related to cooperation.

Also present at the call were Bureau Special Investigation Director-General U Aung Saw Win, Myanmar Correctional

Department Director-General U Than Htay and responsible persons from the departments.

The Union Minister for Home Affairs also received a delegation led by Mr Roy Fleming OBE, Senior Officer of the Rules of Law of British Government's Stability Group at the hall of the Ministry, here, this afternoon and discussed the matters of cooperation.

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Pilot assessment program for Myanmar's reading skills discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received Country Manager Kanthan Shankar of World Bank at his office, here, this afternoon.

They discussed plan of World Bank to conduct school grants, stipends and pilot test for Myanmar reading skills of grades 1, 2 and 3 students and grant the cost for the works.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Thai guests



Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Chairman Mr Alongkorn Ponlaboot of Myanmar-Thai Parliamentary Friendship Association at the meeting hall No.1 of Pyithu Hluttaw Building.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a delegation led by Mr Alongkorn Ponlaboot, Chairman of Myanmar-

Thai Parliamentary Friendship Association at the meeting hall No.1 of Pyithu Hluttaw Building, here, this morning.

At the call, they exchanged views on

further strengthening friendly relations between the two countries and the two Hluttaws and further promotion of political and economic sectors of the two countries.

Present on the occasion together with Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa were chairmen, secretaries and members of the committees.

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We will help all Myanmar citizens whether they are legal or illegal so that they can come back home

YANGON, 12 June—A special Myanmar 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 here for Malaysia yesterday to make investigation into Myanmar migrant workers' issues on the ground and to hold talks with Malaysian ministries concerned. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by the officials.

News crews from Myanmar News Agency interviewed the delegation members at the airport lounge before their departure.

Q: May I know the purpose of the trip to Malaysia?

A: We are making cooperation with Malaysian government on violence against Myanmar migrant workers. Our trip is aimed at providing more effective protection to Myanmar workers there. Moreover, we want to give encouragements to warded Myanmar



Deputy Minister U Zin Yaw.

workers. Authority concerned seized and scrutinized all illegal migrant workers including Myanmar workers. We will make coordination with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Labour in Malaysia to deal with the issues and to help Myanmar people. We are to do our best Myanmar workers after the deputy minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security and the Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia hold talks with Myanmar community there. Our government does not turn a blind eye to the violence



Deputy Minister Daw Win Maw Tun.

against Myanmar citizens. The violence started on 29 May, stopped for a while and then continued. Malaysian authorities have scrutinized all workers whether they are legal or illegal workers when the Myanmar government called for protection of Myanmar workers. It appears to continue their works until now. Priority will be given to these issues to avoid similar violence in the future.

Q: Let me know Myanmar's government's arrangements for the remains of Myanmar citizens?

A: Let's suppose a homicide under

Malaysian law. It is a cognizable offence. When the police investigate the case in accord with police's procedures, they cannot identify who the victims are. But they can assume that the victims are Myanmar citizens. If they assume that the victims are Myanmar citizens according to other sources, they can ask Myanmar embassy to scrutinize and cremate the dead bodies and cremate them with the permission of the embassy. At present, the police has informed Myanmar embassy of the death of four Myanmar citizens till now. Among them, one has been allowed by the embassy to cremate.

Q: Where did the dead cremated?

A: Malaysia

Q: Is it company's arrangements or embassy's?

A: It is not embassy's arrangement. It must be police's arrangement and funeral service. The embassy gave necessary

assistance for it.

Q: How is the programme for Myanmar workers who want to go back home?

A: It is known that some Myanmar workers are in a position to go back home. We will have to make coordination for their return. Currently, migrant workers are being subject to a thorough scrutiny to ensure that they are legal or illegal. At first, as many as 1000 workers were reportedly arrested. Most of them were released after being undergone a scrutiny and it is reported that there are only 196 left. Some workers who are said to be holding forged UNHCR cards are now being scrutinized again. Those who are found to be illegal workers were detained and they are then planned to be deported. There were such kinds of programs in the past. It is believed that the increase in the frequencies of scrutiny leads to a

rise in the numbers. Arrangements are being made to ensure mutual coordination, transportation and issuing identity cards to workers.

Q: Let me know how to continue to protect migrant workers if such incidents like this recur?

A: If such incidents like this recur, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to contact the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and meet the Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar and then officially ask for protection. We have already asked the Malaysian Ambassador to protect Myanmar workers, to prevent recurrence of such kinds of attacks, to expose the perpetrators and to bring them to justice. This is the highest diplomatic request between the two countries. Accordingly, Malaysia enforces the increased presence of police and the protection

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