

Myanmar would help foreign investors the most possible degree: President



NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by former World Bank President and former U.S

Deputy Secretary of Defence Dr Paul Wolfowitz, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this evening.

The President said the new government could establish good relations with other world countries in its two-year term. Relations

President U Thein Sein shakes hands with former World Bank President and former U.S Deputy Secretary of Defence Dr Paul Wolfowitz.

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between Myanmar and US had reached better status after a 20-year hiatus of ties. He said he was satisfied with his recent visit to U.S, which bring better prospects for amity and cooperation between the two countries. Myanmar was inviting foreign investors for revival of country's economy as the country was in urgent need of capital and technology. It was the best time for foreign investors as the government has made relaxations on foreign investments. He reaffirmed that Myanmar would help foreign investors to the most possible degree.

Dr Paul Wolfowitz said his visit to Myanmar was aimed at making investments in Myanmar and helping support Myanmar's reform processes. Economic development of a country plays a crucial role in national security of

the country. Last 25 years, he served in Indonesia. Indonesia now had achieved successes in political and economic sector. He strongly believed that Myanmar's development would be a support for other countries in the region as well as for ASEAN.

The two cordially exchanged views on investments, establishment of factories and workshops

that can create more job opportunities, development of small and medium enterprises and human resources development.

Also present at the call were Union Ministers U Soe Thane and U Win Shein, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw and departmental heads.

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MRTV retransmission station in Panglong Sub-Township launches pilot transmission

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Myanma Radio and Television has been implementing retransmission station project in Panglong Sub-Township of Hopang Township in Wa Self-Administered Division in Shan State (North) and works have

been completed on 9 June.

The retransmission station is airing Myanma Radio and Television Programmes through 50 W and wave frequency UHF Channel J-16 starting from 9 June.

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Timber extraction reduced for sustainable forest development

Sustainable forest development by means of extracting annual yield without affecting the forest capital is aimed at hanging down the forest products and services to the next generations by reducing the environmental impact to minimum level while fulfilling the current demands of the population.

Myanmar Selection System, a choosing method of trees suitable for extraction through set criteria, and use of elephants in logging

ensures least impact to ecological balance.

Myanmar Timber Enterprise under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry targeted to produce 268,900 Hoppus Tons of teak and 1,391,600 Hoppus Tons of hardwood from its reserves in 2012-2013 timber extraction season.

Its targets for 2013-2014 timber extraction season are announced to be 180,000 Hoppus Tons of teak and around 800,000 Hoppus Tons of

hardwood, reducing the amount of timber extraction by half in its efforts for sustainable development of forest sector.

The reduction measure would lead to certain benefits like increasing the forest coverage area thereby preventing the natural disasters; contributing to water resources like rivers, creeks and lakes; and sustainable forest development with possible long-term exploitation of forest resources.

In addition, value-adding the forest products

through modern technologies will help fetch high prices.

Moreover, rural people and communities whose main liveli-

Htway Myint Naing (Sagaing)

hood is inseparable from forests need to abide by regulations of Forest De-

partment.

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School buildings constructed, trees planted in Yedashe Township



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Khawkyuwa suspension bridge opened



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Public Service Media Law under Democratic Reform (4)

One of the systems that makes sure the autonomy of PSM Council is monitoring by an independent administration council. Though government-owned media run on public funds, government can intervene in administrative affairs since they are formed as subordinates of the government ministries.

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School buildings constructed, trees planted in Yedashe Township

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—As the Forest Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is cooperating with international organizations, REDD project is being implemented for uplifting rural region development on both sides of Thagara-Koebin

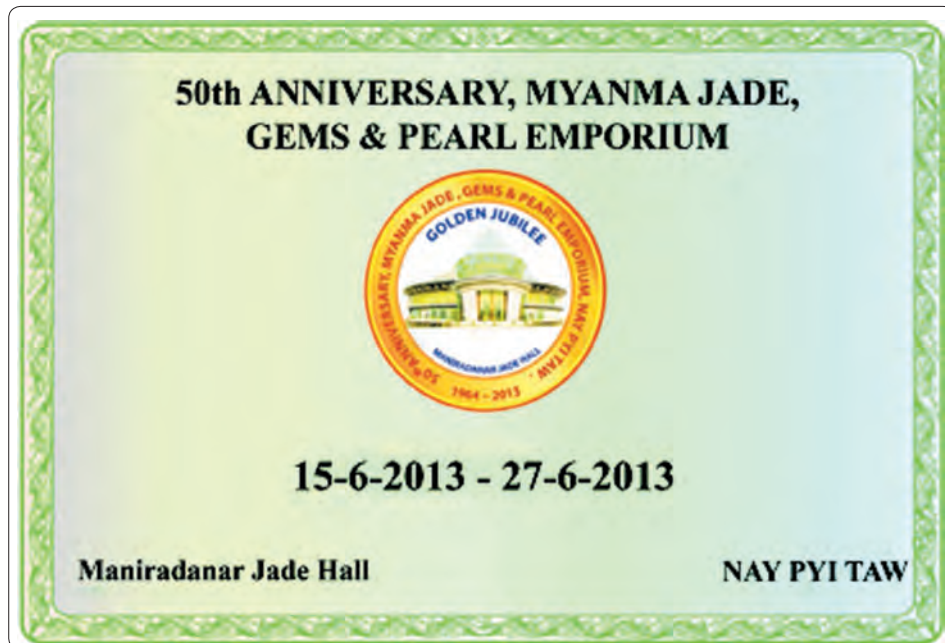
road in Yedashe Township of Toungoo District.

The school buildings of Basic Education Primary Schools were built and trees planted in 9th-Mile, 8th-Mile, 7th-Mile and 6th-Mile village on Thagara-Koebin Road. The ceremonies were held on 10 June, attended by Deputy Minister for Environmental

Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung together with Bago Region Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials, local people and students, totalling about 400.

They planted 1300 teak plants, flower plants and vegetables.

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Modern dental equipment donated

YANGON, 14 June—A ceremony donate modern dental equipment to Latha Township Health Department by Myanmar Chinese Merchants Association was held at the office of the association, here, on 12 June morning.

Deputy Head of Yangon Region Health Department Dr Swe Zin Win made a speech.

Next, Latha Township Administrator U Lwin Min spoke words of thanks.

The ceremony was also attended by

departmental officials, members of Chinese Merchants Association and members of social organizations.

The donations amounted to K 2.7 million.

Kyemon-Kyaw Myint Aye (IPRD)

LOCAL BUSINESS

Oil press can earn family income in Myaing Tsp

MYAING, 14 June—The traditional oil press pulled by cow are now operated with the use of electricity in urban area of Myaing. Thus, pure groundnut oil and sesame oil are marketable.

One traditional oil press can crush five viss of groundnut or sesame per hour and produces over two viss of oil and over three viss of groundnut expeller cake.

Double oil presses can

be used for 10 times a day. The owner of the oil press charges K 700 for one time pressing of groundnut and pays K 200 for controlling the press to the worker.

The traditional oil press can earn income in crushing groundnut, sesame and others on a manageable scale and sell groundnut expeller cake.

Kyemon-Tun Hlaing (Myaing)

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Drowsy driver plunges car into canal

YANGON, 14 June—A drowsy driver plunged the car into the canal in North Okkalapa Township on 8 June morning and the car was pulled out by the crane.

Thet Ko Ko, 29, of Padauk 7th Street in Hta Ward in North Okkalapa Township driving from North Okkalapa Sixth Corner to Mya Nursery at 4 am on 8 June plunged the Probox car into Bohmu Tun Sein Canal near Mya nursery.

Although the driver was no injury in the incident, the car was damaged at right part of head. It was pulled out by the crane.

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ANTI-NARCOTIC DRIVES

Narcotic drugs seized at Mandalay Railway Station

MANDALAY, 14 June—Narcotic drugs were seized from a passenger woman at No. 7 ordinary class coach of 55-up Mandalay-Myitkyina train at 6.50 pm on 11 June at Mandalay Railway Station in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay.

Sgt Shu Maung Tin, L/Cpl Thura Kyaw Swa, L/Cpl Khin Maung Tun, constables Aye Aye Mar and Pan Ei Thein of Mandalay Railway Police Force searched Ma Yasana, 37, of Lweyet Village in Momeik Township of Shan State North carrying soft drink bottle to take her seat No 33 of No 7 ordinary

class coach of the train on No 1 platform of the railway at 7.10 pm.

The police seized 16 packets of heroin of suspect weighing 192 grams from Good Morning brand box and another 72 grams of white power, totalling 264 grams. Mandalay Railway Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Ma Yasana under Sectuion 15/19(1) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

From January to 12 June, the police station at Mandalay Railway Station has seized narcotic drugs worth K 363,005,056 in 17 cases.—Kyemon

Buses equipped with CCTVs

YANGON, 14 June—No 5 Bus line namely Myitta Hline started its runs on 8 June.

Bus fare will be collected for K 50 per each section of the route. A total of 26 buses are installed CCTVs. It starts the route from Pale Myothit on Yakhaingkyaw Road and passes Aungmingala

Highway Bus Terminal, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Sule Road, Pyay Road, Insein, Danyingon, Mingaladon, Khayaybin Junction and No 3 Highway. The installation of CCTV is aimed at checking the misconducts of unscrupulous elements onboard the bus and ensuring safety of passengers.

Kyemon-KTS

Vehicles put under traffic rules

YAMETHIN, 14 June—SIP Kyaw Kyaw Tun and party checked undisciplined motorcikes and motorcyclists for their life safety on Sibinhaya Road in Yamethin of Mandalay Region.

The team comprising personnel of Directorate of Road Administration, Judicial Office and Development Affairs

Co Ltd, houses in Sabyusu, Gyobinseik and Thetkekon villages in Kyauggon Township, Khettu Village in Latmyethna Township and Megon and Thaukkyadu villages in Kyangin Township have been installed with solar panels.

As a result, a total of 1019 houses from those villages are now enjoying electrification.

Kyemon-Phyu Phyu Khaing

Villages in Ayeyawady Region installed with solar panels



KYAUNGKON, 14 June—With the concerted efforts of Rural Development

Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs and Myanmar Solar Power

WORLD

Abe's Cabinet OKs growth strategy, but it may fall short of hopes



Bank of Japan chief Haruhiko Kuroda speaks to the press at the prime minister's office in Tokyo on 13 June, 2013, after meeting with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to discuss economic conditions and recent volatility in equity and foreign exchange markets.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 14 June—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Cabinet on Friday endorsed its growth strategy, the last of the three arrows of "Abenomics," aiming to end nearly two decades of deflation by beefing up private-sector investment and rebuilding businesses.

Abe's government, formed on 26 December, also approved longer-term economic and fiscal policy blueprints in which it set a

new goal of reducing the ratio of Japan's public debt to gross domestic product from fiscal 2021 in a stable manner.

But most of the policy proposals in the strategy do not break new ground and the blueprints gave no details on how to pave the way to sound public finances, failing to map out concrete steps to simultaneously attain economic growth and fiscal consolidation.

Kyodo News

Explosion at Louisiana chemical plant kills one, injures 73

GEISMAR, (Louisiana), 14 June—An explosion and fire killed one person and injured 73 at the Williams Olefins chemical plant in Geismar, Louisiana, on Thursday, unsettling an industrial town where authorities ordered people to remain indoors for hours to avoid the billowing smoke.

The blast at 8:37 am (1337 GMT) sent a huge fireball and column of smoke into the air. The plant along the Mississippi River, about 60 miles (100 km) from New Orleans, is one of 12 chemical plants along a 10-mile (16-km) stretch of the river.

The fire, fuelled by the petrochemical propylene, burned for more than three hours, though government monitors had yet to detect dangerous levels of emissions, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal told a news conference near the scene.

"Once the investigations are done, once there's a responsible party, they will absolutely be held responsible," Jindal said.

Louisiana State Police said the victim was Zachary C Green, 29, of Hammond, but gave no further information on him.

Some 300 workers from



Smoke rises behind Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal (2nd L) during a news conference near the Williams Olefins chemical plant in St Gabriel, Louisiana on 13 June, 2013.—REUTERS

the plant were evacuated and all the employees were accounted for, among them 10 who stayed behind in a safe room inside the plant, Jindal said.

Emergency responders took 73 people to hospital, Jindal said, including at least five who were being treated at Baton Rouge General Hospital's burn centre, said Dr Floyd Roberts, a physician there. Plant operations were shut, and the company's own emergency response crews were assisting at the scene, parent group Williams Cos said in a statement.

Authorities ordered people within a 2-mile (3-km) radius to remain in their homes, in part because of the smoke, said Lester Kenyon, a spokesman for Ascension Parish. That "shelter in place" order was later lifted for residents but remained in effect for four other plants in the area that scaled down their operations, Jindal said.

"It's a sad day in Geismar, and particularly for the Williams Olefins work family, and frankly for the petrochem community in this area," Ascension Parish Sheriff Jeffrey Wiley said.

Reuters

Iran vote could bring change of style, perhaps not substance

DUBAI, 14 June—Iran votes on Friday in a presidential election unlikely to result in seismic shifts in its troubled relations with the West and Gulf Arab neighbours, but which could bring a softening of the confrontational style personified by outgoing president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

World powers embroiled in talks with Iran over its nuclear programme are looking for signs of a recalibration of its negotiating position after eight years of intransigence under fiery populist Ahmadinejad.

Iran's Gulf Arab neighbours are also wary of Iran's influence in Iraq next door and its backing for President Bashar al-Assad and his Lebanese allies Hezbollah in the Syrian civil war. The Sunni Arab

kingdoms are backing the rebels in Syria.

Of five hardline candidates professing unwavering obedience to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, three are thought to stand any chance of winning the vote, or making it through to a second round run-off in a week's time.

Of those three main conservative hopefuls only one, current chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili, advocates maintaining Iran's robust, ideologically-driven foreign policy.

The other two, Tehran mayor Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf and former foreign minister Ali Akbar Velayati, have pledged never to back away from pursuing Iran's nuclear programme but have strongly criticised

Jalili's inflexible negotiating stance. They face a single moderate candidate, the only cleric in the race, Hassan Rohani. Though very much an establishment figure, suspicious of the West, Rohani is more likely to pursue a conciliatory foreign policy.

With no independent, reliable opinion polls in Iran, it is hard to gauge the public mood, let alone the extent to which Khamenei and the Revolutionary Guards will exert their powerful influence over the ballot.

Reuters



Supporters carry Iranian presidential candidate Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf at a rally in Teheran on 12 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Nicaragua approves proposal to build transoceanic canal

MANAGUA, 14 June—Legislators in Nicaragua on Thursday approved a proposal to build a massive transoceanic waterway project that would rival the famed Panama Canal and potentially boost the country's economy.

Nicaragua's National Assembly approved the proposal by a 61-28 vote after debating the Law of Concession for the Great Transoceanic Canal, a mega project that is estimated to cost an investment totaling 40 billion US dollars. The legis-

lation approved on Thursday, however, contains no specific route for the canal and virtually no details of its financing or economic viability. Ruling party deputy Edwin Castro, however, shed light on the project by disclosing in a televised

interview earlier on Thursday that a decision had been made in regard to granting the concession to the Hong Kong-based HKDN Group Holding Limited which will be responsible for building and operating the canal.

Xinhua

White House says Syrian government using chemical weapons against rebels

WASHINGTON, 14 June—White House concluded in a statement on Thursday that the Syrian government had used chemical weapons against rebels, a major move that signals deeper US involvement in the Syrian conflict.

"Following a deliberative review, our intelligence community assesses that the Assad regime has used chemical weapons, including the nerve agent sarin, on a small scale against the opposition multiple times in the last year," said White House Deputy National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes in the statement.

"The intelligence community estimates that 100 to 150 people have died from detected chemical weapons attacks in Syria to date; however, casualty data is likely incomplete," he said.

Rhodes added that no "credible" evidence indicated that the Syrian rebels had used chemical weapons.

US President Barack Obama said evidence has pointed to the use of chemical weapons inside of Syria. He had called time and again the use of or failure to secure chemical weapons by the Syrian government a "red line" or "game changer" in his handling of the conflict in the Middle East country. But Obama

had also made it clear that he needed more specific information about what had exactly happened there.

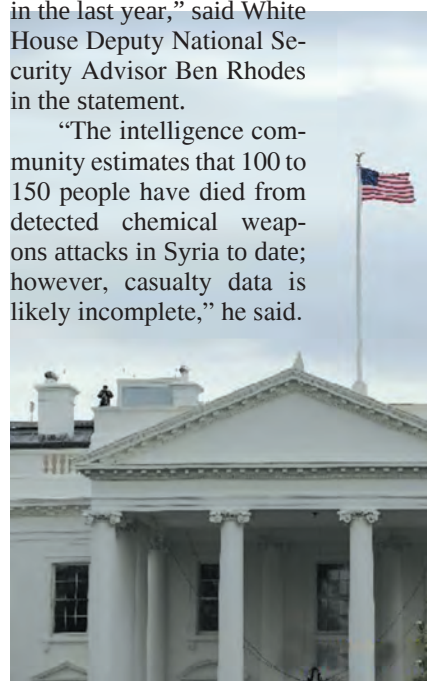
In the statement, Rhodes said that Washington is working with its allies to present a "credible, evidentiary" case to share with the international community.

"The president has said that the use of chemical weapons would change his calculus, and it has," he noted.

The Syrian government's actions have led to increased support by Washington to the Syrian opposition, said Rhodes, adding that the United States has other "legal, financial, diplomatic, and military responses" available.

"We are prepared for all contingencies, and we will make decisions on our own timeline," he said.

Rhodes stressed that any future US actions must serve its national interests and its objectives, which include achieving a negotiated political settlement, protecting the rights of all Syrians, securing unconventional and advanced conventional weapons, as well as countering terrorist activity.—Xinhua



File photo taken on 15 April, 2013 shows a security officer standing guard on the roof of the White House in Washington DC, the United States. The US intelligence community assessed that the Syrian government had used chemical weapons against rebels, White House said in a statement on Thursday. XINHUA

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Antitrust probe of Lockheed-Boeing rocket venture

WASHINGTON, 14 June—US regulators have opened a probe into whether a Lockheed-Boeing joint venture that launches US-government satellites into space has flouted antitrust laws.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is investigating whether United Launch Alliance (ULA), a joint venture of Lockheed Martin Corp and Boeing Co, violated federal antitrust laws by “monopolizing” or restraining competition through an exclusivity agreement with the maker of the engines used in its rockets, according to a FTC document obtained by Reuters on Wednesday.

RD Amross, a joint

venture of Russia’s NPO Energomash and Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, a unit of United Technologies Corp, provides RD-180 engines for ULA rockets.

Industry sources say ULA is preventing RD Amross from selling the engines to other rocket makers, including Orbital Sciences Corp, which is trying to break into the lucrative market for government rocket launches. Jessica Rye, spokeswoman for ULA, confirmed the investigation and said the company was cooperating with antitrust regulators.

“ULA’s contracts to purchase the RD-180 engine are lawful, pro-competitive and designed to provide the



The Orbital Sciences Corporation Antares rocket is seen as it launches from Pad-0A of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS) at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia, on 21 April, 2013.—REUTERS

most reliable launch vehicle possible for critical US government missions,” Rye said. “Because this is ongoing investigation, it would be inappropriate for us to comment on specifics.” Pratt & Whitney spokesman Jay DeFrank said his company is aware of the investigation and cooperat-

ing with US regulators. The FTC declined comment. Barry Beneski, a spokesman for Orbital Sciences, said the company had been contacted by the FTC about the probe. “We have been contacted by the FTC about their investigation. However we can’t be more specific than that,” Beneski said. “In general, the company supports efforts to ensure there is an open and fair competitive environment in the market for launch services.”—Reuters

Apple looking at bigger iPhone screens, multiple colours



Men are silhouetted against a video screen as they pose with Samsung Galaxy S3, Nokia Lumia 820 and iPhone 4 smartphones (L-R) in this photo illustration taken in the central Bosnian town of Zenica, in this on 17 May, 2013 file photo. —REUTERS

NEW YORK, 14 June—Apple Inc is exploring launching iPhones with bigger screens, as well as cheaper models in a range of colours, over the next year, said four people with knowledge of the matter, as it takes a cue from rival Samsung Electronics.

The moves, which are still under discussion, underscore how the California-based firm that once ruled the smartphone market is increasingly under threat from its aggressive South Korean competitor. Samsung has overtaken Apple in market share through the popularity of its bigger-screen Galaxy “phablets” and by flooding the market with a range of products at different prices.

Apple is looking at introducing at least two bigger iPhones next year—one with a 4.7-inch screen and one with a 5.7-inch screen—said the sources, includ-

ing those in the supply chain in Asia. They said suppliers have been approached with plans for the larger screens, but noted it is still unclear whether Apple will actually launch its flagship product in the larger sizes.

“They constantly change product specifications almost to the final moment, so you’re not really sure whether this is the final prototype,” said one person with direct knowledge of the matter. Apple’s possible shift to offer what is often referred to as “phablets”—chunkier smartphones not quite big enough to qualify as tablets—comes as the long-time consumer and investor darling faces pressure to deliver more than one new handset model a year. Critics say its pace of innovation has slowed since the death of legendary co-founder Steve Jobs.

The iPhone 5 launched last September was the

first to veer away from the Apple phone’s 3.5-inch screen, which Jobs famously deemed “the perfect size for consumers” and had been used in every iPhone since the iconic device was unveiled in 2007.

The current iPhone 5 has one of the smaller screens among the best-selling smartphones in the mobile market, where consumers spend more time browsing the web and streaming content. Samsung’s Galaxy S4 and Galaxy Note 2 have 5-inch and 5.5-inch screens, respectively. For this year, Apple is expected to launch two new models, widely referred to as the iPhone 5S, with new fingerprint technology, and a cheaper version in plastic casing, supply chain sources have said. Apple plans to dress up the cheaper phone in a range of 5-6 colours to differentiate it from the more expensive model that has traditionally come only in black and white.

The US firm has discussed a price of \$99 for the cheaper phone, the timing of which could slip to next year, one of the people said. It’s not yet clear what the final price would be.

Apple—whose revenue growth has decelerated from the heady days of 2010 when it introduced the iPad and when the iPhone was the world’s top selling smartphone—has sought ways to re-energize its flagship line.—Reuters

Nokia sets date for expected camera phone announcement

HELSINKI, 14 June—Finnish mobile phone maker Nokia has plans to make an announcement on 11 July, according to a press invitation sent out on Thursday and amidst widespread speculation in online media that it is about to launch a new flagship camera phone.

An e-mailed press invitation to the event in New York featured the phrase “ZOOM. REINVENTED”. Technology blogs

and websites have recently published pictures online purporting to show the new phone with a 41-megapixel photographic sensor.

Nokia has launched a succession of new phones in various price segments over the past month after first-quarter results showed a surprisingly steep drop in lower-end handset sales.

The company declined to comment further on its press invitation.

Reuters



A man using his mobile phone walks under a Nokia logo in Shanghai on 6 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

US officials push cellphone makers to add theft deterrents

NEW YORK, 14 June—Authorities have criticized cellphone carriers and handset makers for their perceived unwillingness to make changes to technology to combat the problem.

A new coalition slated to be announced on Thursday by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon will analyze patterns behind the thefts and work with Apple Inc and other smartphone makers to create “kill” switches that would render devices inoperable if they are stolen.

Cellphone theft has become an escalating and increasingly violent problem, according to law enforcement authorities. About half of San Francisco’s robber-

ies last year, for instance, involved stolen mobile devices, according to Gascon. One study found that lost and stolen cellphones cost consumers \$30 billion last year.

The initiative to combat what has been dubbed “Apple-picking” was expected to be announced before a meeting in New York on Thursday with Schneiderman, Gascon and representatives of Apple, Samsung Electronics Co, and Google Inc’s Motorola Mobility and Microsoft Corp.(Reuters)—US state and city officials are banding together to pressure cellphone makers to adopt technology, including a “kill switch” to disable stolen phones, that would deter rampant theft of the

devices.

“This nationwide coalition of leaders is committed to doing everything in our power to encourage industry to be good corporate citizens and take responsible steps to ensure the safety of our consumers,” Schneiderman said in a statement obtained by Reuters.

Aside from New York and San Francisco, the new coalition includes attorneys general from Illinois, Massachusetts, Delaware, Minnesota, Connecticut, Nebraska and Hawaii, and district attorneys, police and other officials from cities including Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago. Amid pressure from authorities, Apple announced on Monday that it would add a new “activation lock” feature in its new mobile software.

The new feature, available with the launch of iOS 7 this autumn, will require a legitimate owner’s ID and password before an iPhone can be wiped clean or re-activated after being remotely erased. US state and city officials are banding together to pressure cellphone makers to adopt technology, including a “kill switch” to disable stolen phones, that would deter rampant theft of the devices.

Reuters



An Apple logo is seen at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference 2012 in San Francisco, California on 11 June, 2012.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Boeing set to confirm plans for larger 787 Dreamliner



Boeing 787 Dreamliner belonging to Polish airline LOT takes off from the Chopin International Airport in Warsaw on 1 June, 2013. —REUTERS

NEW YORK, 14 June—Boeing Co (BA.N) is poised to launch a larger member of its 787 Dreamliner jetliner family to meet demand for long-haul travel within Asia and other long-haul routes, sources told *Reuters* on Thursday.

Long-discussed plans for a 323-seat version of the 787 are likely to be formally announced at next week's Paris Airshow, the sources said, confirming a *Wall Street Journal* report.

"We have no comment

on the report but we are engaged in discussions with customers on a potential new member of the 787 family," a Boeing spokesman said.

The arrival of a new 787 version has been well anticipated, especially after Singapore Airlines Ltd (SIAL.SI) recently made a provisional commitment to buy the new \$300 million plane if Boeing decided to go ahead and build it.

Boeing's plans attracted attention on the eve of the maiden flight of the Airbus

A350, which will compete for many of the same buyers. Both aircraft are made of lightweight carbon composites to help airlines save fuel. The A350 is expected to take to the skies in Toulouse, southwestern France on Friday.

British Airways parent IAG (ICAG.L) has an option to buy more Dreamliners and there has been speculation it will use some of these to buy the larger version, known as the 787-10.

US lessor Air Lease Corp (AL.N) has been offering suggestions on the design and has publicly expressed interest in the 787-10. United Airlines (UAL.N) has also backed it.

The sources, who asked not to be named, said other airlines could also be part of an early pool of buyers to give the plane a commercial boost. Later, Germany's Lufthansa (LHAG.DE) is expected to look closely at the plane, they said.

Reuters

Starboard sues Office Depot for not holding annual meeting

NEW YORK, 14 June—Top Office Depot Inc (ODP.N) investor Starboard Value LP sued the second-largest US office supply retailer on Thursday for not holding an annual shareholder meeting to elect directors, an unusual step on the eve of a merger.

The activist investor said in the complaint the company had not held an annual shareholder meeting for 13 months. The complaint was filed with the Court of Chancery in Delaware, where Office Depot is incorporated.

Starboard has nominated six members, including former Home Depot CEO Robert Nardelli, for the 10-member Office Depot board.

The investor cited the lack of retail experience among current board members and stressed the need to reconstitute the board whether or not its proposed merger with smaller rival OfficeMax Inc (OMX.N)

takes place.

"The proposed merger provides no basis for the company to deprive stockholders of their right to meet annually to elect directors," Starboard said in the complaint, dated on 12 June. Boca Raton, Florida-based Office Depot revealed plans in February to buy OfficeMax in an all-stock deal worth \$937.2 million. They have not yet decided on the combined entity's name, headquarters or CEO.

The companies are

awaiting regulatory approval. They will both hold special shareholder meetings separately on 10 July to seek investor approval.

Starboard said it was forced to take the latest action as it did not expect directors to be elected at the special meeting.

Starboard said in its most recent regulatory filing that it held about 42 million shares of Office Depot, or about 15 percent of the company's stock.

Reuters



A customer leaves an Office Depot store in Arlington, Virginia on 28 July, 2009. —REUTERS

Arrhythmias more common in intense athletes

NEW YORK, 14 June—Cross-country skiers who have completed more races at faster speeds have a higher risk of developing a heart rhythm disorder than their slower, less-seasoned peers, a new study from Sweden suggests.

Researchers found athletes who completed at least five races over ten years were 30 percent more likely to be diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat, known as an arrhythmia, than those who only finished one race.

"It supports the notion that's been around forever that athletes are not immune to heart disease," said Dr Aaron Baggish, who studies athletes' heart health but wasn't involved in the new research.

Still, the new findings don't prove athletes' extra exertion caused heart problems. Previous studies suggested that endurance athletes were at an increased risk of atrial fibrillation (AF), a type of rhythm disorder affecting the heart's upper chambers, but few looked at large numbers of athletes. AF raises the risk of blood clots and stroke.

For the new study, Dr. Kasper Andersen from Uppsala University and his colleagues tracked about 53,000 cross-country skiers who completed the annual 56-

mile Vasaloppet race in Sweden between 1989 and 1998. Overall, 919 of the skiers developed an irregular heartbeat during the study, which ran through 2005.

About 2.7 percent of skiers who completed the race at least five times during the decade developed an irregular rhythm, compared to about 1.4 percent of those who completed one race.

What's more, those who finished the race in the shortest amount of time were about 30 percent more likely to develop an arrhythmia than slower skiers. The most common type of arrhythmia in the study was AF. But the researchers also found an increased risk of a slow heartbeat, known as bradyarrhythmia, with greater racing experience.

Andersen said he was surprised to see a higher risk of slow heart rhythms among intense athletes, because that had not been reported in past studies.

"It hasn't really been suggested before," he told *Reuters Health*.

Baggish, associate director of the Cardiovascular Performance Program at the Massachusetts General Hospital Heart Center in Boston, said it's hard to know what to do with the finding about slow heart rhythms.

Reuters

TPG, JC Flowers, Resolution bid for Allstate unit

NEW YORK, 14 June—British financial services firm Resolution Group and private equity firms TPG Capital and J.C. Flowers are bidding for Allstate Corp's (NYSE:ALL - News) Lincoln Benefit Life subsidiary, according to two people familiar with the situation.

TPG and JC Flowers have teamed up to bid for the insurance subsidiary,

which could be valued at \$500 million to \$900 million, said one of the people familiar with the situation, who is not permitted to speak to media and wished to remain anonymous.

Goldman Sachs (NYSE:GS—News) is handling the sale of the business, the people said.

Allstate, Goldman, Resolution and TPG declined to comment. JC Flowers was

not immediately available for comment.

A growing number of insurers have been selling their life and annuity businesses because the low interest rate environment makes it more difficult to run these businesses profitably. In April, AXA SA (Paris:AXA. PA - News) sold its US life insurance unit to Protective Life Corp (NYSE:PL—News) for \$1.06 billion.

Mother's age tied to risk of delivery complications

NEW YORK, 14 June—Teenage mothers are at increased risk of delivering their babies prematurely, while older moms are more likely to give birth via Caesarean section, according to a new study from Ireland. "It more or less confirmed what we know from previous studies," said Dr Deirdre Murphy, the study's senior author from Trinity College in Dublin. Still, Murphy told *Reuters Health* those studies were done years ago and there have been cultural changes among women that might have influenced delivery patterns.

She and her colleagues examined data on 36,916 first-time mothers giving birth in one Irish hospital between 2000 and 2011. The researchers were especially interested in compar-

ing the deliveries of both very young and older women to those of new moms between the ages of 20 and 34 years old.

About 3 percent of women were 17 years old or younger and close to 2 percent were 40 and above. Women between 20 and 34 years old made up about 78 percent of mothers in the study. Overall, about 6 percent of moms in the 20 to 34 age range gave birth before 37 weeks. (A normal-length pregnancy is considered to last 37 to 42 weeks.) That compared to about 10 percent of women in the youngest group who had a premature delivery.

Younger women, however, were least likely to deliver their babies by C-section. The researchers found only 11 percent of the young-



The two-hour old daughter of a 17-year old girl is fed by a nurse at a hospital in Chiang Mai. —REUTERS

est group had a C-section. That compared to about 54 percent of the oldest women and 24 percent of those in between.

Babies born to older moms were also more likely to have birth defects and to be admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit. Murphy, who published her findings in *BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, said there may

be something to learn from teenagers about why they have fewer C-sections than any other age group.

Currently, about 32 percent of US births are by C-section, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Murphy said the rates are typically lower in some European countries, including Ireland and the UK.

Reuters

WORLD

Japan highlights role of nuclear power in economic growth strategy

TOKYO, 14 June—The Japanese government made clear that nuclear power will continue to play a key role in meeting energy demand as it vowed in its economic growth strategy endorsed on Friday to push for the restart of idled reactors.

Once reactors clear a set of new safety requirements that will be introduced soon in the wake of the 2011 Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant disaster, the government will “move ahead with” their resumption and “work to win the approval and cooperation” of local governments hosting the facilities, the strategy said.

The new regulations are expected to take effect in July, setting the stage for reactors, most of which are now offline, to undergo the Nuclear Regulation Authority’s safety assessments.

Calls to bring reactors back online are strong from the business community, which has seen electricity rate hikes because major utilities are passing on to clients higher fuel costs for thermal power generation that is making up for the loss of atomic power.

But in a sign that the issue remains controversial in a country that has expe-

rienced the world’s worst nuclear crisis since the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, the growth strategy’s wording on the resumption of reactors has changed in the drafting process.

In an earlier draft, the strategy said the government will “work as one to win the approval and cooperation” of local governments and others, but the phrase “as one” was eliminated in the final version.

Economic revitalization minister Akira Amari, who is in charge of compiling the strategy, told a Press conference on Wednesday that the revi-

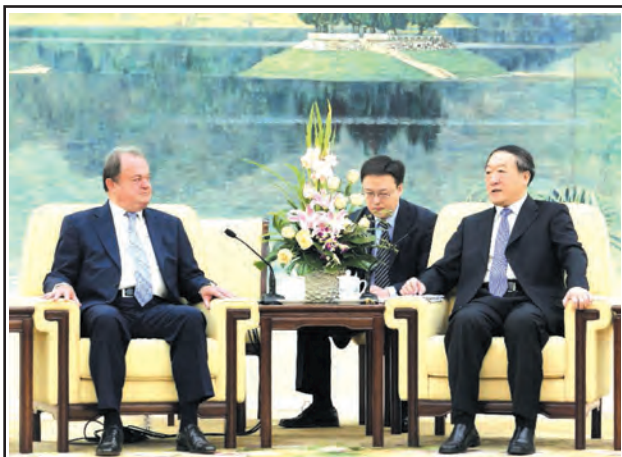
sion was meant to avoid the perception that the government is “bulldozing” its way toward the restart of reactors.

“The government has the responsibility to proceed with the resumption of reactors that are confirmed safe (by the NRA), but we do not intend to make light of the procedure for getting the nod from local people,” he said. Speculation is rife that the government may have decided to water down its pro-nuclear tone out of consideration toward the New Komeito party, the junior coalition partner of the ruling Liber-

al Democratic Party which takes a cautious approach to the resumption of nuclear power plants.

The government plans to devise a new medium to long-term energy plan around the end of the year, retracting a goal set by the previous government led by the Democratic Party of Japan to phase out nuclear power in the 2030s.

But promoting the use of nuclear power is expected to add pressure on the country to make progress in the stalled process of finding a permanent underground disposal site for high-level radioactive waste.—Kyodo News



Su Rong (R), vice chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), meets with a delegation of Romania’s Democratic-Liberal Party headed by Vasile Blaga (L) in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 June, 2013.

XINHUA

Afghan interpreters awarded New Zealand military medals

WELLINGTON, 14 June — Thirty Afghan interpreters who served with New Zealand forces in the Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT) in Bamyar Province were awarded New Zealand military medals on Friday.

Chief of Army, Major General Dave Gawn, presented the group, who have resettled in New Zealand, with the New Zealand General Service Medal (Afghanistan) Primary Operational Area (NZGSM) and the New Zealand Operational Service Medal (NZOSM).

Defence Minister Jonathan Coleman said it was appropriate the interpreters, as New Zealand residents, should receive the same medallic recognition as the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and New Zealand Police personnel they served alongside.

“The interpreters played a vital role in the operation of the NZPRT. They risked their lives to help New Zealanders, and we are very grateful for their service,” Coleman said in a statement.

Xinhua

TV channel offices attacked in Libya’s Benghazi

BENGHAZI, (Libya), 14 June—A bomb exploded outside a television station in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi on Thursday, damaging a wall but causing no injuries, an employee said.

The blast also created a large hole in the ground outside the Libya al-Hurra TV channel. Security officials were sent to secure the area.

“We just heard a loud explosion and came outside to see. The front gate is damaged. We believe it was a bomb,” the employee told Reuters, adding that it was unclear how the attack was carried out.

In October, dozens of demonstrators stormed and ransacked the station’s headquarters, protesting coverage of clashes in a former stronghold of ousted dictator Muammar Gaddafi.

In a statement this week, the campaign group Reporters Without Borders

said it was “extremely concerned about the deteriorating security situation in Libya and the behaviour of certain militias towards media personnel.”

“Journalists have repeatedly been attacked, threatened or kidnapped by militias in recent months,” the statement said.

Benghazi was the cradle of the 2011 uprising against Gaddafi and has

now become a hot spot for violence. At least 31 people were killed and 100 wounded in clashes between protesters, eventually backed by government forces, and a militia on Saturday.

On Wednesday, a senior Libyan army officer survived a gun attack outside his home, officials said, the latest in a wave of violence against security officials in the city.—Reuters



A security official inspects the scene of a bomb blast at the entrance of the Libya al-Hurra television station in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi on 14 June, 2013.

REUTERS

24 injured after Miami restaurant’s deck collapses during NBA Finals game

WASHINGTON, 14 June — Twenty-four US NBA fans were injured, three critically, on Thursday night when the back section of a restaurant and bar in Miami, Florida, collapsed into water, local media reported. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue received a call after a part of the outdoor patio deck of Shuckers Bar & Grill in North Bay Village, north of Miami Beach, collapsed into Biscayne Bay. There were about 100 people gathering on the deck to watch a NBA Finals match held in San Antonio between the Miami Heat and the San Antonio Spurs, the reports said.

Police and divers were immediately sent to the scene to rescue the victims, as an air rescue chopper was used for lighting to make sure all victims are out of the water. The vic-

tims were transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital for treatment, according to the reports.

“At the time we received the call, eye witnesses said approximately there was 100 people on the deck give or take. When our

divers arrived and our units arrived on scene, we were able to reach 24 victims and those are the victims we are treating at this time,” Miami-Dade Fire Rescue officer Eugene Germain was quoted by local WSVN TV as saying.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 13 June, 2013, shows washing machine models sold by Sharp Corp in member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Sharp said the same day it is looking to double its sales in the ASEAN region to 300 billion yen in the year through March 2017 by expanding its electrical appliance operations.

KYODO NEWS

Cuba sees 14 mln USD in losses from forest fires

HAVANA, 14 June—Cuba’s economy sustained nearly 14 million US dollars in losses this year from forest fires, the National Corps of Forest Rangers (NCR) reported on Thursday.

The damage was caused by some 342 forest fires during this year’s dry season, which lasted from January to May, the rangers said in a Press release. According to the NCR’s Fire Management Department, the fires destroyed more than 9,390 acres of woods, though the figure represents a decrease com-

pared with the year before.

The provinces of Pinar del Rio, Mayabeque, Matanzas, Camaguey, Holguin and Santiago de Cuba, as well as the Isle of Youth, registered the highest incidence of fires, equivalent to 66 percent of the total figure, the source said.

The months with the most fires were February and March with 67 percent of the fires happening during that time.

Human negligence, intentional fires that burn out of control, and heavy machinery or vehicles

without spark arrestors were considered to be the main reasons of fires affecting natural forests, grasslands and pastures.

To fight negligence, officials imposed 2,159 fines worth 214,983 Cuban pesos (8,113 US dollars) from January to May.

In 70 percent of the fires, flames spread to less than five acres, demonstrating the effectiveness of the NCR, which was awarded the National Environmental Prize on Tuesday for its work in conserving the island’s forest land.—Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Khawkyuwa suspension bridge opened



HOMALIN, 14 June—The opening ceremony of self-reliant Khawkyuwa suspension bridge was held in Khawkyuwa village in Khawya model village-tract in Homalin Township on 9 June.

Sagaing Region Shan National Affairs Minister U San Shwe, Township Management Committee Chairman U Kaung Myat Nyi, Executive Officer

of Development Affairs Committee, Township Support Committee Chairman U Aung Kyaw, the village-tract administrator and the bridge committee chairman formally opened the bridge. Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aye unveiled the signboard of the bridge. They then took a stroll on the bridge.

The bridge has the length of 240 ft and the

width of six ft. The construction of the bridge started in February this year.

Local residents and MRT timber company jointly funded K 20.4 million for the construction of the bridge.

The schoolchildren were in transport difficulty before the construction of the bridge.

MMAL-117

Japanese speaking contest on 30 June

YANGON, 14 June—Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni organizes 14th Japanese speaking contest at Parkroyal Hotel Ballroom on 30 June morning.

The contestant shall be between 17 and 55. He or she must be attending a Japanese class or have completed the class. The potential contestant must have at least basic Japanese knowledge.

Japanese language teachers are not allowed to take part in the contest.

The contestant must be Myanmar citizen who have not lived more than six months in Japan. The winners in the previous contests will not be allowed.

The contestants will have to give talks on their own topics within 4-5 minutes.

The script that has no more than 400 words and recorded audio tape or CD must be submitted to MAJA (Ph: 098612151 and 098613848), HITO Center Mandalay (Ph: 02-31762) by 14 June.

The shortlist of contestants who are allowed to take part in the finale will be announced by MAJA and HITO Center Mandalay on 24 June.

MMAL-Aung Thura

YCDC carries out landscaping in Thamagon roundabout



YANGON, 14 June—Parks and Playgrounds Department of Yangon City Development Committee is undertaking landscaping works in Hlinethaya Township in Yangon Region on 11 June.

Some 100 workers are working on Thamagon roundabout for landscaping.

The landscape of the roundabout was damaged by the undisciplined persons. "We have planned to facilitate decorated lights after the plants are grown. We will also require buses not to handle passengers within 200-yard distance of the roundabout," the head of the department said.

MMAL-164

CRIME

YANGON, 14 June—A female worker from a garment factory in Hlinethaya Township in Yangon Region jumped from Bayintnaung bridge on 11 June evening.

The girl who was from the Delta area attempted suicide as she could not afford to repay K 1 million debt.

She was saved by the workers from construction site of new Bayintnaung bridge in Hlinethaya.

She was admitted to Hlinethaya Hospital and

Garment factory worker attempts suicide



would be charged with attempted suicide.

MMAL-164

Pyinmana Forest Dept gives educative talks on environmental conservation

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—As Myanmar will host XXVII SEA Games in coming December with the theme Green, Clean & Friendship, the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is undertaking greening works in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Staff Officer of Pyinmana Township Forest Department U Win Bo gave talks on environmental conservation, pollution control, and ecosystem at Shwekyabin village in Zeyathiri Township on 7 June.

Similar environmental conservation talks were given in Mayankhon and Mignon villages in Ottarathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

MMAL-Kyaw Thu Win (Myanma Alinn)



Ten workers suffocated, lost consciousness by gasifier's gases

MYAUNGMYA, 14 June—Ten workers of a rice mill were admitted to hospital in Myaungmya People's Hospital in Ayeyawady Region, unconscious and suffocated by gas of a gasifier on 12 June

They inhaled gases from a gasifier at Manawthukha rice mill in Myaungmya industrial zone in Mya Hay

Marward in Myaungmya and lost consciousness.

Owner U Ko Ko Naing hospitalized them. They recovered within a day.

Myaungmya police is investigating the case.

MMAL-Aung Min (Myaungmya)

Myanma Airways suspends flights of MA-60 fleet

KAWTHOUNG, 14 June—State flag carrier Myanma Airways has suspended flights of MA-60 fleet one of which slipped off the runway at Kawthoung airport on 10 June.

The crashed flight is a scheduled flight of Yangon-

Mawlamyine-Kawthoung route.

Another MA-60 airplane also suffered the same fate as it landed Mongsat airport on 16 May reportedly due to failure of break system. The Myanma Airways announced it has suspended

MA-60 flights since 1 pm on 10 June.

According to an AP report, another MA-60 airplane of Indonesia's state flag carrier Merpati Nusantara Airlines crashed at Kupang airport, causing scores of injuries.—MMAL

HEALTH CARE SERVICE

Anti-DHF measures carried out in Nay Pyi Taw



NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Anti-Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever measures have been taken in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area since 28 May as the infection rate is higher than any other years.

The efforts include sterilization, sanitation and drainage works.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myo Nyunt, district and township administrators, head of township Health Department Dr Sanda Hlaing, and members of

Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association led the efforts at No (22) Basic Education High School in Shwekyabin ward on 8 June.

A total of 22 basic education schools in Zabuthiri Township followed suit, sterilizing water sources and taking sanitation measures.

MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)

TRANSPORT

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 15 June, 2013

Child labour

Child labourers are fairly common in teashops mostly in urban areas in our country, working as waiters. But, it would be wrong to define them as child labour because they at least somewhat support their families and are often the secondary earners. Who else would earn for a living of their family members when they are labeled as child labour and pulled out of the work?

In poverty-stricken families, a child's own needs, mostly of the eldest one, are often subjugated to the needs of his/her family. They just take it as a family duty and will not go to school even if the schooling is free. Under such circumstance, it is common for boys to work in farming if they are in rural areas or teashops or something like eateries.

Unfortunately, girls do not appear to be as lucky as boys and often become either paid or unpaid domestic helpers at young age, being subject to physical, psychological and sexual violence and abusive working conditions, and hidden from public eye. The plight of such child labourers is often beyond imagination in the cruel hands of some employers.

Boys working at teashops and beer stations are also vulnerable to physical violence of the owners, but it is rather rare in comparison with girl domestic workers whose stories are often unknown. Child domestic work is not recognized as a form of child labour in many countries because of the blurred relationship between the employing family and domestic worker and it is uncommon for domestic helpers who are basically uneducated and afraid of interaction with police and courts to file lawsuits against employers for abuse.

From the point of view of human rights, the government should take a central role in the elimination of the worst forms of child labour by adopting and enforcing national legislation against child labour. In addition, public awareness should be raised systematically apart from putting in place effective enforcement and monitoring mechanism.

Talks on retail business at UMFCCI

YANGON, 14 June—Myanmar Retailers Association will hold talks on retailing at UMFCCI here soon. Talks on Introduction to Retail Industry will be given on 27 July; How to run Retail Business Efficiently on 24 August; and How you can grow your retail business on 28 September.

It is the first talks organized by Myanmar Retailers Association which was set up on October, 2012. The association has invited those interested to attend it.—Moe Thuzar Soe

Strong earthquake hits outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—A strong earthquake of magnitude 6.7 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (South of Java, Indonesia) about 2330 miles southeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 11 hrs 24 min M.S.T yesterday night, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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ARTICLE

Public Service Media Law under Democratic Reform (4)

PSM Council

One of the systems that makes sure the autonomy of PSM Council is monitoring by an independent administration council. Though government-owned media run on public funds, government can intervene in administrative affairs since they are formed as subordinates of the government ministries.

Being the voice of the nation and voice of the voiceless and not the voice of the government, PSM must have financial independence and autonomy. PSM, according to international norms, is governed by an independent governing body or a supervisory council under which is an executive body or management board that operates daily functions. Therefore, it can be seen that BBC Trust manages BBC in Britain, ABC Board of Directors, ABC in Australia, CAS public service media in France and PBS Board of Governors Thai PBS in Thailand.

PSM administrative hierarchy suggested by European Council for European countries is as follows:

- Legislative protection of the freedom of the council;
- Transparency in appointing council members that enables public suggestions;
- Appointment of those well versed in respective fields without vested interest in political and economic gains;
- Accountability of the council through adopting and enforcing legislation

The Public Service Media Governance Criteria formulated by 47-member EC states that the governing council is (formed) not to intervene in daily functions of the executive board and editorial policies but to adopt the necessary policies and set the targets for public service media and to assess its performance; and that such division of responsibilities should be explicitly embodied in public service media law. Even those criteria allow the member countries to adopt a council member selection system that best suits them but demand to meet such requirements as transparency, public sug-

council members to reflect diversity within the society regardless of the selection system.

Therefore, BBC Trust is formed with 12 members in Britain appointed by the Queen with the approval of the cabinet. Those wishing to join the council need to apply for themselves and the cabinet selects according to Norlan principles which call for appointment of representatives from England, Wales, Scotland and North Ireland, collectively formed as United Kingdom.

The CAS is formed with nine members in France—three each nominated by the President, the upper house and the lower house. The governing council in Spain is formed with 12 members, eight of whom is selected by the lower house and four by the upper house and the appointment needs two third of the parliamentary votes.

The governing council in Poland is constituted with five members—two appointed by the lower house, one by the upper house and two by the President. In Denmark, the governing council is

Banya Aung

Ministry of Culture and one from PSM staff.

Public Service Media policy council in our neighbor Thailand is formed with nine members, nominated by the selection commission formed by the government. It is set to choose four from community-based organizations, three management experts and two media experts.

In selecting the members of PSM Council in our country, the council, to reflect the check and balance of the three branches of power, will be formed with 15 members—five each nominated by the President, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker. The selection rules forbid the government personnel, political party members or those who take an official position, and those who gain direct or indirect interests or earn directly or indirectly from media business from being appointed to the member position. Those who have committed serious crimes or punished by a court for misconduct are also prohibited.

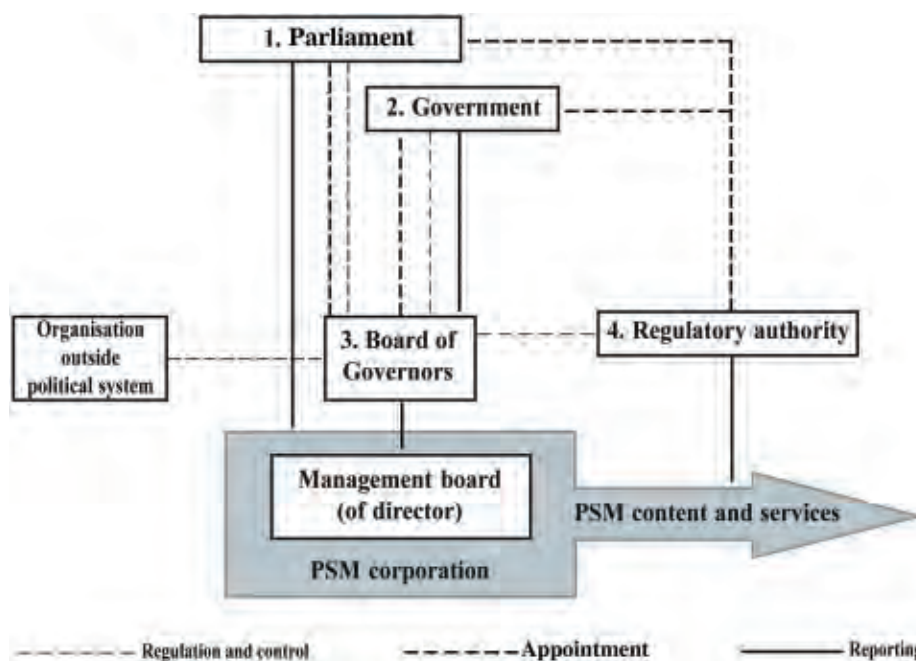
The rules also call for selection from different groups like personalities possessing different skills, different community organizations, and national people, and from women and young technicians; and publication of the name list of the nominees so that the public can make suggestions before the final decision is made.

In addition, to protect the autonomy of PSM Council, it is prescribed that a council member shall not be dismissed only other than disqualification, being punished by a court during capacity as a council member, being asked to leave by two third of the council members and failure to perform the duty for five consecutive months for some reasons.

Studying the PSM Media Council set-up described in the draft law, it can be found that it meets the Public Service Media Governance norms prescribed by the Council of Europe.

(To be continued)

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Following points must be observed to ensure the freedom of PSM Council—

gestions, and representation of all social classes and groups in selecting

formed with 10 members, six of which nominated by the parliament, three by

Study Overseas & Career Fair 2013 kicks off

YANGON, 14 June—Study Overseas & Career Fair 2013 was opened at Park Royal Hotel, here, today. Leading Singaporean and Australian universities affiliated with RVi Centre will participate in education seminars and free one-to-one counseling session. It also covers workshop for teachers, English Placement

Test & Scholarship Test and executive talks on hot jobs. Job seekers can find job opportunities from leading companies at Recruitment booths and Career Development Section of RVi Centre. RVi Centre will give 17 scholarships with internship for hot jobs subjects to mark its 17th Anniversary.

Study Overseas & Career Fair 2013 will be held at Mandalay Swan Hotel in Mandalay on 16 June. For more information, contact RVi Centre, at No. 44, Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph-01-535433, 242410, 253538, 541886 and 09-8612246 and visit www.rvcentre.com.sg.
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NATIONAL

Agricultural sector needs 3 Ps, cooperative societies to achieve quick-win: President

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein has called for extensive participation of three Ps (Private, Public, Partnership) and cooperative societies in a drive for upgrading the agriculture sector which can create many opportunities to achieve quick-win in rural area development.

On his visit to two model farmland: 500-acre farmland at Nyaungpingyisu Village in Pobbathiri Township and the 500-acre farmland at Alyinlo Village in Pyinmana Township today, the President also called on Agricultural Cooperative Society for implementing a system of supplying quality strain of rice seedlings to farmers and encouraging the three Ps initiatives in an attempt to attract investors to the agriculture sector.

Meanwhile, agro-based industries should be established as a first

step during transition to an industrialized one as the agriculture sector contributes the largest to the country's GDP, he said.

He stressed the need for assisting in commodity supply chain of farmers through the cooperative system in order to boost the income of farmers.

He also urged Ministry of Cooperatives, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry Livestock and Fisheries to speed up efforts for formation of agricultural cooperative societies in states and regions to help farmers with small capital.

During the visit to the 500-acre modern farmland at Nyaungpingyisu Village, the President and Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspected land survey here with the use of a sky survey drone.

At the meeting with experts, the President stressed the importance of



President U Thein Sein views process of paddy seed sorting machine of Shwethanlwin Company and Alliance Starts Companies.—MNA

the latest statistics given by the land survey with the use of advanced equipment to ensure the country's short-term and long-term projects.

The President also visited a greenhouse where seedlings are being transplanted by the transplanting machine.

He also urged officials

concerned to educate the farmers for mix-cropping which can generate extra income for farmers. They also visited the 70-ton Sataka

rice mill of Shwethanlwin Company and Alliance Starts Companies and dragon fruit garden near Gyaing Village.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives guests of UNOHCHR

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Ms Matilda Bogner, Regional Representative for South East Asia, UNOHCHR.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyidaungsu and Amyotha Hluttaws received a delegation led by Ms Matilda Bogner, Regional Representative for South East Asia, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR) at the meeting hall of Amyotha

Hluttaw Building, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion together with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker were Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaints and Appeal Committee U Aung Nyein and Secretary U Hmat Gyi.

At the call, they discussed undertakings of Hluttaws on

human rights in Myanmar and efforts of Hluttaws in fulfilling the requirements of the people from all walks of life by listening to their voices, and UNOHCHR's plans to provide human rights laws being practised in international community to formulate the human rights law in Myanmar.

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Golden Jubilee Myanma Gems Emporium on 15-27 June

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—The Central Committee of Myanma Gems Emporium of the Ministry of Mines will hold Golden Jubilee Myanma Gems Emporium at Mani Yadana Jade Hall and at Myanmar Gems Museum from 15-27 June.

At the Emporium, a total of 9657 jade lots, 273 gem lots and 234 pearl lots have been registered to be sold through open tender system as of 14 June and a total of 346 jade lots, 106 gem lots and 21 pearl lots are to be sold through competitive bidding.

In order to attend the emporium, a total of 3926 foreign merchants and 4747 local merchants have registered to join in the emporium, according to the Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee.

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Data Center launched in Yangon

YANGON, 14 June—Myanmar ICT Development Corporation Ltd (MICTDC) and Hitachi Limited launched a data center at MICT Park in Hline Township on 12 June, with an address by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

The data center would create job opportunities for young IT engineers besides

promoting of ICT sector of the country.

The chief minister, the chairman of Myanmar Industries Association and the chairman of Myanmar Engineering Society and the organizers of the Global Networks Pte Ltd opened the International Mechanical Engineering Expo (Myanmar-2013) at Tatmadaw Convention Hall

on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township, yesterday.

The expo showcases oil and natural gas products, ship building equipment, construction materials and services. A total of 1000 products from Europe, the United States and Asia would be displayed at 57 booths of 55 companies till tomorrow.

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MPT announces low-priced SIM cards sale plan for June

1. Myanma Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology has sold 350,000 units of SIM cards each in April and May under the arrangement of the respective region and state governments.

2. According to the inspection of mobile exchanges data to control the quality of mobile service delivery, mobile phone usage in Nay Pyi Taw, Ayeyawady and Yangon regions and Kayin, Mon, Shan (North) states exceeds the respective installed capacities and thus required equipment have been added, increasing the number of BTS from 282 to 346.

3. Bago, Magway, Mandalay regions and Rakhine, Shan (East and

South) states where the equipment and BTSs have been extended will receive more shares of SIM cards whereas Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Kayin, Mon and Shan (North) states where the equipment and BTS are being extended will receive fewer shares this month.

4. The monthly SIM card sale programme will start on 20 for June and the unit price of a CDMA 800 MHz SIM card with K-300 top-up sells for K 1,500.

5. Beginning 15-7-2013, 5,000 units of CDMA 800 MHz SIM cards will be on sale in Haka and Falam in Chin State.

6. As the sale is intended for end users to be able to have mobile communications access at low cost,

the subscriber must fill at least K-5000 top-up before using the original K-300 top-up within 15 days from the date of purchase. SIM card would be deactivated if it is not used within 15 days, in order to prevent the transferred sale of SIM cards.

7. As it is intended to cover the cost of equipment and installation from phone charges, at least K 2,500 is to be spent on calls with those low-priced SIM cards. Failure to spend up K-5000 top-up within two months is subject to reducing the balance to zero and failure to recharge within 15 days after the top-up is used up is subject to deactivating the SIM cards.

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications

LOCAL NEWS

HRD

School Environment Day activities

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—As the Education Ministry has thrown itself into wider long-term plans in basic education sector, it is focusing on development of education standard on the ground at all basic education schools, systematically drawing education calendar.

July 14 of 2013 is

designated as School Environment Day according to 2013-14 academic year education calendar and teachers and students of basic education schools across the country are urged to take part in greening activities under the guidance of headmaster/headmistress concerned on that day.—NLM

BEHSs in Chin State to get Internet-accessible computers

KALAY, 14 June—Every basic education high school in Chin State will be furnished with computers and Internet access as of this academic year after the Denmark Ambassador to Thailand and CNF General Secretary-3 Dr Shwe Kha signed an agreement in Bangkok.

"It is expected every 15 basic education high school students can share a computer. Though there are teachers who can teach computer subject, but there have been no computers and no Internet. So, we have tried for that," said Dr Shwe Kha.

Thirty basic education high schools in Chin State will be equipped with computers with Internet access which still do not cover the BEHS and BEHS (Branches) opened this year.

"I'm really glad to hear that. It would help us, both the teachers and students, a lot to learn, said a teacher from Lailinpi BEHS.

A management committee to maintain those computers will be set up with one rep each from Chin State government, CNF, teachers, students' parents and community elders.

Kyemon-Poe Hay Sar
(Chintaungmyay)

School building handed over in Singaing



SINGAING, 14 June—Cherry Mon new school building of Basic Education Middle School (Branch) was handed over to the Ministry of Education at the school in Dattawgate Village, Singaing Township, Kyaukse District, Mandalay Region on 9 June.

The school, 120 ft long and 30 ft wide, was built at a cost of over K

40 million. It was donated by U Win Htay and Daw Nan San Nwan of Phakant in Kayin State, who also donated 45 desks worth K 4.5 million for the students.

At the ceremony, Singaing Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyi Pyone, Region Hluttaw Representative U Nyi Nyi, Singaing Township Administrator U Myint Thein, Singaing Township Education Officer Daw

Khin Win and donor U Htay Win cut the ribbon to open the school, and the donor family handed over the documents related to the new school building to Singaing Township Education Department.

The BEMS (Branch) was upgraded from Basic Education Post-Primary School as of 2013-2014 academic year.

Kyemon-Kyaukse
District IPRD

Preliminary meeting on Improvement of Road Technology held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—A preliminary meeting on Improvement of Road Technology in Disaster Affected Area Project being implemented by the Ministry of Construction and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) was held

at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Construction, here, on 12 June.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint said, in his speech, that the project aimed at producing two results; one is to get technology for

roads suitable for climate in Myanmar and another is to impart both in theoretical and practical knowledge to engineers.

The managing director of Public Work and Mr. Sone Shinri of JICA led the discussion.—MNA

Basic tailoring course concludes in Myitkyina



MYITKYINA, 14 June—The basic tailoring course jointly organized by Kachin State Women's Affairs Organization and Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee concluded at the hall of Kachin State MCWSC, here, on 10 June.

At the ceremony, Patron of State MCWSC Daw Kan Hsee Hsai Long explained

the purpose of the training course to the trainees.

Then, Patron of State MCWSC Daw Kan Hsee Hsai Long and Patron of State WAO Daw Benin Shin, wife of the Chief Justice of the State, wives of the State Ministers and Chairperson of Kachin State Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mya Nu presented prizes to outstanding trainees and gifts to trainers.

A total of 30 trainees attended the 45-day course.

Kyemon-State
IPRD

BUSINESS

MEB uplifts banking services to customers

TOUNGOO, 14 June—At present, Myanma Economic Bank is playing emphasis on giving modern banking services to the customers with smooth process and uplifting better capabilities of staff.

Under the supervision of Myanma Economic Bank

in Bago Region, the banking accounts keeping course No 1/2013 was opened at the branch of Toungoo MEB on 10 June. A total of 15 trainees from bank branches of Bago Region (East) are attending the two-week course.

Kyemon-Toungoo
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Three teak saplings for every Kalay household

KALAY, 14 June—Under the arrangement of the Forest Department, a ceremony of distributing three teak saplings to each household in 2013 rainy season was held at TaungU Village in

Kalay Township of Sagaing Region, on 9 June.

Head of Kalay Township Forest Department U Myo Nyunt distributed 600 teak saplings to local people.

Kalay Township Forest

Department plans to grow 19200 saplings along both sides of the road in addition to distribution of three teak saplings to each household in June.

Kyemon-Shin Nay Min



REGIONAL



Shen Yueyue (C), vice chairwoman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) and president of the All-China Women's Federation (ACWF), poses for a group photo while meeting with a delegation of wives of Ambassadors to the United Nations, in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 June, 2013.

XINHUA

One killed, 22 missing as ship sinks off central Philippines

MANILA, 14 June—A 59-year old female passenger was killed while 22 others were missing when a roll-on-roll-off (Roro) vessel sank off central Philippine Province of Masbate early Friday morning, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) said.

As of 8:30 am, the state agency said that 34 passengers were rescued from MV Lady of Mount Carmel that capsized near the Burias Island in Masbate.

The fatality was identified as Perlita Zena.

According to the PCG,

Singapore most expensive Asian city for visitors

SINGAPORE, 14 June—A latest survey shows Singapore is the most expensive Asian city to spend a night, local daily *Straits Times* reported on Friday.

An evening for two costs 495.79 Singapore dollars (396.63 US dollars) in the city state, making it the world's 14th most expensive city for visitors, according to the survey by travel website TripAdvisor.

The survey, known as TripIndex Cities, was based on an overnight stay for two people that would include a return taxi trip, a night's stay at a four-star hotel, a two-course dinner and cocktails.

the Coast Guard Masbate received a call from Masbate police, informing about the incident at around 5:30 am.

The Coast Guard manned fisheries vessel, MCS 3006, and a chopper were immediately deployed in the area for search and rescue operation.

The ill-fated ship, which has the capacity of 212 people, carried 22 crew members and 35 passengers when the tragedy happened, the PCG said, noting that there was no overloading.

The vessel came from

Some 49 cities were included in the list. Tokyo took the 15th spot globally, with an overnight stay costing travellers 495.64 Singapore dollars (396.51 US dollars).

Singapore was the 10th most expensive city worldwide, but remained the priciest Asian city this year.

Oslo in Norway came out tops for the most expensive city, costing 717.41 Singapore dollars (573.93 US dollars).

Last December, a TripAdvisor survey found Singapore had the second best taxi service out of 40 cities, which included Tokyo, Dubai and Zurich.—Xinhua

Pio Duran in the northern province of Albay and was on its way to Aroroy, Masbate when the accident occurred. Authorities were yet to determine the cause of the incident.—Xinhua

S Korea aims to become linchpin of economic integration in East Asia

SEOUL, 14 June—South Korea's trade ministry said on Friday that it aimed to become the linchpin of the regional economic integration in East Asia through the new free trade deal with China and the already signed deal with the United States.

"Based on the existing network of free trade agreements (FTAs), Korea will seek to play the role of a linchpin in bridging the East Asian market centered around China with the pan-Pacific market led by the US," the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) said in a new roadmap for trade policy under the Park Geun-hye government.

South Korea already

TOKYO, 14 June — Struggling Japanese electronics maker Sharp Corp. said Thursday it is looking to double its sales in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations region to 300 billion yen in the business year through March 2017, by expanding its electrical appliance operations.

Noboru Fujimoto, who is in charge of the company's operations in the Asia-Pacific, said that such products as air-conditioners, washing machines as well as refrigerators are expected to see high growth down the road in six main ASEAN markets including Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand.

To meet increasing demand for white goods there, Sharp will start production at its new plant in Indonesia this fall, earlier than the



initially planned start-up by the year-end, he added.

Due partly to flagging sales of televisions and liquid crystal display panels, Sharp posted a record group net loss of 545.35 billion yen in the latest business year to March.

As the company aims to return to the black in the current business year, it places sales growth in the growing ASEAN region as the core of its medium-

signed the free trade deals with the United States and the European Union (EU), which took effect in 2012 and 2011 respectively. Seoul and Beijing held five rounds of negotiations for their bilateral FTA.

Under the new policy, Seoul planned to conclude the ongoing trade deals such as the bilateral deal with China and the trilateral pact with China and Japan at an earliest date possible, while seeking to actively participating in negotiations for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

The RCEP is a multilateral FTA that will include China, Japan, South Korea

and 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as well as India, Australia and New Zealand.

Based on the planned FTA with China and the already signed US-Korea FTA, Seoul aimed to play a role in linking the China-led RCEP with the US-led Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), which includes Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia, Canada, Peru, Chile and Mexico.

The ministry said it will strengthen exchanges of information with participants of the TPP negotiation such as the United States and Japan.—Xinhua

Sharp Corp Executive Managing Officer Noboru Fujimoto, who is in charge of the company's Asia-Pacific operations, holds a press conference in Osaka on 13 June, 2013, on Sharp's operations in member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Sharp said the same day it is looking to double its sales in the ASEAN region to 300 billion yen in the year through March 2017 by expanding its electrical appliance operations.

KYODO NEWS

term business strategy. In its business plan through fiscal 2015, Sharp aims to achieve a group net profit of 80 billion yen and a consolidated operating profit of 150 billion yen, on sales of 3 trillion yen.

Kyodo News



Members of the Hula Girls from a spa resort in Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture, show off Licca-chan dolls in Tokyo on 13 June, 2013. Tomy Co said the same day it will launch the dolls wearing the costumes of Hawaiian and Tahitian dancers on 10 July.

KYODO NEWS

Official campaigning starts for Tokyo assembly election

TOKYO, 14 June —Official campaigning began on Friday for the Tokyo metropolitan assembly election with 253 candidates vying for the 127 seats, in a prelude to next month's upper house election that will be

seen as a judgment on Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's seven-month-old government.

The main focus of the 23 June contest will be how voters evaluate "Abenomics" — a catchword for the government's policies aimed at boosting the deflation-mired Japanese economy through bold monetary easing and massive public spending.

Abe's Liberal Democratic Party, which lost its status as the major party in the 2009 election, is hoping to regain its leading position in the assembly, currently dominated by the Democratic Party of Japan, and maintain an overall majority with the New Komeito party.

"We'll emphasize what

we've achieved in the past six months in our fight," Abe told reporters at the prime minister's office. "We must win the election so we can bolster the economy, and exert strong diplomatic power by attaining political stability."

In his stump speech, DPJ President Banri Kaieda criticized Abe's administration for its economic policies, saying, "We're seeing wild swings of the yen and Japanese stocks and it's like a roller-coaster ride."

The number of candidates outpaced the 221 in 2009, with the LDP fielding 59, the DPJ 44, New Komeito 23 and the Japanese Communist Party 42. A record 53 are women, according to the

election board.

For the smaller Japan Restoration Party, which is putting up 34, the election might see a public backlash over controversial remarks by its co-leader Toru Hashimoto about Japan's wartime military brothels that sparked anger abroad, particularly in South Korea. Your Party, which withdrew cooperation with Hashimoto's party after his remarks, has 20 candidates.

The assembly election is being closely watched as an indication of the national political landscape, with each party trying to inject momentum into their campaigns for the House of Councillors election.

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 13 June, 2013 shows broken city walls of the Citadel of the Ho Dynasty in Thanh Hoa Province, Vietnam. The Citadel of the Ho Dynasty once was the capital of Vietnam's Ho Dynasty (1400-1407). The citadel, built according to the "feng shui" principles, sited in a landscape of great scenic beauty, represents a new style of south-east Asian imperial cities. After over 600 years, however, the citadel is left with nothing but the ruined city wall and gates.—XINHUA

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3.	3 (Q)Tyre/Local Purchase/IRR/2013-2014	Tyre	3172 Sets	Myanmar Kyats
4.	4 (Q)Battery/Local Purchase/IRR/2013-2014	Battery	3010 Nos	Myanmar Kyats
5.	5 (Q)Foreign Steel Sheet pile/Local Purchase/IRR/2013-2014	Steel Sheet Pile	1171 Nos	Myanmar Kyats
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Tender documents can be brought during office hours at the procurement Branch of Irrigation Department (Head Office), Office No. (43) in Nay Pyi Taw, Contact Numbers for detail information about open tenders are 067-410316 and 067-410317

US troop training numbers in Australia to reach 1115 in 2014: defence minister

CANBERRA, 14 June—The rotation of US Marines to Darwin, northern Australia, will increase in numbers to 1115 from next year under a training agreement between the two nations, Defence Minister Stephen Smith said on Friday.

Until now, Darwin has hosted two rotations of 200 Marines as part of a pact signed by Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard and US President Barack Obama. And according to that

pact, the number of the rotation will be up to 2500 by 2016. “We’ve seen last year and this year between 200 and 2500. We’ve released recently the economic and social impact assessment of 1100 marines in Darwin or the Northern Territory and today the Prime Minister and I and the Defence Personnel Minister, Warren Snowdon, announcing that next year, 2014, we’ll step up to 1115 and then following next year, we’ll do the

usual assessments to see what next step we got go to.” Smith told ABC Television on Friday.

Xinhua

Beijing set to crack down on large and dangerous dogs

BEIJING, 14 June—Yuan Zhi worries about her two pets, which is why she decided to stop walking them after hearing that Beijing police launched a citywide crackdown on large and dangerous dogs on Wednesday.

A rule published by the Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau on 2 June said dogs 35 cm in height or taller, or that are one of 41 breeds identified as violent such as bulldogs and collies, will be banned in designated areas, including central districts and some rural regions across the capital.

District governments and local police have the right to decide where dogs can and cannot be raised, and the city rule is not as simple as saying that huge and dangerous dogs are banned within the Fifth

Don't Smoke



Actors take part in Lisbon's popular marches contest during Saint Anthony festivities in Lisbon, Portugal, on 12 June, 2013. Since 1 June every year, People celebrate for a whole month the festivities of the Day of Saint Anthony, who is the Lisbon's patron saint.

XINHUA

Haiti's ban on Dominican products won't affect bilateral ties

SANTO DOMINGO, 14 June —Haiti's recent ban on chicken imports from the Dominican Republic over fears that they may be infected with avian flu will not affect bilateral diplomatic ties, Dominican Foreign Minister Carlos Morales Troncoso said on Thursday.

Diplomatic relations with Haiti “will continue without change” despite the ban, said the minister.

Haiti decided last week to put a ban on the consumption and sales of poultry and eggs produced in the Dominican Republic, saying avian flu A/H5N1 and A/H9N2 as well as the influenza A/H1N1 have reappeared in the country this year. The Dominican Republic has denied the reports, adding the country has been free of avian flu for three years.

Dominican officials went to Haiti on Wednesday to discuss the issue. The latter has promised to discuss the possibility of lifting the ban. The two sides also agreed to hold expert meetings next week to adopt guidelines for trade in chicken products.

“This has happened before and that is what diplomacy is for,” Morales said, adding that the Dominican government is waiting for Haiti to decide whether to stick to the ban. In 2008, the Haitian government banned chicken imports from the Dominican Republic after hens there were found infected with avian flu.

Xinhua



College entrance exam paper marking review staff work at a paper marking room in the Northwest Normal University in Lanzhou, capital of northwest China's Gansu Province, on 13 June, 2013. In total 2,150 paper marking staff members need to mark the exam papers of 283,424 participants of 2013 college entrance exam in Gansu from 10 to 22 June.

XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

Rupert Murdoch files for divorce from Wendi Deng



NEW YORK, 14 June—News Corp boss, Rupert Murdoch, has filed for divorce from his third wife, Wendi Deng. A spokesman for the media mogul says he made the decision after their 14 year marriage had “irretrievably broken down”.

Murdoch met the Chinese-born Deng in 1997 at a cocktail party in Hong Kong. They were married two years later, just weeks after his second divorce.

The couple have two daughters together, Grace and Chloe.

They are said to have had a pre-nuptial agreement so the divorce is unlikely to lessen Murdoch’s grip on his media empire.

Murdoch’s global media portfolio includes the *Wall Street Journal*, Fox News and Sky TV, and the 20th Century Fox movie studio.

The divorce filing comes just two days before News Corp is to be split into two companies, one for its entertainment assets and the other for its publishing business. Murdoch is to be chairman of both firms.

Xinhua

News Corp boss, Rupert Murdoch and Wendi Deng.

Sarah Palin rejoins Fox News Channel after brief departure

NEW YORK, 14 June—Sarah Palin, a former Republican governor of Alaska, will rejoin Fox News Channel as a commentator five months after she left the network, Fox said on Thursday.

Palin, who went from governor to overnight political sensation after Senator John McCain chose her as his running mate in the 2008 presidential election, will make her first appearance on the morning program “Fox & Friends” on 17 June.

“I’ve had several conversations with Governor Palin in the past few weeks about her rejoining Fox News as a contributor,” Fox News Chairman and CEO Roger Ailes said in a statement.

Palin, a polarizing figure in US politics, was one of the channel’s biggest names despite appearing only occasionally. Her first stint at the network lasted three years.

She will now appear on the network’s daytime and prime time programming, as well as its business channel, Fox Business Network. “I have great confidence in her and am pleased that she will once again add her commentary to our programming,” Ailes added. “I hope she continues to speak her mind.”

Reuters

Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin



Seal apologises for Twitter rant against Australian media

SYDNEY, 14 June—British singer Seal has apologized for a series of stinging tweets against the Australian media.

Seal, who is in Australia as a judge on the talent hunt show, *The Voice Australia*, launched an attack on what he called Australia’s “trash media” after his fellow judge on the show Joel Madden was kicked out of his Sydney hotel for allegedly possessing drugs.

The Kiss from a Rose singer tweeted that he “can’t wait to go home”, but has now switched instead to profess his love for the continent.

The *Daily Telegraph* tabloid ran a front-page story on Good Charlotte

singer Madden, saying a small amount of cannabis had been found in his penthouse room and he had been asked to leave the apartment.

No charges were laid against the American, who issued a statement saying he hoped the incident did not cause “too much drama”.

But Grammy Award-winning Seal weighed in on his side.

“Way to respect a guest in your country trash media, way to make us feel welcome,” he tweeted on 12 June, 2013.

“Keep it up ... sure we’ll be back next year. And yes, I say we, because it’s just a matter of time before you gun us all down.



British singer Seal

I for one will not stand by and watch you attempt to destroy my Brother, you gun one you gun us all!” he

had further posted on Twitter.

He also rounded on The Star casino complex

where Madden’s hotel was located, saying “Shame on the Star...you ask him to meet n greet a cancer vic-

tim in your hotel then send police to his room? Nice... very classy... keep it up Judas. I’m done here.”

However, later, Seal backtracked from his statement and blamed being away from his children for 11 weeks for the outburst which ended with him saying: “Can’t wait to go home...I want to apologize for my rant earlier. Joel is one of my best friends and I was really hurting for him.”

“I want to say I have loved being in Australia, I’ve loved working on *The Voice* and with an incredibly talented group of Australian artists,” tweeted the singer. Apart from Seal and Madden, Australian singer Delta Goodrem and Puerto Rican superstar Ricky Martin are also on the show’s judging panel.

PTI

SPORTS

Surging Bolt powers to 200m victory in Oslo



Usain Bolt of Jamaica competes to win the men's 200m during the IAAF Diamond League athletics competition at the Bislett Stadium in Oslo on 13 June, 2013.—REUTERS

OSLO, 14 June—Olympic champion Usain Bolt responded to last week's surprise sprint defeat in Rome by storming to a world-leading time of 19.79 seconds over 200 metres at the Bislett Diamond League meeting on Thursday.

The Jamaican world record holder, surprisingly beaten over 100 metres by American Justin Gatlin in Italy, streaked away from the field to win comfortably

on a chilly night in his first competitive race over the distance this season.

"I need to work on my curve, as my coach has said, but overall it was a good race," said the 26-year-old who is the first man to break the 20 seconds mark this year. "Under better, warmer conditions... (I could do) a 19.50 race, easily," he told a news conference.

Bolt said his confidence was high ahead of the Jamaican

can trials, starting on 20 June, where he needs to be in the top three in the 100 to qualify for the world championships after the country's automatic entry went to titleholder Yohan Blake.

Ever the showman, Bolt appeared to have put the loss to Gatlin out of his mind as he rubbed his arms and pretended to shiver while standing at the blocks before the start.

But once down to business, the six-times Olympic gold medallist showed he had recovered from the hamstring injury that dogged him earlier this season with a meeting record, having said earlier in the week he was in shape to go below 20 seconds.

Home favourite Jaysuma Saidy Ndure was second in 20.36 in a field lacking any other Jamaican or American athletes. European champion Churandy Martina of the Netherlands was disqualified from the event for a false start.—Reuters

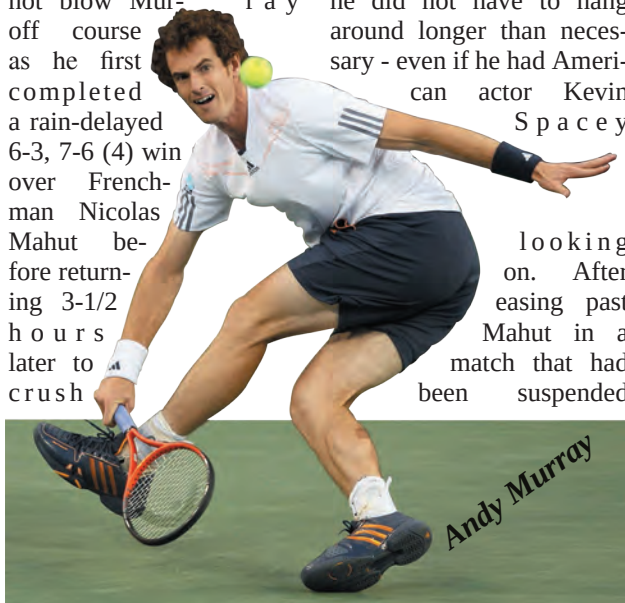
Murray proves his fitness with back-to-back wins

LONDON, 14 June—Andy Murray emerged unscathed as he completed back-to-back wins at a blustery Aegon Championships on Thursday in his first matches following a four-week break caused by a back injury.

Gusting winds and two awkward opponents could not blow Murray off course as he first completed a rain-delayed 6-3, 7-6 (4) win over Frenchman Nicolas Mahut before returning 3-1/2 hours later to crush

Australian Marinko Matosevic 6-2 6-2 for a place in the quarter-finals.

Playing two matches within a short space of time at a chilly and damp Queen's Club was probably not ideal for a man who had to pull out of the French Open with a lower-back injury but Murray made sure he did not have to hang around longer than necessary - even if he had American actor Kevin Spacey



looking on. After easing past Mahut in a match that had been suspended

at 2-2 in the second set on Wednesday, Murray showed his class on grass as he outplayed Matosevic at the net and from the baseline with a flow of sizzling winners.

It was so windy at Queen's Club that the ball-girls had to work overtime to keep flying debris off the court but it was the winners flying off Murray's racket that drew nods of appreciation from coach Ivan Lendl.

"(Today) the back felt great especially with the conditions we have had. It is very cold and I'm sure, as anyone who has had a back problem knows, that's not good," Murray said in a court-side interview.

"But... it feels great and that is probably the most satisfying thing. I feel pretty good physically. 'I have been moving fairly well in the first couple of matches and hopefully that will get better.'—Reuters

Liverpool agree deal to sign Aspas from Celta Vigo

LONDON, 14 June—Liverpool have agreed a deal to sign Celta Vigo striker Iago Aspas, the Premier League club said on Thursday.

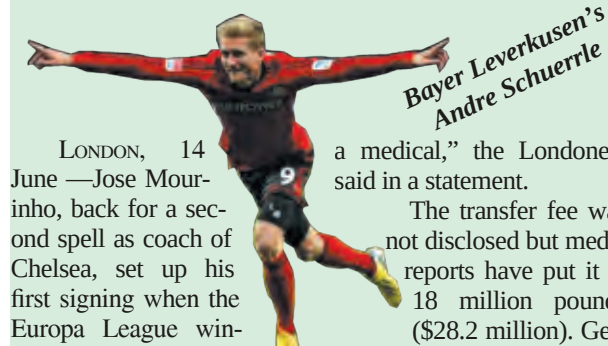


Celta Vigo's Iago Aspas

Aspas, who was Celta's top scorer last season with 12 goals in 34 La Liga games, helped set up the winner as they stayed up on the final day thanks to a 1-0 home victory over Espanyol. The 25-year-old, who can play in a central role or wide, is an idol to the Celta supporters having come through the youth ranks before breaking into the first team in 2009.

Liverpool said on their website (www.liverpoolfc.com) that the deal they had agreed in principle to bring Aspas to Anfield was subject to completing official documentation.—Reuters

Chelsea agree to buy Leverkusen winger Schuerrle



Bayer Leverkusen's Andre Schuerrle

LONDON, 14 June—Jose Mourinho, back for a second spell as coach of Chelsea, set up his first signing when the Europa League winners agreed on Thursday to buy winger Andre Schuerrle from Bayer Leverkusen.

"Chelsea Football Club and Bayer Leverkusen have reached an agreement for the transfer of Andre Schuerrle subject to the completion of legal documentation and related matters, including personal terms and passing

a medical," the Londoners said in a statement.

The transfer fee was not disclosed but media reports have put it at 18 million pounds (\$28.2 million). German international Schuerrle scored 11 Bundesliga goals last season.

The 22-year-old has enjoyed a meteoric rise over the last three seasons, with his lightning-quick speed on the wing and excellent first touch making him a regular starter in the national team.

The signing of Schuerrle could mean that fellow

German Marko Marin, a disappointment since joining Chelsea from Werder Bremen 12 months ago, Victor Moses or even Juan Mata could be heading for the Stamford Bridge exit door.

Spain midfielder Mata has become a big crowd favourite in his two years in London, scooping two successive Player of the Year awards at the club. Media reports have suggested Mourinho may move him on although the former Real Madrid, Inter Milan and Porto coach told his first news conference back at Stamford Bridge that every Chelsea player would be given a chance to prove his worth. Reuters

Valdes to complete contract with Barcelona

MADRID, 14 June—Goalkeeper Victor Valdes will play out the last season of his contract with Barcelona, president Sandro Rosell said on Thursday.

The Spain international, who has just arrived in Brazil with the world and European champions for the Confederations Cup, has rejected the chance to renew his deal with the La Liga champions beyond 2014.

The 31-year-old has said he would like to experience different leagues and cultures after almost a decade as Barca's number one choice, which raised the possibility of him leaving

during the closed season.

"Victor Valdes's representative has officially told (sports director Antonio) Zubizarreta that the player will complete his contract," Rosell told a news conference, as he reviewed the club's season.

"We are delighted he will be with us next year."

A long-term replacement will still be required for Valdes, with reserve goalkeeper Jose Manuel Pinto aged 37, but Rosell was not specific when he spoke about possible reinforcements beyond Brazil forward Neymar.

"I believe we will sign one or two more players,"

he said.

"That also depends on whether players leave."

The club has been rocked by the news on Wednesday that their World Player of the Year Lionel Messi and his father have been accused of tax fraud related to image rights by the Spanish tax authorities.

Reuters

Barcelona's goalkeeper Victor Valdes takes part in a training session at Joan Gamper training camp, near Barcelona on 30 April, 2013.—REUTERS



Villa sign Denmark defender Okore from Nordsjaelland

LONDON, 14 June—Denmark defender Jores Okore has joined Aston Villa on a four-year deal from Danish Superliga runners-up Nordsjaelland, the English Premier League club said on Thursday.

The 20-year-old centre back, who came on at halftime for Denmark in their shock 4-0 home defeat by Armenia in a World Cup qualifier on Tuesday, has played seven times for his country.

Ivorian-born Okore, who made

his international debut in November 2011, was part of the Euro 2012 squad but did not play in the tournament.

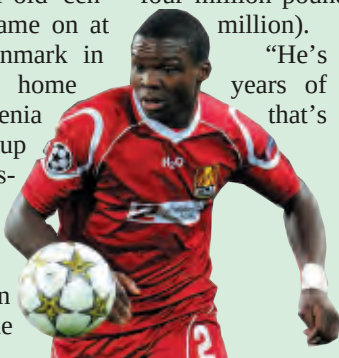
Villa did not disclose the transfer fee and local media estimated he cost four million pounds (\$6.27 million).

"He's only 20 years of age and that's good but

he's also an international player at a really young age and he's played Champions League football as well which is testament to his potential," manager Paul Lambert told the Villa website (www.avfc.co.uk).

"I'm pleased we've signed a player of his stature for he is someone who can come in and make a huge impact."—Reuters

Jores Okore of Denmark plays with a ball during his team's training session in Kolobrzeg on 15 June, 2012. REUTERS



GENERAL



Colsaerts wins battle of the bombers at US Open

ARDMORE, 14 June—Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium won an early battle of the big-hitters at the US Open on Thursday, outscoring fellow bombers Dustin Johnson and 2012 Masters winner Bubba Watson in the first round.

Colsaerts teed off with Johnson and the left-handed Watson as the first players off the 11th tee and shot a one-under par 69 to finish two shots behind clubhouse leader Phil Mickelson in the weather-interrupted opening round at Merion.

Watson and Johnson both registered one-over-par rounds of 71 in a first

round that was halted for three and a half hours due to lightning and heavy rain.

"Being paired with two very good players, it feels good to play good on a big stage like this," said Colsaerts. "It is cool, especially on big tournaments like this, when you see big names up against you."

Colsaerts, 30, was a big hit at last year's Ryder Cup on the outskirts of Chicago, demonstrating his skills and long-driving ability with an impressive debut in Europe's narrow win over the United States.

He was selected by European captain Jose Maria

Olazabal as a wildcard pick after winning last year's Volvo World Match Play Championship and immediately showed why he was chosen.

On the first day of the Ryder Cup, he carded eight birdies and an eagle in teaming up with Englishman Lee Westwood to defeat Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker.

Colsaerts missed his last two cuts on the PGA Tour this season after finishing tied for eighth at the Zurich Classic, but provided a reminder of what he is capable of at Merion on Thursday.—Reuters

Belgium's Nicolas Colsaerts watches his second shot from a bunker on the first hole during the first round of the 2013 US Open golf championship at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, on 13 June, 2013.
REUTERS

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| 7. India Drama Series | 22. Documentary (SEA Games) |
| 9:20 am | 6:00 pm |
| 8. Mono Classical Songs | 23. News |
| 10:00 am | 6:20 pm |
| 9. News | 24. Documentary |
| 10:15 am | 7:00 pm |
| 10. TV Drama Series | 25. News |
| 11:25 pm | 7:15 pm |
| 12. Documentary | 26. TV Drama Series |
| 12:00 pm | 8:00 pm |
| 13. News | 27. News |
| 12:25 pm | 8:35 pm |
| 14. Round Up of The Week's TV Local News | 8:50 pm |
| 1:00 pm | 29. Hit Songs of Stars |
| 15. Man U Former Players Tour | 9:00 pm |
| 2:45 pm | 30. News |
| 16. Fashion In Honour of Myanmar Women's | 31. Myanmar Series |
| | 32. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn |

UN says more accountability needed on Afghanistan's Kabulbank scandal

NEW YORK, 14 June—More people must be held accountable for the 2010 collapse of Afghanistan's Kabulbank and robust action on asset recovery and financial regulation is essential to ease foreign donor worries and ensure continued aid, the United Nations said on Thursday.

An Afghan court sentenced 20 men in March, including the bank's founder and chief executive, to between four and five years in jail after \$935 million was stolen from what was then the country's biggest bank.

In a report to the UN-Security Council, UN-Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon described those sentences as "relatively light" and said the convictions "must not signal the end of accountability in this scandal."

The collapse of Kabulbank triggered a financial crisis, civil disorder and a run on deposits, worrying foreign donors and embar-



Haji Khalil Ferozi, former Chief Executive of Kabulbank, speaks at a court in Kabul on 5 March, 2013.

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rassing the US and Afghan governments, which had touted the bank's credentials as a modern lender integral to developing a tiny economy crippled by war and mismanagement.

The government was force to bail out Kabulbank, which was later relaunched as the state-run New Kabul Bank.

"Robust and ongoing action, particularly asset recovery and sound financial regulation, are essential,"

the UN report said. "Demonstration of commitment to sound institutional and financial fundamentals will be critical to ensuring sustained international assistance."

The court case was viewed as a crucial barometer of Afghanistan's commitment to stabilizing the economy, less than two years before the withdrawal of most foreign troops that have been in the country since 2001.

Brothers of President Hamid Karzai and his first vice president, Mohammad Qasim Fahim, who were both Kabulbank shareholders, were spared jail sentences after a presidential decree last year granted immunity to those who returned funds.

"Corruption and the illicit economy - including a rise in poppy cultivation for the third year running - are chronic and debilitating to inclusive growth and, ultimately, donor interest," the UN report said.

Opium cultivation in Afghanistan is at a higher level than during Taliban rule despite efforts by the government and international forces to combat the trade, the United Nations said last month in the Afghanistan Opium Risk Assessment 2013.

High prices for opium, from which heroin is made, are encouraging farmers to grow poppies, it said.

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T-Mobile, Verizon not under US data watch due to foreign ties

NEW YORK, 14 June—Telecom providers T-Mobile US Inc and Verizon Wireless do not directly contribute to the controversial US surveillance programme, partly due to their overseas ownership ties, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Thursday, citing people familiar with the matter. Legal complications could arise from any participation by the two firms in efforts by the National Security Agency to monitor Internet and phone data of millions of Americans, the newspaper reported.

T-Mobile is majority-owned by Germany's Deutsche Telekom AG, while Verizon Wireless

is a joint venture between Verizon Communications Inc and Britain's Vodafone Group Plc.

However, the chances of the two companies' networks not being monitored are small because most calls at some point pass through networks controlled by US companies that do work with the NSA, the *Journal* said, citing a US official.

The NSA has standing court orders with top US mobile service providers AT&T Inc and Sprint to disclose information on calls over their network, the paper said.

Several companies, including Google Inc, Microsoft Corp and Facebook Inc have come under scrutiny following disclosures last week in the *Guardian* and *The Washington Post* newspapers for their role in the NSA data collection programme.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defence

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met a delegation led by former President of World Bank President and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defence Dr Paul Wolfowitz, at the Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

The two sides held a cordial discussion on new government's political, economic and administrative reforms, cooperation between the government and Tatmadaw on peace and stability, welfare of Tatmadaw families and

undertakings in support of State's economy without direct involvements in businesses, democratic economy system, job opportunities for national races and development of small enterprises.

It was also attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief. The US guest was accompanied by Mr Jimmy Lai and officials.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party pose for a documentary photo with former President of World Bank and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defence Dr Paul Wolfowitz and party.—MNA



10th meeting of Committee for implementation of Latpadaungtaung investigation report



The 10th meeting of the Committee for implementation of report of investigation commission on Latpadaungtaung copper mining project in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June— The 10th meeting of the Committee for implementation of report of investigation commission on Latpadaungtaung copper mining project was held at the meeting hall of the President Office, here, this morning.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Hla Tun elaborated on six major suggestions of the commission and undertakings of the committee. Teams led by deputy ministers and regional ministers, with the participation of representatives from villages, are carry out development tasks acting on the suggestions of the

investigation commission, he said.

He also urged responsible personnel and bodies including MEHL and Wanbao Co Ltd and ministries concerned to assume their responsibilities acting on the suggestions of the commission.

Next, the vice-chairman of the committee, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, committee members Union ministers, group leaders deputy ministers and officials concerned respectively presented reports on progress of implementation tasks, undertakings and follow-up plans.

Union Minister

U Hla Tun attended to the needs. And the meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the Union Minister.

The Committee for implementation of report of

investigation commission on Latpadaungtaung copper mining project is making strenuous efforts on environmental conservation tasks in line with international standards for being able to implement EIA/SIA works.

ESIA Scoping Study Report and Terms of reference (TOR) have been under scrutiny as the committee is inking with Knight Piesold from Australia. Environmental management plan is being carefully implemented. As compensation, K 2521.612 million had been paid out to 889 farmers for 2450.98 acres of land on 16 March.

Of 283.69 acres of confiscated land, 211.26 acres had been handed over to farmers.

Besides, compensation for long-term crops would be increased for the sake of kindness of rural people.

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Environmental conservation planning for Letpadaungtaung Copper Mines

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June— Knight Pie'sold Pty Ltd, an Australia-based company engaging in environmental and social impact assessment and environmental management planning of Letpadaung-taung Copper Mining Project elaborated on its works in progress and follow-up plans, at Amara Hotel here on 11

June, attended by personnel concerned from government side and Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and Myanmar Wenbao Co.

Technicians from Knight Pie'sold Pty Ltd explained findings of the assessment and environmental conservation measures and those present gave suggestions.

Technicians from Knight Pie'sold Pty Ltd and environmental conservation group of the committee for responding to report on Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project discussed in detail the suggestions from that meeting at the same venue today, focusing on technical requirements.

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FPTP or PR?

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June— Ten political parties known as 10-member democratic alliance including Chin National Party, Democratic Party (Myanmar), Democracy and Peace Party, Union Democracy Party, Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party, All Mon Regions Democracy Party, Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, National Democratic Front and Unity and Peace Party have submitted a recommendation to Union Election Commission urging to make replace First Past The Post-FPTP System in practice with proportional representation-PR System along with a paper on electoral reform.

The UEC discussed the recommendation at its coordination meeting with 44 political parties on 3-1-2013, with 55 political parties on 8-4-2013 and with 21 political parties, nine civil society organizations (CSOs) and electoral stakeholders on 26-4-2013

and found out that some political parties prefer to PR System and some to the FPTP System. The UEC for its part reckons electoral system change is concerned with the public and views it the national matter to be decided by people's representatives.

Now matter what electoral system is practiced, the UEC will make sure the general elections are free and fair. However, if the FPTP System currently in practice is to be replaced with PR System, the UEC would need certain period time for all the operational changes.

Therefore, the UEC has asked the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to make a decision within 2013 with a letter dated 13-5-2013 and hereby announces that it has also informed the lawmakers of respective political parties including the 10-member democratic alliance about the case.

Union Election Commission

Low pressure area to South Orissa Coast of India

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June— According to the observation at 6:30 am M.S.T today, yesterday's the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal has moved to South Orissa Coast, India, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.

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