

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends Golden Jubilee Myanma Gems Emporium opening ceremony



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views jade lots displayed at the opening ceremony of Golden Jubilee Myanma Gems Emporium.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June — Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended opening ceremony of Golden Jubilee Myanma Gems Emporium at Mani Yadana Jade Hall, here, this morning.

Union Ministers Dr Myint Aung, U Thein Nyunt and U Win Shein, Patron of Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association U Aung Ko Win and Chairman U Tay Za formally opened

the ceremony, and the Vice-President unveiled the signboard.

Next, the Vice-President watched a video report on preparations for organizing the emporium.

Afterwards, Union

Minister Dr Myint Aung received a jade statue of Bodaw donated by MGJEA, a raw ruby weighing 1907 carats by MGJEA Chairman U Tay Za, a jade carved flower by U Yone Mu and Daw Pe Nan and

family of Seinn Lin Yadana Jewellery Company, a jade statue of a dragon by U Zaw Bo Khant and Daw Malar Phyu and family of Myanmar Tagaung Jewellery Company, and a jade statue of rooster by U Yone Phu of Lucky Star Jewellery Company honouring the emporium.

Then, the Vice-President observed jade lots and gems lots and jewellery on display at the booths and shops.

It was the 86th Myanmar Gems Emporium and the emporiums have been held since 1964.

The Golden Jubilee Emporium where 10003 lots of jade, 379 lots of gems and jewellery and 255 pearl lots are on display will continue up to 27 June.

A total of 9657 jade lots will be sold through open tender from 19 to 24 June and 346 jade lots through competitive bidding from 24 to 27 June. A total of 91 jade lots with the floor price of over one million euros are included on the sales. The highest floor price for a jade lot mined at Warkyal

mine in Lonkhin-Phakant area by Myanmar Aung Naing Yay Mote-U Gems and Jewellery Company is 15 million euros.

A total of 273 lots of jewellery will be sold through open tender and 106 lots through competitive bidding on 19 June. Four jewellery lots with the floor price of over one million euros will go on sales at the emporium. Gems and jewellery will be displayed and on sales at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

A total of 233 State-owned pearl lots and 22 pearl lots of two companies will be sold on the gems market floor of the Myanma Gems Museum. On 16-17 June, 234 pearl lots will be sold through open tender and 21 lost through competitive bidding.

It is learnt that the central committee for organizing Myanma Gems Emporium formed respective committees for convenience of local and foreign gems merchants in their accommodation, transportation, health and security matters.— MNA

between the government and local people, the bridge was repaired on 3 January 2005 and completed on 21 March 2005. It was commissioned into services on 23 March 2005. Fair toll fee designated by local authority and under the supervision of Township War Veterans

Organization is collected from motor cycles and cars so as to replace the damaged wooden structure with RC concrete one for its durability. Thanks to the Bridge, the local people enjoys higher living standard like urban dwellers.

Translation: MT
Myanma Alinn: 13-6-2013

INSIDE

Rohani tops early Iran election results



PAGE-3

Microfinance provided to township MCWAs of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

PAGE-2

Cushion added for life in orbit



PAGE-4

Pulonetonetone wooden bridge in Kawthoung

By: Maung Maung Kyaw Soe (Botany)

While touring Myanmar's map, we can see a town which is located at the southernmost tip named Kawthoung surrounded by a flood of islands. We can see a 15ft wide and 2690ft long wooden bridge that links Kawthoung with Pulonetonetone island. Pulonetonetone village with a population of 2000 and 600 households is a pleasant beach. The village named "Turtle Island" (Pulonetonetone) in Malaysian (Pashu) language.

In the olden days, local people faced many difficulties as they had no easy access to Pulonetonetone village. The construction of facility

started on 9 March 2004 and completed on 6 December 2004. It can be said that it is the second human capacity after U

Pein Wooden Bridge at Taungthaman Lake. The bridge had broken into pieces due to Tsunami occurred on 26 December, 2004.

Thanks to cooperation



Lt-Gen Wai Lwin receives Former World Bank President and Former US Deputy Secretary of Defence

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Lt-Gen Wai Lwin of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) received a delegation led by Former President of World Bank and Former US Deputy Secretary of Defence Mr. Paul Wolfowitz at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here,

yesterday morning.

Also present at the call together with Lt-Gen Wai Lwin were senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief. Mr. Paul Wolfowitz was accompanied by Mr. Jimmy Lai and officials.—MNA

Workshop on Red Cross knowledge dissemination held

YANGON, 15 June—Myanmar Red Cross Society and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies jointly held a workshop on Red Cross knowledge dissemination at Myanmar Red Cross Society (Yangon) Branch on Strand Road this morning.

At the workshop, President of MRCS

Professor Dr Tha Hla Shwe and Programme Coordinator Ms. Jetma Cumplo Dela Pena of IRFC delivered addresses.

The workshop aims at disseminating knowledge on health care services, vaccination and disaster risk reduction activities being undertaken by MRCS through media persons.

The workshop lasts till tomorrow.—MNA

Microfinance provided to township MCWAs of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area



NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association presented microfinance to the associations under it from five townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, at its hall on Thukhuma Street in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 12 June.

At first, President of the association Dr Daw Mon Mon Aung made a speech. Business Care Working Committee Leader Daw Khin Than Win, who is also member of Central Executive Committee, explained the purpose of providing microfinance.

The president and Central Executive Committee members then presented K 500,000 each to MCWAs of five townships.—MNA



CONSTRUCTION Roads under maintenance in Kengtung

KENG TUNG, 15 June—Roads outside and inside Kengtung Township on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway is under maintenance to avoid traffic congestion.

Public Works (Kengtung) is repaving Tachilek-Taunggyi Road near Local and Highway Bus Terminal and Yangkham Market

on 11 June with the use of heavy machinery, and the Taunggyi road near Kengtung railway station in Nawngpha Village of Yanglaw Village-tract.

Those wishing to enquire duty and function of Public Works in Kengtung Township may contact the Staff Officer of Administration Department.

Kyemon-513

Phaungpyin gets rural bridge

PHAUNG PYIN, 15 June—A ceremony to inaugurate Myaseinyaung Yaykyaw (Yayle) Bridge linking Minya and Posagon villages of Phaungpyin Township of Mawlaik District was held at the new bridge on 12 June morning.

Sasana Thukhapala Monastery Abbot Bhaddanta Naninda of Naungyin Village, Executive Officer U Lay Maw of Township Development Affairs

Committee and Minya Village-tract Administrator U Sein Tun formally opened the bridge.

Roads and paddy plantations were damaged in the rainy season due to floods from Chindwin River. Under the auspices of Naungyin Village abbot, the bridge, 54 feet long and 18 feet, was built at a cost of K 2.1 million.

Kyemon-Han Tun (IPRD)

Milk makes you smarter: healthier and more intelligent

7th Myanmar-Bangladesh Foreign Office Consultations held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—The 7th Myanmar-Bangladesh Foreign Office Consultations led by U Thant Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, yesterday morning.

The consultations was participated by senior officials from Ministry of Home Affairs, Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, Ministry of

Immigration and Population, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Central Committee for Drugs Abuse Control.

During the consultations, leaders and representatives of the two delegations exchanged views on further strengthening of the existing friendly relations and promoting cooperation between the two countries in the areas of immigration, boundary matters, defence, energy, transportation, trade and commerce and culture.—MNA

Ngamoeyeik Creek needs re-dredging

YANGON, 15 June—Watercrafts carrying passengers, sand and commodities are running along rivers and creeks in Yangon Region.

“We have read a piece of news that appeared in Kyemon Daily that a sand boat hit the suspension bridge linking North Okkalapa and Dagon Myothit (North) townships. Indeed, Ngamoeyeik Creek is silt-

ed. In the rainy season, the water level of the creek is higher so the boat will not be clear from the bridge. I am worried about the more hit of watercraft at the bridge,” said a local.

In the past, a boat carrying sand had hit the bridge. Therefore, the local people are hoping for dredging Ngamoeyeik Creek by authorities.

Kyemon-Maung Thonnya



CRIME

Bronze Buddha images seized in Kengtung

KENG TUNG, 15 June—A vehicle carrying ancient Buddha image and bronze Buddha images kept in oil barrels was seized in Kengtung of Shan State (East) on 11 June.

Policemen from Kengphawng police outpost searched the vehicle driven by U Sai San from Taunggyi

to Kengtung at 10.30 am on 11 June.

The policemen seized 20 ancient type bronze images and 27 bronze Buddha images hidden in oil barrels onboard the car.

Action is being taken over the seizure of the images.

Kyemon-513

Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee dredging drains in Shwenatha Ward of Ottarathiri Township for proper flow of water in rainy season on 10 June.
KYEMON-KO KO LWIN (NAY PYI TAW)



WORLD

Rohani tops early Iran election results



Presidential candidate Hassan Rohani casts his ballot during the Iranian presidential election in Teheran on 14 June 2013.—REUTERS

DUBAI, 15 June—Reliminary results in Iran's presidential elections showed moderate cleric Hassan Rohani in the lead, Iran's interior minister said on state television on Saturday morning.

Of 826,649 valid votes

cast at 1,631 polling stations across the country, 401,949 went to Rohani, with his nearest competitor, Teheran Mayor Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, pulling in 126,896 votes, Interior Minister Mohammad Najjar said.

Reuters

Greek PM offers to restart news broadcasts to defuse crisis

ATHENS, 15 June—Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras offered on Friday to hire a small number of workers to resume public broadcasts to stem an outcry over the shock closure of state broadcaster ERT and mend a rift in the ruling coalition.

The proposal was dismissed as inadequate by one coalition partners, the Socialist PASOK party, which is demanding the immediate reopening of ERT's television and radio stations.

There was no immediate comment by the third junior coalition partner, the Democratic Left party, which wants the broadcaster to reopen.

Greece announced ERT's closure on Tuesday, one of the most drastic measures yet in the country's struggle to shore up its bankrupt state finances, reduce the size of the public sector and meet the terms of an international bailout.

The decision prompted a nationwide strike on Thursday, bringing thousands into the streets in protest, and triggered a political crisis that has renewed fears of political instability in the bailed-out country.

On Friday, the coordinating committee of media associations (ETER) unanimously decided to continue a strike by all radio and TV media against



A man sleeps outside a music studio in the Greek state television ERT headquarters in Athens on 14 June 2013.—REUTERS

the shutdown of ERT.

"We are continuing our struggle to cancel the government's coup decision to close down ERT. It is a fight to defend public television and democracy," the coordinating committee said.

Samaras proposed that a special liquidator appointed for ERT would set up a committee backed by all parties to hire workers so that ERT's news broadcasts could restart immediately.

"I expect a stance of responsibility from (the coalition's) political leaders so that our cooperation can continue unhindered," he said in a statement.

His coalition partners support a restructuring of ERT, but not with blacked-out screens. The government has said the shutdown is temporary and that ERT will be relaunched as a slimmer and more efficient organization.

Australia to increase intake of US Marines fivefold from 2014

SYDNEY, 15 June—Australia and the United States will increase the rotational presence of US Marines in northern Australia from less than 250 at present to around 1,150 from 2014, Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced on Friday.

"Progressing to this larger six month rotation will provide the Australian

Defence Force with increased opportunities for combined training and deepening interoperability," a government statement said. The rotations of US Marines to northern Australia for exercises and training during the April-September dry season were announced by Gillard and US President Barack Obama at the summit in

Canberra in November 2011.

The first company-size rotation of over 200 Hawaii-based Marines arrived in the northern city of Darwin in April 2012, followed by the second rotation in April this year.

They agreed that after 2015, the Marine presence in northern Australia will be increased to up to 2,500 and

a Marine Air Ground Task Force will be established there.

At their summit, Gillard and Obama also agreed to increase rotations of US aircraft through northern Australia and to the prepositioning of US military equipment and supplies there to facilitate exercises and training.

Kyodo News

US considers no-fly zone after Syria crosses nerve gas 'red line'

ANKARA/BEIRUT, 15 June—The United States is considering a no-fly zone in Syria as it weighs options for intervention into the 2-year-old civil war, Western diplomats said on Friday, after the White House said Syria

had crossed a "red line" by using nerve gas. After months of deliberation, President Barack Obama's administration said on Thursday it would now arm rebels, having obtained proof the Syrian government used chemical weapons against fighters trying to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad.

Two senior Western diplomats said the United States was looking into a limited no-fly zone close to Syria's southern border with Jordan. "Washington is considering a no-fly zone to help Assad's opponents," one diplomat said. Imposing a no-fly zone could require the United States to destroy Syria's sophisticated Russian-built air defences, thrusting it into the war with the sort of action NATO used to help topple Muammar Gaddafi



A Free Syrian Army fighter wearing a gas mask, carries his weapons as he walks past a damaged tank, after seizing a government military camp used by forces loyal to Syria's President Bashar al-Assad, near Idlib, on 13 June 2013.—REUTERS

in Libya two years ago. Washington says it has not excluded a no fly zone but is also considering other options.

"We have been clear that we are not excluding options but at this stage no decision has been taken," said Susan Rice, the US Ambassador to the United Nations and Obama's incoming national security adviser. "A no-fly zone ... would carry with it great and open-ended costs for

the United States and the international community. It's far more complex to undertake the type of effort, for instance, in Syria than it was in Libya," US deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes said on Thursday. Any such move would also come up against a potential veto from Assad ally Russia in the UN Security Council. The Kremlin dismissed US evidence of Assad's use of nerve gas.—Reuters

EU countries reach agreement on US free trade talks

BRUSSELS, 15 June—Senior EU officials said late Friday that EU member states had reached an agreement to grant a mandate to the European Commission for negotiating a free trade agreement with the United States.

While hailing the

agreement on the mandate, European Union (EU) Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht had to admit at a Press conference after nearly ten hours' discussion that "at this moment of time, the audio-visual sector will not be in the mandate." "The Commission, according to the EU treaties, may make recommendations to the European Council on possible additional negotiating directives on any issue with the same procedure requiring additional negotiating mandate from EU member states," he added.

"That in fact means that we will come back to the matter on the basis of what is happening during the negotiation," De Gucht told reporters. The partial mandate is a result of determined opposition from France which has been insisting that it will

not allow the transatlantic negotiations to begin unless the European Commission agreed to take all audio-visual issues off the table in advance.

French Minister for Foreign Trade Nicole Bricq told a meeting of EU officials that if further opened up to the US, the survival of its cultural sectors would be at risk, as US companies would bring along "technological revolutions" that French companies would find it difficult to adapt.

A trade deal between the US and the EU, together making up half of global economic output and a third of all trade, could boost the EU economy by 119 billion euros (about 159 billion US dollars) per year, and the US economy by 95 billion euros, according to an EU-commissioned study.

Xinhua



US President Barack Obama (below C) poses for group photos with Indiana Fever players during the welcome ceremony of WNBA champion Indiana Fever at the White House in Washington DC on 14 June 2013.

XINHUA

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Cushion added for life in orbit

BEIJING, 15 June—Those concerned about astronauts' living conditions need not worry, as scientists from Tianjin and Shanghai have devoted years to designing high-tech equipment to make life in space easier.

Cui Guoqi, a professor at Tianjin University, is the director of one of China's first research centres in rapid prototyping, more commonly known as 3-D printing. Cui's team has spent 15 years developing tailor-made cushioned seats for Chinese astronauts. The seat, made of 70-millimeter-thick composite materials, looks like a bathtub in shape.

"The seats are used during launch and landing to protect the astronauts, especially their backbones, from being hurt by the jolt during acceleration," he said.

"We collect physical data from astronaut candidates, like the measurements of their spacesuits, but the seats require much more data than the suits. And with more precise data, the seat will be better fitting and able to defuse more impact." Cui said the number of data that is collected has increased from tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands as they've improved the precision of the seats. "Every seat should be tested



Cui Guoqi, a professor at Tianjin University, demonstrates tailor-made cushioned seats for Chinese astronauts.—XINHUA

by the astronaut in person and undergo adjustments to make it more precise. My colleagues and I are more familiar with their physical data than their family members," he said.

Cui said Liu Yang, China's first female astronaut, told him the seat was "safe and well-suited" after she finished

her space mission in June 2012. Donghua University in Shanghai, formerly China Textile University, also helped astronauts on *Shenzhou X* by inventing a special diaper that is not only super-absorbent but able to dissolve ammonia and other chemicals from human waste.—Xinhua

HP unveils 'affordable' storage solutions for SMBs

WASHINGTON, 15 June—Computer maker Hewlett-Packard on Friday unveiled storage solutions for small and medium businesses, saying that they will maximise SMBs' investments and make data management more efficient.

"Limited IT resources and a lack of storage expertise can make it difficult for SMBs to deploy the storage systems needed to support applications that require high availability and performance," HP India Director (Storage) Barun Lala said at a Press



conference.

The new offerings include the next generation of its MSA entry disk array, enhancements to the HP StoreEasy Storage portfolio and a new programme for HP channel partners.

The new HP MSA 2040

Storage system simplifies management and improves performance up to four times faster. The enhanced HP StoreEasy Storage portfolio enables SMBs to efficiently manage and protect increasing amounts of file data without the need for special skills, he added.

"Virtualisation and other emerging workloads threaten to drown SMBs in a sea of complexities that hinder, rather than support, growth," Lala said.

Simply StoreIT allows our partners to serve their small and mid-sized customers

who are stressed for time, budget and resources to support a growing business, with a stress-free storage solution, he added.

Dual-controller MSA 2040 configurations begin at \$11,470, with worldwide availability through HP and its channel partners expected to begin in July 2013.

HP StoreEasy Storage enhancements are available at no charge to existing and new customers starting in June. The HP Simply Store IT Program is available worldwide.

PTI



An overview of the West Hall, one of the exhibit floors at E3, the Electronic Entertainment Expo, is seen in Los Angeles, California, on 12 June, 2013. REUTERS

Good times roll at E3 videogame trade show, for now

LOS ANGELES, 15 June—Few first-time participants at the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) in Los Angeles this week would have realized that the \$66 billion videogames industry is in steep decline.

Microsoft Corp, Sony Corp, Electronic Arts and other industry giants whipped up the crowd of gamers and developers at the event into a frenzy, with displays of high-powered new consoles and previews of popular genre games. For an industry accustomed to dwindling revenue in recent years, the pervasive visual pyrotechnics offered something to look

forward to after years of subsisting on franchise-oriented games such as "Call of Duty" and "Halo" that run off aging technology.

This fall will usher in the Xbox One and Sony PlayStation 4, which apart from being more powerful than their predecessors, now support cloud-based game play and mobile integration.

It remains to be seen whether these will avoid the fate of Nintendo Co Ltd's Wii U, whose disappointing sales since its late 2012 launch have forced the Japanese company to sharply curtail revenue forecasts.

The Xbox One will sell for \$499 and the PlayStation 4 for \$399—a hefty bit of change in an era when free-to-play Internet and smartphone games from "Angry Birds" to "Clash of Clans" are attracting budget-conscious gamers and millions in investment.

"The graphics capabilities of console games are going through the roof, but mobile games are becoming more and more sophisticated too," said Mike Cuff, vice president of content at Wikipad, which launched a portable gaming tablet at E3.—Reuters

AUSPI asks DoT to reject COAI's plea on Tata Teleservices

MUMBAI, 15 June—Alleging distortion of facts by COAI, AUSPI has asked the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to reject the rival association's plea to take back spectrum from Tata Teleservices in 18 service areas.

The Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), representing GSM players, had written to DoT asking it to withdraw spectrum allocated to Tata Teleservices Ltd (TTSL) in 18 service areas and put them up for auction.

Association of Unified Telecom Service Providers of India (AUSPI), which represents dual technology players such as TTSL, Reliance Communications and Sistema Shyam Teleservices, asked the DoT to reject the plea. "COAI is distorting facts and attempting to present a misleading picture before the DoT to sub-serve the

vested interests of its members. It is an attempt to cause confusion and is clearly uncalled for when the Hon ble Supreme Court has rejected their plea," AUSPI Secretary General Ashok Sud said in a letter to the DoT.

On its demand for surrender of TTSL spectrum, COAI in its letter had cited legal opinion of former Solicitor General Rohinton Nariman.

"The allocation of spectrum of TTSL stood quashed by way of order dated 02-02-2012. As a result thereof, the said spectrum automatically stood reverted," Nariman's opinion attached with the COAI letter had said.

However, AUSPI said the legal opinion given by Nariman was in his capacity as a senior advocate.

"DoT is requested not to take any cognizance of such a legal opinion," the letter said.—PTI



Wipro gets fresh tax demand of Rs 816 crore

NEW DELHI, 15 June—India's third largest software firm Wipro has been slapped with an over Rs 816 crore claim by tax department, becoming the latest IT company to have got such a notice after Infosys, WNS and iGate.

The Bangalore-headquartered company said the "draft assessment order" from tax authorities for 2008-09 fiscal has arisen primarily due to denial of deduction under section 10A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, in respect of profit earned by its undertaking in the Software Technology Park

(STP) at Bangalore.

"In March 2013, the company received the draft assessment order, on similar grounds as that of earlier years, with a demand of Rs 816.4 crore (including interest of Rs. 84.8 crore) for the financial year ended on 31 March, 2009.

"The company will file its objections against the said demand before the Dispute Resolution Panel, within the time limit prescribed under the statute," Wipro said in a filing on the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

When contacted, Wipro

in a statement said: "No demand has been received and the assessment process is in progress."

The Azim Premji-led company, whose American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) are listed on NYSE, expressed hope that the final outcome of the dispute will be in its favour.

Besides the fresh assessment order, Wipro said it is also facing tax demands of around Rs. 3,936 crore (including interest) for the period of 31 March, 2001 to 31 March, 2008 due to denial of deduction under section 10A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, on profits it earned in STP in Bangalore.

"Considering the facts and nature of disallowance and the order of the appellate authority upholding the claims of the company for earlier years, the company believes that the final outcome of the above disputes should be in favour of the company and there should not be any material impact on the consolidated financial statements," the Wipro filing added.

PTI



BUSINESS & HEALTH

South Koreans, Argentines most satisfied with healthcare, poll finds



A man undergoes a medical examination to prevent Chagas disease in the Argentine province of Corrientes in this picture taken on 16 Sept, 2008.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 15 June—Healthcare has improved in many countries in the last five years, but patients in South Korea, Argentina and Japan are the most satisfied with their medical care, according to an Ipsos poll released on Tuesday.

In a survey of 15 countries, people in those countries gave top grades for improvements in their national healthcare system since 2008, along with residents of Belgium and Australia, which rounded out the top five nations.

At the other end of the spectrum, patients in Sweden, France, Italy, Hungary and Spain were the least satisfied with their health services and experiences among the 15 countries studied.

“On average things are moving forward in terms of healthcare access and experience around the world based on what we saw. This is very clear,” said John Wright, senior vice president and managing director of Global Advisor Ipsos Public Affairs, which conducted the survey.

“But the elements within

the healthcare system in certain countries are very specific in terms of what they are concerned about,” he added in an interview.

The United States, which came in sixth overall, was followed by Poland, Germany, Canada and Britain.

It’s worth noting the

survey only included the 15 countries and was based on perceptions of users. So one country’s system could be superior to another’s, but if its users didn’t rate it as highly, it would rank lower on the list.

“Everybody is getting a report card by their individual patient populations,” Wright explained, likening it to “a customer satisfaction survey.” Ipsos polled a total of 12,001 adults online in 15 countries in Europe, Asia and North America about whether healthcare in their countries was better now than in recent years.

It also asked residents to rate access to doctors, specialists, a hospital, diagnostic tests, drugs and their experiences in treatment options, quality, coordination, speed and level of care.—Reuters

Singapore reprimands 20 banks after benchmark rate review

SINGAPORE, 15 June—Singapore’s central bank has censured 20 banks on Friday after it found traders in the city state tried to manipulate benchmark borrowing and currency rates, and has ordered them to set aside additional reserves for a year.

The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) said that it had found 133 traders had tried to inappropriately influence the rates. Some of their cases have now been referred to the city-state’s white collar crime unit and the Attorney General’s Chambers, though MAS said no offence under Singapore law appeared to have been committed.

The city-state’s banking and market associations also



A man leaves the premises of the Monetary Authority of Singapore in the central business district of Singapore on 18 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

unveiled a series of reforms of how banks will set the benchmarks, including plans to start basing several of them on actual trades rather than estimates submitted by banks. The announcements come as financial market

VANCOUVER, 15 June—Suicide attempts motivated by internal factors, such as hopelessness and unbearable pain, were performed with the greatest desire to die, according to a new Canadian study that digs deep into suicide motivations.

The study, published recently in the official journal of the American Association of Suicidology and conducted by researchers from the University of British Columbia (UBC), is believed to be the first of its kind to explore suicide motivations in a comprehensive and systematic way.

Despite massive prevention efforts, suicide rates have increased globally over the last 50 years, with almost 1 million people taking their own lives annually, according to the researchers.



The study, based on 120 participants who attempted suicide within the past three years, suggests many motivations believed to play important roles in suicide are relatively uncommon.

For example, suicide attempts were rarely the result of impulsivity, a cry for help, or an effort to solve a financial or practical problem.

Of all motivations for suicide, the two found to be

universal in all participants were hopelessness and overwhelming emotional pain.

It also finds that suicide attempts influenced by social factors — such as efforts to elicit help or influence others — generally exhibited a less pronounced intent to die, and were carried out with a greater chance of rescue.

“Knowing why someone attempted suicide is crucial — it tells us how to best help them recover,” said Prof David Klonsky, UBC Department of Psychology. “This new tool will help us to move beyond the current ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach to suicide prevention, which is essential. Different motivations require different treatments and interventions.”—Xinhua

rebukes from MAS against big banks are relatively rare, Singapore’s moves are not on the same level as the action taken by US and British counterparts, which have imposed hundreds of millions of dollars in fines on lenders.—Reuters

Vegetable fats tied to less prostate cancer spread

NEW YORK, 15 June—After being diagnosed with prostate cancer, men who eat a diet high in vegetable fats, such as those in nuts and olive oil, may be less likely to have their disease spread, a new study suggests. Researchers found that replacing some carbohydrates with those healthy fats was also tied to a lower risk of dying from any cause during the study. But the opposite was true for saturated and trans fats often found in meat and processed foods. “A lot of doctors will simply say, ‘Cut out fat,’” after a prostate cancer diagnosis, said Dr Stephen Freedland, a urologist at Duke University Medical

Centre in Durham, North Carolina.

But this study challenges that advice, said Freedland, who wrote a commentary on the findings.

“It actually says, if you eat more fat, albeit the right kind of fat, ... you’re less likely to die of not only prostate cancer, but really of any cause, which really flies in the face of this ‘low-fat, low-fat, low-fat’ mantra that we’ve been told for decades now,” he told Reuters Health.

Researchers tracked 4,577 men who were diagnosed with localized prostate cancer during a large study of health workers beginning in 1986.—Reuters

Wholesale prices up on food, gasoline; manufacturing weak



Customers fill their tanks with gasoline at an automobile service station as prices are displayed on a signboard in San Bruno, California.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 15 June—Producer prices rose more than expected in May as gasoline and food prices rebounded, but underlying inflation pressures remained muted, which could argue against

an early scaling back of monetary stimulus by the Federal Reserve.

A second report on Friday showed factory output edged up just 0.1 percent last month, a sign of lingering softness after two back-to-

back declines that offers another cautionary note for the US central bank.

The Labour Department said its seasonally adjusted producer price index increased 0.5 percent in May after declining 0.7 percent in April. A Reuters survey of economists had forecast a rise of just 0.1 percent.

“This is not a game changer. I expect that next week the Fed will reaffirm its current policies,” said Sam Bullard, a senior economist at Wells Fargo Securities in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Officials at the Fed will debate how soon to ratchet back on their \$85 billion a month bond-buying pace at a meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday.

While US consumers

have shown resilience in the face of higher taxes and the economy continues to create jobs at a steady if unspectacular pace, the factory sector has suffered from a recession in Europe that has weighed on global growth.

The Fed said manufacturing output rose 0.1 percent last month. Overall industrial production was unchanged, held back by a big drop in utilities output.

Despite the pick-up in prices received at the nation’s farms, factories and refineries last month, underlying price pressures remain muted and modest domestic demand makes it difficult for producers to pass on their increased costs.

Reuters



Walnuts sit in a trailer after being harvested in Lompoc, California.—REUTERS

ARTICLE

Myanmar Chess Game

Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja
Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

Myanmar media today carries news of chess game, as this board games is included in the upcoming 27th ASEAN Games which Myanmar is hosting in 2013 December.

The writer has been phoned and interviewed by some media-men regarding the origin and history of Myanmar chess game. The following is a brief of facts and data he has so far collected.

Myanmar chess game is today commonly called and known as စံတုရင် [Sit Bayin]. But its original and genuine name is စံတုရင် [Sit tuyin]. A Pali derivative word “Satuyinga” [Four features of Traditional Armed Forces namely (1) Infantry (2) Cavalry (3) Chariotry and (4) Elephantry. Infantry was composed of (a) foot soldiers (b) swords men (c) spear men (d) lancers, (e) archers (f) shields (g) later gunners and artillery men.

Myanmar traditional board game can be traced far back to Pinya period [1298-1364 A.D] or even to Bagan Period of Myanmar history. There are abundant evidences of this game in stone inscriptions, palm leaf inscriptions, ink writings on walls of temples, folding papers, in Myanmar literature and all visual art medias. In all these evidences the game was called Sit tuyin [စံတုရင်]. In Hindi there is a word “Saturanga [စတုရင်]. In Malay there is a word “Saturt” [စတုရ်].

It is generally opened that this board game originated in India about 5000 years ago. In one of the two Hindu epic dramas Mahabarata, this game was often mentioned. The Arabs, the Persians, the Mongolians and the central Asians also claim their origins. In Buddha’s jataka stories, chess game and dice game were mentioned as pastimes of the ruling class. In the 18 princely arts and sciences which students had to learn at the university of Taxila of Buddha’s time, chess and dice games were included in the art of diplomacy, statecraft and military strategy.

In Pinya Period [1298-1364 A.D] there was one learned knight named Satuyingabala who could converse and discuss with the most learned monk of that time “Hsu Twin Pyit Sayadaw [Ashin Nagita]. In this writings he used the name of this game as “Sit tuyin” game. Like a clever player of this game this knight was called Satu-yinga-bala as he was learned and skillful in diplomacy and literary dialogue.

Basically, Myanmar chess game and international chess games have similarities though they differ in some minor details, due to their national and local characters.

This game on board is “fighting a battle with four features of Armed Forces.” It requires knowledge, experiences and especially intelligence and knack.

Two players play on a board containing 64 squares with a black and red sides. Each side has (1) commander [မင်းကြီး] (2) a second in-command [စံတု] (3) two chariots [စံရထား] (4) two war elephants [စံဆင်] (5) two horsemen [စံမြင်းစီးသူရဲ] (6) two knights and (6) eight pawns.

Winning technique is to immediately stop the movement of the opponent. It is called “checkmate”. Words and terms used in chess game are used in politics in which the opponent’s move is to be blocked quickly or “checkmated”. If a country is used to serve the interest of other country that country is called “pawn”. In the balancing power among big powers, pawns are sought after to counter weight the balance.

There is no standard size for chess boards, but most chess boards fit easily on a table. The board is divided into 64 squares, arranged in eight rows of squares each. The squares are alternately light and dark in colour [black and white or red and white]. The rows of squares across the board are called “ranks.” The rows of squares running up and down are called “files”, and the slanting rows are called “diagonals”. Two players sit at opposite end of the chess board.

There are several methods, rules, techniques, knacks of playing chess games. Most chess games are played in three stages namely (1) the opening (2) the middle game and (3) the end game. The middle game is most exciting. A chess game may end in tie called a draw when both sides have no chance to a victory.

Chess game was aristocratic, only royalty aristocracy, and upper classes play it for pleasure, betting or prestige. But merchants, scholars, artists, sea voyagers do make this game as their hobby. In medieval Europe upper clergy, churchmen and even Pope played this game. In the old days of Pwe Kyaung monasteries in Myanmar, some monks gave coaching to young male pupils in chess game in addition to martial arts. It is said that just like “An chin” songs of dice game there were folk songs to cheer up the competitors of chess game. But so far no such song has been found.

The belief that chess game is exclusively the game of upper class and educated middle-agers prove wrong, because young people from all walks of life can prove good chess game players.

Myanmar chess board and pieces are made of ivory, wood, precious and semi precious metals, jade and marble and also of lacquer.

In pre-war days, chess games were popular. Even after independence, the game was played by students and teachers of universities and colleges. Hostels had social and reading clubs where on every Saturday were held board games, brain trust, debate and impromptu speaking (ကျဘမ်းစကားပြောပွဲ). Tournaments were held hostel-wise. In the college days of the writer, professors of History, Physics, Geology, Pali, Myanmar and Philosophy were good chess game players. They coached students in board games. There were books on chess game easily borrowable.

Tabin Shwe Hti, Bayint Naung, Alaungpaya, Hsibiyushi, Bodawpaya, Maha Bandoola were said to be good chess players. Min Ye Kyaw Swa took with him his chess play mates during his military campaigns.

Now, it is a good time for new Myanmar generations to enjoy all nice things of the past and to participate in regional games and sports. The writer wishes them all the best.

WORLD

Norway becomes first NATO country to draft women into military

OSLO, 15 June—Norway’s parliament voted overwhelmingly on Friday to conscript women into its armed forces, becoming the first European and first NATO country to make military service compulsory for both genders.

“Rights and duties should be the same for all,” said Labour lawmaker Laila Gustavsen, a supporter of the bill. “The armed forces need access to the best resources, regardless of gender, and right now mostly

“This is historic. For me it is fantastic to make history, for the armed forces and for women,” Gustavsen said.

NATO member Norway has reduced its armed forces since the end of the Cold War and spends heavily on technology to keep a small but advanced military.

Women already serve in the military, but do so of their own volition. They make up a tenth of the armed forces, according to



Laila Gustavsen, a Labour parliamentarian whose daughter Marta Oedegaarden was a survivor of the 2011 Utoeya island massacre, talks at the parliament building in Oslo on 14 March, 2012.—REUTERS

men are recruited.”

Norway has been at the forefront in the fight for gender equality, introducing measures such as requiring all public limited companies to fill at least 40 percent of their board seats with women. On Wednesday the country celebrated a century since Norwegian women won the right to vote.

Women make up half of the current government, and opposition leader Erna Solberg is expected to become Norway’s second female prime minister in elections later this year, according to opinion polls which indicate her Conservative Party and its allies will win a parliamentary majority.

the ministry of defence.

The change is not expected to force women to serve against their will but should help improve the gender balance.

All young people can be conscripted in theory, but since the end of the Cold War the Norwegian armed forces have become more selective in choosing conscripts as their needs have changed.

Those who do not want to serve can often find a reason, such as university studies, to avoid the draft.

“In theory, it is possible (women would have to serve against their will), just as it can happen to men,” Gustavsen said.

Reuters

Crown Prince Naruhito meets with “Japons” in Spain

SEVILLE, 15 June—Japan’s Crown Prince Naruhito attended a reception on Friday in Seville, southern Spain, to meet persons called “Japon” who are said to be descendants of members of a mission dispatched by Japanese feudal lord Date Masamune to the European country 400 years ago.

Talking with some 30 persons bearing the surname, which is the Spanish word for Japan, the crown

prince said, “I’m glad that I could meet so many ‘Japons.’”

The mission, led by Hasekura Tsunenaga, arrived in Seville in 1614, a year after leaving Japan, and it is said that some members stayed on and identified themselves as “Japon.” The crown prince, who is in Spain until Sunday, is attending a series of events to mark the 400th anniversary of bilateral exchanges.—Kyodo News



Russian President Vladimir Putin (3rd R) meets with representatives of the G20 Civil Summit in the Novo-Ogaryovo residence in Moscow, Russia, on 14 June, 2013. XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint and wife being welcomed by Philippine Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Alex Garcia Chua at the reception to mark 115th Anniversary National Day: Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the Philippines at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 11 June.

MNA



Namtlauk dam commissioned into service

TACHILEK, 15 June—A ceremony to commission Namtlauk dam into service was held in Wumkaungmon village in Phanmin village-tract in Tachilek Township on 12 June.

It dams creek and canals and will irrigate summer and monsoon paddy fields.

District Irrigation Department staff officer U Han Tun and village-tract administrator U Hla Thein

briefed on construction of the dam. The district deputy commissioner launched the function of the dam.

The dam with gravel retaining wall would irrigate 554 acres of monsoon paddy

and 250 acres of summer paddy.

The dam construction funded by the villages cost K 17 million.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae



Farming rights certificates issued to farmers in Kutkai Tsp

MUSE, 15 June—Farming rights certificates are being presented to farmers in Kutkai Township in Muse District in Shan State (North).

Shan State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Sai Hsa Lu presented 93 certificates to

87 farmers at a ceremony in Nantphatka village-tract on 25 May.

Township farmland management committee chairman township administrator U Hsan Myint, secretary staff officer of Settlement and Land Records Department U Than Win

and party then presented 170 certificates to 120 farmers in Inmain, Hokyant, Mongyu, Pankai, Panlot and Urabummanpyein village-tracts on 11 and 12 June.

A total of 263 certificates have been presented to 207 farmers in Kutkai Township.

MMAL-L Soe (IPRD)

Pyinsalu carries out drainage works

PYINSALU, 15 June—Pyinsalu Sub-township Development Affairs Committee and townselders led three separate groups of sub-township departmental personnel, firefighters, ward administrators and the residents to undertake drainage works in three wards in the delta town in Labutta District in Ayeyawady Region on 3 June.

The sub-township is formed with three wards and has major roads often inundated in rainy season

due to block age of drains and canals. Most roads are gravel ones. Pyinsalu sub-township in-charge

of Development Affairs Committee U Myint Hsan supervised the efforts.

MMAL-Township IPRD



Myanmar Futsal coach attends Futsal workshop

YANGON, 15 June—Myanmar Futsal Team's Chief Coach U Htay Myint left for Malaysia on 12 June morning to attend Futsal Workshop jointly organized by global soccer governing body FIFA and AFC.

The workshop was held in Malaysia on 13-16 June. It will cover promotion of Futsal and 2012 World Futsal Cup.

Coaches from Asian countries' Futsal teams will participate in the workshop.

MMAL-Pho Thaw Zin

Special delegation arrives back from Malaysia



NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—A special delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw arrived back Yangon yesterday after carrying out ground survey of current situation of Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia. Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security Daw Win Maw

Tun and other members of the delegation also arrived back on the same flight.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security Affairs.

MNA

Traditional medicine practitioners provide free treatment in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 15 June—Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners provided free medical treatment to patients in Ahneiktaw ward in Aungmyethazan Township in Mandalay on 11 June.

The team of the practitioners formed with Mandalay District Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association District Head of Traditional Medicine Department Daw Than Oo, Township Head of Traditional Medicine Department Daw Than Aye, Assistant Head U Sithu Tun, three apprentice lecturers of Traditional Medicines University provided treatment, conducted medical check-up and gave talks.

Township and ward administrators and officials assisted them.

MMAL-026

MONYWA, 15 June—Wellwishers donated medical equipment to 50-bed Traditional Medicine Hospital in Monywa in Sagaing Region on 11 June.

U Soe Myint Kyi of Ohnma village in Kani

HEALTH CARE ACTIVITY

Healthcare trainees visit Thawutti rural health centre

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Principal of health staff training school in Lewe in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area under the Health Department of the Ministry of Health Deputy Director Dr Tun Aung Kyi and trainees from township health departments of respective regions and states on 8 June visited Thawutti rural health centre in Lewe Township.

They observed health care services provided by the centre. Head of Lewe Township Health Department

medical superintendent of 200-bed hospital Dr Daw Khin San Myint, Township health staff grade (1) U Myint Swe and head of the rural health centre U Kyaw Moe elaborated on healthcare services of the centres in the township and functions of Thawutti rural health centre.

They also answered queries raised by the trainees. They then visited Thawutti Maha orphanage on Sama hill and donated K 120,000 for the orphans.

MMAL-Health

Anti-DHF campaign launched in Kyangin

KYANGIN, 15 June—Township Administrator U Tin Yi, Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Min Zaw and staff, health staff and other departmental officials, and NGOs jointly launched the anti-Dengue

Hemorrhagic Fever campaign.

The efforts included sterilizing the waters, ensuring proper flow of drains and sanitizing the environment in Kyangin on 10 May.

MMAL-069

Medical equipment donated

Township, whose son is receiving treatment at the hospital, donated two wheelchairs and three steel camel sticks to the hospital through medical superintendent U Nay Aung.

U Aung Hla and wife Daw Win Tin of Kin vil-

lage in Kani Township donated a wooden bunch through traditional medicines head of the hospital U Aung Soe.

The officials returned certificates of honour to them.

MMAL-District IPRD

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 16 June, 2013

Make the world a greener place

It is not entirely exaggerated that the consequences will be very grave if nothing is done for deforestation that is threatening the existence of our Mother Earth. People should be aware of the vital importance of forests in their lives. Life would not be possible without trees as they are a source of medicines and they perform the major roles in protecting watersheds and the world's precious freshwater resources and providing fuel, employment and income for millions of the world's poorest people. Moreover, they act as a leading repository of terrestrial biodiversity.

Deforestation is one of the highly insidious threats that are emerging in the world as a consequence of globalization and climate change. Forest fires, storms, excessive production of firewood and high rate of illegal timber extraction, environmentally unfriendly agricultural methods and reclamation of new farmlands, establishment of salt fields, fish farms and pawn ponds and human settlement are also advancing menaces to devastate vast tracts of forest.

Forests and trees are par excellence a renewable resource that can help to attend to and address ecological needs and challenges. They can thereby make the world a greener place, acting as engines of future sustainable development. Turning deforestation into reforestation is closely linked to achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals as forest depletion is degrading ecosystems, diminishing water availability and reducing food security, especially for the poor. That's why, forest restoration could bring an end to hunger of forest-dependent people in many parts of the world.

From now on let's make a start in our neighborhood by planting trees in order to give back to forests just a little of what we have taken. Trees are not only good for local climate change but they do wonders for our well-being, improving the quality of our people's lives and making the people even calmer and happier. So we would like to urge our well-being to plant our future by planting a tree because giving to forests is giving to ourselves and to our children.

Shan State Govt to assume duties of mobile team for food safety, combating illegal trading

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Shan State government has assumed duties for taking food safety measures and combating illegal trading on the Muse-Mandalay Road.

The Mobile Team-1 of the Central Committee for fighting and controlling illegal trade handed over its duties to the Shan State Government at Nawnghkio, Shan State, today, by Chairman of the central committee Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint.

Ministry of Commerce set up two mobile teams comprising police, custom officials, local authorities,

merchants and media and launched the campaign to crack down the illegal trading from November 1 to June 13 along Mandalay-Muse Road and Myawady-Yangon Road.

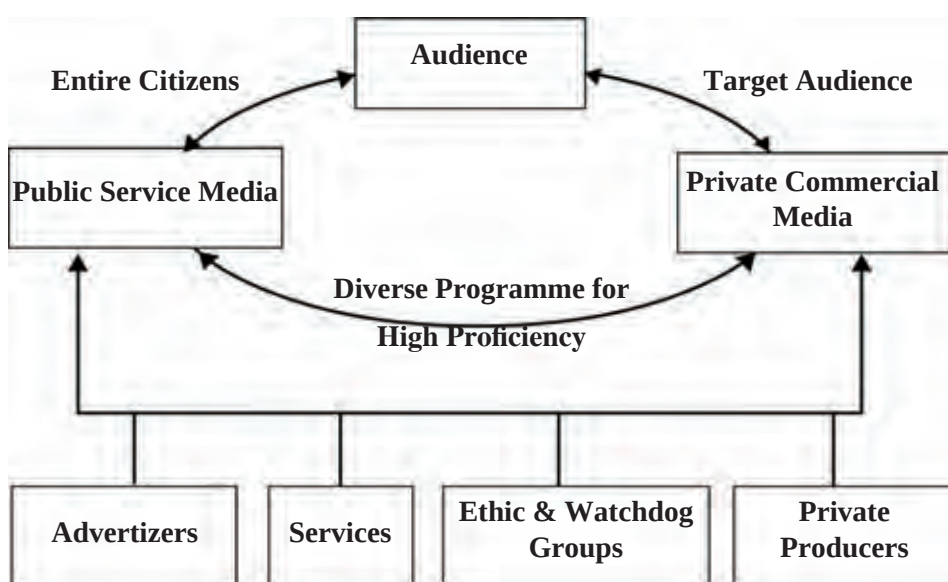
During the campaign, the teams have exposed 1676 cases of illegal trading, worth 5259 million kyats and destroyed unsafe food worth 215 million kyats.

Thanks to the campaign, Myanmar has seen more USD 386 million in the border trade volume of the 2012-2013 FY than in the trade volume of the previous FY.—MNA

Public Service Media Environment

Not only developed democratic countries, but also the countries which transformed into democracy also tried to establish PSMs. It is found that especially, the European Union made the announcement 1994 of the EU Ministers Meeting (1994) and Council of Europe declared the resolution No 1642 (2004) as part of efforts for establishing PSM in member countries of the former Soviet Union and eastern European countries, considering that PSM is an important part of the democracy.

At this juncture, some questions have arisen concerning whether PSM would hurt private media during the transition to democracy. However, the survey of PSMs around the world carried out by the McKinsey & Company for BBC in 1999 showed that PSM and private media are benefiting each other and the competition between them led to the public interests. McKinsey's report on the conditions of public service media around the world showed the media environment of PSM as follows:



Union Foreign Affairs Minister back home

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin arrived back in Yangon after attending the sixth Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) Foreign Minister's Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia on 13-14 June.

The above diagram reflecting the media environment of PSM has showed that in accordance with its basic principles, PSM which has no diverse programs and market demand produced the programs which are necessary to educate the people while private commercial media produced programs for its targeted audience. Audience demands qualified and diverse programs. To provide the information demanded by the audience, the two media, PSM and private commercial media, have to compete each other. Commercial media has to give priority to its qualification while easing their attention to profit. Meanwhile, PSM has to find a right balance between entertainment and educative programs while producing better programs to fulfil the needs of the diverse audiences.

In the above process, advertisers choose media which has programs to attract their target audience and put their advertisements on the selected media. Therefore, all media has to try to produce assorted programs.

Improvement in media sector could help flourish

services sector so that quality services could be given. The disciplinary organizations monitor and supervise the process to improve ethics and standards. Independent producers made highly-qualified programmes needed for media sector. With improvement in media sector, more improvement can be seen in roles of freelance journalists and independent producers.

All of seven parts in the above-mentioned process are interrelated to each other. When a part changed, the rest went to change. People are those who enjoy the benefits of changes the most. PSM prevents against media monopoly. It can be said that PSM can not only realize media pluralism media environment and but also provide assistance for emergence of quality media environment. So, international organizations which are giving a helping hand to Myanmar media reform process are contributing their efforts for development of PSM in Myanmar.

Here, there are some people who questioned over PSM in which what kind of media are included. PSM includes print media and

Banya Aung

broadcasting media. But Public Service Broadcasting is widely used because private-owned print media services had already been well-established when a public service radio broadcasting called BBC was introduced in western European countries in 1927. Thanks to cutting-edge technologies in these countries, broadcasting media services has become wider and there has been a drop in the number of newspaper readers. That's why, broadcasting media is widely used. PSMs are established with the contributions of regional governments and municipal committees in European countries.

It is seen that in Germany, transformation of those leading newspapers into PSM is being carried out under the leadership of Press Union in cooperation with the government in order to protect them from takeovers by media groups and shutdown of newspapers due to drop in readers.

European countries and other world countries are facing decline in newspaper readers while newspaper readers have been on the increase in Asian regions including Myanmar. According to the 2013-report of the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers, within five years newspaper readers has dropped by 13% in North America, 24.8 % in West Europe and 27.7% in East Europe, while there is an 9.8 % in Asia. Print media will continue to play a pivotal role in Myanmar media due to the reading habits of Myanmar people. Myanmar is making transformation of print and broadcast media into PSM/PSB.

It can be seen that transformation takes digital technology into consideration in addition to PSM/PSB. European Council's papers on Public Service Media in the Information Society and Public Service Media Regulation in Europe have suggested that PSM should be added on Internet and mobile in addition to conventional ways. And the papers also said that Public Service Media should be named Public Service Communication in future.

(to be continued)

Trs: AMS+YM+MT

for Foreign Affairs of Cuba and Mr. Murray McCully, Minister for Foreign Affairs of New Zealand separately on 13 June.

The Uluwatu Declaration was adopted at the two-day event by 36 members of the forum who called for further cooperation between the two regions.

MNA

NATIONAL

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker opens two upgraded schools in Pyawbwe Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint unveiled stone plaques of two upgrade schools in Pyawbwe Township, Mandalay Region today.

At the Basic Education High School (Branch) in East Shawphyugon Village, the Speaker expressed his delight for the increase in passing rate of the school, highlighting the coordination of the teachers of the school and parents of the students.

He also called on the teachers and parents of students to cooperate in the school enrolment for all school aged children and success of the new education system.

At a ceremony to mark the upgrading the Basic Education Middle School to the high school and handing



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint makes a speech at the opening of two upgraded schools in Pyawbwe Township.

MNA

over a new building to the school in Twin Village, the speaker called on teachers, parents of the students and the school board of trustees to work together to be able

to nurture educated students from the school.

During the ceremony, Mandalay Region Electric Power Minister handed over the documents related to the

new school building to the Ministry of Education.

The new building is 30 ft long and 24 ft wide and comprises four class rooms.—MNA

amendments were made based on final comments sent by departments concerned and organizations and submitted to the attorney-general office. Amendments are being made according to the comments of the legal advisory group of the President after submitting it to the President Office, he added.

Then, the director-general of Myanma Science and Technology Research Department clarified preparation for legislation

are not willing to return home as they are paid well in Malaysia. But some are very anxious after reading news in websites like Facebook and they want to return home.

One important thing I found there was some Myanmar workers have their families. For example, I saw women with five- or eight-month pregnancy. I urged them to return home.

Q: Deputy Minister U Zin Yaw acknowledged cooperation of Malaysia. May I know your view?

A: Really good. Now Selayang market is under full security. The market looks like Thiri Mingala market in Yangon. It is a vegetable market that is open 24 hours. One worker can be paid between 1000 and 1500 ringgits. Some got paid over 1500 ringgits. The situation emerged when the rule of law had been weakened in the area.

Moreover, Ayeyawady foundation and labour agencies contributed their philanthropic efforts.

The President worried about the situation and sent us there. We made those who have been experiencing worries calmer and the people known that all workers were not in difficulty. Besides, we gave a helping hand to those with anxiety and made necessary arrangements for their return home.

We made a field trip and made coordination for all walks of life.

News crew: Thank you Sir.

Q: I would like to know about the situation from Deputy Minister Daw Win Maw Tun.

A: I urged Myanmar workers to do themselves safety first. I urged them to keep unity among themselves. Most of the workers

foreign countries are harmful to consumers. So, legislation for standardization of law is underway", says Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo at the coordination meeting for legislation of standardization of law and precise measurement technology laws and

majority don't want to go back home.

A: Did you have any further information on Myanmar workers being attacked when you were there?

Q: There was no recurrence of attacks when we were there. Malaysian government also assumed that the incident was a gang attack which has nothing to do with racial conflict in Myanmar. The incident was rife in the area only. Peace and security prevail in other areas. There were no a widespread unrest as the majority of people had assumed. The incident occurred for various reasons which include instigation by a gang. Thus, we would like to inform the people that they need not to worry.

Q: Would you like to leave any message over the trip?

A: The trip gave us good deeds.

Legislation for standardization of laws coordination meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—"The products manufactured by Myanmar are needed high quality standard to be able to enter international markets when ASEAN Integration is realized. The standardization of law is required for development of quality products and the substandard products imported from

We could address ...

(from page 16)

us to help request the Malaysia government and the employers to protect them. They also disclosed that they are convenient to be working there as they are already familiar with their working conditions and living together with their families there.

Q: Could you tell me about meeting with workers under detention?

A: There are about 160 under detention — six women and 154 men. The majority are Myanmar people which include Bamar, Kachin, Chin and Kayin nationals. There are also other followers living in Myanmar. Out of 154, only about 25 expressed their wish to go back home even though they are being detained. Six women also don't want to go back home. So, it can be said that the

SSMNC Chairman Sayadaw, Union Religious Affairs Minister leave for China

YANGON, 15 June—Under the auspices of Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa, Pro-Rector of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University (Academic) Sayadaw Dr Candavarabhivamsa and faculties, and Union Minister for

Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint left here by air for the People's Republic of China this morning.

They will attend the Preparatory Meeting of World Alliance for the Buddhist Culture Exchange and International Conference on Meditation and Zen to be held in Hong Kong of China.

MNA

Union FM attends 3rd Ministerial Meeting of Myanmar-Indonesia Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—At the invitation of Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Dr R M Marty Natalegawa, a Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin attended 3rd Ministerial Meeting of Myanmar-Indonesia Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation in Bali on 12 June.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed promotion of cooperation

of laws, coordination on suggestions and formation of technical subcommittees.

The representatives from the ministries and NGOs discussed necessities and amendment for enacting the laws.

MNA

and friendship between the two countries. They also reviewed the progress since the last Joint Commission meeting in 2011.

The meeting came to a successful conclusion with the adoption of the Agreed Minutes. A press briefing given by the two ministers was held shortly after the joint commission meeting.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Dr R M Marty Natalegawa hosted a luncheon to the Union minister and party on 12 June. The Union minister and party visited Institute of Peace and Democracy in Bali on 11 June and exchanged views with Dr Hassan Wirajuda, former Foreign Minister and Chairman of the institute on future cooperation.

MNA

Q: I felt happy when I heard workers are okay. May I know the brief situation about the places you visited?

A: We went to Selayang market, hospital and Kapon monastery. We saw funeral services and we met those who took refuge at the monastery. We visited glass factory where there are 150 Myanmar workers. We observed whether or not full security is given by the owner. We discovered that workers are being accommodated by the factory owner, a Chinese, who guarantees their security.

A small mistake has become enlarged when they enjoyed happy hours as they are paid well there. It was the basic point. Our trip can be said as a successful one. Myanmar workers felt parental love when we met them. We comforted and taught them how to

live there.

Moreover, we comforted the victims and provided them with necessary assistance. We made donations to the monastery and funeral services.

Q: May I know your concluding remarks?

Ground situation revealed that it was not very bad. Malaysian businessmen called on us at the hotel yesterday night at about 8 pm. Each businessman has 200 or 300 or 500 Myanmar workers. They have voiced concerns over possible impacts of Myanmar workers' return home. We asked them to make Myanmar workers full safeguard. We called for a responsibility to take care of them. The situation is not linked to the religion. I would like to call the incident as an accident. I don't think the incident is closely linked to the region.

News crew: Thank you.

LOCAL NEWS

Books, stationery, school uniforms donated to Magway nunneries



MAGWAY, 15 June—A ceremony to donate books, stationery and school uniforms to the students jointly organized by Magway Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and Magway Region Women's Affairs Organization was held at the Sasanagonyi nunnery, here, yesterday.

At the ceremony, Patron of Magway Region WAO Daw San San Myint, Chairperson Daw Thin Thin Htway and members donated books, stationery

and school uniforms worth K 210,000 to the students.

Then, Magway Township Development Affairs Committee fumigated the halls of nunnery as part of preventive measure against dengue hemorrhagic fever.

The Magway Region WAO and MCWSC also donated books, stationery and school uniforms worth K 220,000 to Thidayon nunnery and viewed round the classrooms.

Kyemon-Minbu District IPRD

One BEPS upgraded in Tiddim

KALAY, 15 June—A ceremony to upgrade Basic Education Primary School No. 3 (Branch) into Basic Education Primary School in Shaungsowng Model Village, Tiddim Township, Chin State was held along with the signboard erecting at the school, here, on 6 June.

Tiddim Township Administrator U Kyi Thet Maung, Tiddim Township Education Officer U Gin Khant Khwal and Patron of the Village Rev. U Kam Swan Mang of Shaungsong Village cut the ribbon to open the ceremony and officials looked round the school.

At the ceremony, the Tiddim Township Administrator gave a speech and Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Kham Swam Mone clarified the development of education, requirements and tasks of the State. Then, the Tiddim Township Education Officer explained the purposes of the upgrading school.

Later, Lt-Col Saw Tun of No. 269 Infantry Regiment and wife Daw Ni Ni Win donated school uniforms, books, pencils and a clock for the students and school board of trustees Chairman U Zam Thant Cein spoke words of thanks.

Kyemon-Ju Nine



National plan for township people-centered development workshop held

NAMHSAM, 15 June—A workshop to implement township level people-centered national plan took place at the meeting hall of Palaung Self-administrative Leading Committee, here, on 11 June morning.

It was attended by Shan State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Thu Deputy Director-General U Myint Oo of Rural Development Affairs Department, Assistant Director U Hla Khaing, Director U Sai Tun Tun of Shan State Development Affairs Committee, the World Bank representative

(Lashio Branch) and Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Swe looked into measures for rehabilitation tasks at Namhsam on 12 June.

Shan State Development Affairs Committee provided K 2.06 million for rehabilitation tasks of fire victims, who were in

and members of Palaung Self-Administered Zone Leading Body and township/ward administrators and townselders and guests.

The State Minister for Security and Border Affairs and Chairman of Palaung Self-Administered Zone Leading Body U Maung Kyaw extended greetings. Deputy Director-General U Myint Oo and Assistant Director U Hla Khaing explained the projects which will be run implemented by World Bank.

Kyemon-Hsipaw Ko Latt

trouble due to a roaring fire in Namhsam in November, 2012.

Director U Sai Tun Tun of Shan State Development Affairs Committee and party went to Namhsam town hall and attended to the needs.

Kyemon-Hsipaw Ko Latt

Retaining wall under construction in Katha



KATHA, 15 June — Under the instruction of Chief Minister U Tha Aye of Sagaing Region, local people in Katha are building the 320 feet long gravel-filled retaining wall in Ward-10 in Katha with technological assistance of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems to prevent bank erosion of Ayeyawady River funded K 29.3 million by Region Government fire and natural

disaster preparedness work committee.

This work started on 18-5-2013. Up to 9 June, the construction work has been completed by 81 per cent.

In 2011-2012, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems built a 220-foot gravel-filled retaining wall spending K 20 million on keeping the port clean and pleasant.

Kyemon-Nyein Nyein (Katha)

Health Care Services given at Dagon (East) Industrial Zone

YANGON, 15 June—Social Security Board is providing health care services to workers at the factories together with the medics from Worker's Hospital and Social Security Clinics in order to perform their duties without leaving-off.

Dr Kyaw Lin Aung, Nurse Daw L Ni

Health

Kamkhonam and staff gave medical treatment to 88 workers at M Buwon Electronic Factory in Dagon (East) Industrial Zone and gave talks on medical knowledge on 11 June.

Kyemon-Social Security Board



Hluttaw experience recounted

KALAY, 15 June—A ceremony to recount Hluttaw experience was held at the monastery of Setaw Oo Village, Kalay Township, Sagaing Region on 6 June. It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Tin Hlaing, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Thein Hlaing, district and township secretaries of Union Solidarity and Development Party and members of township USDP and local people totalling about 500.

Hluttaw representatives recounted their experience

about Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and tasks carried out in Hluttaws to local people. They discussed matter of local development.

Hluttaw representatives, secretaries of district and township USDP and members of township USDP visited Kalana Mitta social organization, Genius library and private camp supported by villagers to ensure high pass rate of Basic Education Middle School, and coordinated the requirements.

Kyemon-Shin Nay Min

Nation-building Endeavours

Rehabilitation tasks for fire victims carried out

NAMHSAM, 15 June—A group led by Deputy Director-General U Myint Oo of Rural Development Affairs Department, Assistant Director U Hla Khaing, Director U Sai Tun Tun of Shan State Development Affairs Committee, Assistant Director U Zaw Win (Lashio Branch), and Deputy Superin-

tending Engineer U Kyaw Swe viewed completion of rehabilitation tasks in Namhsam for fire victims on 10 June.

Executive Officer U Sai Win Myint of Township Development Affairs Committee touched upon completion of rehabilitation tasks for fire victims to the group.

Kyemon-Hsipaw Ko Latt

Shan State Development Affairs Committee members inspect Namhsam Town Hall



NAMHSAM, 15 June—A group led by Director U Sai Tun Tun of Shan

State Development Affairs Committee, Assistant Director U Zaw Win

REGIONAL



Thai police officers display confiscated drugs during a Press conference at the police headquarters in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, on 14 June, 2013. Thai police seized 2,500 kilograms of marijuana worth about 28 million Thai baht (about 915,768 US dollars) in Ubon Ratchathani in northeastern Thailand.—XINHUA

China hopes to enhance trust with Vietnam

BEIJING, 15 June—China hopes to enhance political mutual trust with Vietnam when its President Truong Tan Sang visits the country, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said on Friday.

Sang will pay a state visit to China on 19-21 June, as a guest of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

During the visit, leaders of the two countries will hold talks on bilateral relations, regional affairs as well as issues of common concern, said Hua. She said relevant departments of the two countries are negotiating on cooperative documents on politics, the

economy, trade and culture.

China and Vietnam are important neighbours and partners, said Hua, adding that the two countries are both at a crucial period of reform and development.

“The sound and stable development of bilateral relations conforms to the common interests of both countries,” she said.

She said China expects to enhance political mutual trust through Sang’s visit, promote pragmatic cooperation, as well as strengthen communication and coordination in a bid to push forward the development of the bilateral comprehensive strategic partnership.

Xinhua



Examinees view the college entrance exam paper marking work at a paper marking room in Guizhou Normal University in Guiyang, capital of southwest China’s Guizhou Province, on 14 June, 2013. The paper marking work in Guizhou opens to several examinees and their parents on Friday.—XINHUA

S Korean FM in Singapore for 2-day visit

SINGAPORE, 15 June—South Korea’s Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se is in Singapore for a two-day official visit, Singapore’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Friday.

Yun, who is on his first visit to Singapore as foreign minister, met his Singaporean counterpart K Shanmugam on Friday evening.

The Singaporean foreign minister welcomed

the active participation of South Korea in ASEAN. They also discussed regional developments, the ministry said.

South Korea is one of the dialogue partners of

Singapore to introduce criminal penalties for rate rigging

SINGAPORE, 15 June—The Monetary Authority of Singapore censured 20 banks for attempting to rig benchmark interest rates in the Singapore market, it said on Friday.

It is also proposing a new regulatory framework to subject the setting of key benchmark rates to regulatory oversight and introduce specific criminal and civil sanctions for manipulation of any financial benchmarks.

The authority said its year-long review revealed 133 traders in the currency

market have each engaged in “several attempts to inappropriately influence the benchmarks.”

The 20 banks were found to have deficiencies in the governance, risk management, internal controls, and surveillance systems for their involvement in submissions for benchmarks.

They include the three home-grown banks DBS, UOB and OCBC, as well as some of the world’s leading banks including ING Bank, the Royal Bank of Scotland and UBS.

Eight Afghan civilians killed in bombing in E province

KABUL, 15 June—Eight Afghan civilians were killed Friday in a bomb attack in the eastern Afghan province of Khost, a provincial police source said.

“A funeral service was held in Cholan village in vicinity of provincial capital Khost city at around 2 pm local time. As the people were leaving the area one vehicle touched off a roadside bombing.

The blast killed eight civilians, including the Imam or worship leader of the local mosque,” deputy provincial police chief colonel Mohammad Yaqoub told Xinhua.

He said no person was injured in the incident in the province 150 km southeast of national capital Kabul.

The provincial governor Abdul Jabar Nahimi strongly condemned the incident in a statement issued following the explosion.

The officials blamed Taliban insurgents for the incident. Taliban uses improvised explosive devices (IEDs) to launch roadside bomb attack on security forces but the lethal weapon also inflicted casualties on civilians. The insurgent group has yet to make comments.

The Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since the militant group launched an annual rebel offensive late April against Afghan government forces and about 100,000 NATO-led troops stationed in the country.—Xinhua

ASEAN and Singapore’s 7th largest trading partner, with bilateral trade up 12.6 percent to 52.7 billion Singapore dollars (42.2 billion US dollars) in 2012.

Xinhua

Gov’t OKs 2-seat ultracompact car to run on public roads from July

TOKYO, 15 June—The transport ministry gave the green light on Friday for a two-seat ultracompact electric vehicle model to run on public roads on a trial basis in parts of Kanagawa Prefecture from next month.

Under the test run starting 1 July, Urban Renaissance Agency, a state-run housing development entity, will be working together with Kanagawa Prefecture, according to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.

The agency will use the New Mobility Concept car made by Nissan Motor Co to patrol roads near certain housing complexes as well

as other locations in the Kanagawa cities of Yokohama and Yokosuka, ministry officials said.

The ministry decided in March to subsidize the cost of purchasing such cars for local governments and companies wishing to test drive them.

Ultracompacts, which are smaller than the currently classified “minivehicle,” are hoped to offer a new method of transportation in crowded residential districts or areas where mass transit is scarce.

Until now, two-seat ultracompacts have not been allowed on public roads because the Road Trucking

Vehicle Law did not have clear regulations for the vehicles.—Kyodo News



File photo shows an ultracompact car produced by Nissan Motor Co Japan’s transport ministry gave the green light on 14 June, 2013, for the two-seat ultracompact electric vehicle to run on public roads on a trial basis in parts of Kanagawa Prefecture from July.

KYODO NEWS

Singapore market between 2007 and 2011.

The review came after the LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) rate-rigging scandal involving some of the world’s largest banks rocked the financial world.

“There is no conclusive finding that SIBOR, SOR and FX Benchmarks were successfully manipulated,” the Monetary Authority said, adding that the conduct of the traders nevertheless reflected “a lack of professional ethics.”

Xinhua



Vehicles move on a road during a dust storm in Bikaner of Rajasthan, India, on 13 June, 2013. XINHUA

Philippines welcomes Japan’s easing of visa rules

MANILA, 15 June — The Philippines on Friday welcomed Japan’s move to relax visa rules for tourists from Southeast Asia, specifically its decision to allow multiple-entry visas for Filipino tourists.

Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Raul Hernandez said the decision “will encourage more Filipinos to travel to Japan and recreate more opportunities for people-to-people exchange between our two countries.”

The Japanese govern-

ment decided on Tuesday to waive visa requirements for tourists from Thailand and Malaysia and allow the issuance of multiple-entry visas for visitors from both the Philippines and Vietnam, starting this summer.

The move is aimed at increasing visitors from Southeast Asia by 2.5 times the current level to 2 million in 2016, which would help boost Japan’s economy. Of about 8.37 million foreign visitors to Japan in 2012, 780,000 were from Southeast Asia.—Kyodo News

ADVERTISEMENT & GENERAL

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V KOTA TABAH VOY NO (557)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (557) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.6.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ASIATIC DAWN VOY NO (1324)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ASIATIC DAWN VOY NO (1324) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.6.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING (MALAY-
SIA) AGENCY SDN BHD

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V AYSAN VOY NO (002)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AYSAN VOY NO (002) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.5.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S LAND & SEA LOGISTICS
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION
IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

INVITATION TO OPEN TENDERS

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats and United States Dollars.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
1.	1 (Q)Lubricants/Local Purchase/IRR/2013-2014	Lubricants	2000 Drums	Myanmar Kyats
2.	2 (Q)Deformed Steel Round Bar/Local Purchase/IRR/2013-2014	Deformed Steel Round Bar	2180 Tons	Myanmar Kyats
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
6.	FQ (6)Spare Parts/IRR/2013-2014	Machinery Spare Parts	1 Lots	USD

Tender Closing Date & Time — 10.7.2013, Wednesday, 16:00 pm

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

NRA conducts on-site inspection at Oi nuclear plant

TOKYO, 15 June—The Nuclear Regulation Authority conducted an on-site inspection Saturday at Kansai Electric Power Co's Oi nuclear plant to assess whether its two reactors can meet new safety requirements coming into force in July.

A team of inspectors, including NRA Commissioner Toyoshi Fuketa, examined the Nos 3 and 4 reactors, the nation's sole operating reactors, in Fukui Prefecture on the Sea of Ja-

pan coast.

The NRA set up an investigative panel after the outline of the new safety standards was compiled in April to examine whether Kansai Electric sufficiently prepares for emergencies, such as earthquake and tsunami.

While the panel will report the outcome of its assessment to the NRA later this month, the authority will allow the two reactors to remain online through Septem-

ber —when they have to undergo mandatory routine checkups — if it does not see any serious safety problems.

All of Japan's nuclear reactors were temporarily offline in the wake of the nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi complex in March 2011, but the two reactors at the Oi plant were reactivated in July last year because they cleared provisional safety standards created by the government at that time.—Kyodo News

Enteric virus sickens over 100 C China students

CHANGSHA, 15 June—More than 100 students at a school in central China's Hunan Province have shown signs of illness and been hospitalized since 9 June, local authorities said on Friday.

The provincial disease control and prevention center said Friday that 104 students at a school in Xinpu Village, Shimen Township, have experienced continuous fevers, coughing and headaches since 9 June.

Liu Fuqiang, a professor with the center, said 42 students in stable condition are still under observation at local hospitals.

Liu said an enteric virus caused the illnesses, and virus samples have been sent to the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention for further analysis.

Xinhua



Children take part in a emergent evacuation drill in a kindergarten in Huaiyin District of Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 14 June, 2013. Kindergartens in Huaiyin District held emergent fire fighting drills on Friday, in an aim to improve children and staff's ability to prevent fires, save themselves and cooperate with others.—XINHUA

Jamaica central bank governor calls devaluation beneficial

KINGSTON, 15 June — The governor of Jamaica's central bank says depreciation of the country's currency was expected and beneficial for export-driven economic growth.

"The BOJ's commitment to a flexible exchange rate and low inflation provides us with the combination that is most conducive to maintaining a competitive export-driven growth in Jamaica and that's what we need to achieve," Brian Wynter, governor of the Bank of Jamaica, told report-

ers on Thursday.

Wynter said that the depreciation of the Jamaican dollar would prove helpful to exporters who stand to gain from price advantages.

"If you combine this with the historically low interest rate, then you would see that this arrangement is good for building up strong export markets, but it requires some transformation and change in our approaches and attitudes," he said.

However, given Jamaica's position as a net importer, some analysts and

members of the main political opposition party have argued that the benefits of the devaluation would be a long-term bet.

The Statistical Institute of Jamaica last month reported that the country's expenses on imports grew 12.5 percent to 1.147 billion US dollars for the first two months of the year, compared with the same period in 2012. However, the value of exports over the same period amounted only to 321 million US dollars.

Xinhua

China-Russia trade volume to hit 100 bln USD in 2014

HARBIN, 15 June—The trade volume between China and Russia is expected to hit 100 billion US dollars in 2014, a year ahead of the target set by leaders from the two countries, a Russian trade representative forecast on Friday.

"The goal of reaching 100 billion US dollars in bilateral trade volume by 2015 is completely within reach and is expected to be realized in 2014 despite the downturn in the first quarter," said Sergey Tsyplakov, trade representative of the Russian Federation in China.

The trade volume between the two countries dropped by 3.9 percent to 20.675 billion US dollars in the first quarter, according to customs data.

"The decrease was due to the price decline of international commodities," Tsyplakov said at the 24th China Harbin International Economic and Trade Fair,

which opened on Friday night.

China's imports from Russia mainly include oil and raw materials, the price of which has fallen remarkably in past months.

In addition to energy cooperation, the two countries can strengthen cooperation on technology, agriculture and tourism, said Lu Nanquan, deputy director of the Russian Research Center under the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Aerospace, nanotechnology, high-end manufacturing, energy conservation and environmental protection, biochemistry and information technology are key areas in which China and Russia can compliment each other, said Lu.

China is currently Russia's largest trading partner, with the trade volume between the two countries reaching 88.16 billion US dollars in 2012.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Freida Pinto now on *The Social Network*

MUMBAI, 15 June—After becoming part of international cinema with plum projects such as *Slumdog Millionaire*, *Miral* and *Immortals*, actress Freida Pinto has earned an impressive fan following and now she has decided to take to the world of social networking to connect with them.

Freida was initially apprehensive about being active on the online medium, but she has now created a Facebook page and has even got hooked on to online photo-sharing and social networking service, Instagram.

“Known to be quite

reticent, especially with the media, seeing her actively engage with her fans is nice. She’s been lucky to have such diverse experiences, which people would love to know about,” said a source close to the 28-year-old.

The fact that she is “more expressive and likes having pictures to support her point of view” makes it even better, said the source, adding: “That’s why she’s chosen a more photo-led interactive medium like Instagram and an intensive interaction-based forum like Facebook.”

“Her experiences range from attending awards shows to being on film sets to attending high-end fashion events, charity-based events and concerts,” the source further said.

Freida’s spokesperson confirmed this development, and added that the actress plans on starting her online engagement in the coming week, while balancing her life as an actor and her charity work.

The young and raring-to-go actress was recently in Ethiopia to bat for girl empowerment.

PTI

Adele honoured in Queen Elizabeth’s birthday list

LONDON, 15 June—Grammy Award-winning singer Adele and Mr Bean actor Rowan Atkinson were among more than 1,000 people recognized by Britain’s Queen Elizabeth in her Birthday Honours List on Friday.

Marking the monarch’s official 87th birthday, the honours went to 1,180 recipients from all walks of life, from a beekeeper and a whisky maker to diplomats, artists and business leaders.

London-born Adele, 25, was awarded an MBE—member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—for services to music.

One of Britain’s best-selling artists, Adele has won a string of internation-



Adele Adkins of Britain

al awards for songs such as “Rolling in the Deep”, “Someone Like You” and “Skyfall”, a James Bond theme.

Comedian Atkinson, known to millions of fans around the world for his bungling creation Mr Bean, was given a CBE, Com-

mander of the Order of the British Empire.

A knighthood went to actor Tony Robinson, who played Atkinson’s long-suffering servant Baldrick in “Blackadder”, a popular BBC comedy series set in different periods of British history.—Reuters

Kristen Stewart misses her pets

LOS ANGELES, 15 June—Former Twilight Actress Kristen Stewart, who used to enjoy the company of two dogs when she was staying with her former beau Robert Pattinson, says she now misses them immensely.

Ever since she went splitsville with her Twilight co-star, the 23-year-old has been missing her pet pooches Bear and Bernie. She wants to keep at least one of them, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“Kristen thinks they should have one each. She’s missing the dogs like mad, but doesn’t want the situation to turn nasty,” said a source.

Pattinson, 27, who reportedly went on a date with singer Katy Perry recently, was spotted with both the dogs in his pick-up truck when he was moving his things from Stewart’s house.

The couple had moved in with each other in March this year when Pattinson returned from Australia, and he was said to be looking forward to spending some quality time with Stewart and their pets.

But Pattinson dumped Stewart for the second time after she got back in touch with her Snow White and the Huntsman director Rupert Sanders, with whom she had an affair last year.—PTI

Ethan Hawke to take on Shakespeare’s ‘Macbeth’ on Broadway

NEW YORK, 15 June—Actor Ethan Hawke is returning to Broadway in a production of ‘Macbeth’, with performances set to begin in October at Lincoln Centre, the performing arts centre said.

‘Macbeth’ will be directed by Jack O’Brien, who helmed the acclaimed 2006-2007 production of Tom Stoppard’s ‘The Coast of Utopia’ trilogy winning a Tony award, and for which Hawke received a best actor nomination.

Opening night is set for 21 November at the Vivian Beaumont Theatre. The bloody Shakespeare play, among his best-known and most-performed works, was one of four productions the non-profit theatre announced on Thursday for the upcoming season.

Hawke, 42, is currently starring in the horror film ‘The Purge’, as well as the acclaimed third part of the ‘Midnight’ series of films, ‘Before Midnight’ opposite Julie Delpy.

The actor rose to fame as a movie star more than

two decades ago starting with such films as ‘Dead Poets Society’ and ‘Reality Bites’, and starring roles in ‘Gattaca’ and ‘Training Day’, which won him an Oscar nomination.

But in the past decade he has increasingly turned toward stage acting, calling it his “first love,” as well as independent films such as ‘Before the Devil Knows You’re Dead’.

He starred in Shakespeare’s ‘Henry IV’ in

2003, also directed by O’Brien, as well as ‘The Seagull’, a revival of ‘Hurlyburly’, ‘The Cherry Orchard’ and ‘The Winter’s Tale’. Lincoln Centre’s other productions for next season include ‘Domesticated’ by Bruce Norris, ‘Act One’, an adaptation of Moss Hart’s autobiography, and ‘The City of Conversation’ by Anthony Giardina.

Reuters



Cast member Ethan Hawke



SPORTS

Southampton swoop for Lyon's Croatia defender Lovren



Croatia's Dejan Lovren

saintsfc.co.uk).

"I have it in my mind to do something big and I see the same thing in the club. We are a young team and I am a young player so I hope I will stay here for a long time."

Lovren made 102 appearances for Lyon after leaving Dynamo Zagreb in January 2010. He helped them win the French Cup last season and finish third to qualify for the Champions League.

He was left out of the side towards the end of the campaign, however, after criticising the club and the management team.

Lovren is the second defender to leave Lyon in the close season after the contract of France right back Anthony Reveillere came to an end.

Southampton finished 14th in the 20-team Premier League last term.—Reuters

LONDON, 15 June—Southampton have signed Croatia defender Dejan Lovren for an initial transfer fee of eight million euros (\$10.67 million), his Ligue 1 club Olympique Lyon said on Friday.

Lovren has agreed a

four-year deal with the English Premier League club and the fee could eventually rise to 10 million euros if bonuses are added.

"After three and a half years in France it was a dream of mine to play in the Premier League," the 23-year-old told the Southampton website (www.

Man City eye trophies with Pellegrini appointment

MANCHESTER, (England), 15 June — Manchester City's wealthy owners have entrusted Manuel Pellegrini with fulfilling their ambitions of a packed trophy cabinet, appointing the former Malaga manager as the successor to the sacked Roberto Mancini on Friday.

Expectations are high at silverware-hungry City, where runners-up places in the Premier League and FA Cup did not cut the mustard last season, while chief executive Ferran Soriano has said the target is five trophies in the next five years.

"I am delighted to accept this hugely exciting opportunity. The club has a clear vision for success both on and off the pitch and I am committed to making a significant contribution," Pellegrini, 59, said on the club's



Malaga's coach Manuel Pellegrini

website (www.mcfc.co.uk).

"Everything is in place for Manchester City to continue to be successful and I am excited to be able to work with such a talented squad, the executive team and the board to deliver for fans who are renowned for their steadfast support."

The Chilean, whose appointment had been widely expected for weeks after

Pellegrini said he had a verbal agreement, takes over following Mancini's dismissal on 13 May after a poor FA Cup final showing against Wigan Athletic.

The 1-0 defeat followed a timid league title defence and second successive Champions League group-stage exit.

As well as seeking to snatch back the Premier

League crown from neighbours Manchester United, Pellegrini's other priority is winning European club soccer's biggest prize and he thinks he has the experience to make it happen.

"With Malaga I reached the quarter-finals of the Champions League (in their debut season), with Villarreal also the quarter-finals and semi-finals," Pellegrini, who has signed a three-year deal, said in a video interview on the City website. "And all my experience I think will be very useful for me here to arrive (in) Manchester, to win the Champions (League), that is my target."

"Manuel is a hugely experienced and successful manager with a proven track record," chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak said.

Reuters

Hill-Wood era ends as Arsenal chairman steps down

LONDON, 15 June—Long-serving Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood has stepped down after recent ill health, ending a family link to the north London football club dating back to the 1920s.

Hill-Wood, who became chairman in 1982, will be replaced by businessman Chips Keswick.

American Stan Kroenke, the club's majority shareholder, paid tribute to Hill-Wood who joined the board in 1962 when his father became chairman.

"Peter has been a wonderful custodian of this club," Kroenke said in a statement on the club website.

"He has been a member of the Arsenal board for 51 years and his vision and steadfastness have been central to the successes of this great club over that time," he added.

Arsenal have remained one of England's leading

clubs during Hill-Wood's tenure, a period which included the move in 2006 to the Emirates Stadium from nearby Highbury.

Hill-Wood, 77, had been in poor health after suffering from pneumonia and a heart attack late last year. His family connection with the club spans three generations, his grandfather also having served as chairman.

Hill-Wood no longer owned any shares in the club after selling to Kroenke.

Keswick, who is 73 and

a former chairman of Hambros Bank, has been on the board at Arsenal since 2005 and is a lifelong fan of the club.

"He will provide further direction and support in our ambition to compete at the top of the game here and in Europe and to win trophies," Kroenke said of the new chairman.

Chief executive Ivan Gazidis is in charge of day-to-day operations at Arsenal, who are without a major trophy since 2005.

Reuters



Britain's Duke of Edinburgh (L) is introduced to the Arsenal soccer squad by Thierry Henry (R) and chairman Peter Hill-Wood (C).

Federer sets up 30-something semi-final with Haas

BERLIN, 15 June—World number three Roger Federer whitewashed German wildcard Mischa Zverev 6-0, 6-0 in just 39 minutes on Friday to set up a Halle Open semi-final with fellow 30-something and defending champion Tommy Haas.

The 31-year-old Swiss, without a title so far this season, was in spectacular form on Halle's grass courts as he dished out a double bagel for only the second time in his career. "I feel sorry for Mischa," said 31-year-old Federer, preparing to defend his Wimbledon crown later this month.

"This is not really how I want to win my games, it is a bit uncomfortable," added the five-times Halle champion who was runner up to Haas last year. "Now I need to switch from today's match to tomorrow's difficult encounter." The 35-year-old Haas, who is shooting up the rankings af-

ter enjoying an injury-free season, had a much harder time against Frenchman Gael Monfils and battled into the last four with a 6-7,(4) 6-3, 6-3 win.

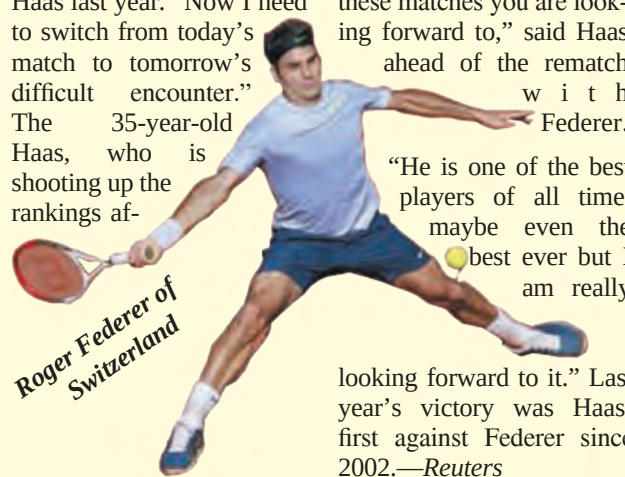
The former world number two failed to earn a single break point in the first set but twice got the better of Monfils in the next two sets as his serve improved and he got more aggressive.

A sizzling trademark one-handed backhand down the line gave the German a 4-2 lead in the third and the chance to serve out the match two games later.

"I managed to stay patient even after going a set down," Haas, up to 11th in the world after his French Open quarter-final run and his Munich victory in April, told reporters. "It is these matches you are looking forward to," said Haas ahead of the rematch with Federer.

"He is one of the best players of all time, maybe even the best ever but I am really

looking forward to it." Last year's victory was Haas' first against Federer since 2002.—Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland

Hewitt rolls back years to beat Del Potro

LONDON, 15 June—Something about the lawns of London bring out the very best in Australian



Lleyton Hewitt

veteran Lleyton Hewitt and he gave another master-class of the grass-court arts on Friday to beat Juan Martin del Potro in the quarter-finals of the Aegon Championship.

Hewitt, 32, won 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 on a sun-splashed centre court at

Queen's Club, ending the match at a gallop to leave third seed Del Potro floundering.

The former Wimbledon champion and four-times winner at Queen's Club will face Croatia's Marin Cilic in the semi-finals after the defending champion defeated second seed Tomas Berdych 7-5, 7-6.

Hewitt, bidding to become the oldest player to win the traditional pre-Wimbledon warm-up tour-

namment, lost his way in the second set as Del Potro began to unleash some booming groundstrokes.

But he took charge in the fourth game of the decider, breaking Del Potro to love and then holding to love to establish a 4-1 lead before cruising to victory.

Top seed Andy Murray takes on Germany's Benjamin Becker later with the other quarter-final between Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and 20-year-old American Denis Kudla.—Reuters

GENERAL



Cuban Ambassador to Mexico Dagoberto Rodriguez Barrera (L) poses with the bust of the Argentine-Cuban guerrilla legend Ernesto "Che" Guevara during an event to commemorate the 85th anniversary of his birthday, in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 14 June, 2013.
XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(16-6-13 09:30 am ~ 17-6-13 09:30 am) MST

- * Local News
- * A Holiday paradise and Me (Ngwe Hsaung Beach)
- * World News
- * Gold Single Market
- * Local News
- * Lucrative Myanma Rattan Industry
- * World News
- * Gold Single Market
- * Local News
- * Food Trip (Episode-4) (Part-1)
- * World News
- * Famous Pagodas of Sagaing
- * Local News
- * The Treasures in a Small Village
- * World News
- * Thutra Swesone Literary Award
- * Local News
- * Flying Without Wings (My Great Limitless Adventure (Inlay Lake)
- * World News
- * Traditional Handierfts from the Golden land

Myanmar TV

(16-6-2013, Sunday)

- | | |
|---|--|
| 6:00 am | 3:00 pm |
| 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw | 17. News |
| 6:15 am | 3:15 pm |
| 2. Mytta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw | 18. Teleplay (Health) |
| 6:35 am | 4:15 pm |
| 3. Dane of National Races | 19. Song & Dance of National Races |
| 7:00 am | 4:30 pm |
| 4. News/Weather Report | 20. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Chemistry) |
| 7:20 am | 5:00 pm |
| 5. Documentary | 21. News/Weather Report |
| 8:00 am | 5:15 pm |
| 6. News/International News | 22. Sing A Song |
| 8:25 am | 6:00 pm |
| 7. Amazing World | 23. News/Weather Report |
| 9:20 am | 6:20 pm |
| 8. Mono Classical Songs | 24. Cartoon Series |
| 10:00 am | 7:00 pm |
| 9. News | 25. News |
| 10:15 am | 7:15 pm |
| 10. TV Drama Series | 26. TV Drama Series |
| 11:00 pm | 8:00 pm |
| 12. Gitadahale Phintbaohn | 27. News/International News/Weather Report |
| 12:00 pm | 8:35 pm |
| 13. News/International News/Weather Report | 28. Pyi Thu Ni Ti |
| 12:25 pm | 8:50 pm |
| 14. Round Up of The Week's International News | 29. Hit Songs of Stars |
| 2:45 pm | 9:00 pm |
| 16. Man U Former Players Tour | 30. News |
| | 31. Tamyetmar Takwetsar |
| | 32. New Melody |

Brazil takes urgent steps to ease worst drought in 50 years

BRASILIA, 15 June—Brazil's government has taken emergency measures to ease a worst drought in the last 50 years that is plaguing its northeastern region, where the country's poorest population lives.

The drought is affecting more than 1,400 municipalities with about 22 million people, or over 10 percent of the country's population, in an area that accounts for 16 percent of the Brazilian territory, according to official figures.

The semi-arid region covers the Brazilian states of Alagoas, Bahia, Ceara, Paraiba, Pernambuco, Piaui, Rio Grande do Norte and Sergipe, as well as the northern part of Minas Ge-

rais.

Commonly, the annual cycle in the region includes seven to eight months of drought and three to five months of rain, but the lack of rains in the last two years has led to an alert situation.

Land Development Minister Pepe Vargas told Xinhua in a recent interview that several policies were implemented to ease the serious situation and protect farmers from extreme conditions.

"Compared to what happened in the past, during the current drought we have not seen immigrants, something new in Brazil. Also, infant mortality has not increased. The problem now is the agriculture

losses," with measures, such as Bolsa Familiar (a family allowance plan), public works for water security and installing cisterns for rainwater accumulation, taken by the government, Vargas said.

Another factor that eases the situation is the transpose project of San Francisco river to carry water to Sertao, as the semiarid region is known, and this work is not finished yet but has favored farmers in several towns, the minister said.

In the past, drought had caused massive farmers' immigration and serious losses to the families, leading also to plunder and land occupation.

Xinhua

Mickelson, Horschel tied for US Open lead

ARDMORE, 15 June—Pennsylvania- Phil Mickelson rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt in fading light at the 18th hole to grab a share of the lead in Friday's second round of the US Open when play was suspended due to approaching darkness. The putt gave Mickelson a round of two-over-par 72 for a total of one-under 139 and tied him with fellow-American Billy Horschel, who fired a dazzling three-under 67 on a brutally difficult day at the weather-delayed championship.

The pair were perched atop a jam-packed leaderboard that had five players one shot back and another five golfers one more stroke adrift, with tournament favorites Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy well within striking distance at three-over par 143.

Mickelson, the club-

house leader after shooting an opening round 67 before lengthy weather delays suspended Thursday's first-round play, held the lead for much of Friday before back-to-back bogeys from the 12th.

"I wasn't expecting

birdie there. It's a very difficult hole," said the left-hander, who had three-putted the 12th and failed to get up-and-down after half-plugging his ball in the greenside bunker at the short par-three 13th.

His 18th hole birdie was his first of the day.

"I got shut out today," he said, exasperated at not taking advantage of other birdie chances. "I played really well.

"I didn't feel the score was what I thought it should be."

The 26-year-old Horschel, who followed up three successive top 10s on the PGA Tour with a victory in April at the Zurich Classic had four

birdies and a lone three-putt bogey.

"It was a great day. Four birdies at a US Open, I'll take it. I wish I had a couple more, though," he said.

Bunched at level par, were former world number

one Luke Donald (72), his fellow Englishmen Justin Rose (69) and Ian Poulter (14 holes), American Steve Stricker (69) and amateur Pan Cheng-tsung of Taiwan (nine holes).

Tied at one over par were Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium, who shot 72, Australian John Senden (71), Jerry Kelly (through 12), Charley Hoffman (13), and 19-year-old amateur Michael Kim (11).

Sunshine on Friday replaced the rain that had plagued the tournament, the wind kicked up and players struggled to make par as Merion Golf Club showed it was still a master test for the world's best golfers.

Merion's tilted fairways fed balls into the rough and tricky pin positions coaxed players into a slew of three-putt bogeys.

Woods battled through the course challenges and an injured left arm to finish a 73 in the morning, then shoot an admirable 70 in the afternoon to reach the halfway



stage at three-over.

"It's hard with the wind and the pin locations. They're really tough," said Woods, who was tight-lipped about his injury.

"A lot of guys are missing putts and blowing them by the holes."

Sixty-eight golfers had not yet finished their rounds and were returning Saturday morning at 7:15 am EDT to the classic layout in the Philadelphia suburbs.

Donald began the day leading clubhouse leader Mickelson by a stroke, standing four under par with five holes still to finish.

But the world number six bogeyed two of the last three holes in tough scoring conditions to give the American a one-shot lead when the weather-delayed first round was completed.

Donald briefly reclaimed the lead with a pair of early back-to-back birdies in his second round but tumbled back down with a late stretch of five bogeys in six holes including four in a row.

"US Opens get harder as the week goes on," said Donald, who is looking to break through for his first major title.

Reuters

Vice-President U Nyan Tun to attend 2nd Joint Committee meeting on Comprehensive Development of Dawei Special Economic Zone and its related project areas



Vice-President U Nyan Tun attends the 2nd Joint Committee Meeting on comprehensive development of Dawei Special Economic Zone and its related project areas held in Bangkok of Thailand.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—A Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President U Nyan Tun left Yangon for Thailand this morning to attend the 2nd Joint Committee Meeting on comprehensive development of Dawei Special Economic Zone and its related project areas to be held in Bangkok of Thailand.

They were seen off at

the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, officials from Thai Embassy.

The Vice-President was accompanied by Union Ministers U Aye Myint, Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko, Deputy Ministers U Zin Yaw, U Han Sein, U Aung Than Oo, U Myo

Aung, Dr Maung Maung Thein, U Set Aung, Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Phone Swe and officials.

The Vice-President and party arrived at Suwannabhumi International Airport in Bangkok of Thailand at 11.45 am local time.

They were welcomed by General Secretary of National Economic and Social Development

Board of Thailand Mr Ar-kom Termittayupatsith and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win, Military Attaché Col Win Maung and staff.

The Vice-President and party proceeded to Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel.

At 2.30 pm, the Vice-President received Minister at the Prime Minister Office of Thailand Mr

Niwattumrong Boonsongpaisan and Minister of Energy Mr Pongsak Raktapongplisan at Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel in Bangkok.

Also present at the call were Union Minister U Aye Myint, Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko, deputy ministers and Myanmar Ambassador U Tin Win.

At the grand ballroom

of the hotel, the Thai Minister at the Prime Minister Office, the Thai Minister of Energy and officials explained plans of National Economic and Social Development Board of Thailand to invest in electricity generation in Myanmar and prospects for development of hotels and tourism industry in Dawei region to the Vice-President.—MNA

We could address issues of protection of Myanmar workers, actions to be taken against attackers and security of those who want to continue to work there: U Zin Yaw

A Myanmar special delegation led by Deputy Ministers U Zin Yaw and Daw Win Maw Tun arrived back here yesterday. Our news team interviewed the delegation at the Yangon International Airport about Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia.

Q: Deputy Minister, is your trip successful? Let me know the undertakings of the delegation?

A: Here I would like to say our trip to Malaysia is a success one. We met the Myanmar workers who were in distress there. I could help them to get rid of their sufferings and worries. And we could make cooperation between Myanmar and Malaysia. We called for worksite safety and giving adequate protection to Myanmar workers and new workers who will come to Malaysia. A total of 307

Myanmar workers remain in custody. They will be sent to the court within two weeks. Malaysian government would allow them to continue to work there if they wish.

Q: How would the Malaysian authorities deal with the attackers?

A: The Deputy Home Affairs Minister of Malaysia, the Deputy Labour Minister and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs pledged that legal actions will be taken against those attackers. We could address issues of protection of Myanmar workers, actions to be taken against the attackers and security of those who want to continue to work there.

Q: Is there any request by families and relatives of those victims to bring back the remains to Myanmar?

A: There is no such request at present. Most of the

remains were buried there. According to Malaysian police's report, four were killed in the incidents. But one died at Hospital. So, the number of those killed has reached five. Names



Deputy Minister U Zin Yaw

of those victims will be leased soon.

Q: Let me know arrangements for those who want to go back home?

A: Malaysian authorities will issue CI if they

want to go back. Then, they will have to go to Malaysia Immigration Department when they get CI. And they have to fill Check Out Memo there and pay 400 Malaysian Ringgits for it. Immigration Department would allow them to go back home unless they broke laws in Malaysia and work contracts. It needs to show their air tickets at the Immigration Department within one week. At present, 16 Myanmar workers have been allowed to go back to Myanmar on 15 June. Wellwishers who donate air fares and 400 Ringgits and social organizations in Malaysia have made arrangements for their return. Some who want to go back to Myanmar also make contacts with us. Plans are under way to help those who overstayed to get CI.

Q: May I know Malaysian government's co-

operation?

A: Malaysian government's cooperation is very good. They have arranged to meet respective Ministries during one-day trip. They pledged that they would swiftly deal with the points we asked for. We could make coordination with them on works for those who are in custody.

We were immediately allowed to meet with those we want to meet. We had the right to meet with those from the labor agencies and asked them about their attitudes towards the incident. They had pledged for taking necessary steps. The current measures taken including security measures reflect the effective cooperation of the Malaysian government.

Q: Which kind of persons is the majority out of those who are to go back home?

A: They are those who were injured, hospitalized in Salarang area and those who are working in the surrounding areas. Necessary measures such as issuing

of CI certificates and other related documents have been taken promptly with the help of Malaysian authorities for the workers to go back home.

Q: Are there any other workers who want to go back home in addition to the aforesaid workers?

A: CI certificates have been issued to 70 workers who want to go back home.



Deputy Minister Daw Win Maw Tun

When we were in the embassy on the first day, we saw about 170 workers who are renewing their passports. They are all the ones who will continue working in Salarang area. They asked (See page 9)