

Vice-President U Nyan Tun and party visit Map Ta Phut industrial estate, Amata City and Amata Nakorn industrial estate in Thailand



Vice-President U Nyan Tun attends the meeting at Map Ta Phut industrial estate in Rayong Province of Thailand.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June — A Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President U Nyan Tun accompanied by Mr. Niwattumrong Boonsongpaisan, Minister for Thai Prime Minister's Office, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win and officials visited Map Ta Phut industrial

estate in Rayong Province of Thailand yesterday.

At the industrial zone's administrator office, Deputy Administrator of IEAT Mr Pereavatana Runraungsri gave an account of the background history of the industrial zone and construction of deep-sea port, production

process of the factories in the estate, electricity supply, communications, and availability of potable water and anti-pollution measures to the delegation who raised queries about the estate.

Next, the Vice-President and party observed

environmental degradation at Environmental Monitoring Control Centre and a demonstration on how to take rescue measures in time of emergency in the estate.

Then they visited BLCP Power where they heard reports on generating electricity through coal,

preventive measures against environmental degradation, measures for regional development and production and distribution of electricity presented by BLCP Power Managing Director Mr Phaphan and raised questions.

Afterwards, they looked round BLCP Power in a motorcade.

BLCP Power is a coal-fired power plant with a generation capacity of 1434 megawatts of electricity. It is an environmentally-friendly coal-fired power station, providing necessary assistance to social works of local people. Coals for the plant are imported from foreign countries.

On their arrival at Laem Chabang International Country Club in Chonburi Province, the Vice-President and party were welcomed by responsible persons of Amata Corporation and party who hosted a luncheon at Club House.

Next, they proceeded to Amata City where they observed economic zone and industrial zone and preparations for extended construction of Amata City

in a motorcade.

Amata City is located on an area of 20 square kilometers and implementation of the city started in 1997. Despite challenges during the first decade when economic recession occurred, the city has at present become a successful industrial estate, creating many job opportunities.

Then the Vice-President and party went to Amata Nakorn industrial estate in Chonburi Province where they visited Thai-German Institute.

Afterwards, they looked round electrification process for development of SMEs in the industrial estate in a motorcade.

Amata Nakorn industrial estate is situated on an area of 32 square kilometers and plans are underway to extend the estate.

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Photo shows Map Ta Phut industrial estate in Rayong Province of Thailand.—MNA

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Wartime bomb unearthed in Insein



YEDASHE, 17 June — A bomb caked in rust was unearthed in a compound in Sawbwargyikon ward of Insein Township while digging a hole for house construction. It is assumed to have been dropped from a bomber during the wartime.

The wartime bomb which is 48 inches in length and 36 inches in girth was discovered at a depth of four feet while workers were digging down for a foundation which would

be six feet in width and 10 feet in depth at Block No (15) at the corner of Pyay Road and Nawaday Road in the ward at about 11 am on 13 June. The unearthed wartime bomb is five inches in diameter at the top and its bottom is eight inches in diameter.

They informed Insein police station of their discovery and the bomb had already been handed over to No (906) Battlefield Engineering battalion, it is learnt. —Kyemon-Zaw Gyi

Wrecked warplane discovered in dense forest of Bago Yoma

YEDASHE, 17 June — According to U Tun Myint (militia leader), 60, of Mahlwabin village in Thaphanbin village-tract in Toungoo Township, a wrecked aircraft which is believed to be a warplane and have went down some time was found at the bottom of a ravine which is locally called Kyaysharchuang-phyar in a heavily wooded area of Bago Yoma that can be reached after a four-day three-night trip from Thetkalkyin village of Wetkhaung village-tract in Toungoo Township of Bago Region.

U Tun Myint said that he discovered the main body of the wrecked aircraft with no wings while visiting there on 28 May together with two hunters and two mahouts carrying food and water for six days. The upper part of the main body of the wrecked aircraft is a white colour and the lower part a metallic colour.

U Tun Myint said that the wrecked aircraft

with a girth of eight feet is eight feet in length; that no devices and machines were found inside it; and that there were eight bullet holes on its body. It was very hard to arrive there because of the very dense forest that almost no one visits there, he added. He continued that they saw herds of wild elephants, boars, leopard and other different kinds of rare wild animals including coiling centipedes with a size of bamboo in girth which are nearly one foot in length and groups of poachers.

The man who discovered the wrecked aircraft first was Ko Moe Thu, mahout, while he was making a search of his elephant in the dense forest. As a matter of interest, they went there together.

“The trip is very difficult. We have to be on sentry duty alternately at nights as we are afraid of wild animals. We have to build a fire the whole night. There are herds of wild elephants in the forest. Some parts of the body of

the aircraft were dented as the aircraft was kicked by wild elephants. Moreover, we found many string things there. The first one was seven pumpkins which were transformed into fossils on the wall of a cave at a place, west of the place where the wrecked aircraft was found. We didn't dare touch them. All leaves and ivies were changed into fossils. Besides, we discovered seven stone pestles with different sizes that range

from three to eight inches in girth. They are more than one foot in length. They all are solid rock. The next stranger thing we found was a heavy stone pestle with a posture of upside down on a rock. Water is falling down above it. We saw a big stone in a humanoid hand which is made naturally from rock nearby. We thought we are in a wonderland,” says U Tun Myint.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)



Photo shows some rusty pieces found in a wrecked aircraft.

Thazi bailey bridge collapses under weight of 12-wheeled truck carrying bulldozer

ACCIDENT

KALAY, 17 June — A bailey bridge collapse occurred at a place between mile post Nos (80/0) and (80/1) on Kalay-Natchaung road near Thazi village, three miles from Kalay Township of Sagaing Region on 15 June morning.

The Thazi bailey bridge collapsed while a 12-wheeled truck of Myanma Timber Enterprise carrying a bulldozer, Komatsu PC 300 LC, driven by Aung Kyaw Oo crossed over it. The bulldozer plunged headlong into the creek while the truck remained on the bridge.

As Kalay-Natchaung road is a route to the Technological University (Kalay) and is used by Kalay-Gangaw-Monywa-Mandalay-Yangon passenger buses, Kalay Public Works built a detour urgently for the convenience of road users. Now vehicles on board university students and passenger buses are running on the detour.

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TACHILEK, 17 June — More than K 2.5 million worth of narcotic drugs were confiscated after a tip-off to police in Tachilek Township of Shan State (East) on 15 June.

According to the tip-off, a combined force led by Police Inspector Zaw Win Tun of Tachilek special anti-narcotic squad, Lieutenant Aung Soe Moe of No (331) Light Infantry Battalion, Police Sub-inspector Aye Tun Thein of Shan State security unit and Police Corporal Kyaw Swa Aung of Tachilek police station conducted a search of the house of Nyein Aung and

Nan Laung Ngin on Khatta lane-2 in Hsanhhsai (Ka) ward in the township at about 12 noon on that day. They seized 147.2 grams of ICE, 110 WY pink stimulant tablets and a packet of caffeine that weighs 15 grams worth K2.56645 million.

They also arrested the house owners and seven young men — Thiha Kyaw, Aik Tun, Maung Maung, Sai Aung, Sai Lon Tit, Sai Yi Noon and Sai Tun Hla — who are believed to be there to buy narcotic drugs. Nyein Aung and Nan Laung Ngin and seven men are being taken into police custody.

Kyemon-Myintmo (Tachilek)

More than K 2.5 million worth of narcotic drugs seized in Tachilek



One woman died, one other injured after colliding with vehicle during their trishaw ride

YANGON, 17 June — A collision between a vehicle and a trishaw occurred on Strand Road near Thakhin Mya Garden in Ayeyawady ward in Ahlon Township at about 8.30 pm on 14 June.

The vehicle driven by U Aw Gyi of Dockyard Housing in Dagon Seikkan Township collided with the trishaw carrying two women passengers of U Aung Kyaw, 42, of

Yoegyi-Yoelay village in Hlinethaya Township on the road.

The crash left the trishaw driver and two women passengers wounded and the injured were taken to Yangon General Hospital where one of two women died of injuries. Investigation is ongoing to identify the two women.

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Tin Maung Oo (Ahlon)

CRIME

WORLD

Abe, E Europe leaders agree to deepen nuclear cooperation

WARSAW, 17 June—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his counterparts from Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia agreed in Warsaw on Sunday to deepen cooperation in the field of energy, including nuclear power and renewables.

In a statement issued after the first-ever summit between Japan and the so-called Visegrad Group of Eastern European nations, they also agreed to strengthen national security

ties by holding a seminar, possibly by year-end, and confirmed the significance of holding regular talks at the leadership and foreign ministerial levels.

“We confirmed that Japan and the four countries will develop a relationship dramatically by strengthening ties in every possible area,” Abe said at a joint press conference after the summit.

As the four nations are planning to boost nuclear power generation to meet rising energy demand in

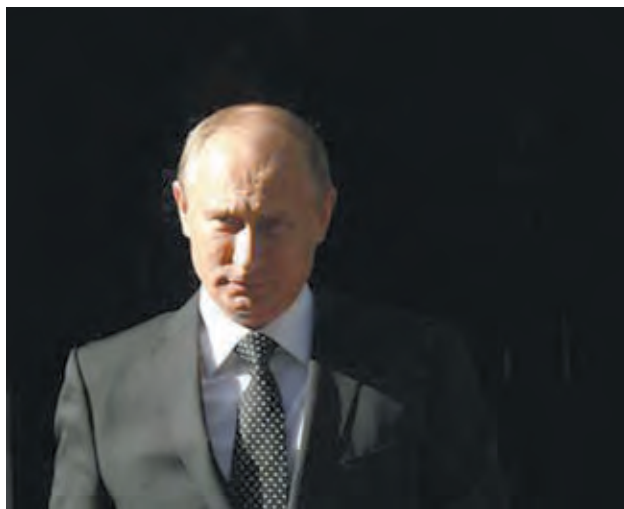
line with economic growth, Abe is hoping the summit will help promote Japanese infrastructure exports, including nuclear technology, as well as investment in the region that will contribute to reviving the world’s third-largest economy.

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said at the Press conference that Japan is expected to become a very important partner as a country that possesses nuclear power generation and renewable energy technology.—Kyodo News



The prime ministers of five countries — (from L) Robert Fico of Slovakia, Shinzo Abe of Japan, Donald Tusk of Poland, Viktor Orban of Hungary and Petr Necas of the Czech Republic — issue a joint statement in Warsaw, Poland, on 16 June, 2013.

KYODO NEWS



Russia’s President Vladimir Putin leaves Downing Street, in central London on 16 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Obama, Putin face tough talks on Syria at G8 summit

LOUGH ERNE, 17 June — US President Barack Obama will seek the help on Monday of Russia’s Vladimir Putin, Syria’s most powerful ally, to bring Bashar al-Assad to the negotiating table and end a two-year civil war.

At their first private face-to-face meeting in a year, Obama will try to find common ground with Putin on the sidelines of a G8 summit in Northern Ireland after angering the Kremlin by authorising US military support for the Syrian president’s opponents.

During talks with British Prime Minister David Cameron in London on the eve of the summit, Putin renewed his criticism of the West’s position in startling tones, describing Assad’s foes as cannibals.

“I think you will not deny that one does not really need to support the people who not only kill their enemies, but open up their bodies, eat their intestines, in front of the public and cameras,” Putin said at a joint news conference with Cameron.

“Are these the people you want to support? Is it

them who you want to supply with weapons?”

Cameron conceded London and Moscow remained far apart.

Russia does not buy the West’s assertion that Assad’s forces have used chemical weapons and crossed a red line in doing so, saying US military support for Syrian rebels would only escalate violence.

Washington said on Saturday it would keep F-16 fighters and Patriot missiles in Jordan at Amman’s request, prompting Moscow to bristle at the possibility they could be used to enforce a no-fly zone inside Syria.

Putin’s rhetoric has become increasingly anti-Western since he regained the presidency last year but he appeared upbeat in London, stressing several areas of cooperation between Russian and Britain.

At the Lough Erne golf resort in Northern Ireland, Cameron will bring together leaders of the United States, Japan, Canada, Russia, Germany, France and Italy — representing just over half of the \$71.7 trillion global economy.

Reuters

Trade, transparency, taxes at top of G8 agenda

LOUGH ERNE, (United Kingdom), 17 June—Presidents and prime ministers from eight of the world’s powerful nations gather for their annual summit this week in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

The United Kingdom holds the presidency this year, and per practice has set the agenda, which will include mutual priorities on trade, transparency and taxes as well as issues of security.

“Fairer taxes, greater transparency and freer trade is an ambitious, practical and pro-business agenda that benefits everyone in the

developed and developing worlds,” said British Foreign and Commonwealth Office spokesperson Michael Bownas. “These issues are essential in shaping the rules which characterize a fair and open the global economy.”

In an article penned for the *Wall Street Journal* last month, British Prime Minister David Cameron stressed the importance of global tax reporting which would allow tax collectors and law enforcement find out who really owns and controls each company. Britain leads the charge on the clamp down on internationally renowned

tax havens which fall under Britain’s overseas territories and dominions, including the Cayman Islands which made headlines last year when US presidential challenger Mitt Romney reportedly has over 30 million tax free dollars siphoned off.

On this front, Cameron will be able to bring his 11th hour success in securing agreement yesterday from British tax havens including the British Virgin Islands and Bermuda, who will be a series of actions aimed at increasing transparency and providing information to other tax jurisdictions.

Xinhua

Sporadic clashes in Turkey as Erdogan asserts authority

ISTANBUL, 17 June—Sporadic clashes between police and protesters flared up in Istanbul overnight after a weekend in which Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan sought to steal back the agenda, rallying his supporters and expelling demonstrators from an Istanbul park. Two union federations called a nationwide strike for Monday over the forced eviction of protesters from Gezi Park, a leafy corner of Istanbul’s central Taksim Square and the focus of two weeks of fierce anti-government demonstrations that have spread to other big cities.

Israeli military helicopters pursue drug smugglers on Egypt border

JERUSALEM, 17 June—The Israeli military has begun deploying helicopters in anti-drug smuggling operations along the Israeli-Egyptian border, the Israel Hayom daily reported on Sunday.

According to the report, Blackhawk utility



Anti-government protesters shout slogans as they stand on barricades in Istanbul on 16 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Labour groups representing doctors, engineers and dentists said they too would take part.

Hundreds of thousands of Erdogan supporters gathered to hear the prime min-

ister speak at an Istanbul parade ground on Sunday as riot police fired teargas a few kilometres away in the city centre to disperse protesters.

Reuters

US, Canadian nationals rescued from sinking boat in Pacific

WELLINGTON, 17 June —Two US and a Canadian nationals have been rescued from a Cayman Islands-registered long range fishing support vessel that began taking on water in the south Pacific early Monday, according to New Zealand’s maritime rescue service.

Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCC-NZ) picked up the emergency locator beacon of the 31-metre MV Horizons at about 8 am (NZ time), when the vessel was about 280 km south-southwest of American Samoa, RCCNZ search and rescue mission coordinator Dave Wilson said in a statement.

The crew of the MV Horizons deployed life-rafts in case it became necessary to abandon ship. No other details on the crew were available.

Three vessels were directed to the scene with charter fishing vessel MV Last Stall the first to arrive, rescuing the crew at around midday Monday, Wilson said.

A Royal New Zealand Air Force P3 Orion was also dispatched to the area, but was recalled after the rescue.—Xinhua

“The helicopters, along with surveillance measures and more efficient deployment of ground units, have successfully foiled all drug smuggling operations in the region as of late, though the volume of attempts has not decreased at all,” the report said.—Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Google's Project Loon explores balloon-powered Internet access

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 June—Google Inc has launched a small network of balloons over the Southern Hemisphere in an experiment it hopes could bring reliable Internet access to the world's most remote regions, the company said on late Friday.

ground, Google said.

Like the Internet search engine for which Google is best known, Project Loon uses algorithms to determine where the balloons need to go, then moves them into winds blowing in the desired direction, the company said.

By moving with the

balloon network, a special Internet antenna is attached to buildings below.

The Mountain View, Calif.-based company announced the project on its official blog here, and its website www.google.com/loon/.

The 30 balloons deployed in New Zealand this month will beam Internet to a small group of pilot testers and be used to refine the technology and shape the next phase of Project Loon, Google said.

Google did not say what it was spending on the pilot project or how much a global network of balloons might cost. Google has also developed self-driving vehicles, which the company says could significantly increase driving safety.

Those vehicles are beginning to gain support from lawmakers in places like California, where a bill legalizing their operation on state roads was signed into law last by Governor Jerry Brown.—Reuters



The Google signage is seen at the company's headquarters in New York on 8 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

The pilot programme, Project Loon, took off this month from New Zealand's South Island, using solar-powered, high-altitude balloons that ride the wind about 12.5 miles, twice as high as airplanes, above the

wind, the balloons form a network of airborne hot spots that can deliver Internet access over a broad area at speeds comparable to 3G using open radio frequency bands, Google said.

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Hong Kong rally backs Snowden, denounces allegations of US spying

HONG KONG, 17 June—A few hundred rights advocates and political activists marched through Hong Kong on Saturday to demand protection for Edward Snowden, who leaked revelations of US electronic surveillance and is now believed to be holed up in the former British colony.

Marchers gathered outside the US consulate shouting slogans denouncing alleged spying operations aimed at China and Hong Kong, but the numbers were modest compared to rallies over other rights and political issues.

"Arrest Obama, free Snowden," protesters shouted outside the slate grey building as police looked on. Many waved banners that said: "Betray Snowden, betray freedom", "Big brother is watching you" and "Obama is checking your email".

In his first comments on Snowden's case, Hong Kong leader Leung Chun-ying said late on Saturday that the government would handle it in accordance with established laws.

"When the relevant mechanism is activated, the Hong Kong SAR Government will handle the case of Mr Snowden in accordance

with the laws and established procedures of Hong Kong," he said.

"Meanwhile, the government will follow up on any incidents related to the privacy or other rights of the institutions or people in Hong Kong being violated."

Some protesters blew whistles in support of Snowden, 29, the American former CIA contractor who has acknowledged being behind leaks of the surveillance programmes by the National Security Agency.

The procession moved on to government headquarters in the city, which reverted to Chinese rule in 1997 but enjoys far more

liberal laws on dissent and freedom of expression.

About a dozen groups organized two rallies, including the city's two largest political camps. Leaders of major political parties sought explanations for Snowden's allegations of spying.

Hong Kong's largest pro-Beijing political party, the DAB, demanded an apology from Washington, clarification of "illegal" espionage activities and an immediate halt to them.

"I think the Hong Kong government should protect him," the DAB's vice-chairwoman, Stary Lee, said outside the consulate.

Reuters



Edward Snowden, a former contractor at the National Security Agency (NSA), is seen during news broadcast on a screen at a shopping mall in Hong Kong on 16 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Project Loon: 7 things to know about Google's Internet-beaming balloons



Google is experimenting with balloons that beam the Internet from the sky.

1. The helium-filled balloons are made from a thin polyethylene film and are 15 metres (49 feet) in diameter when fully inflated.
2. They float in the stratosphere about 20 kilometres (12 miles) above the Earth.
3. The balloons would sail on the stratosphere's winds in a continuous circuit around the globe. The balloons come equipped with flight computers, and Google would control the balloons' altitude from the ground, keeping them moving along a desired channel by using different winds at different heights.
4. Google says past attempts to control balloons have involved tethering them or using expensive motors to keep them in place. They say simply sailing with the winds was one of the company's breakthrough ideas.
5. Google says the balloons have the potential to provide Internet access far more cheaply, quickly and widely than traditional underground fiber cables. One downside is that computer users on the ground would need to install a receiver to get the signal.
6. The transmitter on each balloon would beam down the Internet to an area about 1,250 square kilometres (780 square miles) — twice the size of New York City.
7. Managing the flight of just one balloon in our complex and ever-changing atmosphere is a huge challenge. Trying to harmonize an entire fleet of thousands of them will be mind-boggling.—PTI

Apple could launch 5.7-inch iPhone in 2014



WASHINGTON, 17 June—Apple Inc is exploring launching iPhones with bigger screens, as well as cheaper models in a range of colours, over the next

Gansu reserve captures rare wild panda photos

LANZHOU, 17 June—The largest of China's 55 panda nature reserves has recently captured its first photos of wild pandas in over a decade, it confirmed on Saturday.

A total of 11 pictures of two of the reclusive animals was taken by two sheltered camera traps, which are over one km apart from each other, in April and May, said Liu Zhengxiang, director of the Gansu Baishuijiang National Nature Reserve in northwest China's Gansu Province.

The Baishuijiang Nature Reserve is a 220,000-hectare area covered by dense forests in southern Gansu. The shooting times and analysis of these photos shows they are of two different wild

pandas living in the region, Liu said. "The photos as well as droppings and food traces indicate frequent wild panda activity in the region," he added. Wild pandas are alert animals, and it is difficult for zoologists to take pictures at close range.

For this reason, the reserve started using sheltered camera traps in 2012 to monitor and track wild pandas and other rare animals. An inspector in the reserve found the photos earlier this week when he was checking the cameras. They recorded the real living situations of wild pandas, and they can help zoologists study the panda population in the reserve, said Liu.—Xinhua

year, said four people with knowledge of the matter, as it takes a cue from rival Samsung Electronics.

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

Apple is looking at introducing at least two bigger iPhones next year — one with a 4.7-inch screen and one with a 5.7-inch screen — said the sources, including those in the supply chain in Asia. They said suppliers have been approached with plans for the larger screens, but noted it is still unclear whether Apple will actually launch its flagship product in the larger sizes.

"They constantly change product specifications almost to the final moment, so you're not really sure whether this is the final prototype," said one person with direct knowledge of the matter.

Apple declined to comment.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Saudi Arabia plans to block WhatsApp within weeks

DUBAI, 17 June—Saudi Arabia plans to block Internet-based communication tool WhatsApp within weeks if the US-based firm fails to comply with requirements set by the kingdom's telecom regulator, local newspapers reported this week.

This month the Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC) banned Viber, another such tool, which like WhatsApp is hard for the state to monitor and deprives telecom companies of revenue from international calls and texts. The kingdom appears to be making a greater push for more control over cyberspace as Internet and smart phone usage soars, in part due to strict laws that limit opportunities for people to mix in person.

"We have been communicating with WhatsApp and other similar communication platforms to get them to cooperate and comply with the Saudi telecom providers, however nothing has come of this communication yet," Abdullah Al-Darrab, governor of the CITC, told *Arab News*.

Al-Darrab said Viber was blocked last week for non-compliance, and that WhatsApp and Skype may be next on the list.

Asked when WhatsApp services would be blocked, the CITC chief said it was highly likely to be before the holy month of Ramadan which is expected to start on 9 July.

The regulator issued a directive in March saying tools such as Viber, WhatsApp and Skype broke local laws, without specifying how.

Local media reported at the time that Saudi Arabia's three main operators Saudi Telecom Co, Etihad Etisalat (Mobily) and Zain Saudi had been asked to tell CITC if they were able to monitor or block such applications.

Mobile penetration was 188 percent by the end of 2012, CITC data shows. Saudi Arabia now has 15.8 million Internet subscribers and the average user watches three times as many online videos per day as counterparts in the United States, according to YouTube.

Reuters



A Wal-Mart Stores Inc company distribution centre in Bentonville, Arkansas on 6 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Wal-Mart taps Cash as new presiding director, replacing Breyer

NEW YORK, 17 June—Wal-Mart Stores Inc (WMT.N) said on Saturday that its board has appointed James Cash Jr as lead independent director.

Cash, who joined Wal-Mart's board in 2006, replaces James Breyer, who served on the board for more than a decade, but was prevented from running again this year under the company's rules of corporate governance.

A former faculty member at Harvard Business School, Cash is also a mem-

ber of Wal-Mart's audit committee. That committee's oversight has been criticized amid allegations that Wal-Mart de Mexico bribed officials to expand quickly in Mexico and that Wal-Mart executives squelched an internal probe into those charges. Earlier this month, Wal-Mart shareholders approved the election of all 14 director nominees at the company's annual meeting, despite the ongoing fallout from the scandal.

Reuters



Boeing's Conner says battery didn't slow other programmes

PARIS, 17 June—Boeing's (BA.N) extraordinary effort to solve battery problems that hit the 787 Dreamliner early this year did not disrupt progress on other aircraft programmes, which remain on schedule.

"It didn't slow down

development," despite doing three years of work in three months to fix the problem of overheating batteries on the 787, said Boeing Commercial Airplanes CEO Ray Conner, speaking at a news briefing ahead of the start of the Paris air show which

opens on Monday.

Conner said the company expects to deliver 11 or 12 787s by the end of the first half, counting from when the grounding of the 787 ended in April.

One 787 was delivered in January before the world-

wide 787 fleet was grounded. Two lithium ion battery incidents aroused safety concerns with regulators, prompting the grounding. Conner said Boeing was on track to deliver more than 60 Dreamliners this year, as promised.—Reuters

Wall St Week Ahead: Investors will look to Fed to ease volatility

NEW YORK, 17 June—Stock investors eager to hear from the Federal Reserve about its plans for continuing economic stimulus may get some soothing words from the US central bank next week.

The Fed is unlikely to tip its hand about when it may begin to scale back its bond-buying programme, but policymakers still may be inclined to try to tamp down recent volatility in financial markets with some mention of the issue.

The rally in stocks stumbled and Treasury bond yields rose to 14-month highs following Chairman Ben Bernanke's comments that the Fed may decide to begin scaling back its quantitative easing in the next few policy meetings if the economy improves.

As part of its quantitative easing policy, adopted

more than four years ago, the Fed has been buying Treasury and other bonds each month to keep interest rates low and promote growth.

Interpreting Bernanke's words and recent signs about the economy have roiled markets since then. The Dow industrials climbed 200 points in eight of the 17 sessions since Bernanke's comments, and its daily average swing has been 191.5 points.

"What (Bernanke) has done is create what I call an early summer market storm, not a huge one but enough to cause people to become a little nervous," said Fred Dickson, chief market strategist at DA Davidson & Co. in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Stocks ended a third negative week in four. The Dow fell 1.2 percent, the S&P 500 slid 1 percent and the Nasdaq lost 1.3 percent.

Next week might offer a bit more clarity, he said, but probably not the details many investors are hoping for. Still, analysts said, the Fed may want to say something to remove some of the markets' anxiety.

The markets have priced in a sea change and seem to think that rates are going

up soon, said Stephen Mas-socca, managing director at Wedbush Equity Management LLC in San Francisco. But "I think the Fed is not going to want that to be the market's impression," he said. The news may be that any change is going to be gradual, he added.

Reuters



The Wall Street sign is seen outside the New York Stock Exchange, on 26 March, 2009.—REUTERS

From the ashes of Webvan, Amazon builds a grocery business



An Amazon Fresh delivery van moves down Pico Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, on 14 June, 2013.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 June—The online grocery start-up Webvan may have been the single most expensive flame-out of the dot-com era, blowing through more than \$800 million in venture capital and IPO proceeds in just over three years before shutting its doors in 2001. Twelve years later, though, Webvan is rising from the dead—in the form of an online grocery business called AmazonFresh.

Four key Amazon.com Inc executives—Doug Her-

ington, Peter Ham, Mick Mountz and Mark Mastandrea—are former Webvan officials who have spent years analyzing and fixing the problems that led to the start-up's demise.

Kiva Systems, the robotics company that Amazon bought last year for \$775 million in one of its largest-ever acquisitions, was built on ideas and technologies originally developed at Webvan and is a key part of the AmazonFresh strategy.

Reuters

WORLD

Iranians count on president-elect Rohani to bring change

DUBAI, 17 June—Iranian president-elect Hassan Rohani, who won a landslide victory promising better relations abroad and more freedom at home, on Sunday paid his first visit since the vote to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who will ultimately decide the pace of any change.

Rohani, a mid-ranking Shi'ite cleric, is an Islamic Republic insider who has held senior political and military posts since the 1979 Islamic revolution and maintained a good rapport with Khamenei, Iran's most powerful man.

Iranian media reported that Khamenei congratulated Rohani, wished him success, and gave him "the necessary guidance".

Rohani's trouncing of his hardline rivals, who miscalculated the public mood and failed to overcome factional differences and field a single candidate, received a

cautious welcome in Washington, although Israel warned against "wishful thinking" about Iran's future direction.

While no reformer himself, Rohani gained the backing of the politically sidelined but still popular leaders of the reform movement. His call for an end to an "era of extremism" won over many voters tired of the economic crises and crackdowns on free speech that marked Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's presidency.

However, Rohani's surprise win — taking just over 50 percent of the vote — is not expected quickly to resolve Teheran's nuclear stand-off with the West or break its commitment to backing President Bashar al-Assad in Syria's civil war.

US President Barack Obama's chief of staff Denis McDonough said: "If he (Rohani) is interested in, as



Supporters of moderate cleric Hassan Rohani hold a picture of him as they celebrate his victory in Iran's presidential election on a pedestrian bridge in Teheran on 15 June, 2013.—REUTERS

he has said in his campaign, mending Iran's relations with the rest of the world, there is an opportunity to do that."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has urged ever tighter sanctions and has threatened military force to stop Iran getting nuclear weapons, said: "The international community must not give in to wishful thinking or temptation and loosen the pressure on Iran for it to stop its nuclear programme."

Rohani's win goes some way to repairing the

legitimacy of the Islamic Republic, punctured four years ago when dozens were killed in protests after an election that reformists said was rigged, and may help pragmatic voices silenced since then to re-emerge.

Known in the West as Iran's main nuclear negotiator in 2003-05, Rohani immediately sought to build bridges, expressing approval of the street parties that welcomed his election but also having talks with the conservative speaker of parliament.

Reuters

Endangered ethnic medicine needs more protection

NANNING, 17 June—Every weekend, Zhao Miaoyuan goes into the mountains to pick medicinal herbs in Jingxi, a small county in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The 56-year-old doctor practices Zhuang medicine, a traditional way of curing disease among the Zhuang people, an ethnic group largely living in Guangxi.

Located in the southwest of the autonomous region, Jingxi boasts a population of about 630,000, among whom 99.4 percent are Zhuang. Thanks to its geological conditions, the locality produces a large number of medicinal herbs

used in Zhuang medicine.

"Zhuang medicine is amazing in treating some chronic diseases when Western medicine can't do its job," Zhao says.

He explains that it is similar to traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), except that it uses special herbs mainly found in Guangxi.

However, while TCM is getting more attention around the world, Zhuang medicine is seriously endangered. The worrisome fate has been a big concern for Zhao, who has been in the field for more than 40 years. "More efforts are needed to protect the cultural heritage," he urges.

Zhuang medicine is usually passed on orally, without many written records, which makes it hard to be learnt comprehensively, Zhao points out.

This doctor currently runs the only privately-owned Zhuang medical school in Guangxi, but his students are mainly in their 50s or 60s. The number of young people seeking to inherit the skill is quite limited, because many of them don't think it will help them build a career, according to Zhao. "How can you expect them to learn it when they do not even bother to take a look at it?" he says.

In China, there are only about 1,000 doctors practicing

this obscure branch of medicine, with about 300 working in Jingxi, according to official statistics.

Without systematic teaching materials and professional training, it is hard to keep the ethnic medicine wheel rolling, Zhao says, adding that insufficient funds also stand in the way of its development.

To protect the endangered ethnic medicine, Guangxi's regional government passed a regulation in 2008 stipulating that local governments should increase funds for Zhuang medicine development and that medicinal herbs should be protected to avoid extinction.—Xinhua

Canada to provide Jordan with 100 mln USD to aid Syrian refugees

AMMAN, 17 June—Canada said on Sunday it will provide Amman with 100 million US dollars over the next three years to help reduce the pressure on Jordan in dealing with the influx of Syrian refugees, state-run Petra news agency reported.

Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs John Baird told his Jordanian counterpart Nasser Judeh at a meeting here that Canada will provide Jordan with

25 million dollars as direct assistance to the government, while the remaining 75 million dollars will be in the form of humanitarian assistance.

At the meeting, Judeh referred to the pressure Jordan is facing due to hosting a large number of Syrian refugees, which has now exceeded 540,000. He also reiterated Jordan's call for a political solution to the Syrian crisis.

Xinhua

Yemeni security forces free two French hostages

SANAA, 17 June—Two French nationals who were kidnapped by Yemeni armed tribesmen were released on Sunday, the Yemeni Interior Ministry said in a statement.

The two people working with Doctors Without Borders were snatched from their car at gunpoint while travelling on Saturday during a mission in the northern Province of Amran, the ministry said.

"Soldiers were sent to the mountainous area of Raida District of Amran and managed to free the hostages on Sunday," it said, adding that a security operation is underway to chase the kidnappers. However, the ministry did not tell if the hostages were unharmed.

Foreigners are frequently kidnapped in Yemen by al-

Qaeda militants or tribesmen who asked for ransoms for the release of their jailed fellows. Most of the kidnapped have been freed unharmed.

On Saturday, Yemeni officials said a Dutch couple working in Sanaa were kidnapped a week ago by an unknown group.

Some officials believed that the Dutch couple and two South Africans who were abducted in Yemen's central Province of Taiz last month were all at the hands of al-Qaeda militants.

A Finnish couple and an Austrian man kidnapped by al-Qaeda militants in Yemen last December were released in May.

However, the Yemen-based al-Qaeda wing, the most active terrorist network in the Middle East, is still holding a Saudi diplomat.—Xinhua



A student sets off a model aeroplane in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 16 June, 2013. A competition for aeroplane model making was held here on 16 June, attracting some 100 students from six nearby universities and colleges.—XINHUA

Five children dead after minibus' Fujian river plunge

FUZHOU, 17 June—The five children missing since a minibus plunged into a river in southeast China's Fujian Province on Wednesday were found dead on Sunday, local authorities said.

A seven-seat minibus carrying 10 people fell into a 10-metre-deep river around 3 pm on Wednesday

day in Pinghe County in the city of Zhangzhou after trying to avoid a landslide, the county's publicity department said in a statement.

Five people on board the vehicle made it to safety, but five children from the bus remained missing for days before their bodies were retrieved downstream from the accident site.—Xinhua

Nightclub shooting kills one, injures one in Houston

HOUSTON, 17 June—One person was killed and another injured in a shooting at a nightclub in the US city of Houston on Sunday, local media reported.

The incident happened in the early morning at an after-hours club in southeast Houston, the real-time report of the *Houston Chronicle* said.

Police were called to the scene and found two men shot, with one dead and the other injured. The

shooting happened when a fight inside the club escalated and someone started shooting.

There is no available information about the suspect who is still at large. Police are questioning witnesses and conducting an investigation. This is the second nightclub shooting in Houston in as many days. Four people were shot, including one fatally, at a club in southwest Houston on Saturday.—Xinhua



The royal parade known as "Trooping the Colour" was held on 15 June, 2013, in London to celebrate the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.

XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

BUSINESS

Huawei taking lead in Internet infrastructure auction

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Ericsson, Huawei, Nokia Siemens and ZTE were among six firms submitted their final bids for upgrading of Myanmar's mobile Internet infrastructures. Their tender proposals were opened on 7 June.

Huawei has the cheapest bid with the cost of 34 million US dollars while Ericsson submitted the most expensive one with US\$94 million. Nokia Siemens proposed the bid with the cost 44 million US dollars and ZTE, USD 47 million.

Currently, the Chinese telecommunications firm Huawei which has set a firm foothold in Myanmar, is the favorite thanks to its lowest cost.

The successful bidder and Myanma Posts and Telecommunications will soon sign a contract to upgrade Myanmar's

Internet cables this year.

The upgrading will start from major cities Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay.

MPT is considering both technical solution and business model of bidders. According to the industry sources, Huawei is taking the lead.

"Tenders of international giants depict their interests in local market. Huawei, well established firm in the local market, has the advantage of estimating cost and winning the tender," a local IT analyst said.

MPT will also announce successful bidders for two telecom licences on 27 June in a move to increase its mobile penetration rate from the current 7 percent.

A total of 10 telecom firms submitted bids in the first round of tenders.

MMAL-Khin Yadana

HEALTH

Blood donated to mark World Blood Donors Day

MANDALAY, 17 June—Mandalay Region Red Cross Brigade members and blood donors collectively donated blood at Mandalay National Blood Bank on 13 June to mark World Blood Donors Day. On behalf of the

donors, Commander of Mandalay Region Red Cross Brigade U Phone Kyaw donated 150 blood bags to Dr Khin Mya Mon who then returned certificates of honour.

MMAL-Kyaw Htoo



DHF campaign undertaken in Letpadan

LETPADAN, 17 June—The talks on prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever was held at the hall of Myanma Railways in Letpadan of Thayawady District in Bago Region on 13 June.

Township Medical

Officer Dr Daw Aye Aye Moe and the in-charge of malaria disease control gave lectures on prevention against DHF. Next, officials fumigated staff quarters and chlorinated water tanks and barrels.

MMAL-098



A team of healthcare and education authorities visit relief camps in Sittway Township in Rakhine State.

Health, education officials visit relief camps in Sittway Tsp

SITTWAY, 17 June—Under the directives of the head of Rakhine State Health Department and the director of state Education Department, Sittway

Township Education Officer U Kyar Hla Tun and head of Sittway Township Health Department Dr Kyawt Tha Sein visited relief camps in Sittway Township to

oversee education and healthcare to children in the camps on 12 June.

They were accompanied by township Red Cross members and school health officials.

They made sure all the school-age children were enrolled and conducted medical checkups.

The team also distributed packages of Micronutrient to the children from six months to one year.

MMAL-Lay Wadi Tun
Saw Khaing



Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Corps grant stipends to offspring of members

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Corps under Myanmar Police Force granted stipends to offspring of its members for 2013-2014 academic year at its office on 8 June.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Corps Police Col Kyaw Htway delivered a speech at the

ceremony. The officials then presented stipends and stationery to the students from staff families.

A total of 11 high school students, 64 middle school students and 80 primary school students received the stipends and stationery at the ceremony.

MMAL-Min Min Latt
(Mandalay University)

Ayeyawady River erodes riverside village, Mann creek inundation destroys crops in Minbu Tsp

YANGON, 17 June—The river bank in Nibbankyun village in Minbu (Saku) in Magway Region was eroded by Ayeyawady River, forcing residents of houses on the bank to move to nearby monasteries.

A total of 12 houses have been urgently evacuated since 14 June. Some 60 ft of the banks have been eroded as the erosion continues.

The villagers have agreed to evacuate the entire village if the situation worsens.

The village has been suffering the erosion each monsoon.

Township authorities, members of Township Development Support Group, and Red Cross members are compiling data in the village where the evacuated villagers are in need of aids.

Mann Creek inundated crops fields in Saku Township in Magway Region after days of heavy rains.

A villager of Pinlethet village in Letkhokbin village-tract in Saku was drowned in Mann Creek after re-collecting scattered firewoods in the creek.

The water level of Mann Creek is on the rise since 12 July.

MMAL-Sein Shwe Hlaing



PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 18 June, 2013

Monsoon diseases

As we are an agro-based country and our summer is hot, every year, the rainy season brings great joys and celebrations. Most people like the cool climate, the rain and everything associated with it. Not only does it provide relief from severe heat, it also helps to supplement our depleting water resources. However, the rainy season also brings variety of diseases ranging from common cold to typhoid, which pose serious health threats.

Among common illnesses that spread during rains are respiratory tract infection, pneumonia, dysentery, hepatitis, cholera, and typhoid. Malaria is the most common disease associated with the rainy season. Sudden drop in temperature may also influence one's health, especially of those, who are allergic to cold, asthmatic or diabetic.

The main reasons for disease outbreaks during rainy season according to experts are lack of cleanliness and dirty surroundings. Most of the diseases are either air-borne or water-borne. The best way to prevent getting sick during the rainy season is to avoid going out of the house for too long and getting exposed to the weather conditions outdoor.

Parents should be aware that dengue-carrying mosquitoes spread the disease during the day, while malaria-carrying ones are active during the night.

Cleanliness is also said to be the most important aspect of protection against diseases that affects us during the season. Having a clean and safe environment should start from home, and one of the steps is to maintain a germ-free kitchen as kitchen can be the germiest place at home.

Moreover drinking boiled water only during the wet season can prevent diseases like cholera, dysentery and several other diseases. The eating of warm, liquid and easy to digest food is also recommended. Moreover, doctors say it is healthy to wear dry and clean clothes and exercise for 30 minutes daily in order to avoid many diseases.

Opening of Training of Trainers for Civil Service from CLMV countries held

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Under the supervision of the Union Civil Services Board and with the assistance of UNDP, the opening of Training of Trainer for Civil Service from CLMV countries was held at Park Royal Hotel, yesterday evening, with an address by Chairman of UCSB U Kyaw Thu.

It was attended by members and directors-general of the UCSB, Mr. Toily Kubarno, Country Director of UNDP Office in Yangon, foreign experts

and trainees from CLMV countries.

The training course is one of the activities of the ASEAN Resource Centre of UCSB of Myanmar, and the Centre was established on 4th August 2004 with the approval of Myanmar Government.

The Centre has been holding workshops and training courses to improve the capacities of trainers of the Civil Service Institutes of the UCSB and those of training institutes and departments of various

Union ministries.

The five-day course is being attended by 25 trainees—ten from Myanmar and five each from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam. The course covers Theories of Learning, Systematic Approach to Training, Direct Trainer Skills, Qualities and Creating Qualities a Training Environment, Facilitation Skills, Tools of a Trainer, Practical Learning Approaches, Knowledge Management and Management of Training.

MNA



Vice-President U Nyan Tun and party visit Thai-German Institute.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun and party visit ...

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The estate with least

environmental harm is home to investments of SMEs.

On their arrival at Amata Spring in the estate, Chairperson of Investment Board of Amata Corporation Mrs Somhatai Panichewa

extended greetings and Manager Mr Satha Vanalabh-Patana elaborated on infrastructure of Amata Group and implementations of Industrial City Development.

Next, the Myanmar delegation asked about the Amata City and Amata Nakorn industrial estate. Mrs Somhatai Panichewa answered the queries and the minister for Thai Prime Minister's Office spoke words of thanks.

In the evening, the Vice-President and party enjoyed a dinner hosted by Amata Corporation at Amata Spring.—MNA

Myanmar, EU discuss promotion of bilateral relations

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr. David O'Sullivan, Chief of Operations of the European External Action Service and party at his office, here, this morning.

The meeting focused on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and EU.—MNA

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin shakes hands with Mr. David O'Sullivan, Chief of Operations of the European External Action Service.—MNA



Loans disbursed to vendors in Pyapon

PYAPON, 17 June—The 3rd ceremony of disbursing loans to vendors by Microfinance Institution of Pyapon District, Ayeyawady Region was held yesterday at the meeting hall of the township Development Affairs Committee.

Of K 3 million loan from the Rural Development Bank, under the rural development and poverty alleviation programme, K 1.65 million

was allocated to 81 vendors from Seikkanthaya market and K 1.35 million to 88 vendors from Myoma market through Executive Officer U Myint Maung.

The purpose of paying out loans with low interest rates to vendors is to help them make capital for their business. Besides, the interest from the loans would be spent on schooling of their offspring.

Kyemon-Chantha (540)

Pakokku fire outbreak claims no life, but property

PAKOKKU, 17 June—A fire broke out in Shwechaung Village in Pakokku Township of Magway Region at 9 pm on 14 June.

The fire started from the negligence on switching off the active iron after Shwechaung Villager U Paw San aged 53 did ironing.

A total of two houses were dropped into ashes.

The negligence fire was put out by eight fire engines, and it was under control at about 9:40 pm. There were no casualties, but properties worth K 300,000 were lost in the fire.

Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)

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which is one of four organizations that organized the meeting, demanded four points.

The first point is to enact laws not only for putting an end to armed conflicts with ethnic minorities but also for bringing a nationwide eternal peace as quickly as possible. The second point is participation of all delegates from the regions of ethnic minorities in 2015 general elections. The third point is to promulgate a law for those who are in border areas and abroad due to their belief in democratic transition of Myanmar, allowing them to freely take part in peace and political processes. The fourth and most important point is to grant general

amnesty.

U Ko Ko Lay continued that he is delighted to hear the vow for amendments would be made regarding undemocratic provisions in 2008 Constitution.

Burmese American Democratic Alliance-BADA, Burmese American Women Alliance-BAWA, Myanmar Students Organization, San Francisco Bay Area and four groups of intelligent and intelligentsia of Northern Chemical Engineering Association and other enthusiasts formed a committee to meet Thura U Shwe Mann on 8 June and organized the meeting. Myanmar Embassy sponsored the meeting in which there were about 150 attendees.—VOA

Thai parliamentary delegation arrives in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—A Thai parliamentary delegation led by Speaker of Thai Parliament and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Thailand Mr. Somsak Kiatsuranont arrived in Yangon by air at 6.45 pm today for further cementing relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand.

On their arrival at Yangon

International Airport, they were welcomed by Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Aung, the Amyotha Hluttaw Committee Chairman and secretaries Dr Khin Shwe, U Nay Win Tun, Dr Myint Kyi, U Nyunt Tin and U Win Naung and the acting Thai Ambassador.

MNA

Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS) course opened

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June — As depletion of natural resources of the country in relation to climate change, socio-economic and ecosystem degradation are harmful to the sustainable development, a care of environment is urgently needed. Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS) are widely used as a leading subject for environmental and natural resources conservation.

An opening ceremony of basic and advanced course on Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS), conducted by the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry in cooperation with Green Economy Green Growth-Myanmar (GEGG) and Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, USA and World Wildlife Fund (WWF), was held at Forest Research Hall in Yezin, here, this morning.

Rector Dr Myint Oo of

the University of Forestry Dr Myint Oo made an opening address and officials of GEGG, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, USA and WWF spoke on the occasion.

A total of 25 trainees from the ministry, University of Forestry, related ministries

and NGOs are taking a five-day course that will cover reading satellite imageries related to Remote Sensing technology, data analysis of satellite imageries through GIS technology and monitoring and conservation methodologies.

MNA

ASEAN Senior Officials on Culture and Arts hold special meeting



Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu and delegates from ASEAN countries pose for documentary photo at the Special Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Culture and Arts.—MNA

YANGON, 17 June—Special Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Culture and Arts kicked off here today with an opening address by Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu.

In his opening speech, the Union Minister, also the chairman of ASEAN Socio-Culture Council, expressed his encouragement to striving to work to ensure more

effective implementation of policies across the socio-cultural pillar.

He also urged the senior officials and ASEAN Secretariat to improve the national and regional coordination with a view to ensuring effective performance of our institutions, especially in dealing with cross-culting issues and harmonization in social matters.

Myanmar hosted the

two-day meeting at the request of Singapore, the current chair of the ASEAN Culture and Arts Ministers.

A total of 37 delegates from ASEAN countries are participating in the

meeting.

ASEAN Culture Sub-Committee Meeting is also scheduled to be held in Myanmar from 20 to 21 June.

MNA

OESC meeting focuses on migrant workers issue in Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June —Overseas Employment Supervisory Committee held the work coordination meeting No. 4/2013 at the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security here today, focusing on Myanmar migrant workers issue in Malaysia.

In his key-note address, Union Minister U Maung Myint said that it is found that the recent violence in Malaysia are not because of religious violence, but because of social conflicts.

During the meeting, Chairman of the committee Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint said a special delegation of Myanmar held discussions with three Malaysian ministries, calling

for carrying out safety measures for Myanmar migrant workers and taking actions against those who committed the crimes.

The ministry has suspended sending workers to Malaysia and will carry out necessary measures for ensuring safety of Myanmar migrant workers in Jordan and Saudi Arabia, he said.

The ministry has also planned to hold talks with Singapore over sending workers to Singapore, he added.

Deputy Minister Daw Win Maw Tun, who is also a member of the special delegation to Malaysia, and participants of the meeting discussed measures taken during the trip in Malaysia and issues related to the overseas migrant workers.

MNA

Prize presentation for inter-major football tournament of Dawei Technological University

DAWEI, 17 June—The final match of inter-major football tournament of Dawei Technological University was held at the region sport ground in Dawei on 14 June. It was enjoyed by the princi-

pal of the University, faculty members and students.

In the final match, Mechanical Major Team beat Civil Major Team 3-2 and the prize presentation followed. Principal Dr

Aung Naing Myint and officials presented awards to first, second and best player award to respective winners.

Kyemon-Phoshwethun (Dawei)



The opening ceremony of basic and advanced courses on Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS) in progress.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

YANGON, 17 June—The fourth respect paying ceremony to the aged in East Ward of Okpo, Twantay Township, Yangon South District, was held at Minkyaung Monastery, on 15 June.

At the ceremony, it was attended by Region Hluttaw Representative Dr Ohn Kywe, Okpo Ward Administrator U Than Aye, townselders, departmental officials, wellwishers, religious organizations and

Respect paying ceremony held in Twantay Tsp

60 older persons.

Minkyaung Monastery Sayadaw Buddanda Kovida gave words of advice and the Region Hluttaw Representative and Ward Administrator explained the purpose of the ceremony.

Then, the officials donated K 30,000 and utensils each worth K 10,000 to 60 older persons.

Kyemon-Nyo Hlaing (Twantay)



Talks on danger of cultural invasion given in Yinmabin Township

YINMABIN, 17 June — An educative talks on danger of cultural invasion was organized at Pyanhleint village in Yinmabin Township of Monywa district in Sagaing Region on 11 June.

It was attended by Yinmabin Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson Daw Khin Win

and members, Yinmabin Township Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson Daw Khin Myint Myat Theint and members, Yinmabin Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Soe Soe Win, the ward administrator and villagers.

The township IPRD head gave talks on the danger of cultural invasion,

warning that Myanmar women are to be aware of it for their social security.

Next, medical staffs and MCWA and WAO members provided free medical treatment to the aged and presented refreshment, medicines and iodized salt to the older persons and pregnant women.

Kyemon (Yinmabin IPRD)



Preventive measures against DHF carried out in Dagon Seikkan

YANGON, 17 June— Doctor Daw San San Nwe of Township Health Department disseminated knowledge on preventive measures against DHF and distributed pamphlets to the local people at the ward administrator's office in No 87 Ward in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon East District on 16 June.

The township health staff carried out anti-DHF tasks in the ward and Ward Administrator U Ye Lin Aung and local people cleared rubbish in the drains for proper flow of water.

Similar activities were also carried out in No 61 and No 90 Wards in the township.

Kyemon-U Kyin Maung (Dagon Seikkan)

HRD

Stipends for 2013-14 academic year granted in Thaton



THATON, 17 June—A ceremony to provide stipends for children of staff from Thaton Township General Administration Department in Mon State for 2013-2014 academic year was held at the meeting hall of the department on 15 June morning.

At the ceremony, Thaton Township Administrator U Tun Tun Naing explained the purpose of providing stipends and presented award to one outstanding student who passed the matriculation

examination with three distinctions in 2012-2013 academic year and stipends to ten university students.

Then, the officials presented stipends to university level and basic education level students and U Aung Paing Tun, a university student and staff of the department, spoke words of thanks.

The department provided stipends K 300,000 to 42 offspring of staff.

Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)

ACCIDENT

Reckless motorcyclist hits stationary passenger bus



BAGO, 17 June—A motorcycle hit stationary car in the area of No. 1 Police Station in Bago at 11 pm on 10 June.

Foso brand express bus stopped in front of Aung Myanmar oil mill on Bago-Toungoo Road for three days. Motorcyclist Myint Soe (51 years), (son of U Pho Ban) in Kyawtaing Village in Maei Township in Rakhine State hit back side

of the stationary passenger bus with his Kenbo 125 motorcycle.

Due to the accident, motorcyclist Myint Soe died on the spot.

Police Sub-Inspector Nay Aung and members from No. 1 Police Station rushed to the scene and opened a file of lawsuit over the case at Bago No 1 Police Station.—*Kyemon-Zaw Shin (Oktha)*

LIVESTOCK BREEDING

Bovine diseases control in Khamaukgyi Township



KHAMAUKGYI, 17 June—The Supervisor and staff from Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department made a field trip to Khamaukgyi Township,

Kawthoung District of Taninthayi Region on 8 June for bovine diseases control and vaccination.

Kyemon-U Maung Maung (IPRD)

ANTI-NARCOTIC DRIVES

Work coordinated to hold International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

HSIPAW, 17 June—A work coordination meeting for holding 16th International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking took place at the meeting hall of District General Administration Department in Lashio in Shan State (North) on 14 June. It was attended by District Deputy Commissioner U Aye Kyi Maung, Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Moe, Psychiatrist Dr Daw Myint Myint Sein and members

of social organizations.

First, Chairman of leading committee for holding the ceremony in Shan State (North) Lashio District Deputy Commissioner U Aye Kyi Maung made an opening address and Police Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Moe assigned duties to committee members.

The committee chairman invited those present participation for holding the ceremony which falls on 26 June.

Kyemon-Sai Tha Hlaing (Hsipaw)

Beware of Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever

REGIONAL

World Heritage meeting opens in Cambodia, Mt Fuji set to be listed

PHNOM PENH, 17 June —The UNESCO World Heritage Committee opened its annual session in Phnom Penh on Sunday to determine the listing of new world heritage sites, including Japan's iconic Mt Fuji.

Mt Fuji would be Japan's 17th World Heritage site, if approved by the 21-member committee under the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The meeting is scheduled to run until 27 June. The decision on the listing of Mt Fuji is expected to be announced on 22 or 23 June, according to a Cambodian official.

The Japanese government officially asked UNESCO in January last year to register Mt Fuji, saying the 3,776-metre mountain has been viewed as a religious site and depicted in "uki-yoe" woodblock prints, and

nurtured Japan's unique culture.

The International Council on Monuments and Sites, a UNESCO advisory panel known as ICOMOS, recommended in April that Mt Fuji be listed but said the Miho-no-Matsubara pine grove, which Japan had sought to include as part of the asset, must be excluded, citing its 45-kilometre distance from the mountain.

The Japanese government initially sought to also register the ancient city of Kamakura in Kanagawa Prefecture, near Tokyo, on the World Heritage list. But the government decided earlier this month to drop the recommendation as ICOMOS rejected the request and it would otherwise be unable to try again.

In the meeting, the World Heritage Committee

will examine 31 properties around the globe for listing. The properties are divided into three categories — natural, cultural, and mixed natural and cultural assets.

Other sites nominated for the World Heritage list include the Great Himalayan National Park in India, Mt Tianshan in China, Mt Etna in Italy, Mt Kenya-Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya, El Pinacate and Gran Desierto de Altar Biosphere Reserve in Mexico, Namib Sand Sea in Namibia, Mt Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary in the Philippines, and the Tajik National Park in Tajikistan.

The current World Heritage list includes 962 cultural and natural properties that the World Heritage Committee considers as having outstanding universal value.—Kyodo News

Nepal police busts new racket on red sandalwood smuggling

KATHMANDU, 17 June —Nepal Police have unearthed a new method of smuggling the precious red sandalwood from Indian territories to China via Nepal's land borders, in which the woods were converted into pure oil, the police confirmed on Sunday.

The new measure has come to the fore following the police's strict vigilance on the trade of the banned timber item red-listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature or the IUCN, as an endangered plant species.

"This is the first time that we have exposed the smuggling of red sandalwood also in the form of oil extracts," Jaishor Rimal, a police officer with Nepal Police told Xinhua.

In the past two years,

police have exposed at least 16 rackets of red sandalwood smuggling into China, in which the Tatopani customs point at Nepal-China border was targeted as the entry point by the smugglers.

Earlier, there were attempts to smuggle the valuable wood in the form of prayer beads and powder, as attempts to smuggle wood logs were repeatedly foiled by the police.

This time around, some two liters of red sandalwood oil were seized from Sher Bahadur Bomjan, 60, from a restaurant in Gaushala of Kathmandu.

Bomjan, originally from Nuwakot, an adjacent district of the capital, was looking for aides who would help him smuggle the oil into China.—Xinhua



Local residents welcome the missile destroyer "Harbin" of the 14th Escort Taskforce of the Chinese Navy on Victoria Harbour, Seychelles, on 16 June, 2013. 65 soldiers of the 14th Escort Taskforce of the Chinese Navy will participate in the National Day Parade of Seychelles on 18 June.—XINHUA



Yu Zhengsheng (C, front), member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, attends the conference of the 5th Straits Forum in Xiamen of southeast China's Fujian Province, on 16 June, 2013.—XINHUA

LDP leads DPJ in survey week before Tokyo assembly election

TOKYO, 17 June—The Liberal Democratic Party leads the Democratic Party of Japan a week ahead of the Tokyo metropolitan assembly election, an opinion poll conducted by Kyodo News showed on Sunday.

In the weekend tel-

ephone survey covering 1,027 people in Tokyo, 26 percent said they would vote for the LDP, which is aiming to become the largest party in the assembly after losing that status to the DPJ in the previous election in 2009, while 8 percent

said they would vote for the DPJ and 43 percent were undecided.

All of the assembly's 127 seats will be up for grabs in the 23 June election, a prelude to next month's upper house election.—Kyodo News

Chinese hospital ship makes port call, joins drill in Brunei

MUARA PORT, (Brunei), 17 June—The Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy hospital ship "Peace Ark" arrived here on Sunday afternoon to make a port call and participate

in the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus) Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR) and Military Medicine (MM) Exercise.

The "Peace Ark" will

provide free medical check-ups for members of the public on Monday morning.

The drill, which will take place from 17 June to 20, includes humanitarian search and rescue, disaster relief and medical operations based on the scenario of a typhoon, with subsequent flooding and mudslides.

This combined exercise will bring together more than 2,000 military personnel from the 10 ASEAN countries as well as the 8 Plus countries which include Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, South Korea and the United States.

The Chinese hospital ship is an emergency medical support platform independently designed and built by China. Its tasks include

treatment and evacuation of injured and sick personnel on the sea, and medical support for troops stationed at islands and atolls. The ship is 4,000 square metres in size, including 7 offices for doctors and nurses and 8 nurse stations, in addition to 300 beds. The medical equipment on the ship is on par with that in China's top-level hospitals.

Rear Admiral Shen Hao, commander of the hospital ship, told reports upon the ship's arrival at the port that he believed the current goodwill visit to Brunei will further strengthen understanding and trust between the two armies, two navies in particular, and will further consolidate the traditional friendship between the two countries.

Xinhua



The Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy hospital ship "Peace Ark" arrives at Muara Port, Brunei, on 16 June, 2013. The Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy hospital ship "Peace Ark" arrived here on 16 June to make a port call and participate in the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus) Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR) and Military Medicine (MM) Exercise.—XINHUA

Controversial parliamentary report offers blueprint to revive New Zealand's manufacturing sector

WELLINGTON, 17 June—New Zealand government policies are killing the country's manufacturing sector and monetary policy and tax reforms are needed to ensure its survival, said a New Zealand parliamentary report released on Monday.

The report, "Manufacturing: The New Consensus," followed a parliamentary inquiry into the sector's decline initiated by the four opposition parties in October last year.

The four parties of the governing coalition refused

to take part in the inquiry.

The report's major recommendations included: monetary policy reform to ensure a "fairer and less volatile" exchange rate; lowering "structural costs" such as electricity prices; tax credits for research and development; and a national procurement policy to favour New Zealand-made products and services.

Cam Moore, chair of the inquiry, said 40,000 manufacturing jobs had been lost over the last four years and manufactured ex-

ports were falling.

"A vibrant manufacturing sector is crucial to the future prosperity of New Zealand. The economic policies we have now are killing the sector," Moore said in a joint statement released by the four opposition parties. "It doesn't need to be this way. With the right policies, we can unleash manufacturing, creating well-paid jobs and increasing the value of our exports," he said.

"None of this is rocket science: it's good, sensible, proven policies that have

worked around the world."

However, Economic Development Minister Steven Joyce described the inquiry as "nothing more than a failed political stunt with a bunch of re-tread solutions" and a lack of knowledge of government policies.

He cited the BNZ-Business New Zealand performance of manufacturing index (PMI) released on Friday, which showed the New Zealand manufacturing sector expanded at its fastest rate since 2004 in May.—Xinhua

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New Zealand to explore scientific cooperation with EU

WELLINGTON, 17 June —New Zealand Science and Innovation Minister Steven Joyce is spearheading efforts to boost research and education links with the European Union this week.

Joyce is to open the biennial New Zealand-European Commission Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee in Brussels on Thursday.

"The EU plays an increasingly major role in

setting the agenda for Europe's research and innovation," Joyce said in a statement on Monday.

"There is scope to work closer together as we attempt to find science-based solutions to the world's problems," he said.

"The EU also shares our focus of the need to grow business research and development to boost economic benefit."

Xinhua

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Local performers perform a folklore show at a parallel activity site of the 4th China Chengdu International Festival of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Pengzhou City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 16 June, 2013. The nine-day festival kicked off on Friday in Chengdu.—XINHUA

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US singer Bob Dylan to play
33 European tour dates

LONDON, 17 June — US singer Bob Dylan will embark on a 33-date tour of Europe starting in Oslo on 10 October and ending at London's Royal Albert Hall on 28 November, a statement on his website said on Friday. The "Blow-in in the Wind" singer — who is scheduled to finish his "AmericanaramA" tour in Mountain View, California on 4 August — said tickets for "Bob Dylan in Europe" would go on sale on Friday.

"Bob Dylan and his

band will tour Europe this fall," the statement on his website said of the 10-country tour.

The announcement follows the September release of Dylan's latest studio album, "The Tempest", described by *Rolling Stone* magazine as "one of his weirdest albums ever". Dylan was made an honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters in May this year and awarded the top US civilian honour last year, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Bob Dylan performs during a segment honouring Director Martin Scorsese, recipient of the Music + Film Award, at the 17th Annual Critics' Choice Movie Awards in Los Angeles.—REUTERS

Earlier this month, the grand chancellor of the French council which clears nominations for the Legion d'Honneur said Dylan had also been put forward for France's highest award.—Reuters

Parineeti Chopra, Sushant Singh Rajput to star in Yash Raj's Shuddh Desi Romance

NEW DELHI, 17 June—Yash Raj Films (YRF) has settled for a quirky title for its project starring actors Sushant Singh Rajput and Parineeti Chopra. The movie, directed by Maneesh Sharma, is titled *Shuddh Desi Romance*.

The movie will be a "fresh and very real love story about the hair-raising minefield between love, attraction and commitment", read a statement from YRF.

"Finally, a romantic comedy that tells it like it is," the statement added.

Apart from Sushant and Parineeti, this "classy, candid look at the affairs of the heart in today's desi heartland" are the endearing Rishi Kapoor, along with debutant Vaani Kapoor.

The movie, releasing 13 Sept, is written by Jaideep Sahni, and produced by Aditya Chopra. Its music is by Sachin-Jigar, with lyrics by Sahni.—PTI

Kim Kardashian gives birth to baby girl

LOS ANGELES, 17 June — Reality television star Kim Kardashian gave birth to a girl fathered by rapper Kanye West, celebrity magazines *People* and *Us Weekly* reported on Saturday.

Each magazine posted a story on its website citing an unnamed source in confirming the birth of the daughter to the celebrity couple.

Representatives for Kardashian and West could not immediately be reached for comment.

People magazine said Kardashian, 32, gave birth on Saturday ahead of schedule, with the baby

reportedly due in early July.

Kardashian stars with her sisters in the reality show "Keeping Up With the Kardashians." She has a clothing line and several product endorsements and was the most-searched person on the Yahoo! in 2012.

Grammy-winning rap star Kanye West and Kardashian began

dating in April 2012.

Two months ago Kardashian and her second husband, Kris Humphries of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets, announced they had reached a divorce settlement. They had split 72 days after their August 2011 wedding.

Humphries had first sought an annulment, alleging that Kardashian, who cited irreconcilable difference when filing for divorce, had no intention of keeping to the marriage, which was filmed as part of her reality show.

Reuters



The movie is written by Jaideep Sahni and produced by Aditya Chopra.



Paoli Dam happy about not being typecast

MUMBAI, 17 June—Bengali actress Paoli Dam made her Bollywood debut with erotic thriller *Hate Story* last year, but she is happy that she is not getting typecast in Hindi film industry. "The industry has been very kind to me. I am happy that I debuted with *Hate Story* and despite that I didn't get typecast in Bollywood. I am doing different kind of roles in Hindi cinema," Paoli said.

She also featured in recently released medical thriller, *Ankur Arora Murder Case*, which has been produced by Vikram Bhatt. Another achievement that the actress is proud of is that despite being an outsider, she has proved herself in Bollywood.

"I know it's difficult to make a mark in Bollywood if you are an outsider. I don't have any godfather and I am happy that I have reached here without any backup," said the actress who has been part of Bengali cinema since 2006 and did Bengali films like *Agnipariksha*, *Kaalbela* and *Chatrak*.—PTI



Paoli Dam made her Bollywood debut with *Hate Story*.

Social-ite Kim Kardashian



SPORTS

Woods laments his putting and iron play at US Open

ARDMORE, (Pennsylvania), 17 June—Tiger Woods was a big favourite coming into the US Open as he tried to end a five-year drought in the majors but walked away with a 13-over 293 total on Sunday that he blamed on poor putting and iron play.

A triple-bogey eight on the par-five second hole got world number one Woods off on the wrong foot in a final round of four-over-par 74 at Merion Golf Club.

Over the first two rounds, Woods winced and shook his left arm after several shots and admitted to playing with discomfort from an elbow injury sustained last month during his victory in the Players Championship. However, the winner of a tour-leading four events this season would not blame his performance on injury, instead pinpointing deficiencies in his game at Merion.

"I struggled with the speed all week," said Woods, who had putted brilliantly this season before slumping with the flat stick in his previous outing

in the Memorial Tournament. "These greens are grainy. It's one of the older bent grasses, creeping bent. So it's a little bit grainy. I struggled with the speed, especially right around the hole. "Putts were breaking a lot more, I gave it a little more break and then it would hang. That's kind of the way it was this week."

Thirteen-over marked the worst score relative to par for Woods in 16 US Opens as a professional.

Tied into his difficulties sinking putts was his inability to place his approach shots in the best position.

"It wasn't as sharp as I'd like," Woods said about his iron play. "I hit the correct distances most of the time, but they weren't in the correct areas that I'd like to have."

"I was trying to hit the ball in certain spots, give myself uphill looks



Tiger Woods of the US reacts after putting on the first green during the final round of the 2013 US Open golf championship at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, on 16 June, 2013.

REUTERS

on some other putts, but I didn't quite do that."

Combined with tricky pin placements set up to compensate for greens softened by heavy rain leading up to the tournament, that added up to trouble for Woods.

"The pins were really tough," said Woods, who has been stuck on 14 majors since his 2008 US Open victory, stalling his chase after Jack Nicklaus's record of 18. "They put it so close to the edge. A couple of times...a step over a hump. I didn't think they were going to be that difficult, but given the soft conditions, I think that's what they tried to do."

Still, Woods said Merion, despite concerns that it was too short at less than 7,000 yards, proved itself a worthy test to merit a return as a major venue after an absence of 32 years.

"It was a fantastic atmosphere," said the 37-year-old Woods. "It was a good week overall."

"I'm sorry that the golf wasn't what I would like to have it."—Reuters

Bolt's coach calls for anti-doping lab in Jamaica



Jamaica's Olympic sprinter Usain Bolt (R) congratulates his coach Glen Mills after Mills received the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of the West Indies in Mona, on 3 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

KINGSTON, 17 June—The Jamaican government needs to establish an accredited anti-doping laboratory to protect its world-class athletes from taking contaminated substances, the coach of world record holder and Olympic champion Usain Bolt says.

Glen Mills, who mentors Bolt and world 100 metres champion Yohan Blake, said Jamaican athletes faced a minefield of substances and had little way of checking their validity.

"It's definitely a time for (the) nation to step forward and provide with a service that athletes can use to ensure the purity of substances that they have to use for treatment or whatever," Mills said in an interview

with RJR 94FM radio in Jamaica.

His call follows reports that Jamaica's most decorated female sprinter, two-time Olympic 200 metres champion Veronica Campbell-Brown, tested positive for a banned diuretic at last month's Jamaica International invitational in Kingston.

Jamaican officials have confirmed an athlete failed a doping test at the meeting but have declined to give a name. "It just re-emphasizes the need for all involved to be extremely vigilant and the great need for Jamaica to establish an accredited lab so that athletes can have substances tested and verified before usage," Mills said.—Reuters

Murray recovers from slip to win Queen's title

LONDON, 17 June—Andy Murray gave his fans a fright before recovering to beat Croatia's Marin Cilic to win the Aegon Championships for the third time at Queen's Club on Sunday.

The world number two, who missed the French Open with a back injury, won a rain-delayed final 5-7, 7-5, 6-3 to give himself

a timely boost for Wimbledon which starts in eight days.

Murray, runner-up at Wimbledon last year, suffered a painful looking slip when leading 4-3 in the first set, yelping in pain and rolling to the turf in apparent distress, and went on to lose the opener against the defending champion.

"The courts had taken a bit of a pounding this week and it's been extremely wet," Murray, who

Britain's Andy Murray reacts after defeating Croatia's Marin Cilic during their men's singles final tennis match at the Queen's Club Championships in west London on 16 June, 2013.

REUTERS



RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 June—Mario Balotelli scored the winner and Andrea Pirlo, capping a majestic 100th international appearance by scoring with a 30-metre free kick, provided the inspiration as Italy beat Mexico 2-1 in their opening Confederations Cup match on Sunday.

Pirlo's goal was en-

tirely worthy of the hallowed Maracana, which provided the perfect stage as he became the fifth Italian to reach a century of full internationals.

The 34-year-old brought the fickle and notoriously difficult-to-please Maracana crowd to its feet as he curled the ball over the

wall and into the top corner in the 27th minute from distance.

The crowd chanted Pirlo's name before and after the goal, the rarest honour for a foreign player on a stage previously graced by the likes of Garrincha, Pele, Zico and Romario.

"I don't have words to describe Pirlo, he's an example to everyone," Italy coach Cesare Prandelli told reporters.

Balotelli's goal was more about power as he latched on to Emanuele Giaccherini's flicked pass, barged past defender Francisco Rodriguez and fired the ball past Jose Corona with 12 minutes to go.

Javier Hernandez had replied for Mexico with a penalty seven minutes after Pirlo's masterpiece.

Balotelli, whose notorious temper had been bubbling under the surface for most of the second half, took

his shirt off in celebration, earning a yellow card and a reprimand from his coach.

"He wanted to take his shirt off and show his muscles, but all the yellow cards count," said Prandelli, who has previously suspended Balotelli for indiscipline with former club Manchester City.

"But he played well and didn't let anyone get to him. He was attentive for the whole game and has shown strength of character."

Balotelli said he did not realize that he was not allowed to take off his shirt. "I didn't know the rules, I won't do it again," he told Italian media.

The defeat heaped more pressure on Mexico's under-fire coach Jose Manuel de la Torre, whose team have been held to draws at home by Costa Rica, Jamaica and the United States in World Cup qualifying.

Reuters



Roger Federer

5-6 but conceded another in the tiebreak for the Russian to take the lead with a well-placed volley.—Reuters

Majestic Pirlo impresses Maracana in Italy win



Italy's Mario Balotelli (2nd L) celebrates with his teammates after scoring a goal during their Confederations Cup Group A soccer match against Mexico at the Estadio Maracana in Rio de Janeiro on 16 June, 2013.

REUTERS

Federer battles back to clinch Halle Open title

HALLE, (Germany), 17 June—World number three Roger Federer clinched his first title of the season when he battled back from a set down to beat Russia's Mikhail Youzhny 6-7,(5)6-3, 6-4 and win the Halle Open on Sunday.

Federer, who has now

won the Wimbledon warm-up event on grass six times, needed to dig deep for his 77th career title and extend his head-to-head with Youzhny to an impressive 15-0.

The 31-year-old won three break points in the first game but Youzhny's powerful serve got the world num-

ber 29 out of early trouble.

The Russian, who defeated three seeded players en route to the final, held serve and matched Federer's skill on grass with hammering groundstrokes. Federer, who has now beaten Youzhny five times at Halle since 2002, saved a set point at

had a break point when he took his tumble, said on court before preparing for a doubles exhibition match against coach Ivan Lendl, in aid of a cancer charity.

"It was just a bit sore on the groin area but thankfully it wasn't too bad."

Murray looked in complete control in the opening set, breaking Cilic's opening service game with ease and moving comfortably into a 4-2 lead.

Reuters

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Cambodian artists perform at the opening ceremony of the 37th session of the World Heritage Committee at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, on 16 June, 2013. The 37th session of the World Heritage Committee kicked off at the Peace Palace in Cambodian capital Phnom Penh on Sunday evening aiming to consider the inscription of new sites onto the UNESCO's World Heritage list.—XINHUA

One dies in E China helicopter crash

JINAN, 17 June—One pilot died after a helicopter crashed in east China's Shandong Province on Sunday, local authorities said.

The helicopter, which was on a pesticide-spraying

mission in Yishui county, crashed in the neighbouring county of Yinan at about 7:10 am, the Yishui county's publicity department said in a statement.

The aircraft was a

SW-4 copter owned by an aviation company based in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

An investigation into the cause of the crash is under way.—Xinhua

Four killed in China residential building fire

NANCHANG, 17 June—Four people were killed and another was injured after a fire engulfed a residential building in east China's Jiangxi Province early Sunday, fire fighters said.

The fire broke out at

about 5 am in the residential building in the county seat of Xinjian, the county fire brigade said in a Press release.

The injured person has been sent to hospital for medical treatment.

Another 42 residents were rescued from the building by fire fighters, who have put out the fire, said the release.

An investigation into the cause of the fire is under way.—Xinhua

Poised Rose wins first major at US Open

ARDMORE, (Pennsylvania), 17 June—Justin Rose produced remarkable poise and a Ben Hogan-like finish to win his first major title by two shots at the US Open on Sunday after overhauling 54-hole leader Phil Mickelson in the final round.

Rose closed with a level-par 70 in difficult scoring conditions at Merion Golf Club, posting a one-over total of 281 to become the first Englishman to win the year's second major since Tony Jacklin at Hazeltine in 1970.

American Mickelson, serenaded with 'Happy Birthday' chants from the fans on every hole after turning 43 on Sunday, bogeyed three of the last six holes for a 74 to tie for second with Australian Jason Day (71).

It was an especially emotional win for Rose, coming on Father's Day, and he pointed a finger skywards after two-putting for par on the 18th green to acknowledge the memory of his own father Ken, who died from leukemia in 2002.

"It wasn't lost on me that today was Father's Day," Rose said during the trophy presentation after mixing five birdies with five bogeys in the final round to win a fifth title on the US PGA Tour.

"For it to all just work out for me, on such an emotional day, I just couldn't help but look up to the heavens and think that my old dad Ken had something to do with it."

Left-hander Mickelson, a huge fan favourite who has long coveted a first victory in his national open, had to settle for more heartache and a record sixth runner-up spot at the US Open after carding a 74.

"For me, it's very heart-breaking," said Mickelson,

England's Justin Rose raises the US Open Trophy after winning the 2013 US Open golf championship at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, on 16 June, 2013.—REUTERS



who had previously finished second at the event in 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2009.

"This could have been a really big turnaround for me on how I look at the US Open and the tournament that I'd like to win, after having so many good opportunities."

"This week was my best opportunity, I felt, heading in, certainly the final round, the way I was playing and the position I was in."

Mickelson, a four-

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| 12. Cartoon Series | 28. TV Drama Series |
| 11:15 am | 8:00 pm |
| 13. Tamyethnar Takwetsar | 29. News/ International News/ Weather Report |
| 12:00 pm | 8:35 pm |
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| 15. Traditional Boxing | 31. News |
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Chinese expert warns investing in Fortescue could be risky

SYDNEY, 17 June—Fortescue Metals Group's (FMG) low performance-price ratio and 12 billion US dollar debt has sounded alarm bells for some Chinese investors recently.

China's Mysteel.com Consulting Director Xu Xiangchun told Xinhua on Monday that FMG's fast-growing business pattern had led it to rack up exorbitant debt in attempt to capitalize on demand, but the pure-play iron ore company is vulnerable to shift in the market.

"Last year, the price of iron ore was 160 US dollars per ton, which made FMG the fastest growing company in this field, but this year, the price dropped to 120 dollars per ton, which weakens FMG's profitability and also increases its risks of debt repayment," Xu told Xinhua.

Mysteel.com is a professional English steel

website in China covering news of China steel market.

While FMG continues to develop new mines, Xu said, "FMG just wants to increase its market share to get stronger as soon as possible and the strategy may have huge potential risks."

The company is on track to expand its operations as planned to 155 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) by the end of 2013, a Fortescue spokesperson told Xinhua on Friday.

"We continue to see strong demand for our products and we are selling every tonne of iron ore we produce," FMG told Xinhua in an email, adding that the company was currently "in a strong financial position," and that taking on a further 5 billion US dollars of debt last year had provided FMG with "additional liquidity and funding flexibility."

Xinhua



NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—A work coordination meeting of Central Committee and Work Committees for holding Hluttaw meetings 2013 took place at the meeting hall of the Hluttaw Office, here, this afternoon.

First, Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa made clarifications on successfully holding of Hluttaw meetings and further cooperation programmes.

Then, the secretary of Central Committee for

holding Hluttaw meetings explained plan to form work committees and officials of Security, Information, Health and Transport Work Committee, preparatory works of respective committees.

Afterwards, Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein discussed the reports presented the officials and confirmed the formation of work committees.

The coordination meeting was also attended by the chairmen of work committees and members.

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Work coordination meeting of Central Committee for holding Hluttaw meetings in progress.

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Work coordination meeting of Central Committee and Work Committees for holding Hluttaw meetings held



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Myanmar community in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 June—Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, met with overseas Myanmar community in San Francisco today.

During the meeting, Myanmar community called for ceasefire and legislation to bring about permanent peace with ethnic armed groups.

The Speaker, on his first ever visit to the US

as a lawmaker, held open discussion with the overseas community, replying questions of the overseas Myanmar people during the meeting.

The Speaker said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Chairperson of the National League for Democracy, the government and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives are working together to achieve success in implementing the

market-oriented economic system and reform process.

He pledged that during his visit to the US, he would meet democratic forces and would learn the US's democratic system to implement the democratic system in Myanmar during the time of the government.

U Ko Ko Lay, Spokesperson of Myanmar Students Organization in SF (See page 9)

Cash and kind donated for Myanmar workers in Malaysia



Union Minister U Maung Myint receives cash assistance for Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—For Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia, private companies donated cash and kind to Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security here today.

Super Coffee Mix Ltd contributed USD 5000, One

Tea Condensed Milk Co Ltd USD 3000 and Laser Tooth Paste Co USD 3000 to the funds for the workers through Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint at the ministry.

It was also attended

by Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security Daw Win Maw Tun and members of the employment supervisory committee.—MNA

Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium in progress at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.—MNA

Gems Emporium continues for third day

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—The Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium organized by Myanmar Gems Emporium Organizing Central Committee continued for third day at Maniyadanar Jade Hall and Myanmar Gems Museum here today, attended by Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung.

Outside and inside of Maniyadanar Jade Hall and Myanmar Gems Museum

were packed with local and foreign gems merchants.

Local and foreign gems merchants observed 10003 jade lots to be sold through the tender and competitive bidding systems displayed inside and outside of Maniyadanar Jade Hall. The gems merchants purchased Myanmar marine products pearl lots through the tender and auction systems at Myanmar Gems Museum.

This morning, 78 pearl lots were sold out through the tender system to local and foreign merchants and 21 pearl lots were sold through the auction system at Myanmar Gems Museum.

Managing Director U Sein Lwin of Myanmar Pearl Enterprise presented gift and certificate of honour to Mr. Bhavik Pankaj Jhaveri from Japan who purchased most Myanmar pearl lots.

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