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President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of Chilean Ambassador

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credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Presidential Palace, here, at 11:30 am today.

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President U Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo together with Mr Luis Fernando Danus Charpentier, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.—MNA

Commerce Ministry conducts advanced, basic courses on Intl's trading

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June— Ministry of Commerce conducted courses on international trading at the training school for trade of the ministry here today.

The advanced course No. 2 and the basic course No. 3 were opened with an opening address by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint.

The training school was established in April,

2012, to conduct training courses for trading as part of efforts for improving the trading skills of the businessmen while the ministry has also carried out reforms and relaxed its rules and regulations.

At the opening ceremony, Economist Dr Aung Tun Thet gave talks on Private Sector Development in Myanmar.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (21-6-2013)

Thaton	3.82 inches
Maubin	2.95 inches
Kyaikmaraw	2.83 inches
Myitkyina	2.64 inches

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I have been a veteran subscriber of three dailies: *The Myanma Alinn*, *The Mirror* and *The New Light of Myanmar* for nearly two decades.

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Man found dead in Maesai creek in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 21 June — Tachilek police station said that they were informed of a drowning death in Maesai creek near May Flower ground in Hsanhsaing (Ka) ward in Tachilek at

about 1.45 pm on 18 June. Police Inspector Tin Htay, Police Sub-inspector Chan Thar and police members rushed there and they found a dead body of a man who is believed to have died of

drowning in the creek. He was identified as a ward dweller of Hsanhsai (Kha) ward in Tachilek by the name of Hsan Shay, 32.

Kyemon-Myint Mo (Tachilek)

Man discovered hanged in hospital toilet in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 21 June — A man was found dead in an apparent suicide in one of a three-roomed bathroom of men's patient ward in the compound of Tachilek hospital in Tachilek of Shan State (East) yesterday, Tachilek police station said.

According to police, they were informed of

the death of the man by Dr Bo Hein of the hospital. The 37-year-old man who was identified by U Maung Maung of Meiktila and neither a patient nor a caregiver apparently hanged himself with a more than four feet long red coloured nylon string which is commonly used for wrapping the package

tied on the beam of the toilet door. The victim of the apparent suicide was discovered dead with no external injuries except a bruise on his neck caused by the impact of the string.

Tachilek police station opened a case and investigation is ongoing.

Kyemon-Myint Mo (Tachilek)

Bayintnaung Flyover construction project gaining momentum



YANGON, 21 June — As a drive for ensuring Yangon with city characteristics, roads are being expanded and upgraded under projects. Although Yangon has seen upgrading road works, increased number of vehicles is causing traffic congestions in urban areas.

Aimed at reducing traffic jams and ensuring

speedy transport on Yangon roads, Hledan overpass construction, Bayintnaung flyover construction project and Shwegondine overpass construction project started with the agreement of Union government, and Hledan overpass was commissioned into service on 30 May.

Now, Bayintnaung flyover is under construction

and gaining momentum. It will be a facility that carries one road over another one. The first bridge of the facility that carries a four-lane motorway will be on Bayintnaung road. The overpass will be 1427 feet and three inches in length and 57 feet and seven inches in width. Its approach road will be 516 feet and

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two inches long and it can withstand 75-ton loads. The second bridge of the facility that carries another two-lane motorway will be on Thamaing Railway Station road. The bridge will be 2414 feet and 10 inches long and 32 feet and 10 inches wide. Its approach road will be 393 feet and nine inches in length and it can withstand 60-ton loads. Construction works of the flyover started shortly after a stake-driving ceremony on 5 June 2012.

An official of the project said that it was set to complete construction works at the end of this year.

Upon completion, the flyover could enable Yangonites to enjoy smooth and secure transport and contribute towards a swift flow of commodities from various parts of the country to Bayintnaung brokerage firms.

Kyemon-Soe Nge & Khin Maung Win

Damaged roads near Bayintnaung junction given temporary repair works

YANGON, 21 June — Roads in downtown area of Yangon were damaged due to the torrential downpours during this year's rainy season. Heavy rains swamped the roads and rainwater left in the holes of roads caused damage to the roads.

High traffic volume of trucks and containers to Bayintnaung brokerage firms made more damage to roads near Bayintnaung junction

where construction of Bayintnaung flyover is in progress.

So temporary repair works were carried out urgently for the quick convenience of road users. An official said that repair works simply contributed to temporary convenience; and that roads would be repaired properly when Bayintnaung flyover construction project was over.

Soe Nge (Kyemon)



No one hurt in Lanmadaw car crash

YANGON, 21 June — A road crash involved three vehicles erupted at the corner of Strand Road and Kyongyi Street in Lanmadaw Township, here, at about 8.30 am yesterday.

Adipadi (Yellow) passenger bus driven by Hlaing Win Aung ploughed into the back of a stationary saloon, Probox, with U Aung Naing in the driver's

seat which was waiting for the green light at Strand Road and Kyongyi Street while driver lost control. Then the bus hit another saloon, Harrier, driving on the opposite lane again.

The road accident left no one hurt, but caused rear windscreen and rear lights of Probox and left door of Harrier damaged.

Lanmadaw Township



traffic police charged the passenger bus driver with

reckless driving.—Kyemon-Tin Maung Oo (Ahlon)

ACCIDENT

Three family members die after having toad, mushroom dinner

LOIKAW, 21 June — Three family members died on a same day after having a main dish of toad and a side dish of mushroom for their dinner at a house in Kokway village in Dolasaw village-tract of Pruhsa Township in Loikaw District in Kayah State on 15 June evening.

The eldest daughter of the family was declared dead at home and U Yaw Ko and his younger daughter were pronounced dead again after severely falling sick. Only one son was left in the family as he did not have the dishes.

Kyemon-Pruhsa IPRD

WORLD

Japan, US, S Korea to ask N Korea to act on denuclearization



(From L) Shinsuke Sugiyama, head of the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau at the Japanese Foreign Ministry, Glyn Davies, US special representative for North Korea policy, and Cho Tae Yong, South Korea's special representative for Korean Peninsula peace and security affairs, shake hands before their meeting in Washington on 21 June, 2013. The senior working-level talks were held on North Korea's nuclear programmes.

KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 21 June—Japan, the United States and South Korea agreed on Wednesday that North Korea should take action on denuclearization before the six-party talks on the

North's nuclear programme can resume, a senior Japanese official said.

North Korea "must use not only words but also actions to demonstrate that it is going in the direction of

denuclearization," Shin-suke Sugiyama said after meeting with his US and South Korean counterparts in Washington.

The senior officials discussed the actions that the three countries will ask North Korea to take, according to Sugiyama, who heads the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau at the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

Cho Tae Yong, who represented South Korea at the trilateral meeting, told reporters "stronger requirements should be imposed" on North Korea than a February 2012 US-North Korea deal, South Korea's Yonhap News Agency reported.

Under the deal, the North agreed to shut down uranium enrichment and other activities at its Yongbyon nuclear complex and refrain from conducting new nuclear and long-range missile tests. But the deal quickly fell apart after North Korea launched a long-range missile in April 2012.—Kyodo News

Afghan peace bid on hold over Kabul-Taleban protocol row

DOHA, 21 June—A fresh effort to end Afghanistan's 12-year-old war was in limbo on Thursday after a diplomatic spat about the Taliban's new Qatar office delayed preliminary discussions between the United States and the Islamist insurgents.

A meeting between US officials and representatives of the Taliban had been set for Thursday in Qatar but Afghan government anger at the fanfare surrounding the opening of a Taliban office in the Gulf state threw preparations into confusion.

The squabble may set the tone for what could be arduous negotiations to end a conflict that has torn at Afghanistan's stability since the US invasion following the September 11, 2001 al Qaeda attacks on US targets.

Asked when the talks would now take place, a source in Doha said, "There is nothing scheduled that I am aware of."

But the US govern-

ment said it was confident the US-Taliban talks would soon go forward.

"We anticipate these talks happening in the coming days," said State Department spokesman Jen Psaki, adding that she could not be more specific. James Dobbins, the US special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan "is packed and ready to go with his passport and suitcase," she said. One logistical complication is a visit by US Secretary of State John Kerry to Doha on Saturday and Sunday.

Kerry will discuss the

Afghan peace talks with the Qatari hosts, senior US officials said, but does not plan to get immersed in any talks himself or meet with Taliban representatives. A major part of his meeting will be devoted to talks on the Syrian civil war.

The opening of the Taliban office was a practical step paving the way for peace talks. But the official-looking protocol surrounding the event raised angry protests in Kabul that the office would develop into a Taliban government-in-exile.—Reuters



A general view of the Taliban Afghanistan Political Office in Doha on 18 June 2013.—REUTERS

NRA eyes allowing sole operating reactors to remain online through September

TOKYO, 21 June—The two nuclear reactors currently in operation in Japan have no serious safety problems in light of new safety regulations to be introduced in July, regulators said in a draft assessment report released on Thursday.

The assessment, if finalized by the Nuclear Regulation Authority, will enable the Nos 3 and 4 reactors at Kansai Electric Power Co's Oi plant in Fukui Prefecture to remain online through September, when they will be taken offline for mandatory routine checks.

"As of the end of June, we think...the situation will not create serious safety problems immediately," the NRA said in the draft report that evaluated the current status of the reactors.

But the NRA noted that some requirements have not been fully satisfied and criticized Kansai Electric for its attitude in exchanges with the regulators during the latest assessment process.

"There were some areas in which Kansai Electric proposed countermeasures bit by bit as if to find the minimum possible standard. Such an approach is likely to be an obstacle in

efficiently proceeding with (reactor safety) assessment once the new regulations are implemented," the draft report said. Reactors that are currently offline will have to be checked by the NRA to determine whether they meet the new safety regulations and can be restarted. The NRA is expected to start accepting applications for the safety screening from 8 July.

But the NRA decided to conduct a special assessment on the safety of the Oi plant's Nos. 3 and 4 units before the regulations take effect, given that they are the only operating reactors in Japan.

The new regulations, which reflect the lessons learned from the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster, require utilities to take specific measures to protect their atomic plants from tsunami and to prevent and minimize the consequences of severe accidents.

As for emergency command centres that the utilities must establish to handle severe accidents, Kansai Electric decided to use a meeting room next to a central control room for the Nos 1 and 2 reactors at the Oi plant.—Kyodo News

Election worker, policeman killed in attack in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 June—An election worker and a policeman were killed and three others wounded in an attack against a vote-counting centre in western Iraq on Thursday, a police source said.

A suicide bomber blew himself up on Thursday evening in Anbar's provincial capital of Ramadi, some 100 km west of the capital Baghdad,

killing an employee of the Iraqi Independent High Electoral Commission and a policeman and wounding three people, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Iraq held provincial elections on Thursday in Anbar and Nineveh, the two Sunni-dominated provinces where elections were previously delayed for security concerns.

Up to 2.8 million eligible voters flocked to 716 polling centres in the two provinces to elect their leaders out of 637 candidates in Nineveh and 548 in Anbar, who contest for Nineveh's 39 provincial council seats and Anbar's 30 seats.

The polls were carried out under tight security measures, as Iraqi security forces spread into the cities

of the provinces of Anbar in western Iraq and Nineveh in the north.

The troops cordoned off polling centres and imposed a traffic ban on vehicles.

By midday, the traffic ban was lifted in order to make it easier for voters to go to polling centres, particularly the elderly ones.

Xinhua

Greek coalition in disarray, small party considers quitting

ATHENS, 21 June—Greece's small Democratic Left party could pull out of Prime Minister Antonis Samaras's ruling coalition after talks to resume state television broadcasts collapsed, party officials said on Thursday, plunging the nation into fresh turmoil.

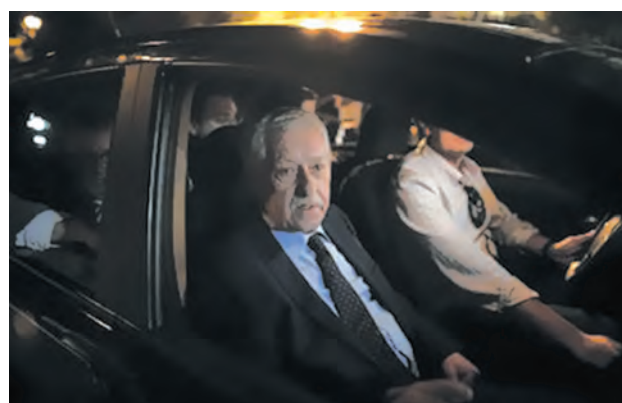
Lawmakers from the leftist party—which was angered by the abrupt shutdown of broadcaster ERT last week—will meet at 0730 GMT (0330 ET) on Friday to decide whether to continue backing Samaras, who in turn warned he was ready to Press ahead without them.

"I want us to continue together as we started but I will move on either way," Samaras said in a televised statement, vowing to imple-

ment public sector reforms demanded by lenders. "Our aim is to conclude our effort to save the country, always with a four-year term in our sights. We hope for the Democratic Left's support."

Samaras's New Democracy party and its Socialist PASOK ally jointly have 153 deputies, a majority of three in the country's 300-member parliament, meaning they could continue together, but a departure of the Democratic Left would be a major blow. Officials from all three parties ruled out snap elections.

At least two independent lawmakers have also suggested they would back Samaras's government, which came to power a year ago and has bickered ever



Democratic Left leader Fotis Kouvelis leaves the Prime Minister's office after a meeting with Greece's coalition leaders in Athens on 20 June 2013.—REUTERS

since over austerity and immigration.

The latest crisis began nine days ago when Samaras abruptly yanked ERT off air, calling it a hotbed of waste and privilege, sparking an outcry from his two allies, unions and journalists.

After initially refusing to restart ERT, Samaras on Thursday complained he

offered to re-hire 2,000 out of 2,600 ERT workers who were fired, a compromise "courageously" accepted by the Socialist PASOK party but rejected by the Democratic Left.

"We will no longer have black screens on state TV channels but we are not going to return to the sinful regime," he said.

Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

India sets up elaborate system to tap phone calls, e-mail



A man checks his mobile phone near a marketplace in New Delhi on 18 June, 2013.
REUTERS

NEW DELHI, 21 June—India has launched a wide-ranging surveillance

programme that will give its security agencies and even income tax officials the ability to tap directly into e-mails and phone calls without oversight by courts or parliament, several sources said. The expanded surveillance in the world's most populous democracy, which the government says will help safeguard national security, has alarmed privacy advocates at a time when allegations of massive US digital snooping beyond American shores has set off a global furor.

"If India doesn't want

to look like an authoritarian regime, it needs to be transparent about who will be authorized to collect data, what data will be collected, how it will be used, and how the right to privacy will be protected," said Cynthia Wong, an Internet researcher at New York-based Human Rights Watch.

The Central Monitoring System (CMS) was announced in 2011 but there has been no public debate and the government has said little about how it will work or how it will ensure that the system is not abused.

The government started to quietly roll the system out state by state in April this year, according to government officials. Eventually it will be able to target any of India's 900 million landline and mobile phone subscribers and 120 million Internet users. Interior ministry spokesman K.S. Dhatwalia said he did not have details of CMS and therefore could not comment on the privacy concerns. A spokeswoman for the telecommunications ministry, which will oversee CMS, did not respond to queries.—Reuters



A hand is silhouetted in front of a computer screen in this picture illustration taken in Berlin on 21 May, 2013.
REUTERS

Hacking threat and tougher data laws promise insurance boom

LONDON, 21 June—For European insurers frustrated that "cyber crime" policies have so far failed to find a ready market among skeptical companies, hope may be at hand.

Not only has a huge data loss by Sony Corp dramatically illustrated the risks of hacking raids on corporate data, but the European Union is working on regulatory requirements which threaten hefty fines on unprepared companies.

The net effect for the insurance sector is that its efforts to establish cyber cover as a lucrative business line alongside risks such as weather catastrophes may be about to bear fruit. In the United States, cyber cover has grown to be a market worth more than \$1 billion in annual premiums, but Europe has not yet followed suit, perhaps surprising given a run of high profile, and costly, hacking incidents.

Yet the US growth only came after legislation a decade after insurers first started offering policies to cover so-called "cyber risk".

"If I was to compare the UK and European market now with the US market, we are where they were back in 2004 to 5," said Stephen Wares, specialist in cyber risk at insurance broker Marsh.

In the United States, laws forcing companies often at considerable cost to inform people if their private details had been compromised, led to a boom in cyber cover starting in around 2005, Wares said.

Now European lawmakers are promising bigger fines for companies that lose data, just as hackers step up illicit mining for sensitive information, driving a market for insuring against mounting financial risks.

Reuters

Mobile device boom no threat to movie theatre growth: Imax CEO

JERUSALEM, 21 June—People will always want to watch movies in theatres despite the growing trend of watching videos at home and on mobile devices, the head of giant movie system maker Imax said.

"People are social animals and I don't think they want to be chained to their couches, mobile devices and tablets. They want to go out," Richard Gelfond, chief executive of Canada-based Imax, told the annual President's Conference in Israel on Thursday.

"They recognize the fact that (filmmakers) Steven Spielberg and James Cameron may be better at telling a story than a 16 year old over the Internet. I think

they can exist side by side."

Special effects-driven movies, in particular, "cannot be adequately captured" on a mobile device, Gelfond said.

"You need to go to a theatre to appreciate them. If you are going to leave home you want a dramatically different experience than in the home."

Imax also designs and manufactures theatre systems and then sells or leases them under revenue-sharing arrangements. It has more than 738 theatres in 53 countries.

Its fourth-quarter 2012 profit soared as gross box office revenue from its digital media remastering business rose 56 percent to

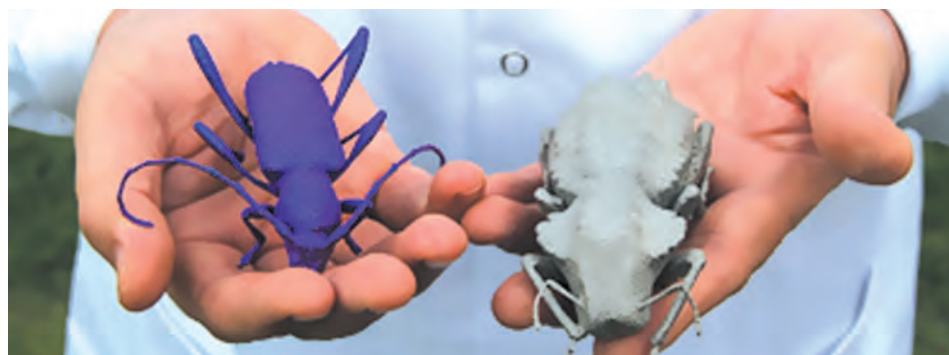


A close up of one of two IMAX cameras is seen at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington on 4 April, 2012.—REUTERS

\$152 million, and its theatre network grew. Remastering adapts a movie shot for nor-

mal theatres for giant Imax screens.

Reuters



Australian scientists uses 3D printer to create super-sized bugs

SYDNEY, 21 June—Australian scientists have created the world's first 3D printed giant titanium bugs, up to 50 times their original size, which will enable them to examine these creatures which can barely be seen with the naked eye.

They used state-of-the-art technology to create super-sized bugs.

The project, led by CSIRO researchers, is to enable scientists to handle and examine bugs, especially those which can barely be seen with the naked eye, in large-scale detail for the very first time.

"Scientists believe this

technology will soon enable them to determine characteristics, such as gender, and examine surface characteristics which are otherwise difficult due to the minute size," the CSIRO was quoted by the Australian Associated Press as saying. What CSIRO has done is take bugs from Canberra's Australian National Insect Collection—an Aladdin's cave of creepy crawlies—and used 3D technology to create a computer-aided design file of their exact dimensions, the report said adding "The bugs are then re-created in replica form, up to 50 times their original

size in titanium, using a 3D printer. At the moment, the bugs are being 3D printed in basic detail.

The report further said that in future CSIRO was hoping to replicate the creatures' anatomy down to the most minute feature. The benefits are obvious for scientists. "A doctor once said that having 3D images on a computer to plan a surgery is great, but to print the parts, to handle and examine them in clear detail is invaluable," CSIRO additive manufacturing operations manager Chad Henry was quoted as saying.

Reuters

With Russian help, Europe prepares to search for life on Mars

PARIS, 21 June—The European Space Agency signed final contracts with Thales Alenia Space Italy for work on a pair of missions to assess if the planet Mars has or ever had life, officials said at the Paris Airshow this week.

Until last year, the ExoMars programme was a joint project between ESA and the US space agency NASA. But NASA dropped out, citing budget problems.

The Russian space agency Roscosmos stepped in to provide two Proton rockets to send an orbiting atmospheric probe and test lander to Mars in January 2016, and a follow-on rover in August 2018 that will drill below the planet's surface to look for spores and bacteria.

Roscosmos also is providing a landing system for the rover and scientific instruments.

"It took some time, some energy, some efforts from a lot of different par-

ties. It was not easy to move from an ESA-NASA cooperation to an ESA-Roscosmos cooperation," Jean-Jacques Dordain, head of ESA, told reporters after signing a 230 million euros (\$300 million) contract with Thales Alenia.

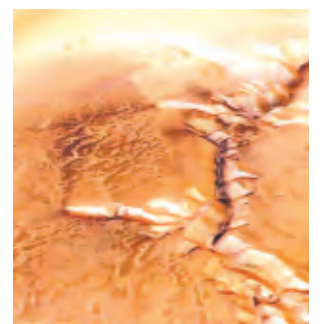
Thales Alenia, selected as the ExoMars prime contractor five years ago, plans to spend 146 million euros on the 2016 orbiter and lander. The satellite is being designed to search the thin Martian atmosphere for telltale gases associated with biological activity. It also will serve as the key communications relay for the 2018 rover.

The lander primarily is intended to test the technologies needed to touch down on Mars, a notoriously difficult task that has bedeviled nearly all of Russia's previous efforts and has given NASA trouble as well. The United States currently has two operational rovers on Mars, Curiosity

and Opportunity.

After pulling out of the ExoMars program, NASA said it would send a second Curiosity-type rover to Mars in 2020.

The rest of the ExoMars budget will be spent on the 2018 rover, a mission that will make the first direct search for life since NASA's 1970s-era Viking landers.—Reuters



The High-Resolution Stereo Camera (HRSC) on board ESA's Mars Express has returned images of Echus Chasma, one of the largest water source regions on the Red Planet.
REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

No illegal ingredients detected in medicine: drug watchdog

BEIJING, 21 June—The China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) on Wednesday said no illegal ingredients have so far been detected in an oral medicine after warnings from a Hong Kong health authority that

it may contain dangerous substances.

Initial tests showed that illegal additives of phenacetin and aminophenazone have not been found in the same batch of the drug that was identified by

Hong Kong's Department of Health on Tuesday, said the CFDA. The oral drug, or "Vitamin C Yinqiao" tablet, one of the most commonly used cold medicines in China, is produced by Shenzhen Tongan Pharmaceutical Company, based in south China.

Laboratory tests on the product found the presence of two undeclared and banned western medicines, phenacetin and aminophenazone, according to statement released by Hong Kong's Information Services Department on Tuesday.

However, the ingredi-

ents listed on the bottle, including vitamin C, paracetamol and chlorpheniramine maleate, were not detected, the statement said.

The CFDA contacted Hong Kong's health authority to find out more about the drug on Wednesday and ordered the company to suspend its sale. Further tests are being carried out on other batches of the drug, and relevant information will be released as soon as possible, according to the CFDA. The CFDA said "harsh measures" will be imposed on the manufacturer if illegal practices are found.—Xinhua



US chicken sector boosted by fast-food items, costly beef

CHICAGO, 21 June—This is a good year to be in the US chicken business. Profits are up, production and prices are rising, fast-food restaurants are promoting chicken dishes, and feed costs appear headed lower thanks to expected large US corn and soybean crops.

High beef prices also have chased many supermarket shoppers to more-affordable chicken. Healthy profits are expected for chicken companies this year, a sharp turnaround from two years ago when the industry was hurt by the recession and high feed prices.

Surging sales pushed wholesale prices for chicken breasts, the industry's key product, past \$2 a pound this spring for the first time since 2004. A USDA report this week shows benchmark breast prices up 36 percent from a year ago at \$2.18-1/2 per lb. "It's the best of both worlds because we have grain prices going down and chicken prices going up. We are looking at a great year for chicken companies," said Paul Aho, economist with the consulting firm Poultry Perspective. Analysts predict earnings at giant meat producer Tyson Foods Inc will surge to \$2.11 per share this fiscal year from \$1.58 in 2012, according to ThomsonReuters I/B/E/S. Forecasts expect Sanderson Farms earnings will more than double to \$5.67 per share from \$2.35 in 2012, with Pilgrim's Pride Corp profit jumping to \$1.68 per share from 70 cents in fiscal 2012.—Reuters

Two-fifths of US adults care for sick, elderly relatives

WASHINGTON, 21 June—Four in 10 US adults are now caring for a sick or elderly family member as more people develop chronic illnesses and the population ages, a new study has found. "More health care is happening at home," said Susannah Fox, associate director of the Pew Research Centre's Internet and American Life project and the study's lead author. "As more people are able to be saved by medical advances, their lives are being extended, but they're also being sent home medically fragile. It's caregivers who are the first line of defence."

Researchers, which found that the number of caregivers increased 10 percent between 2010 and 2013, surveyed 3,014 adults nationwide and found that most caregivers were between 30 and 64 years old.

Fox also said the slow US economy could explain

why family members are becoming more responsible for care. With fewer or depleted savings, many people are less able to hire professional help, she said.

About half of the United States population has at least one chronic condition, according to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Adults ages 65 and older, 75 percent of whom have chronic conditions,

are expected to make up 19 percent of the population by 2030, compared with 12 percent in 2000.

"As a chronic illness progresses, family members step in to help out," said Denise Brown, founder of the support site caregiving.com. "There's a better understanding of the progression of the disease than the practitioner because they live with it."—Reuters



A woman is pushed on a wheelchair underneath blossoming trees inside Central Park during a warm day in New York, on 22 March, 2012.—REUTERS

New Heinz owners shake up management after takeover

PITTSBURGH, 21 June—H.J. Heinz Co announced the departure of 11 executives on Thursday in a management shakeup less than two weeks after its new owners, 3G Capital and Berkshire Hathaway Inc (BRKa.N), closed their \$28 billion acquisition.

The world's largest ketchup maker revealed a new management team of 11 executives, nine of whom are already with Pittsburgh-based Heinz.

"This announcement demonstrates the power and potential of meritocracy at work here at Heinz,"

said Bernardo Hees, who recently became chief executive officer after leading Burger King Worldwide Inc (BKW.N), another 3G investment.

Two of the new executives have ties to 3G, a private equity firm with Brazilian roots and a reputation for aggressive cost-cutting.

One is Paulo Basilio, whose appointment as chief financial officer was announced on 7 June, when the deal closed. The other is Eduardo Pelleissone, who joins as executive vice president of operations from America Latina Logistica, a Brazilian logistics company.—Reuters



A variety of Heinz products are seen at a convenience store in Golden, Colorado on 28 Feb, 2006. REUTERS



Eating red meat over time poses higher Type 2 diabetes risk

BEIJING, 21 June—Eating red meat over time is associated with a higher chance of developing Type 2 diabetes, according to a study in *JAMA Internal Medicine* on Monday.

Diabetes is a disease in which a person's blood sugar, known as glucose, is too high. In Type 2 diabetes, the body does not make enough of the hormone insulin or ignores the presence of insulin, which is necessary to process glucose into energy used by cells in the body.

When glucose builds up, it can lead to diabetes-related health issues like high blood pressure, mental health troubles, hearing loss and eye, foot and skin complications.

Researchers from the National University of Singapore tracked people who had eaten red meat over four years and found that those who didn't change their red meat intake over the study

periods were linked with a 48 percent increased risk of developing the disease.

On the other hand, people reducing red meat consumption during the entire follow-up period were associated to a 14 percent lower risk for diabetes. The researchers also analyzed red meat and processed red meat separately, and found the association was greater for processed meat as the high level of saturated fatty acid in the processed meat was one of the main culprits behind the link to diabetes risk. "Our results confirm the robustness of the association between red meat and T2DM (Type 2 Diabetes) and add further evidence that limiting red meat consumption over time confers benefits for T2DM prevention," wrote the authors, who were led by Dr An Pan, a researcher at the National University of Singapore.—Xinhua

Prostate terminology bewilders many inner-city men

NEW YORK, 21 June—Many inner-city men don't understand basic terms having to do with the prostate, according to a new survey, which could make it difficult for them to decide on treatment options for related cancers.

"The risk to benefit ratio of prostate cancer screening and treatment depend a lot on patient preferences, so it is critical that patients can understand the tradeoffs that are involved," said Dr Stacey Loeb, a urologist at NYU Langone Medical Centre in New York.

"This is particularly true for high-risk groups such as African Americans, who are known to be at greater risk for aggressive prostate cancer," Loeb, who was not involved in the study, told Reuters Health.

Another study this year indicated that the educational materials and websites doctors direct patients to are still too difficult for many patients to understand (see Reuters Health story of May 20, 2013 here: reut.rs/11cXHeQ).

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for men in the US, killing about 30,000 men each year according to the Centers for Disease Control. It's not always aggressive, however, meaning that men may be subjected to surgery or radiation, and side effects, without necessarily extending their lives.

Researchers distributed "pop quiz" surveys on common terms related to urinary, bowel and sexual functions at two clinics for low-income patients.

Reuters

WORLD

One million march across Brazil in biggest protests yet

RIO DE JANEIRO/BRASILIA, 21 June—An estimated 1 million people took to the streets in cities across Brazil on Thursday as the country's biggest protests in two decades intensified despite government concessions meant to quell the demonstrations.

Undeterred by the reversal of transport fare hikes that sparked the protests, and promises of better public services, demonstrators marched around two international soccer matches and in locales as diverse as the Amazon capital of Manaus and the prosperous southern city of Florianopolis.

While the protests remained mostly peaceful, the growing number of participants led to occasional outbursts of violence and vandalism in some cities. In central Rio de Janeiro, where 300,000 people marched, police afterwards chased looters and dispersed people crowding into surrounding areas.

"Twenty cents was just the start," read signs held by many converging along the Avenida Paulista, the broad



Demonstrators take over one side of the Rodovia Dutra, one of the country's main highways, during a protest in Sao Jose dos Campos, on 20 June, 2013.

REUTERS

avenue in central São Paulo, referring to the bus fare reductions. Police there said 110,000 people lined the avenue. In the capital, Brasilia, tens of thousands of protesters marched around the landmark modernist buildings that house Congress and the Supreme Court and briefly set fire to the outside of the Foreign Ministry. Police said about 80 of the protesters, some with homemade explosives, made it into the ministry building before they were repelled.

In Ribeirão Preto, near São Paulo, a 20-year-old demonstrator died after a driver plowed a jeep into a crowd. Brazilian media reported hundreds of minor injuries across the country, including a Rio television reporter who recounted being hit by a rubber bullet fired by police.

The swelling tide of protests prompted President Dilma Rousseff to cancel a trip next week to Japan, her office said.

Reuters



Traditional sailboats called Utasebune catch Hokkai shrimps as the season begins in the town of Betsukai, Hokkaido, northern Japan, in the early morning of 21 June, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

Storm batters Wellington, leaves chaos around New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 21 June—New Zealand's capital Wellington was cleaning up on Friday after one of the worst storms in decades smashed roads, cut air links and left thousands of homes without power, while other parts of the country were dealing with snow and floods.

Civil Defence Minister Nikki Kaye issued a statement warning that the extreme weather that had caused disruption over much of the country over the last two days may not be completely over.

"No states of emergency have been declared anywhere in the country at this stage, but people should heed advice from local authorities and civil defence emergency management groups," Kaye said.

"This morning in the south difficult conditions caused by high rainfall earlier in the week have been

compounded by heavy snow falls impacting farmers and town communities alike. There are extensive road closures, some schools are closed and emergency services and civil defence working hard," she said in the statement.

Further north in the South Island, the cold conditions, high winds and big seas had disrupted transport networks, the ferry services between the North and South islands and the air-lanes.

"Wellington has been hit by very high winds overnight with many homes losing power, trees down, roads closed and rail and bus networks disrupted. Some homes in exposed areas of the city have lost roofs and the south coast has been battered by the combined effect of high winds and very big seas," said Kaye.

Xinhua

Corporate tax should be lowered on par with major economies: Amari

TOKYO, 21 June—Economic and fiscal policy minister Akira Amari indicated Friday Japan should lower its corporate income tax level to that of major economies in the long run.

"While I do not think it is necessary to engage in excessive competition, I think we should secure a (corporate tax) level" on a par with key competitors, Amari told reporters.

Amari also said the government will focus on the most cost-effective policies under its current financial capacity, indicating the focus is on reducing the capital investment tax.

KHARTOUM, 21 June—Sudanese people who have fled a recent surge in fighting in the western Darfur region live in terrible conditions and face a "humanitarian disaster," a UN human rights expert said after visiting the strife-torn region.

War broke out in the western region of Darfur over a decade ago. Mainly African tribes took up arms against the Arab government in Khartoum, accusing it of marginalization.

Violence is down from a 2004-2005 peak but a new wave of fighting between the army, rebels and competing tribes has displaced since January about 300,000 people who live in camps across the vast arid region.

"The difficult conditions facing the people ... especially women and children, were terrible," Mashood Adebayo Baderin said on Thursday in Khartoum after visiting a camp for displaced people in South Darfur.

Baderin, a Nigerian asked by the United Nations Human Rights Council to assess the situation in Su-

dan, made his third trip to the African country.

"The tents were inadequate and most of the new IDPs (displaced people) have resorted to using local materials to construct make-shift shelter," he said, adding that urgent action was needed to avoid a "humanitarian disaster." The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for Bashir and other Sudanese officials on charges of masterminding war crimes in Darfur. They

deny the charges and refuse to recognize the court.

Human rights groups and the United Nations estimate that hundreds of thousands of people have died in Darfur's conflict. The government says around 10,000 people have been killed.

Baderin said the humanitarian situation was worsening in parts of Blue Nile state, where the Sudanese army is also fighting rebels, who accuse the government of neglect.—Reuters



A child holds a slipper as displaced people wait at a food distribution centre as special envoys and diplomats arrive for a meeting to discuss the progress of a peace treaty in Darfur, at Shangli Tobay village in North Darfur on 18 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Typhoon weakens, heavy rain still continues

TOKYO, 21 June — Typhoon Leepi weakened to an extratropical depression over waters west of the Kyushu region on Friday morning, but the weather agency continued to warn of heavy rain in western Japan.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said the extratropical depression was moving east-northeast at a speed of 30 kilometres per hour over waters west of Kyushu at 9 am.

In the village of Umaji, Kochi Prefecture, rainfall reached 354.5 millimeters in 24 hours through early Friday, more than half of the average monthly amount of rainfall in June, the agency said.

Some areas may be hit by up to 60 mm rainfall hourly through Friday evening, the agency said, urging caution against strong winds, high waves, tornadoes as well as thunder.

The 24-hour precipitation through 6 am Saturday is forecast to reach up to 200 mm in Shikoku, up to 150 mm in Kyushu, and up to 120 mm in Kinki centering on Osaka.—Kyodo News

Gov't to introduce new nuclear regulations from 8 July

TOKYO, 21 June—The Cabinet on Friday approved ordinances to enforce the country's new nuclear regulations, compiled in the wake of the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster, from 8 July.

Existing reactors that are currently offline will not be able to resume operations unless they meet the revamped regulations, which for the first time will require utilities to take

specific measures to prevent and minimize the consequences of severe nuclear accidents. The operation of reactors will also be limited to 40 years in principle, although an exceptional extension of no more than 20 years is allowed if safety is confirmed.

Utilities, many of which are desperate to resume their idled reactors, are expected to start applying for safety assessments with the Nuclear Regulation

Authority on 8 July.

Of the 50 commercial reactors in Japan, only two operated by Kansai Electric Power Co in Fukui Prefecture are now online.

The two are likely to be allowed to continue to operate beyond July, because the NRA has so far seen no serious safety problems with them. But they will also have to be taken offline in September for mandatory routine checkups.—Kyodo News

LOCAL NEWS

NATIONAL SPORTS

Young Myanmar golfer wins junior golf championship for two straight years

YANGON, 21 June—Myanmar golfer Yin May Myo emerged champion of Girl Class 3 event in the 11th Mercedes Benz Junior Golf Championship for two successive years in Burapha Golf & Resort in Thailand on 12-14 June.

The event was participated by 140 athletes from 12 countries such as Japan, India, China, China (Taipei), Thailand, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Canada, Australia and Myanmar.

Myanmar team was led by Vice-President of Myanmar Golf Federation U Min Thein and Joint

General Secretary of MGF U Myo Tun.

Myanmar fielded 14 players—eight boys and six girls.

May Oo Khaing of Myanmar stood third in Girl Class 4, Thin Wai Khaing won the most progressive player in Girl Class 1, Zin Min Thu stood third in Boy Class B4 and Thiha Htay stood fourth in Boy Class B4.

The Myanmar team was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by officials of Myanmar Golf Federation, relatives and Air Bagan staff on 15 June.

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Victorious Myanmar golf team seen at Yangon International Airport.

Cash and kind provided to fire victims

YANGON, 21 June—Cash and kind were provided to 54 fire victims from 16 households in Insein Township in Yangon at a ceremony held at Thirisanda Dhammayon in the ward on 18 June.

The fire that broke out in Ywama east ward in Insein Township in Yangon North District reduced four houses to ashes. The ceremony was attended by Insein Township Administrator U Kyaw Tint, Deputy Administrator U

Kyaw Soe, Deputy Staff Officer U Myo Thant, Ward Administrator U Aung Moe, townsenders, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross members, auxiliary fire brigade members and the victims.

The government and social organizations provided the victims with K 2.2 million, mosquito nets, pots, pans and other utensils.

MMAL-Myint Oo-

Insein



Government and social organizations donate cash and kind to fire victims in Insein Township in Yangon Region.

CONSTRUCTION

Mandalay stadium construction nearing completion



MANDALAY, 21 June—As Myanmar is getting ready stadiums and venues for hosting the XXVII SEA Games in December, 2013, in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay, Max Myanmar Company

is putting finishing touches to the football stadium and gymnasium in Mandalay. The construction

started since January, 2011, has been completed by 85 per cent.

The company is working on construction of roof, stands, sports track, fences and roads and has targeted 88% completion in late June.

The construction is carried out by Max Myanmar Company and Chinese architects and scheduled to complete by October.

The stadium will hold about 30,000 spectators and host football tournaments and other Olympics games.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Industrial crops course conducted

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—The opening ceremony of industrial crops course conducted by Industrial Crops Development Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was held at the ministry's training school in Bago on 10 June.

Deputy Director-General of the department U Zaw Tun Myint delivered an opening speech at the ceremony.

The course aimed at uplifting proficiency of township staff will be conducted on 10-28 June.

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DROUGHT

Mongpyat farmers concerned over possible drought



The farmlands that have been already ploughed hoping for rains for undertaking culture works.

MONGPHYAT, 21 June—Farmers in Mongpyat Township in Eastern Shan State are in fear of drought as the township has yet to see any sign of rain this season.

The township's farmers have put 26498 acres under monsoon paddy.

As rainfall in May recorded only 3.95 inches in 10 days, about 60 percent decline from the rainfall

of the same period of the previous year 10.3 inches, the farmers found it difficult to irrigate their farms.

Township Agriculture Department is urging the farmers to collectively grow paddy where the irrigation water is available, Township Staff Officer U Than Htut Lwin said.

MMAL-Than Zaw (Mongphyat)

HRD

Truck plunges off Yangon-Mandalay highway



Truck bound for Yangon plunges off Yangon-Mandalay highway due to high speed.

MEIKTILA, 21 June—A truck plunged off Yangon-Mandalay highway in Meiktila near Shwe Pan Daing-Khinde village junction on 19 June morning.

The speed was attributed to the crash of the truck bound for Yangon.

The car went out of control at the exit of

Meiktila as it left the central Myanmar town with high speed.

The truck that left Mandalay and destined for Mawlamyine was driven by U Htay and conductor Myat Min Zaw.

The police has filed a lawsuit against the driver of the truck.

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Yangon Region WAO organizes literary talks

YANGON, 21 June—Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization organized a literary talk at Thiri Yadana Hall of No (4) Basic Education High School in Ahlon in Yangon in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July.

The talk was attended by members of Region Women's Affairs Organization, wives of region ministers, members of district and township WAOs, members of

township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, writers, guests and 495 attendance of teachers and students.

Patron of Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Thet Htay delivered an opening speech at the talk.

Writer Chit Naing (Psychology) gave talks under the title "Hands that sway cradle" and writer Ma Sandar under the title "Courage of women".

MMAL-435

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 22 June, 2013

Clean Yangon

July, August, Rain and Flood, there goes a Myanmar saying. It is still June and not July. There is rain but just light shower and not downpour. But, there have been occasional floods in our commercial hub, Yangon, once the finest city in South East Asia.

Yangonites are used to wading through floodwater both in downtown and suburb areas and would never complain of it though there have been complaints about other cases to Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC). Patience is one of their virtues. Crowded buses, traffic jam, delayed trains or whatever, there is no frustration, it seems.

So, how long have all the shortcomings been left untouched? While the YCDC has put waste bins in almost every ward within its municipal area, many of the residents appear to be unable to get rid of the old habit of littering on the streets and throwing household rubbish into drains, resulting in blocked drains to remain the major cause of floods.

There is still room for improvement in municipal waste management system but even if it is much better than present, it would still be unable to cope with the extra workloads stemming from littering. Even if all the drains are deepened and widened and garbage collected at regular intervals, flood would still persist.

It is a welcome move that YCDC has purchased 48 more garbage collection vehicles, which are expected to be in full operation by the end of June and EU would assist with a three-year project to handle municipal waste management.

When all the facilities have been put in place, the most important thing would be "discipline" to keep the city neat and clean.

Union FM receives Chilean, Indian ambassadors

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received Mr Luis Fernando Danus Charpentier, Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to Myanmar and Mr Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, Ambassador of the Republic of India to Myanmar at the Ministry, here, this afternoon separately.

During the meetings, they cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and mutual cooperation.

In the morning, U Zin Yaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, gave a concluding remark at the Course No 3/2013 for liaison officers who will serve liaison officers at the ASEAN summits to be held in 2014, at the meeting hall of the

Ministry, and presented certificates to the trainees.

The course ran from 10 to 21 June with the purpose of promoting proficiency of officers and staff from 30 ministries.—MNA

Private school founders to be transparent and straightforward: Union Minister



Union Minister Dr Mya Aye meets with private school founders.—MNA

ARTICLE

COLOURFUL PAPERS FOR COLOURFUL MYANMAR

I have been a veteran subscriber of three dailies: *The Myanma Alinn*, *The Mirror* and *The New Light of Myanmar* for nearly two decades. As I have great attachment to the papers, I have no mind to sell out all the old dailies thereby piling up here and there in my home.

As the heaps of the old newspapers take up too much room, my better half shoots a sideways glance at me whenever she does cleaning work. Whenever she asks me to get rid of them, I am all smiles in a flattering manner not to bully me. (Please don't think I'm a hen-pecked husband.) When I was in office, my absolute ultimatum was issued, saying "Anyone who sells out the old newspapers without my knowledge will severely be punished!" This way I love the papers.

I read and value them simply because they have promoted my life.

Nearly five decades ago, there were only two English dailies: *The Working People's Daily* and *The Guardian*. The most interesting sections that attracted us were "Letters to the editor" in the *Working People's Daily* and "People's Forum", or "Frank views and free comments" in the *Guardian*. Ordinarily, these sections were set apart for the reading public who wanted to express their grievances,

public nuisances, something they suffered and etc. through the editor.

However, most of my contemporaries might have the memoirs that we used these columns to express our ideas or opinions on teaching or learning of English, comments on education system or policy, ways and means on health care services, poor management conducted by some government departments and so on.

In those days, most of the young people including the writer of this article read these columns and learned through self-study. The English dailies enabled the young readers to read and learn much and after all they inspired them to contribute letters to the editor. The informative articles attracted us to visit the English Literary world.

In reality, as the papers published not only news but also essays, stories, articles and letters, they contributed to the education standard of the people, especially to the learning of English. They played such an important role that many of us might go without tea, but not without newspapers.

Times have passed and systems have changed. Your editorials and articles had to contribute only to the government policies and reading public became fed up with stereo-typed news stories and articles. Steadily, the

reading public began to give cold shoulder to the papers. (I for one, as your paper was an apple in my eyes; I could maintain the momentum of reading and contributing to your paper.)

Now, time has changed once again.

Your perspectives come to point out the requirements to be fulfilled and some weak points of some government departments. May I quote what you said in the Perspectives of 18 October, 2012 as it is: "We the editorial board of the NLM with pride would love to inform our subscribers that we are transforming our paper into public service media. We hope to especially focus on neglected social groups from now on. We will represent the people..."

What I mean is the change in your trend of presentation that may make the reading public take concentration on your pages.

As a matter of fact, we cannot stay away from the papers. It has become so much a part of our lives that reading the papers is the first thing many people do after getting out of bed in the morning. We grab for the papers even before our eyes are fully opened. Although depression news such as wars, killings, accidents, unending conflicts in the Middle East, etc. fill the papers each day, we are eager to know the latest events.

Maung Hlaing

According to the Central Supervisory Committee for Registration and Distribution of Printers and Publishers, 24 private dailies in Myanmar version and two in English version, totalling 26 dailies have been granted. Being a veteran reader of the dailies, I cordially welcome them.

As the private dailies are now building up their strength, the State-owned newspapers are changing their news presentation styles. They will change themselves from personal orientation to public interest orientation to win public trust as the genuine fourth estate. Whatever it may be, the increasing private dailies will surely make hopeful the newly-hatched graduates of B.A. Journalism Course conducted by the Ministry of Education. Our ardent wish is to nurture the new generation of mediemen or journalists, as our forefathers did in their time, to make sure that they can be entrusted with the tasks of continued public service media.

Colourful papers will nurture the new generation capable of standing up to meet the challenges in our future media world.

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye called on private schools for the 2013-2014 academic year for having transparency and honesty.

During the meeting, the Union Minister urged them to abide by the laws, rules and regulations in running private schools. So far 159 private schools have been established after the new government had given green light to private school founders. Moreover, he said that a short-term teachership training courses were conducted

for primary and middle school teachers in Yangon and Mandalay regions. The founders of private schools need to be transparent and hardworking, the Union Minister added.

Deputy Ministers Dr Ba Shwe and U Aye Kyu responded to the questions raised by the founders of private schools.

The Union Minister also met Resident Representative of JICA Mr Kohei ISA at the same venue at 10.30 am and discussed progress in upgrading basic education curriculum and promoting teachership skills.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Essay contest hails Myanmar Women's Day



DAWEI, 21 June—Essay contest to hail Myanmar Women's Day organized by Taninthayi Region Women's Affairs Organization was held at No.1 Basic Education

High School, here, on 18 June and Chairperson Daw Khin Hsan and members of Taninthayi Region WAO visited the students who are participating in the contest.

A total of 50 high school students and 66 middle school students participated in the contest under separate titles.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Suspects involved in swords, knives seizure in Meiktila arrested

MEIKTILA, 21 June — Police seized 25 swords and five knives during a search operation of a bus in Meiktila on 13 June.

Action on a tip-off that swords from Mindan Village in Pyawbwe Township would be sent to Latpan Village in Singaing Township, a team led

by Police Inspector Kyi Shein of Meiktila District Criminal Unit, conducted a search operation and discovered the swords and knives from U Win Myint, 52, on a bus of Tawwin Bus line running between Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay.

During the investigation, U Win

Myint confessed that this transportation is the third time, and he transported 20 swords in the first time and 25 swords in the second time to Latpan and Khanlu villages in Singaing Township.

Action has been taken against him under Section 19 (A) of the Arms Act by Myoma Police Station.

The team also seized 27 swords from U Ali Bai (a) U Tin Aung of Latpan Village and U Soe Naing of Khanlu Village in Singaing Township on 14 June.

The seizure are the arms they bought from U Win Myint.

They are also charged with possessing arms under Section 19 (A) of the Arms Act by Myoma Police Station.

Kyemon-U Tin Hlaing

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

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

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

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Taninthayi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).

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Milk feeding ceremony held in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 21 June—Under the arrangement of Tachilek District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, milk feeding ceremony for the primary students to improve their health and intelligence was held at Tahlok Basic Education Post-Primary School on 18 June.

At the ceremony, Deputy Staff Officer Dr Kyaw Kyaw Soe of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department explained the advantages of milk feeding.

Make health your “new high” in Life, not drugs.



Then, Tachilek District Deputy Commissioner U Thaung Tin Htway, Township Administrator U Ye Htoo and officials and wellwishers supplied milk

to 469 students.

The milk was donated by nine livestock breeding entrepreneurs of Tachilek Township.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Outstanding youth's experience recounted in Monywa



MONYWA, 21 June—A ceremony to recount experience of outstanding youth took place at the hall of No.2 Basic Education High School in Monywa in Sagaing Region on 18 June. It was attended by Headmaster U Kyaw Htay, teachers and students.

At the ceremony, Headmaster U Kyaw Htay explained the purpose of explaining outstanding youth's experience and Physical Teacher U Kyauk Khe, his supervision experience on the excursion and Outstanding Youth Ma Zune Pyae Phyu from Grade

9, her experience in Bagan Outstanding Youth Camp Tour in Mandalay Region.

The outstanding youths across the country were recruited in Mandalay on 30 March. Of them, Grade 9 Outstanding youths were sent to Bagan outstanding youth camp in Mandalay Region, Grade 10 youths to Inlay camp in Shan State and the matriculation youths to Ngwehsaung Beach in Ayeyawady Region. The opening ceremonies were held on 1 April and they joined excursion tours till 4 April. They were gathered in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 April and the excursion tours ended on 8 April.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Free WiFi Internet access at Myingyan District IPRD



MYINGYAN, 21 June—Free WiFi Internet access is available at Myingyan District Information and Public Relations Department recently. People can apply free

WiFi there whenever the electricity is on. People of all ages are surfing free Internet through their laptops and mobile.

*Kyemon
U Zaw Min Naing*

Preparations for body building contest inspected

YANGON, 21 June—General Secretary of World Body-Building and Physiques Sports Federation Mr Paul Chua accompanied by officials from Myanmar Physiques Sports Federation, inspected preparations for holding of men's body-building contest for the XXVII SEA Games at Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township, here, on 17 June.

President of Myanmar Physiques Sports Federation Wunna Kyaw Htin U

Hla Myint Swe, General Secretary U Kyaw Than and officials explained preparations for opening and closing ceremonies of the contest in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw at the same time, decoration of stage and facilities for referees and body-builders, accommodation for body-builders and guests and transport facilities.

They viewed training of Myanmar selected body-builders from 50-kilo to 90-kilo classes for the coming SEA Games.

Kyemon-Saw Thein Win

Venezuelan anti-corruption drive snares senior tax official



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

CARACAS, 21 June—Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro announced the arrest of a senior tax official on Thursday in the latest move in what he says is a concerted effort to stamp out corruption in the South American OPEC nation.

Maduro said the local director of the SENIAT tax authority in the coastal city of La Guaira had been

caught by state intelligence agents with more than 4 million bolivars in cash (about \$635,000 at the official exchange rate).

"We raided the luxury apartment in eastern Caracas where this bandit was doing business. He was caught in the act with his accomplices," said Maduro, who won a presidential election in April after the

death of his mentor, Hugo Chavez. "He was walking around freely, personally taking bribes ... I call on everyone, the revolutionaries, the honest people, to support me in the fight against corruption."

So far, Maduro's new drive against graft has snared several senior officials from state companies, organizations and government ministries. None have been heavyweight leaders of the leftist "Chavismo" movement forged by his late mentor. That has prompted opposition leaders such as Henrique Capriles, who lost April's election to Maduro, to accuse his administration of only going after smaller, less politically connected targets. "Our country is governed by a cartel which has a boss, or various bosses, who use Venezuelans' resources like a network of extortion," Capriles said in an interview with local media.—Reuters

US agents make Mexican drug, money laundering arrests in Texas

MCALLEN, (Texas), 21 June—Federal agents arrested 25 people on Thursday in a drug and money laundering probe targeting a prison gang with ties to a Mexican drug cartel that allegedly smuggled drugs across south Texas.

The FBI and US Drug Enforcement Administration said the four-year probe into the Texas Mexican Mafia netted 25 members and associates of the pris-

on gang during operations primarily in Laredo, Texas, the busiest land port along the US-Mexico border.

Two indictments in the case charge the gang's Laredo chapter with heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine trafficking, as well as money laundering. Agents say the drugs were moved through south Texas and were distributed in San Antonio, Austin and Corpus Christi. Cash from the drug

trafficking was then sent to the gang's associates in Mexico, which were not identified by authorities.

"These arrests today should send a clear message to the Texas Mexican Mafia, and other suspected criminal organizations, that law enforcement will not tolerate their alleged violent acts and trafficking of dangerous drugs in our community," Armando Fernandez, special agent in charge of the FBI's

San Antonio Division, said in a news release from the US Attorney's office in Houston. Federal and state authorities have said Mexican drug cartels like the Zetas — founded in the late 1990s by Mexican paramilitary deserters in Nuevo Laredo, across the Rio Grande from Laredo — regularly use gangs like the Texas Mexican Mafia to carry out its drug trafficking activities in the United States.—Reuters



Border Patrol Agents watch their specialized unit, Border Patrol's Search, Trauma, and Rescue (BORSTAR) team as they demonstrate a technical rescue extraction of a patient off the side of a cliff in Pena Blanca Canyon, Arizona on 21 May, 2013.—REUTERS

cess.

Backers are aiming for at least 70 votes on passage to increase pressure on the more resistant Republican-led House of Representatives to give the bill final congressional approval.

Republican John Mc-

Cain, a member of the "Gang of Eight" senators who wrote the bipartisan bill, voiced doubt about the high cost of additional border security.

"I don't know if it's totally well spent," he said.

Reuters

Iraq, Lebanon alarmed at spreading Syria war

BAGHDAD/BEIRUT, 21 June—Both Iraq and Lebanon have suffered growing violence at home as the Syrian conflict turns increasingly into a proxy war along confessional lines.

After two years of fighting that has killed more than 93,000 people, Syria's turmoil is dragging its neighbours into a deadly confrontation between Shi'ite Iran supporting President Bashar al-Assad and Sunni Arab Gulf nations backing the Syrian rebels. The insurgents have suffered a series of setbacks on the battlefield and are besieged in the outskirts of Damascus facing a slow but steady advance by Assad's forces, which have begun to regain the upper hand.

In a sign of the devastation being wrought by the war, the United Nations cultural agency UNESCO put the six World Heritage Sites in Syria on its danger list of imperiled monuments

on Thursday, urging international efforts to protect them become a regional conflict by all standards," Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari told Reuters in an interview in Baghdad.

"We are doing our best to maintain a neutral position, but the pressures are enormous and for how long we can hold really is a matter of further developments in Syria." With Russia and Iran arming Assad's government forces, and Lebanon's Hezbollah fighters joining

the war on his behalf, Western powers have agreed in the last week to step up aid to the mainly Sunni rebels, who were driven out of the strategic town of Qusair, north of Damascus.

Foreign ministers of the "Friends of Syria" group of nations backing the opposition are to meet in Qatar on Saturday to discuss assistance to try to help the rebel Free Syrian Army defend the key northern city of Aleppo.

Reuters



A Free Syrian Army fighter carrying his weapon, walks along a street as Syrian opposition (bottom) and Popular Protection Units (YPG) flags flutter, in Aleppo's Sheikh Maqsood neighbourhood, on 5 June 2013.

REUTERS

Top UN officials highlight plight of displaced on World Refugee Day

UNITED NATIONS, 21 June—Marking World Refugee Day, top UN officials on Thursday highlighted the plight of millions of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) across the globe, urging the international community to boost efforts to prevent and resolve conflicts that have caused massive displacement.

"The number of forcibly displaced people in the world continues to rise. There are now more than 45 million refugees and internally displaced people — the highest level in nearly 20 years. Last year alone, someone was forced to abandon their home every four seconds," UN Secretary-General Ban said in his message for World Refugee Day, observed annually on June 20.

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) released on Wednesday its Global Trends report, which showed that at the end of 2012, more than 45.2 million people were in situations of displacement, compared to 42.5 million at

the end of 2011.

The report also pointed to the conflict in Syria as a major factor for the spike in displacement and noted that nearly half of all refugees are below the age of 18.

However, Ban stressed that figures give "only a glimpse of this enormous human tragedy." "Every day, conflict tears apart the lives of thousands of families," he said. "They may be forced to leave loved ones behind or become separated in the chaos of war." The UN chief noted that forced displacement affects not just those fleeing conflict but also has a significant economic, social and sometime political impact on host countries.

According to him, currently 81 percent of the world's refugees are hosted by developing countries and more than half of refugees come from just five war-affected countries: Afghanistan, Somalia, Iraq, Syria and Sudan. "Finding durable solutions for the displaced will require more solidarity and burden-sharing by the international community," Ban said.—Xinhua

Senate immigration deal would double number of US border agents

WASHINGTON, 21 June—Federal agents on the US-Mexican border would double to about 40,000 under a deal reached on Thursday in the Democratic-led Senate to draw more Republicans to a landmark immigration bill headed toward anticipated passage.

Some questioned the costs and benefits of up to \$50 billion in the extra border security, which also will include high-tech surveillance equipment such as manned and unmanned aerial vehicles, radar and seismic devices.

But concerns were overshadowed by the deal's main goal: win votes for an overhaul of US immigra-

tion law that will open a pathway to citizenship for up to 11 million undocumented immigrants.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid was expected to set a test vote for as early as Monday in a bid to have the deal added to the White House-backed bill in the form of an amendment.

A senior Democratic aide predicted the amendment would get upward of 60 votes in the 100-member chamber, more than enough to clear any procedural roadblocks.

A vote on passage of the bill is expected before the Senate departs at the end of next week for its Fourth of July holiday re-

REGIONAL

Philippines needs \$47 million for disaster, conflict-ridden areas

MANILA, 21 June—The Philippines needs \$47 million for the rehabilitation of communities affected by a major typhoon that hit the southern island of Mindanao last year, UN officials said on Thursday.

Mindanao also needs to receive financial aid to deal with poverty and decades-long conflicts between separatists and government forces, the world body said, following a tour of the area that wrapped up on Thursday.

The delegates presented on Thursday their findings to the Philippine government, foreign diplomats and donor countries, with the United Nations pledging to make the situation in Mindanao known to the international community.

According to David Carden, head of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in the Philippines, the \$47 million will be used to cover basic needs and shelter for around 530,000 affected people.

The sum amounts to almost 52 percent of the United Nations' \$91 million humanitarian action plan for Mindanao, following the destruction of large parts of the island by typhoon Bopha last December.

Bopha, the strongest tropical cyclone or "super typhoon" to ever hit Mindanao, killed more than 1,000 people and left thousands homeless. In total some 6.2 million people on Mindanao were affected by the typhoon, which destroyed vast banana and coconut plantations, as well as buildings and homes.

The estimated cost of the damage is around 37 billion pesos (around \$902.5 million). Of the required \$47 million, \$21 million will be spent on Bopha-affected communities, with \$26 million allocated to projects in conflict-ridden areas in central and western Mindanao.

Around \$39.7 million in donations were spent on relief projects immediately after Bopha struck and

an additional \$1 million was allotted to central and western Mindanao, where hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced due to ongoing clan feuds and rebel insurgencies, the United Nations said.

Emphasizing the need for more financial aid, Rashid Khalikov, director of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs based in Geneva, said, "The requirements are still there, as I mentioned, in the areas of shelter, food, feeding in the schools, education, social, and psychological rehabilitation."

Luiza Carvalho, resident coordinator of the United Nations for the Philippines, said although relief assistance for Bopha-affected areas will be phased out in September, more funds are needed for rehabilitation. The Philippines is hit by around 20 typhoons every year, with relief organizations urging the government to be better prepared for typhoons.

Kyodo News

2 Nepal manuscripts added to UNESCO's Memory of the World Register

KATHMANDU, 21 June—Nepali manuscripts the Nisvasattatvasamhita and the Susrutasamhita that are, respectively, the earliest surviving tantric manuscript and the oldest document in the field of Ayurveda were added this week to UNESCO's Memory of the World Register, the UNESCO Office in Kathmandu said local reports said on Thursday.

The Memory of the World Register is a list recognizing documentary heritage of outstanding value. The two documents are the first inscriptions from Nepal in the register, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization added in a statement.

"I congratulate Nepal for the inscriptions of the two manuscripts in the Memory of the World Register. I am confident that their inclusion in the Register contributes to creating greater awareness of the need to preserve Nepal's

memory held in the country's archives and libraries," Axel Plathe, UNESCO representative in Nepal, said. The Nisvasattatvasamhita, UNESCO said, has had a great influence in shaping other tantric texts.

"Tantrism has had impact on many major Asian religions and even influenced Islam practiced in India. The Western world has been influenced by tantras through the practice of yoga, which has roots in tantrism (Bjornes) as well as through the New Age groups in America," the statement reads. The 1,134 year-old palm leaf manuscript of the Susrutasamhita is considered the oldest document in the field of Ayurveda medicine, a healing tradition that became South Asia's main medical system and also profoundly influenced cultures surrounding the region such as Tibet, Central Asia, China, South East Asia and the Middle East.

Kyodo News

Singapore haze crisis intensifies, pollutant index hits record 400

SINGAPORE, 21 June—Singapore continued to grapple with its worst environmental crisis on Friday with the Pollutant Standards Index hitting a record 400, well above the 300 level considered hazardous to health.

The National Environment Agency's website showed the PSI has been climbing steadily from 158 at 9 am Friday to 256 at 10 am and 400 at 11 am.

The PSI hit 371 on Thursday, but there was some respite on Thursday evening when it dropped to around 100.

The current smog crisis, blamed on forest fires started by farmers and plantation owners using slash and burn ground clearing in neighbouring Indonesia, is already worse than the 1997

Southeast Asian smog haze crisis, which caused billions of dollars in damage and lost productivity in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines, as well as in Indonesia.

Singapore has been urging Indonesia to take urgent measures to extinguish the forest fires and take action against plantation owners who started the fires to clear land.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said at a Press conference on Thursday that the Singapore government has set up an inter-ministerial committee to tackle the haze crisis.

He warned the smog crisis could stretch for weeks until the dry season ends in Indonesia's Sumatra.

Kyodo News



Stephan Wiegand (L), chief executive officer of Swiss garment and shoe recycling company I:Collect AG, and Aki-fumi Okamoto, president of Don Don Up Co, a Japanese vintage clothing chain, shake hands during a Press conference in Tokyo on 20 June, 2013. I:Collect will establish a Japanese unit in July 2013 in Morioka, Iwate Prefecture, which Okamoto will head. KYODO NEWS

Vietnam Communist Party's General Secretary to visit Thailand

BANGKOK, 21 June—Nguyen Phu Trong, the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, will pay an official visit to Thailand on 25-27 June as guest of Thai Government, according to Thai Foreign Ministry. This will be his first visit to Thailand since his appointment as General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam in 2011. This will also be the first visit by the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam to Thailand in 20 years. The last visit was paid by the former General Secretary Do Muoi in 1993, according to the press release by Thai Foreign Ministry on its website.

The General Secretary will be accompanied by some 70 delegates, including the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Planning and Investment, the Minister of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, and the Minister of Defence. An official welcoming ceremony will be held on 25 June at the Government House, followed by a bilateral meeting between Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and Nguyen Phu Trong.

Xinhua



Birds stand on the bird island in the Yamdrok Lake in Nagarze County of Shannan Prefecture, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 20 June, 2013. One of Tibet's three largest sacred lakes, the Yamdrok Lake, about 100 kilometres south of the region's capital Lhasa, is surrounded by snowcapped mountains.—XINHUA

No of prenatal tests using amniocentesis rising

TOKYO, 21 June—The number of prenatal tests for diagnosing chromosomal abnormalities using amniocentesis in Japan reached around 20,000 in 2012, up 4,000 from the previous year and doubling from 10 years earlier, reflecting an increase in late childbearing, a survey showed Friday.

The number of serum marker tests for mothers to check for the possibility of chromosomal abnormalities, including Down syndrome, also rose, coming to over 22,000, the highest

since 1998 when comparable data became available, the survey by the National Center for Child Health and Development showed.

"We need to discuss prenatal diagnosis more closely, as the numbers of these tests will continue rising," said Haruhiko Sago, senior official at the centre.

The number of diagnoses by amniocentesis stayed at around 10,000 to 11,000 from 1998 to 2006, but started rising gradually from 2007 to reach 19,937 in 2012, compared with 9,926 in 2002, the research

showed. Serum marker tests are used to screen pregnant women for the possibility of chromosomal abnormalities. If they are suspected, amniocentesis tests are conducted to confirm the diagnosis. They have an accuracy rate of almost 100 percent.

On the increase in prenatal tests, Tomoko Yonezu, a member of a group of physically handicapped women, said the practice could result in playing judge over who should be born and who should not.

Kyodo News



Justice Minister Sadakazu Tanigaki (far L) meets a guide dog and its partner, a 48-year-old blind man, at the ministry in Tokyo on 20 June, 2013. The Labrador retriever, aged 2 years and 5 months, was raised by a prison inmate and has been recognized as a guide dog by the Japan Guide Dog Association in the first such instance.—KYODO NEWS

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**The Government of the Republic of the
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Ministry of Information
Myanma Radio and Television
Nay Pyi Taw**

Invitation to open tender to construct building

1. Open tenders are invited from Myanmar entrepreneurs to construct buildings at Myanma Radio and Television of Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana (Thapyaytaung).

Sr.	Location	Work name	Quantity
1.	Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana (Thapyaytaung)	one-storey 120x25x12 ft 60-person-capacity RCC building with water and power supply	2 Lots
2.	Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana (Thapyaytaung)	one-storey 60x30x10 ft 60-person-capacity mess hall of Brick Masonry Building with water and power supply	1 Lot
3.	Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana (Thapyaytaung)	8-unit 20x10x8 ft Common WC Brick Masonry Building	1 Lot

2. The open tender forms and rules are sold out during office hours from 20-6-2013 to 19-7-2013. Open tender forms are to be submitted not later than at 16:00hr on 20-7-2013 and the tenders will be opened the same day.

3. Those wishing to submit the open tender are to pay deposit to Myanma Radio and Television for respective works and open tenders are to be submitted along with the copy of receipt. If more than one tender is submitted, deposits for the works must be paid before submitting the open tender.

4. The place where open tender document will be sold and submitted is Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon).

5. For further information about full text of the announcement, detailed rules, price of tender form and deposit, please visit www.moi.gov.mm/mrtv and www.moi.gov.mm/mrtv:zg.

6. Detailed information are available at the maintenance section, Ph-067 79377 and Purchasing section, Ph 067 79135.

Myanma Radio and Television

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1. Open tenders are invited from Myanmar entrepreneurs for following construction tasks at re-transmission stations of Myanma Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information in Hninthada, Manhero and Mongyu 105th-Mile (105 mile).

Sr.	Work name
1.	Re-transmission Station (30' x 20' x 12') building (Brick Masonary)
2.	Generator House (10' x 10' x 9') building Brick Nogging
3.	(40' x 20' x 9') two-unit staff quarters Brick Mansory
4.	(200' x 200' x 6') fencing with concrete post and barbed wire (including gate)
5.	Sinking of brick tube-well (3' x 30') in depth and repairing work of brick water tank (4'-0 x 3' -0 x3'-6")
6.	Erection of five lamp-posts for electricfication
7.	Laying 1m x 1m x 1m eight concrete foundations for tower foundation work

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Application papers should reach the ASEAN Secretariat by **19 July 2013**.

**ASEAN
officials deal with
transnational
crimes**

HANOI, 21 June—Further cooperation between ASEAN member nations and with dialogue partners are necessary in combating transnational crimes involving drug and human trafficking, terrorism and high technologies for the sake of peace, stability and development in the region.

Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Public Security Le Quy Vuong made the statement at the opening session of the 13th ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) and related meetings in Vietnam's central coastal Da Nang city on Wednesday. Vietnam committed to implementing statements on combating crimes issued at ASEAN Summits and SOMTCs to successfully realize the overall plan on building the ASEAN Political-Security Community and an ASEAN Community by 2015, Vietnam's state-run news agency quoted the official as saying.—Xinhua

Announcement

The XXVII SEA Games will be hosted in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung from 11 to 22 December, 2013.

Sponsorship Management Consultant duties have been assigned to Dentsu Sport Asia Pte Ltd and JK Group Consultant Management Co. Ltd. Thus, local and foreign companies wishing to sponsor the SEA Games may contact Dentsu Sport Asia Pte Ltd and JK Group Consultant Management Co., Ltd for their cooperation.

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Soldiers attend a raid at an illegal coca plantation, in Darien, Panama, on 18 June, 2013. Panama National Border Police in conjunction with the Colombian army, found two hectares of illegal coca plantation next to a clandestine cocaine laboratory. Both authorities met on Tuesday to announce a new base in central Darien. The base will enforce security, combat the war on drugs and fight the guerrilla movement on the Panama-Colombia border, according to local press. —XINHUA

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Jennifer Lopez's musical career honoured with Walk of Fame star Artist Taylor-Johnson to direct '50 Shades' film

LOS ANGELES, 21 June—In front of a screaming crowd of fans, singer and actress Jennifer Lopez was honoured for her musical accomplishments on Thursday when she received the 2,500th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Lopez, a New York City-native born to Puerto Rican parents, gave an emotional speech to the crowd gathered to see her receive the terrazzo and brass star along Hollywood

Boulevard, saying she was overwhelmed.

"This all feels, I don't know, kind of surreal, but so real. It's awesome," Lopez said, fighting back tears as she received her star in front of the W Hotel in Hollywood.

Lopez, 43, who began her career acting in the 1986 film "My Little Girl" and gained recognition for her portrayal of late singer Selena in the 1997 biopic "Selena," has built a multifaceted career as an actress, singer, fashion

designer and reality television judge on Fox's talent show "American Idol."

Lopez has sold more than 70 million albums worldwide in a recording career that began in 1999 with the critically acclaimed debut album "On the Six." She is set to release her eighth studio album this fall. Among those attending the ceremony on Thursday were Lopez' boyfriend, 26-year-old dancer Casper Smart; rapper Pitbull, who has collaborated with Lopez on numerous dance-pop hit songs including "On the Floor"; actress Jane Fonda; and former "American Idol" producer Nigel Lythgoe.

Reuters



Singer and actress Jennifer Lopez poses on her star after it was unveiled on the Walk of Fame in Hollywood, California on 20 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Daniel Radcliffe wants to play a Bond villain

LONDON, 21 June—Former Harry Potter actor Daniel Radcliffe thinks he doesn't have the charm to play British Secret Service agent James Bond on screen and will be happy if he is offered to play a villain in the movie franchise.

The 23-year-old said he would try his hand at playing one of Bond's nemeses in the future projects, reported Contactmusic.

"I would make a much better villain than Bond—I am not nearly strapping enough to play Bond," he said.

Radcliffe also thinks he'll never make a movie hero like John McClane

from the Die Hard franchise, played by Bruce Willis. "I am never going to be cast to play a Bruce Willis character in a Die Hard."

PTI



Daniel Radcliffe

Signs on as Iron Man for next two "Avengers"

LOS ANGELES, 21 June—Actor Robert Downey Jr, who has gained huge box-office success with his portrayal of Iron Man, has signed on to star as the superhero in the next two installments of the "The Avengers," Marvel Studios said on Thursday.

Downey, 48, was one of the main stars of the 2012 all-star superhero film "The Avengers," which united Iron Man, The Hulk, Captain America, Thor and the Black Widow.

"The Avengers," made by Walt Disney Co's Marvel Studios, became the third highest-grossing film of all time, with \$1.5 bil-

lion at the worldwide box office.

Downey is expected to be joined by Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo and Scarlett Johansson in reprising their superhero roles for "The Avengers 2."

"The Avengers 2," set for release on May 1, 2015, will be directed by Joss Whedon. Marvel said the film would reunite the superheroes from the first film, as well as introducing Marvel characters never seen in film before.

The three "Iron Man" films starring Downey from 2008 to 2013, have grossed more than \$2.4 bil-

where Boy", the story of John Lennon's childhood in Liverpool before he joined the Beatles. She garnered two BAFTA nominations for the film and last year Taylor-Johnson, formerly known as Sam Taylor-Wood, married the 23-year-

News of Taylor-Johnson's appointment came from the British author who became the publishing sensation of 2012 when her erotic trilogy sold more than 70 million copies worldwide. "I'm delighted & thrilled to let you guys know that Sam Taylor-Johnson has agreed to direct the film of Fifty Shades of Grey," tweeted James.

Taylor-Johnson, 46, made her name as a visual artist, nominated for the prestigious Turner prize in 1998 and whose works include a video portrait of a sleeping David Beckham that is on show in London's National Portrait Gallery.

She came to prominence in the film world with her 2009 feature debut "No-

old star of the film, star Aaron Johnson.

Taylor-Johnson said she was excited to be charged with the evolution of "Fifty Shades of Grey" from page to screen.

"For the legions of fans, I want to say that I will honour the power of Erika's book and the characters of Christian and Anastasia. They are under my skin too," she said in a statement. The trilogy follows the sadomasochistic relationship of a 27-year-old billionaire, Christian Grey, and college student Anastasia Steele, gaining attention for its graphic sex scenes.

Universal Pictures, a unit of Comcast Corp, paid \$5 million (3.2 million pounds) to secure the film rights for the trilogy in March last year. No actors have yet been announced for the film although a host of names have been suggested for the lead roles.—Reuters



Photographer and director Sam Taylor-Wood and actor Aaron Johnson



Actor Robert Downey Jr (C) rings the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange to promote his new movie 'Iron Man 3' on 30 April, 2013.

REUTERS

SPORTS

Investor puts faith in Wenger's experience



Arsenal's manager Arsene Wenger walks on to the pitchside before his side's match against Newcastle in their English Premier League soccer match at St James' Park Newcastle, northern England, on 19 May, 2013.—REUTERS

ST PETERSBURG, (Russia), 21 June—Arsene Wenger's experience as Arsenal manager will give the club an edge next season when English Premier League rivals have new men at the top, a major investor in the club said on Thursday.

Farhad Moshiri also said Arsenal would start to benefit from a 30-million-pound deal with Puma, echoing media reports that the German sportswear company was set to replace Nike as the club's kit supplier.

"Arsene Wenger was the reason we invested and he is very much the reason why we continue to support the club," Moshiri told *Reuters* in an interview.

Moshiri, who with Uzbek-born business part-

ner Alsiher Usmanov owns almost 30 percent of Arsenal, said Wenger's longevity would be an advantage when champions Manchester United and rivals Manchester City and Chelsea are all under new management.

"He remains the one with deep experience in the top four, and that provides a significant edge for the club," the Iranian-born Moshiri added.

Wenger, who joined Arsenal in 1996, is the longest serving Premier League manager after Manchester United's Alex Ferguson retired in May. Former Everton manager David Moyes has replaced Ferguson, Chilean Manuel Pellegrini has taken charge of Manchester City and Jose

Mourinho has returned for a second spell at Chelsea.

Moshiri said he believed that Arsenal, without a trophy since 2005, could now step up their investment after absorbing the costs of a move to a new stadium. "They managed to stay in the top four with very strict finances and without some of the biggest players. Now they have the foundation to move on," he said.

"(Chief Executive) Ivan Gazidis has secured a major win in the contract with Puma, for 30 million pounds a year," he added in an interview at the St Petersburg International Economic Forum.

"That is a significant win for Arsenal. That shows Puma's confidence in London and, through London, Arsenal," he added.

Puma and Arsenal have declined to comment on reports of a kit supply deal that would begin in 2014.

Arsenal are majority owned by US sports entrepreneur Stan Kroenke. Usmanov and Moshiri do not have board representation despite their substantial shareholding.

"Mr Usmanov is an avid Arsenal fan, he enjoys watching the games and he has probably the best box at Arsenal," Moshiri said.

"Should they invite us, or consult us, we are there to help."—*Reuters*

Bolt, Powell cruise to semi finals at Jamaican trials

KINGSTON, 21 June—World record holder and Olympic champion Usain Bolt made easy progress into on Friday's semi-finals of the men's 100 metres at the Jamaican trials for the world championships.

Bolt got off to a decent start and took control of heat one by the 40-metre mark before cruising across the finish line in 10.00 seconds on Thursday.

Asafa Powell, who had previously failed to complete a competitive race all season due to hamstring problems, enters the semi-finals with the second fastest time after winning heat four in 10.02 seconds.

"Happy to complete my first race in a year," Powell, who had been battling hamstring problems,

Wambach becomes all-time leading scorer in women's game

NEW YORK, 21 June—United States striker Abby Wambach became the all-time top scorer in women's international soccer when she scored four first-half goals in a friendly against South Korea on Thursday to take her tally to 160.

The record was previously held

by American Mia Hamm, who scored 158 goals in 275 games before retiring in 2004.



told *Reuters* after completing his first competitive race of the season. "It was quite easy."

World champion Yohan Blake, who has a wild-card entry to the Aug 10-18 world championships in Moscow, is not competing in the Jamaican trials.

The other top qualifiers are Kemar Bailey-

Cole, who recovered from a poor start to take heat two in 10.04, while Sheldon Mitchell won heat three in 10.11. The Jamaican women, minus Olympic champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, who has a wild-card entry, will begin competing for spots on Jamaica's team to Moscow on Friday.

Reuters

Hoffman eyeing redemption after hot start at Travellers

CONNECTICUT, (America), 21 June—Charley Hoffman kick-started his bid for redemption at the Travellers Championship with a stunning nine-under-par 61 for a one-shot lead after Thursday's opening round in Connecticut.

Hoffman, looking to atone for last year's collapse when he squandered a two-shot lead with two holes to play, turned a steady start of five straight pars into a sensational round, carding five birdies and two eagles over the final 13 holes.

Compatriot Hunter Mahan, fresh off a share of fourth place at the US Open, was alone in second following a bogey-free, eight-birdie 62 while big-hitting Bubba Watson sits third following an entertaining 63.

Hoffman came to the 17th tee in last season's event at TPC River Highlands with a two-shot lead over Marc Leishman's

clubhouse number but double-bogeyed to drop into a tie before making bogey on 18 to hand the Australian the win.

"Believe it or not, I was thinking about (last year) going down 16, 17, 18," said Hoffman, whose round included a record-equalling back nine of 28. "If

Charley Hoffman of the US tees off on the second hole during the third round of the 2013 US Open golf championship at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, on 15 June, 2013.—REUTERS

I could have just gotten those balls in play, I would have been defending champion here. "But this year, I got off to a good start and was obviously a little more focused on those last two

holes. Hopefully I'm there again this year."

Americans Webb Simpson and Zach Johnson were among six players in a tie for fourth following 65s.

US Open champion Justin Rose of England

was in a tie for 18th with a respectable three-under 67 that followed a whirlwind few days doing the talk show circuit to discuss his breakthrough major win at Merion.

He admitted that being introduced as the US Open

champion on the opening tee gave him a real buzz, even if it shook his focus a tad and left him two-over through six holes.

"I got to the first tee and there was such a nice crowd assembled there and I felt really calm and ready to play golf today," said Rose.

"I felt focused and then that happened and I couldn't help a smile come over my face and it truly was a sweeter moment than I thought it would be."

Watson, the 2010 champion and a runner-up here last year, entertained the crowd with seven birdies and an eagle but also had two early bogeys.

The 2011 Masters champion's round was highlighted by a stunning three-wood off the tee on the par-four 15th to just six-feet and a subsequent eagle putt. Defending champion Leishman shot 68 and was among eight players in a tie for 10th.

Reuters

Forlan fires Uruguay to brink of Confederations semis

SALVADOR, (Brazil), 21 June—Diego Forlan celebrated his 100th cap with a goal at the start of the second half to secure Uruguay a 2-1 win over Nigeria and all but guarantee their place in next week's Confederations Cup semi-finals. The result continued Uruguay's undefeated record against African opponents in 12 encounters and left them hot favourites to join Spain in the last four.

Nigeria must now beat the reigning world champions and hope Uruguay falter against minnows Tahiti.

Both teams lined up attacking formations with Nigeria playing a conventional 4-3-3 and Uruguay playing Suarez, Forlan and Cavani together for the first time in the tournament.

Neither team were able to impose themselves for long periods, however, and there were few clear cut chances in an often lackluster match.

It was Uruguay

who took the lead in the 19th minute when captain Diego Lugano was on hand to bundle a low cross from Forlan into the net.

Nigeria slowly came into the game and they equalised in the 37th minute when John Obi Mikel controlled a Brown Ideye pass to side-foot the ball into the top of the net from 12 yards.

Uruguay went ahead again in the 51st minute and it was a move that involved all three of their front men. Luis Suarez broke from midfield, fed Edinson Cavani outside the box and he passed to Diego Forlan who hammered the ball into the roof of the net from an angle.—*Reuters*

Uruguay's Diego Forlan celebrates after scoring a goal during their Confederations Cup Group B soccer match against Nigeria at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador June 20, 2013.

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A harvester works on a wheat field in Gu'an County, north China's Hebei Province, on 21 June, 2013. Farmers on Friday rushed to harvest wheat in Gu'an County as rainfall is forecast to hit most parts of Hebei in the coming two days.

XINHUA

UNESCO inscribes China's Xinjiang Tianshan natural site on World Heritage List

PHOM PENH, 21 June—The 37th session of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee (WHC) on Friday inscribed northwest China's Xinjiang Tianshan natural site on the World Heritage List, the session's chairman announced.

"Let me congratulate China on behalf of the entire committee for the inscription of the Xinjiang Tianshan natural property on the World Heritage List," Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sok An, chairman of the 37th WHC

session said during the plenary session. Huang Wei, vice-chairman of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, expressed gratitude to the committee for adding the Xinjiang Tianshan property to the list, saying that the inscription showed the outstanding universal value of the property.

"We are very excited to see our wonderful and unique site inscribed on the World Heritage List," he said. "It also reflected China's high protection standard in safeguarding

this natural property for our future generations."

Huang, who is here attending WHC session, said China was looking forward to further strengthening cooperation with the International Union for Conservation of Nature and other heritage centres to explore the potential for the site.

China's National Commission for UNESCO nominated the Xinjiang Tianshan natural site as world natural heritage to UNESCO on 29 Jan, 2010.

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Torres hits four as merciless Spain crush Tahiti 10-0

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 June—Spain won by a landslide as expected but tiny Tahiti emerged with their reputations enhanced and their dignity intact despite their 10-0 loss to the world and European champions in the Confederations Cup on Thursday. Fernando Torres scored four times, and missed a penalty, David Villa hit three, David Silva two and Juan Mata one as Spain scored double figures for the third time in their history.

The outcome of one of

the most unlikely matches to take place in a senior FIFA competition was never in doubt and even Tahiti coach Eddy Etaeta said before the game his side's chances of winning were "quite impossible".

Despite the Group B hammering, Tahiti played some attractive attacking football against a second-string Spain side that still contained some of the biggest names in European soccer including Sergio Ramos and Pepe Reina.

"Often inferior teams

look to break up the game and get aggressive, they play without spirit or hope. Standards aside, Tahiti showed a great example of how to go about playing football," Torres told Spain's Telecinco television after a record Confederations Cup victory.

"We have tried to show them respect in every sense. We tried to play well, to play simple football, and to score goals and these goals will be important for the next stage."

Tahiti's first meeting

with European opposition was more of an occasion than a match in many respects, and the fans created a superb atmosphere in the newly refurbished Maracana, the venue for next year's World Cup final. They cheered every Tahiti pass and tackle and roundly booed Spain.

Two of the loudest cheers were for two fine saves made by 20-year-old Tahiti goalkeeper Mikael Roche midway through the second half with his side already 7-0 down.—Reuters



Spain's David Villa (L) scores his team's fourth goal against Tahiti during their Confederations Cup Group B soccer match at the Estadio Maracana in Rio de Janeiro on 20 June, 2013.

REUTERS

Houston unveils summer boat show

HOUSTON, 21 June—An annual boat event was unveiled in the muggy US city of Houston on Thursday, possibly bringing some water fun to residents here who are dying for some cool-down entertainment.

The 26th annual summer boat show, the largest of its kind in southern US, is being held in Reliant centre in downtown Houston, the largest city of Texas.

The event offers a vast selection of boats ranging from kayaks to yachts, from the latest high-tech fishing rigs to high-performance water sports machines.

An estimated number of 220 boats are currently displayed in the spacious centre, whose scale is not big compared with the January winter show. Some dealers told Xinhua they are now busy minding their sales as summer is the peak

season.

Dave Foulkrod, operation manager of Nautic Group, a major marine company based in Texas, said sales this year can be expected to boom.

"All the dealers in the state of Texas are seeing an improving market. For boat dealers in the Houston area, they generally have seen an improvement in business," he said.

Xinhua

Members of the US Marine Corps and Japan's Ground Self-Defence Force conduct a live-fire drill on San Clemente Island off San Diego, California, on 20 June, 2013. The US forces and Japan's Self-Defence Forces were jointly training for the recapture of remote islands.

KYODO NEWS



138th Anniversary of Kayinni National Day held



Union Minister U Aung Min delivers an address at ceremony to mark 138th Anniversary of Kayinni National Day held in Sobawthe Village of Dimawhso Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June— A delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister U Aung Min attended the 138th Anniversary of Kayinni National Day held

in Sobawthe Village of Dimawhso Township in Kayah State this morning. Union Ministers U

Aung Min and U Than Htay, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut and Vice-Chairman of KNPP Khu U Yal chaired the

138th Anniversary of Kayinni National Day.

At first, KNPP Vice-Chairman Khu U Yal briefed the history of Kayinni National Day. Union Minister U Aung Min expressed his delight for holding of Kayinni National Day for the first time in Kayah State. Kayah State plays a crucial role in Union peace making process. The President is striving for national unity for the sake of next generations who are well worth serving for the sustainable development of the country. Despite signing peace agreements, continued efforts are to be made as public needs could be fulfilled through the national strength. Next, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut delivered an honouring speech and officials read out the messages sent to the ceremony.

The anniversary came to an end with words of thanks expressed by KNPP's Secretary (2) U Shwe Myo Thant.

It was attended by Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-

making Work Committee Union Minister U Aung Min and members Union Minister U Than Htay, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut from the Commander-in-Chief's Office (Army), the Commander of Eastern Command, the deputy attorney-general and officials concerned from Myanmar Peace Center. Vice-Chairman Khu U Yal of KNPP was accompanied by the delegation members and national races representatives from various parts of the country.

Afterwards, Union Ministers U Aung Min and U Than Htay, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut supplicated on religious affairs and peace-making process in Kayah State to Kayah State Sangha Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pyinnyathami and the member Sayadaus. They proceeded to the Catholic Church in Naungyah Ward, where they explained progress of the peace-making process to Bishop Sotero Phamo.

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Plan underway to build Yangon-Dala Bridge across Yangon River

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June— Dr Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Construction, met Mr. Hyun Oh-Seok, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Strategy and

Finance, the Republic of Korea at the briefing hall of Yangon port in Yangon yesterday.

They discussed matters related to construction of

Yangon River crossing Yangon-Dala Bridge project. Then, they visited the jetty on Bo Min Yaung port in Kamarkasit Ward of Dala.

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US, Jordan troops hold desert war games

AMAM, 21 June — According to the news covered by the AFP News Agency, Jordan and the US are conducting the "Eager Lion" military exercises with the participation of more than 8,000 personnel from 19 Arab and European nations including US to train on border security, irregular warfare, anti-terrorism and counterinsurgency. The military exercises will last for 12 days.

US and Jordanian F-16 fighter jets hit dummy targets in the kingdom's southern desert on Wednesday, while Navy SEALs and other special forces rescued "hostages" and nabbed "terrorists" in mock exercises under the major multinational manoeuvres.

Using live ammunition, six F-16s, two AV-8B Harrier jets, 28 tanks, 20 armoured personnel carriers, 800 US and Jordanian troops took part in a 45-minute drill in Quweira close to the Red Sea port of Aqaba as part of



"Eager Lion 2013," which wraps up on Thursday.

Fighters, attack helicopters and tanks attacked ground targets as Jordan's army chief, General Mashal Mohammad Zaben, and King Abdullah II's brother, Prince Faisal watched.

"The goal of the drill is to boost and enhance the capabilities and performance of the Jordanian Armed Forces, including ways to deal with situations in which refugees are involved," Colonel Mekhled Suheim, Eager Lion spokesman, told journalists watching the exercise.

"Eager Lion 2013 is a great opportunity to share expertise and boost capabilities (of troops)," Brigadier General Gregg P Olson of the Marine Corps Forces Central Command said as he mingled with journalists.

Some 50 US Navy SEALs as well as Jordanian and Iraqi special operations troops took part in a 30-minute mock exercise to rescue hostages on a ship "hijacked" by pirates off the coast of Aqaba.

A US officer as he observed the operation said that This was a difficult exercise because the target is moving."

"The US troops will start departing Jordan on 25 June," Major General Robert G Catalanotti of the US Army Central Command told AFP.—NLM

1550 jade lots sold at 7th day Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—The Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium, conducted by Myanmar Gems Emporium Organizing Central Committee, continued for seventh day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall, here, today.

The first Myanmar Gems Emporium was held starting from 1st December, 1964.

Local and foreign merchants putting price proposals into the tender boxes could be seen in and out of Mani Yadana Jade

Hall.

Deputy Minister for Mines U Than Tun Aung and responsible persons viewed selling of jade lots and submitting tender.

A total of 1550 jade lots were sold out.

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Mani Yadana Jade Hall packed with gem merchants at Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems

Emporium.—MNA