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## President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to PM of the Grand Duchy, HRH the Grand Duke of Luxembourg

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and His Royal Highness, Henri, the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, on the occasion of the National Day of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which falls on 23 June, 2013.— MNA

## Taxation system should have transparency



Union Minister U Soe Thane greets those present at 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Small and Medium Industrial Development Bank.—MNA

YANGON, 22 June— Small and Medium Industrial Development Bank (SMIDB) held its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at IBC on Pyay Road here this morning.

“Taxation system should have transparency and call for public knowledge,” said Patron of Small and Medium Industrial Development Bank Union Minister at President Office U Soe Thane.

SMIDB Chairman Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint said that SMIDB has disbursed loans to the SMEs on a priority

basis for the establishment of an industrialized country. Especially, loan of five billion kyats with 8.5 interest rate has been disbursed to production businesses.

SMIDB’s main mission is to help support country’s monetary sector in accord with policies of the Central Bank of Myanmar by seeking the ways for industrial development of the country. Banks’ major sources of the income come from loan, he added. He called for following of laws, rules and regulations for disbursement of quality loans.

After that, annual report, financial report and audit report were submitted.

After the meeting, Union Ministers U Soe Thane and U Aye Myint donated K 3 million each to Theravada Buddhist Organization, U Hla Tun Hospice Cancer Foundation, Pensioners Care Association, Rural Energy Development Supporting Subcommittee and Rural Area Development Department. SMIDB was established on 15 February, 1996 with the authorized capital of K 2 billion and 4,000 stakes. In March, 2012, it has increased its authorized capital to K 50 billion. At the end of March, 2013, 41,005 shares have been sold out.

MNA

## Lawkamarazein or Kuthodaw Inscription Shrines included in UNESCO world heritage



Maha Lawkamarazein or Kuthodaw Inscription Shrines from Mandalay.

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June — A collection of Buddhist scriptures written on stones from Myanmar was included on 19 June along with 54 new additions to the UN educational and cultural agency’s Memory of the World Register (UNESCO).

Documentation on Holocaust victims, a collection of Buddhist scriptures written on stones from Myanmar, two rare manuscripts from Nepal and diaries belonging to Ernesto Ches Guevara, are among

54 new additions to the UN Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)’s Memory of the World Register.

“The items presented by Israel, Myanmar, Nepal are the first inscriptions on the register for these countries,” the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) said in a news release on the newest additions to the prestigious list recognizing documentary heritage.

Myanmar authorities submitted and recom-

mended for inclusion the Maha Lawkamarazein or Kuthodaw Inscription Shrines from Mandalay in central Myanmar. The collection includes 729 stone slabs on which are inscribed the whole of the Buddhist scriptures whose religious and social significance is important for Asia. It records the Fifth Great Synod convened by King Mindon and which was the significant event of the Buddhist religion and its followers.

NLM

## Mega city in north of Yangon

“Soon, local and foreign companies will be invited to tender for setting up of a mega city in the north of Yangon,” an official from Yangon City Development Committee said.

Mega city with apartments, hotels and shopping malls and other high-rise buildings is located

in Mayangone Township, north of Yangon. As part of Strategic Urban Development Plan of the Greater Yangon, plans are under way to implement it soon.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) supports technical assistances for it. Yangon

**Byline: Maung Thitsar**

sees high population density day by day. And over five millions are living in Yangon, commercial hub.

Myanma Alinn (21-6-2013)

Trs: MT



## Car catches fire in Mawlu of Indaw Tsp



*Photo shows a truck in blaze due to electrical short circuit in Mawlu Village of Indaw Township.*

MAWLU, 22 June—A car caught fire near Development Affairs Market and clinic in Mawlu Village on Shwebo-Myitkyina motor road in Indaw Township, Sagaing

Region on 18 June. Electrical short circuit is seen as cause of fire in one of two cars

## BUSINESS

TAUNGGYI, 22 June — Being situated on ASEAN Highway that links between Myanmar and Thailand, China and Laos, Taunggyi, capital of Shan State, has become a stop during

transported by a car heading to Shwebo from Myitkyina. Local people and auxiliary fire brigade members rushed to the scene and put out the fire. Mawlu Police Station has taken necessary action in connection with the case.

*Kyemon-Khin Maung Swe (Maw Lu)*

## Foreign companies seeking Myanmar market shares in Taunggyi

the transport of goods to Kengtung, Tachilek and Mongla region. Loaded trucks make a stop at Thittaw bus terminal in Taunggyi to unload and goods are transported to designated places by other vehicles.

Recently, showrooms of companies from Japan, Republic of Korea and China were opened and the introductions of new products were made in Taunggyi. Among foreign companies, HONDA Company of Japan is included and its motorbike

showroom and service centre is being kept open as of 28 May. An opening of a showroom of Korea-made handsets took place on 16 May and a ceremony to introduce China-made three-axle HIGER Bus with Swedish technology to local businessmen was held on 17 May.

With opening of many showrooms and service centers in Taunggyi, foreign companies have started penetration of Myanmar market.

*Kyemon-Naing Tun (TGI)*

## ACCIDENT

### Biker meets her tragic end while overtaking tractor-trailer

MYAUNG, 22 June — A female biker met her tragic end on her way to Myaung as her motorbike crashed into the side of a tractor-trailer while overtaking it at a place, west of Kyeekone village in Myaung Township of Sagaing Region at about 11 am on 19 June.

The fatal accident happened to Ma Khine Zar Mon, 22, of Latkapin village of Myinmu Township who was pronounced dead on the spot as her head was run over by a rear tyre of the tractor-trailer driven by U Moe Win, 34, of Ywathit village in Myinmu Township.

She is believed to have fallen off her motorbike after hitting the side of the trailer.

Police said that they rushed there to make necessary investigation; and that actions are being taken to arrest the trailer driver who fled the scene.

*Kyemon-Tin Ko Ko*

### Brake-failed Hilux hits motorbike in Bago



BAGO, 22 June — A passenger vehicle, Hilux, and a motorbike got caught in a crash near Maha Myaing traffic lights in Bago at about 11.30 am on 18 June.

The passenger vehicle

crashed with the motorbike while going through the red light after its brakes failed. The accident left the biker injured and the victim was sent to a hospital.

*Kyemon-Htay Hlaing (Zago)*

## CRIME

### Suspect for housemaid's death faces nine-year prison sentence

YANGON, 22 June — Yangon West District Court recently sentenced Ma May Zun who was accused of hitting a housemaid to death to nine years in prison with hard labour as she was found guilty at the court.

She was taken into police custody in connection to the death of a housemaid who is believed to have been beaten to death at her apartment on the third floor of Building No (195/3) on Baho Street in ward (1) in Kamayut, here, informed by the ward administrator on 10 September 2012. Kamayut police station said that they found Ma Nu Nu Lwin, 18, housemaid, dead bleeding

from her nose and the dead body was sent to Yangon General Hospital.

Investigations revealed that the victim was frequently tortured by the suspect who had always left her two housemaids in the locked apartment whenever she went out.

Before the tragic incident, she left her alone in the apartment which was locked and went to Patheingyi with another housemaid, Ma Zin Zin Htaik at about 12 noon on 8 September. On her arrival at the apartment on 10 September, Ma Nu Nu Lwin was discovered dead bleeding from her nose, lying sideways on the floor. —*Kyemon-31*

## PHOTO NEWS

*Photo shows three staff of Seikkan Township Information and Public Relations Department who were distributing pamphlets and stickers with messages as part of Public Service Media activity at Nann Thida jetty at about 10 am on 19 June.*

KYEMON



*Photo shows an essay contest under the title of "Life of Beautiful and Civilized Myanmar Women in Successive Eras" which was in progress in Dagon University in Dagon Myothit (East) Township on 20 June. The essay competition was held in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day. — KYEMON-593*



*Photo shows a road crash between No (57) Passenger Bus and a saloon on Theinbyu Street near a traffic lights on 21 June. The road accident caused the damage to the front part of the saloon.*

KHIN MAUNG WIN-KYEMON



## FIRE

### Unattended mosquito-repellent coil kills old woman in bed

KAWLIN, 22 June — A 70-year-old woman was killed when a blanket and mosquito net caught fire sparked by a burning mosquito-repellent coil kept beside her bed at a house in Shankon ward in Kawlin of Sagaing Region at about 1 am on 17 June.

The fire is believed to have begun from the sparks of burning mosquito-repellent coil that set a

mosquito net and a blanket on fire. Daw Khin Khin Myint, 70, was killed in the fire and the whole house had got burnt, causing K 1.3 million worth of belongings damaged.

Fire crews of Kawlin Township fire service department put out the fire in time in order to prevent the spread of fire to nearby houses. — *Kyemon-Ko Ko Nyein (Kawlin)*

## WORLD



Photo taken on 21 June, 2013, shows the closing ceremony of the fifth session of the 13th National Assembly (NA) of Vietnam in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam. The fifth session of the 13th National Assembly (NA) of Vietnam wrapped up in Vietnam's capital Hanoi on Friday, with nine bills and two resolutions adopted by the lawmakers.—XINHUA

## British spy agency taps cables, shares with NSA

LONDON, 22 June—Britain's spy agency GCHQ has tapped fiber-optic cables that carry international phone and internet traffic and is sharing vast quantities of personal information with the US National Security Agency, the *Guardian* newspaper said on Friday.

The paper, which has in recent weeks been publishing details of top-secret surveillance programmes exposed by former NSA contractor Ed-

ward Snowden, said on its website that Snowden had shown it documents about a project codenamed "Tempora."

Tempora has been running for about 18 months and allows GCHQ, which stands for Government Communications Headquarters, to tap into and store huge volumes of data drawn from fiber-optic cables for up to 30 days, the paper said.

The *Guardian* said

Snowden had provided it with access to documents about GCHQ's alleged cable-tapping operation as part of his effort to expose "the largest programme of suspicionless surveillance in human history."

For decades, the NSA and GCHQ have worked as close partners, sharing intelligence under an arrangement known as the UKUSA agreement. They also collaborate with eavesdropping agencies in Canada, Australia and New Zealand under an arrangement known as the "Five Eyes" alliance.

The latest *Guardian* story will likely put more pressure on British Prime Minister David Cameron's government to reassure the public about how data about them is collected and used.

Earlier this month, in response to questions about the secret US data-monitoring programme Prism, British Foreign Secretary William Hague told Parliament that GCHQ always adhered to British law when processing data gained from eavesdropping.—*Reuters*



Britain's Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in Cheltenham is seen in this undated handout aerial photograph released in London on 18 Oct 2010.—REUTERS

## Russia cannot stay within mid-range missiles treaty with US forever

MOSCOW, 22 June—The Kremlin on Friday raised the possibility of quitting the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty signed between Moscow and Washington in late 1980s, citing new threats facing Russia.

"On the one hand, we've signed the agreement, we will obey it. But that could not last forever," Chief of Staff of the Presidential Administration Sergei Ivanov told national Vesti-24 TV Channel.

The United States nev-

er needs the middle-range and tactical missiles as they could only target "Mexico or Canada," while Russia is now facing the threat of mid-range missiles from dozens of neighbouring countries, he said.

In 1987, the United States and the former Soviet Union signed the treaty, which eliminated nuclear and conventional ground-launched ballistic and cruise missiles with intermediate ranges, defined as between 500 to 5,500 km.

Xinhua

## HK to handle US whistleblower case according to law

HONG KONG, 22 June — Any extradition of Edward Snowden, the former US intelligence contractor who has been hiding in Hong Kong since exposing large-scale electronic spying by the US government, will be made according to Hong Kong law, Justice Secretary Rimsky Yuen said on Friday.

Commenting on the Snowden case for the first time in public, Yuen said, "We have to abide by the law," adding, "Any such (extradition) arrangement between the US and Hong Kong will be carried out under Hong Kong Law Chapter 503."

He did not say whether Hong Kong has received an extradition request from the United States.

Chapter 503F, titled "Fugitive Offenders (United States of America) Order",

details procedures and conditions for American and Hong Kong fugitives surrendering in Hong Kong or the United States, respectively.

Hong Kong has signed an extradition treaty with the United States, but no official procedure on that has been taken.

"Should the (extradition) mechanism be launched, the arrangement will, similarly to that involving any other government, be processed according to the legal framework. We will not allow illegal procedures or unfair handling of cases," Yuen said.

Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying emphasized on Monday that "the government has been highly concerned about Snowden's case" and will "handle it based on the facts and strictly according to

Hong Kong's laws."

Snowden has said he will stay in Hong Kong until he is "asked to leave," and has expressed a wish to seek asylum in Iceland.

He reportedly sought help from WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in seeking asylum.

*Reuters* news service reported on Friday that a businessman connected with WikiLeaks has offered to help fly Snowden out to Iceland on a private plane if the country promises asylum.

The Icelandic interior ministry had said asylum applicants must be present in Iceland and make the application in their own name.

Hundreds of people in Hong Kong took to the streets on Saturday to show their support for Snowden and protest against his persecution.—*Kyodo News*



A fallen supermarket sign is seen in Wellington, New Zealand, on 21 June, 2013.

New Zealand's capital Wellington was cleaning up 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.—XINHUA

## US leaves about 700 combat-ready troops in Jordan after exercise

WASHINGTON, 22 June—The United States, keeping a wary eye on Syria's civil war, has left about 700 combat-equipped troops in Jordan after a training exercise, President Barack Obama said on Friday, after previously deciding to leave Patriot missiles and warplanes there.

Obama said the deployment was done at the request of the Jordanian government, which fears a spillover of the war into its territory and

where an estimated half-million Syrian refugees have fled to escape the bloodshed.

In a letter to House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, the president said about 700 of the troops deployed to Jordan as part of a training exercise that ended on Thursday would remain behind.

They will stay until the security situation becomes such that they are no longer needed, Obama said.

"This detachment that

participated in the exercise and remained in Jordan includes Patriot missile systems, fighter aircraft, and related support, command, control, and communications personnel and systems," Obama said.

Obama has taken a go-slow approach on Syria. His administration took weeks to conclude last week that the Syrian government had used chemical weapons, killing an estimated 100 to 150 people.

*Reuters*

## Suicide bomb kills at least 13 people in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, (Pakistan), 22 June—A suicide bombing at a Pakistani religious centre killed at least 13 people on Friday, the third major attack to test the new government since the Taliban vowed revenge for a US drone strike that killed its deputy commander.

The spate of violence has shattered a period of relative calm after the May election that returned former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to power, and underscores the challenges he will

face in restoring stability in the country torn by militant violence. More than 60 people have been killed in less than a week from attacks that included suicide bombers targeting women students, a hospital and a funeral procession.

Friday's blast tore through a Shi'ite Muslim seminary in the volatile city of Peshawar, killing at least 13 and injuring 40, police said. Dazed victims in bloodied clothes wandered through rubble and past shattered or-

A rescue worker collects evidence from the site of a suicide bomb attack at a Shi'ite Muslim mosque in Peshawar on 21 June, 2013.

REUTERS



nate tiles. "The bomber was brought by two other persons who shot dead the security guard," police chief Shafiullah Khan said.

It was unclear who car-

ried out the attack. Pakistan has suffered a growing wave of sectarian killings against Shi'ite Muslims, who make up a little over 10 percent of the population.—*Reuters*

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## Europe tests reusable spaceship

PARIS, 22 June—The European Space Agency is preparing to launch an experimental reusable spaceship next summer following a successful atmospheric test flight this week, officials said at the Paris Airshow.

A mock-up built by Thales Alenia Space was dropped from a helicopter flying 1.9 miles above the Mediterranean near Sardinia on Wednesday to check its handling and parachute system, company officials said.

The 14.4 foot long (4.4 metre) craft, known as “IXV” as it is an intermediate experimental vehicle, splashed down in the ocean and was retrieved by an awaiting ship.

The test flight clears IXV for a follow-on demonstration run beyond the

Earth’s atmosphere in August next year. That programme, in turn, paves the way for an orbital prototype dubbed “Pride”, slated to launch in 2018.

The aim is to help Europe develop an autonomous atmospheric re-entry system that could be used on vehicles flying experiments in space, Roberto Provera, director of space transportation programmes for Thales Alenia Space, told Reuters.

“It’s the first time in Europe that we’ve tried something like this,” Provera said, adding that it could eventually be used to carry people.

The vehicles are similar to but smaller than the US military’s X-37B Orbital Test Vehicles, built by Boeing. Like NASA’s now-retired space shuttles,

they have “lifting body” designs shaped to produce lift without airplane-like wings.

For its next test, Europe will launch another IXV vehicle on a Vega rocket from the Guiana Space Centre in French Guiana.

Virgin Galactic, a US offshoot of billionaire Richard Branson’s London-based Virgin Group, is testing a suborbital passenger vehicle called *SpaceShipTwo*, expected to start flying next year.

The US military has two experimental unmanned reusable spaceships developed under its X-37B programme. One is in orbit.

President Vladimir Putin told astronauts in orbit in April that Russia would send up the first manned flights from its own soil in 2018, using a new launch pad he said would help the once-pioneering space power explore deep space and the moon.

Thales Alenia said it has not yet finalized a price for Pride with the European Space Agency, but expects it will cost about the same as the IXV program, or roughly 200 million Euros (\$264 million).

Reuters

## Yahoo’s Mayer shines spotlight on video

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 June—As Marissa Mayer approaches her one-year anniversary as chief executive of Yahoo, she’s hewing closely to the struggling Web portal’s traditional advertising model—and eyeing more video programming of every stripe as central to the strategy.

“We’re working on various methods in terms of how we can increase our video views, and watching,” Mayer said at the Reuters Global Technology Summit on Thursday. “It’s clear to me that our video business is something that’s growing a lot. It’s something that we’d like to accelerate.”

Yahoo is currently bidding to acquire Hulu, the online hub for TV programming owned by Walt Disney Co and News Corp, sources with knowledge of the situation have told Reuters. Mayer would not comment on the bid for Hulu.

The Web pioneer was looking at buying French video site DailyMotion but had to abandon the effort after objections from the French government.

Yahoo also has a

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 June—Apple Inc Chief Executive Tim Cook’s one-time stock award worth over \$413 million as of Friday is now partly subject to the performance of the shares, a move that followed discussions with the company’s largest shareholders.

Cook, who has presided over a 42 percent drop in Apple’s share price since it touched a high of \$705 in September, approached the board to impose a performance criteria on his yet-to-be-vested stocks, according to a filing on Friday.

Under the new system, part of Cook’s grant is subject to “Total Shareholder Return”, a measure of Apple’s stock performance and dividends based on public Standard & Poor’s data.

The company’s board had in January of 2012 granted Cook one million restricted stock units (RSUs) to signal its confidence in Cook after Steve Jobs turned over the helm of the iPhone and iPad maker to his long-time lieutenant in August of 2011.

“In outreach discussions this year with many of our largest shareholders, we heard that they believe it



Apple Inc CEO Tim Cook addresses the crowd during the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) 2013 in San Francisco, California on 10 June 2013.

REUTERS

is appropriate to attach performance criteria to a portion of our future executive stock awards that have been entirely time-based in the past,” the filing said.

Apple, beginning Friday, is also including a performance element in new stock awards to all top executives.

Shares of Apple, once among the most desirable of portfolio holdings, fell out of favour abruptly last September on growing uncertainty about the company’s ability to fend off unprecedented competition from deep-pocketed rivals such as Samsung Electronics, Amazon.com and Google Inc.

Reuters



Europe’s first Vega rocket lifts off from the European Space Agency (ESA) launch centre in Kourou, French Guiana, on 13 Feb, 2012.—REUTERS

## Small step for quantum computing, giant leap for qubits

SYDNEY, 22 June—Australian researchers have taken the next step in an incremental journey to developing the first large-scale quantum computer.

The world’s potentially fastest computer system will be made up of tricky little building blocks called quantum bits, or qubits — consisting of a single electron bound to a phosphorus atom.

Information is stored in the spin of each qubit electron, which can be moving in two directions at once. The qubits need to be placed with atomic precision, only a few nanometres apart, for the system to work.

Scientists have previously encountered difficulties in making qubits, placing them so close together, distinguishing individual qubits from their neighbours, and controlling their spin independently.

University of New South Wales (UNSW) researchers, who prefer to work with qubits in a silicon chip, have proposed a solution to each of these challenges, working with Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico.

“It is a daunting challenge to rotate the spin of each qubit individually,” said Holger Bch, lead author of the new study.

Xinhua

growing menu of original video programming, such as the critically-acclaimed *Burning Love* TV reality show spoof, and it recently acquired the rights to the archive of Saturday Night Live television programmes.

Online video commands higher ad rates than other types of Web content and has become a fiercely competitive arena as it is increasingly viewed as a bulwark against the steady decline in prices for online display ads.

On Thursday, Instagram, the mobile photo-sharing app owned by Face-



Marissa Mayer, President and CEO of Yahoo, answers questions during the Reuters Global Technology Summit in the Thomson Reuters offices in San Francisco, California, on 20 June 2013.—REUTERS

Under Cook, the company has gone through one of its longest recent product droughts, with no new devices. The last device launched was the iPad mini last October, the first all-new product under Cook.

Cook’s stock award was previously based on a pre-determined time-based vesting schedule of 10 years. Now of the 1 million, a block of 100,000 shares each will vest in 2016 and 2021.

The rest of the 800,000 shares will vest equally every year, over 10 years and will be subject to the performance criteria.

the Yahoo home page, implemented morale-boosting measures like free food, and jumpstarted acquisitions. On Thursday, Yahoo closed its \$1.1 billion acquisition of Tumblr, a blogging service that is one of the Web’s most popular hubs of user-generated content.

Yahoo’s stock has surged roughly 70 percent since Mayer became CEO. But Wall Street analysts say much of the gain has come from stock buybacks and from Yahoo’s Asian assets, including a 24 percent stake in Chinese e-commerce giant and potential IPO debutante Alibaba Group.

Yahoo’s biggest near-term goal and most important yardstick by which to measure its progress will be the rate of increase in the amount of time users spend on its websites, Mayer said.

“Yahoo’s ability to generate revenue for a thousand pages is reasonably good,” Mayer said. “The challenge for Yahoo at the moment is traffic. How do we grow traffic? How do we gain usage? Because that ultimately will drive up revenue.”—Reuters

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## MUFG plans \$4.1 billion buy of Thai Bank of Ayudhya



*A pedestrian is reflected on a logo of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ in Tokyo on 13 Dec 2012.*

REUTERS

TOKYO, 22 June—Japan's Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) is in advanced talks to acquire a majority stake in Bank of Ayudhya Pcl (BAY.BK), Thailand's fifth-largest lender, in a deal worth over \$4 billion, sources familiar with the matter said on Saturday, marking a major turn in the protracted negotiation complicated by Thai regulations.

MUFG, Japan's largest-lender by assets, has been in talks to buy General Electric's 25 percent stake in Bank of Ayudhya for months, but Thailand's single presence policy on bank ownership has turned out to be a big hurdle as the Japanese bank has sizable operations with Japanese corporations in the Southeast Asian country.

In the latest plan

discussed among the parties, MUFG will make a tender offer to acquire 51 percent stake from GE and others and merge its Thailand operations with Bank of Ayudhya, said the sources, who were not authorized to talk about the matter publicly.

The deal is likely to be worth about \$4.1 billion, the source said. It would mark the biggest acquisition by Japanese banks in Asia.

MUFG President Nobuyuki Hirano has said his company is looking to acquire an Asian bank as the group's hub entity in the region, much as it has successfully done in the United States with California-based UnionBank, as Japanese banks seek to go beyond wholesale businesses into local retail and small- and mid-size business banking.

Last month, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group agreed to buy a 40 percent stake in Indonesian bank BTPN for \$1.5 billion.

Reuters

## Oracle's Ellison may be interested in second Hawaiian airline

HONOLULU, 22 June—Billionaire Oracle CEO Larry Ellison may be interested in acquiring a second Hawaii airline after he bought most of the tropical island of Lanai last year.

Island Air, a Honolulu-based carrier with a handful of island-hopping planes that Ellison bought in February, confirmed discussions between Island and Phoenix-based Mesa Air Group, the parent

company of Hawaii's interisland go! Airlines.

"We are committed to building a strong regional airline and part of that process is exploring all options including discussions with Mesa Air," Island Air Chief Executive Officer Paul Casey said in a one-sentence statement.

Honolulu's *Star-Advertiser* newspaper reported on Thursday that Ellison was arranging to take control of go! Airlines,

citing an unnamed source familiar with the deal.

Mesa CEO Jonathan Ornstein was not immediately available for comment. A spokeswoman said the airline flies 40 flights a day in Hawaii using a fleet of five 50-seat CRJ-200 jets.

Oracle declined to comment.

Hawaii aviation historian Peter Forman said a deal for Island Air to purchase go! would not only secure more flights for Ellison's island of Lanai, but also could indicate that Ellison intends to become a player in the Hawaiian airline market.

Many industry observers have expected another airline to enter Hawaii to compete with Hawaiian Airlines for the tourist-rich interisland market. Combining go! and Island Air would give Ellison critical mass and a platform from which to compete.

Reuters



*Co-founder and Chief Executive of Oracle Corporation, Larry Ellison introduces the company's latest SPARC servers at Oracle Conference Centre in Redwood Shores, California on 26 March 2013.*—REUTERS

## Daycare may benefit kids of depressed mothers

NEW YORK, 22 June—Children of depressed mothers are less likely to have emotional problems if they attend daycare, a new Canadian study suggests.

Researchers have known that depressed women are more likely to have kids who also develop depression and anxiety disorders, and that those problems can extend through the teenage years.

"It's interesting to think of this as a possible type of intervention and a

way of supporting mothers in general, but especially mothers who are at risk," said Catherine Herba, from the University of Quebec at Montreal. The researchers followed close to 1,800 children born in Quebec in 1997-1998 and their mothers through the child's fifth birthday.

Women were regularly surveyed about their depression symptoms and reported on their child's emotional problems and separation anxiety, as well

as the type of childcare they used. About 19 percent of mothers had depression symptoms during the study period. And as previous research has suggested, their children were almost twice as likely to develop emotional problems and separation anxiety before age five, Herba's team wrote in *JAMA Psychiatry*.

However, being in childcare seemed to mitigate that effect. The association was particularly strong for group-based childcare, as

opposed to care provided by a relative or babysitter.

Among children with depressed mothers, attending daycare was tied to a 79 percent reduced risk of developing emotional problems, compared to kids who stayed home with their moms. Across the study, between nine and 31 percent of preschoolers had emotional problems depending on whether their mothers were depressed and where they received care.

Reuters

## Colon cancer screening tied to better outcomes

NEW YORK, 22 June—People who are diagnosed with colon cancer after routine colonoscopies tend to have better outcomes and less advanced cancers than people diagnosed based on symptoms, says a new study. Those who were diagnosed with colon cancer as a result of symptoms were three times more likely to die during the study than the patients diagnosed after colonoscopy screenings, researchers found.

"It's in line with its current use. It shows that colonoscopy appears to be beneficial in reducing deaths in those diagnosed with colorectal cancer," said Dr Chyke Doubeni, who studies colonoscopy

use but wasn't involved in the new research.

Colon cancer is the third most common cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in the US, according to the government-backed US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), which recommends that people

between ages 50 and 75 get screened by colonoscopy every ten years. During a colonoscopy, a doctor uses a long flexible tube equipped with a tiny video camera to see the interior of the colon.

According to the study authors, the incidence of colon cancer in the US has

dropped by about 6 percent since the first national colonoscopy guidelines were introduced in 2000—mostly due to doctors catching and removing precancerous polyps during screening.

Still, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that about 22 million people are not up-to-date with their colon cancer screenings. For the new study, Dr Ramzi Amri and colleagues from Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston analyzed data on all people who underwent colon cancer surgery at their hospital from 2004 through 2011.

Reuters



*A French doctor operates a patient by colonoscopy at the Ambroise Pare hospital in Marseille, southern France on 25 March 2008.*

REUTERS

## FDA approves Theravance's lung drug for wider use



*A view shows the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) logo at the lobby of its headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland on 14 Aug 2012.*—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 22 June—The US Food and Drug Administration approved Theravance Inc's antibiotic lung drug to treat a type of bacterial pneumonia affecting hospitalized patients, particularly those on ventilators.

The drug, Vibativ, will reach the market in the third quarter of 2013 for its expanded use. The drug is already approved in the United States and Canada to treat bacterial skin infections.

The disease, also known as nosocomial pneumonia, is a serious lung infection as patients, particularly those on ventilators, often cannot fight the infection.

The regulator said on Friday that Vibativ will be prescribed only when alternative treatments are not suitable and the expanded use is to treat only bacterial pneumonia due to staphylococcus aureus. Vibativ is already approved in Europe for the treatment of adults with nosocomial pneumonia.

Theravance's shares were up about 2 percent at \$38.25 in after-market trading.

The shares closed up 10 percent at \$37.5 on the Nasdaq following a Daily Mail's market report that GlaxoSmithKline is lining up a \$55 per share bid for Theravance.

Reuters

## WORLD

## Germany, Turkey summon envoys in row over protests, EU

BERLIN, 22 June—Germany and Turkey summoned each other's Ambassadors on Friday for tit-for-tat reproaches in an escalating row over Chancellor Angela Merkel's criticism of a crackdown on protesters in Turkey and her reluctance to see the country join the European Union.

After Merkel said she was "appalled" by Ankara's response to the protests, a Turkish cabinet minister accused her on Thursday of blocking Turkey's accession to the EU because she was "looking for domestic political material for her elections".

Berlin responded on Friday by summoning the Turkish envoy to the German foreign ministry — and Turkey retaliated.

Barring a last-minute change of heart by Germany, the EU looks set early next week to postpone or cancel plans to open a new

"chapter" in Turkey's membership talks next Wednesday.

Such a move would cast doubt on the future of Turkey's long-running negotiations to join the EU and a senior Turkish official has said it would draw a "strong reaction" from Ankara.

Many EU countries support the opening of more negotiations with Turkey next week on its long path to membership. They argue that Turkey's fast-growing economy, youthful population and diplomatic clout would bolster the EU.

But Germany has criticized Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's forceful response to weeks of anti-government protests and appears to be refusing to agree to open a new negotiation area, potentially the first such step in three years.

Merkel's conservatives oppose Turkish EU membership in their platform

for September's election, saying it would "overburden" the bloc because of the country's size and economy,



German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Turkey's Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan (R) attend a joint news conference in Ankara 25 Feb 2013. REUTERS

though Merkel has stopped short of calling a halt to accession talks.

"Neither the chancellor nor the government are questioning the accession process in any way. We are not talking about 'whether', just about 'how', to continue the accession process," German deputy government spokesman Georg Streiter said.

Foreign Ministry

spokesman Andreas Peschke said the Turkish minister's comments were "unacceptable" and Ankara's envoy to Berlin had been summoned for consultations in the afternoon.

Turkey reacted by summoning the German envoy to Ankara, with a senior Turkish official telling Reuters: "We want to convey our views on recent developments."—Reuters

## More arms for Syria mean more war crimes

UNITED NATIONS, 22 June—Increasing the flow of weapons to Syria's government and rebel forces will most likely cause an increase in war crimes in a two-year-old civil war that has killed more than 90,000 people, a UN human rights investigator warned on Friday. "States who provide arms have responsibilities in terms of the eventual use of those arms to commit ... war crimes or crimes against humanity," said Paulo Pinheiro, who chairs a UN commission of inquiry on rights violations in Syria.

"Those arms will contribute to the escalation of war crimes," he told reporters. "We are very much worried that more arms will signify an increasing pres-

ence of those violations."

US President Barack Obama decided a week ago to provide military aid to rebels trying to overthrow Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, citing his government's alleged use of chemical weapons.

Earlier this month Pinheiro said in a report to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva that his team had reasonable grounds to believe that limited amounts of chemical weapons had been used in Syria and warned that the country was in "free-fall".

His team's report said it had received allegations that Syrian government forces as well as rebels had used the banned weapons, but most testimony related to their use by state forces.

## More soil contamination found at former US forces site in Okinawa

TOKYO, 22 June—More soil contamination from fossil fuel has been found on land formerly occupied by a US military facility in Okinawa and there are fears that the contaminants have spread via groundwater, according to an inspection report of the local defence bureau obtained on Saturday by Kyodo News.

Contamination by what appeared to be jet fuel and gasoline was found in the northern part of Camp Kuwae, according to the Okinawa Defence Bureau's report for this year. Some of the land used by the base was handed back to Japan in 2003.

Under the Japan-US Status of Forces Agreement, the United States has no obligation to clean up environmental contamination or make compensation when returning land occupied by US

forces facilities. The report said ground-water caused the contaminants to spread over a "wide area," and the level of fumes exceeded the limit set by the bureau and a local government in 19 of 20 soil samples taken from the 38-hectare site.

Of those samples, six contained more oil residues than allowed under local regulations. Such oils are believed to be non-volatile gas oil and lubricant oil, the report said. The defence bureau will conduct a more detailed inspection, it said.

The land in question was a site for recreational facilities, according to officials of the town of Chatan, which hosts Camp Kuwae. Oil contamination had been found at other parts of the site in the past, but how the contamination occurred is not known, the officials said.

Kyodo News

## MSDF vessel to join international operation off Somalia

TOKYO, 22 June —The Japanese government has decided that one of the two Maritime Self-Defence Force antipiracy escort vessels deployed in waters off Somalia will join a combined operation involving the United States and other countries, a government source said on Friday.

The government is hoping that the move will demonstrate Japan's international contributions, the source said, adding it will be the first time for an MSDF antipiracy vessel to participate in such an operation.

But observers said such a move would spark public criticism as it could violate the constitutional ban on using force abroad.

The current mission began in March 2009 based on the SDF law and has been conducted under the antipiracy law since it was enacted in June that year. Two MSDF ships have been dispatched to the Gulf of Aden off Somalia to protect commercial vessels of Japan and other countries. The one-year mission has been extended every year since 2010.

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 5 Feb, 2013, shows dome-type Advanced Power Reactor 1400 reactors at the Kori nuclear power plant in Ulsan, South Korea. In 2009, South Korea landed a \$41 billion contract to export four APR 1400 reactors to the UAE together with operational skills and nuclear fuel.—KYODO NEWS

## Canadian government deploys assistance to flood-threatened province

OTTAWA, 22 June—Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Thursday that the federal government sent assistance to Alberta Province in western Canada in response to flooding that threatens at least 100,000 residents.

Harper said in a statement that Canadian Armed Forces assets, including a Cormorant and Griffon helicopter, have been deployed to assist the Alberta Provincial Emergency team with rescue and evacuation efforts.

"We remain ready to provide additional assistance if requested by provincial authorities," Harper said, "We hope for a speedy end to the flooding and return to safe

conditions as soon as possible."

Many neighbourhoods in Calgary have been closed due to river water creeping into yards and streets.

Calgary officials have declared a state of emergency in anticipation of heavy flows from the Elbow and Bow rivers reaching the city. The city has issued mandatory evacuation orders that could force up to 100,000 residents to leave over the next few days as communities across southern Alberta deal with heavy rain and widespread flooding.

With a population of a little more than one million, oil-rich Calgary is the largest city in Alberta, and the third largest in Canada.—Xinhua



Timor-Leste Minister of Foreign Affairs Jose Luis Guterres (L) poses with his Indonesian counterpart Marty Natalegawa after signing an agreement in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 21 June, 2013. XINHUA

## LOCAL NEWS

## HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES

## State Chief Minister visits food poisoned victims

MYITKYINA, 22 June—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai visited food poisoning patients in Myitkyina General Hospital on 17 June morning.

He was accompanied by State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Bi Htaw Zaung and officials.

They suffered from food poisoning in a donation

ceremony by U Labantan in honour of his daughter who passed this year's matriculation examination in Janmaikaung Village in Myitkyina in Kachin State.

A total of 150 guests at the ceremony suffered from food poisoning after having Biriani offered at the ceremony.

All are now recovered at the hospital.

MMAL-State IPRD



**Pyinmana Township health staff and Women's Affairs Organization members carrying out anti-Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever tasks in Pyinmana on 18 June.**  
MMAL-145

## Free medical care provided in Ponnagyun Tsp

PONNAGYUN, 22 June—Under the directive of the head of Rakhine State Health Department, head of Ponnagyun Township Health Department Dr Thein Maung led a group of health staff, township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson Daw Moe Moe and members, township Women's Affairs Organization members who visited Yongu Village in Ponnagyun Township on 16 June to provide healthcare to local villagers.

They gave educative

talks on most common health problems in the villages and provided home care to 65 elders. The team also distributed power nets to 248 households of the village.

A total of 20330 sterilized mosquito nets have been distributed to 10165 households in the township.

The township department will continue to make field trips to remote areas and provide free medical care.

MMAL-Lay Wadi Tun Saw Khaing



**Health personnel giving health care services to local people in Ponnagyun Township.**

## Mandalay Region Chief Minister meets youths



MANDALAY, 22 June—Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint met the youths in Mandalay District in Mandalay for

youth capacity building in Lawkamareinzein Kuthodaw Pagoda at the foot of Mandalay Hill in Aungmyethazan Township

of Mandalay on 18 June.

He then attended the monsoon tree planting ceremony in the precinct of the pagoda and planted a Gangaw sapling.

A total of 297 saplings were planted at the Mandalay District monsoon tree planting ceremony.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

## Kachin state E&amp;I minister meets local people

BHAMO, 22 June—Kachin State Electricity and Industry Minister U Sai Maung Shwe met some 300 townselders and local residents of Bhamo at the town hall of Bhamo of Kachin State on 16 June morning.

At the ceremony, the minister elaborated on electricity supply in Bhamo District.

The minister answered queries on electricity distribution in the region raised by those those present at the ceremony.

MMAL-Hsimigon-Nan Yi

## Child born on board express bus

PATHEIN, 22 June—A child was born on Shwe Minthar Passenger Bus from Pathein to Ngwehsaung on 17 June.

The bus tried to reach the nearest Pathein hospital before expectant mother Ma Kay Thway Aung of

Bukwegyi Village gave birth to the baby on board in Pathein.

Many people in Myanmar believe that a child born on board is the sign of luck for the owner of the vehicle.

MMAL-Soe Moe



## Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Lewe

LEWE, 22 June—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank (branch) of Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area disbursed agricultural loans of K 72.5 million for 725 acres of farmlands for monsoon paddy being

operated by 150 farmers on 17 June.

The bank will continue to disburse loans to farmers as per its rules and regulations for monsoon paddy.

MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)



## HRD

## School uniforms, stationery provided to primary school children



YANGON, 22 June—Township General Administration Department and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association provided school uniforms and stationery worth K875,000 for primary school students in Alatchaung, Aukyone, Alotenyunt, Ayeywa, Wayoneseik and Seikkyi primary schools in Kyimyindine Township in Yangon West District in Yangon Region at No (15)

Basic Education Primary School in the school on 19 June.

At first, Township Administrator U Kyaw Ye Thway and township officials presented uniforms and stationery.

They also donated exercise books to students in Alatchaung and Ayeywa monastic schools through the presiding Sayadaw of the monastery.

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## British director to give screenplay lectures in Myanmar

YANGON, 22 June—British Council, Yangon Film Movie and Myanmar Motion Picture Organization will jointly conduct a screenplay course for experienced script writers.

British writer and film maker Rachel Matthews will give lectures at the course which covers creative writing and screenplay writing.

A total of 16 trainees will be selected from

applicants and the lectures will be provided in both English and Myanmar.

Application forms are available at Myanmar Motion Picture Organization office and the submission will be closed on 15 July.

The course will be opened in MMPO office in Bahan Township in Yangon daily from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm on 19-31 August.

MMAL-Myat Sandi Thin Zaw

## PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 23 June, 2013

## Milk for Schools

It gives us a great pleasure to welcome the government's "Milk for Schools" rollout to basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Yangon and Mandalay Regions, providing school children with a US\$ 8 million worth of Ultra-Heat Treated milk daily. The three-year programme will benefit 45000 primary students, making them healthier and smarter. It is learnt that the government targets more children in Chin and Kayah States that will be followed by nationwide School Milk Programme.

The programme has been introduced with the suggestion of internationally-recognized researches that school children under the School Milk Programme can be added up to four inches of their average height and are more intelligent than their ordinary peers. Statistics show that a person in developed countries drinks more than 100 kilogram of milk a year while annual consumption of milk and dairy products by a person in Myanmar is only 28.2 kilograms. That's why, it calls for tripling milk and other dairy production and consumption.

With the programme in motion, school kids will have sustainable benefits of milk because it is a source of essential nutrients for each and every child. Milk fortified with calcium, vitamin D and fat helps children to ensure strong bones and brain development. Having a regular drink of milk makes a proper blood sugar level. So they can concentrate their lessons. Protein in milk contributes towards their physical strength. There is also substantial epidemiological evidence from studies in Europe that milk consumption during childhood may prevent against asthma, allergies and other immune-related diseases.

We would like to urge to conduct a study monitoring the height and weight of children from the start of the milk feeding programme to three years later. It is intended to spotlight improvement in well being of children and impact of malnutrition that prevents our children from reaching their full mental and physical potential.

All in all, we would like to congratulate the government and donors for this great initiative, School Milk Programme, wishing to have huge success.

## Asia Foundation donates publications for libraries



YANGON, 22 June—Jointly-organized by US embassy in Myanmar and the Asia Foundation, the 9<sup>th</sup> publications donation ceremony took place at American Center on Tawwin Street in Dagon Township, yesterday noon.

It was attended by

officials from the US embassy and the Asia Foundation, departmental personnel and library in-charges from the universities. A total of over 12000 publications were donated by the Asia Foundation at the ceremony.

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## ARTICLE

## Nayone full moon day commemorates Mahasamaya Sutta Day

**Maha Saddhamma jotika dhaja**  
**Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt**

It was on the full moon day of the month Nayone that Lord Gotama Buddha discoursed on Maha Samaya Sutta before a great assembly of Devas and Brahmas, celestial beings of all universes. The essence of this famous Sutta was the benefit of harmony and unity. The background history of the discourse on this Sutta is as relevant to our time as it was then. The Buddha gave this discourse after he settled an international water dispute of his time.

The Rohini was a small river, flowing between the two countries, Kapilavatthu and Koliya of the same Sakya race. The two kingdoms took turn to water their agricultural lands by controlling the flow of the channel with a single dam. But in hottest summer or when drought visited, water in the dam diminished, causing crops wither. The farmers of the two countries held a meeting to discuss their water problem. Each side claimed to use dam water for its own cultivation without paying heed to other. Their meeting turned into heated debates using abusive languages and insulting each other's clan and king. When the matter was reported to their respective kings, animosity went out of control and war was declared. With full armed forces the two sides came out to the banks of the River Rohini to fight to monopolize that amount of water for each own interest.

Residing in the Jetavana monastery of Savatthi, Lord Buddha perceived that his kinsmen of Kapilavatthu and Koliya would fight a bloody battle for water. Unless he intervened and preached Dhamma of peace and unity, all his kinsmen of the two kingdoms would be destroyed on the battlefield. In the evening the Buddha came alone to the place of hostilities. Sitting cross-legged in the sky above the warring groups to cause them marvel and contrition. Being frightened by that strange phenomenon, the two warring parties wondered why Gotama Buddha of their own clan appeared on the scene and behaved that way. Perhaps he knew our strife. They decided to put down their arms and asked the

Buddha why he came there. The Buddha descended and sat calmly on the sand bank of the river. Then began asking questions to both warring groups.

"What is the actual cause of your strife?"

Both sides answered, "Water of this river Rohini."

"What is the value of water of the river Rohini?"

Both sides answered, "It is just a small value."

"What is the value of the earth?"

Both sides answered, "Its value is limitless."

"What is the value of the noble royal, Khattiya race?"

Both sides answered, "It is unlimited."

"Then, for some water of this Rohini channel which is of small value, why do you wish to destroy the priceless royal race of Khattiya by waging war upon each other. No pleasure and no benefit in worthless conflicts and wasteful strifes," the Buddha reasoned to them.

Next, the Buddha expounded the endless enmity arising from a minor cause by narrating the jatakas—stories of past lives. First Phandana jataka which taught the lesson of mutual destruction due to endless enmity and hostilities. The Buddha exhorted both sides to behave like the waters of the two Rivers—the Ganges and the Jumna [Yamuna] which harmoniously mixing together with loving-kindness.

"Therefore, strive only for unity. Every Buddha has praised the values of unity. He who delights in harmonious living, established in the ten modes of good conduct is bound to achieve nothing less than the happiness of Nibbana, the end of all attachments, yogas, which yoke one to rebirth."

After hearing that exhortation and dhamma teaching, both sides laid down their arms and buried their hatchets for good. They were amicably reconciled and reunited.

Upon their request, the Buddha went on to narrate more jataka stories such as Duddubha jataka and Latukika jataka to give lesson on the benefit

of harmony and unity and Rukkha Dhamma jataka to give lesson for the peaceful settlement of dispute and the end of strife.

Both sides realized that because of the Buddha's dhamma lessons they were spared mutual destructions. So each side made over to the Buddha 250 princes whom the Buddha made monks. The total 500 monks followed the Buddha who returned to Mahavana Forest for retreat. But the five hundred monks were not happy because of their attachment to their families. Therefore the Buddha invited them to the Lake Kundala in the Himalayan Forests and discoursed on "Kundala jataka" whereupon all 500 monks became Sotapan and urged them to practise kamathna dhamma [meditation]. The 500 Sotapan monks attained arahathood.

Hearing the happy tidings of the peaceful settlement of water dispute between the two kingdoms and the attainment of arahathood by 500 Sotapan monks of both kingdoms, all celestial beings of all universes, Devas and Brahmas came to assemble in front of the Buddha on the auspicious full moon day of Nayone. They unanimously requested the Buddha to deliver his sermon on the emancipation from Samsara—the endless cycle of births and rebirths, cravings, sufferings, defilements, anger, greed and ignorance.

So the Buddha discoursed on Mahasamaya Sutta. After hearing and understanding it, countless number of celestial beings became arahat. The Buddha's dhamma was "peace, loving-kindness and compassion". Its effects were so profound and far-reaching that all hitherto traditional enemies like dragons and garudas, Sakka deva and Asura deva. Tiger, lions, elephants etc. became friends and lived peacefully and happily ever after. Such a happy occasion was very rare. Only once in the lifetime of each Buddha that Maha Samaya Sutta was discoursed for unity,

reconciliation and peace.

The relevance of Maha Samaya Sutta to our time need not be overemphasized. Living in this 21<sup>st</sup> century of globalization, we enjoy unprecedented opportunities of scientific and technological information and communication and invention much to human advantages. But at the same time we confront several challenges that accompany these opportunities. The evil effects of our material progress and prosperity upon the elements of nature and natural environment as well as upon human nature and human environment pose still unsolved challenges to us—climatic changes, food shortage, old and new diseases, armed conflicts which Myanmar Buddhists know as three calamities—Hunger, Disease and Killing.

We have been pulling our brain and brawn to meet these challenges. Almost every day we hear the news of our multilateral efforts to solve these challenges—how to get enough food to feed our ever growing human population, how to arrest and adjust bad climate changes, how to contain the spread of killer diseases, how to alleviate poverty, how to get sufficient clean water, how to reconcile fighting groups, how to end strife, how to convince that it is peace and not war that can give us happiness. Yet we have bad news of fighting for a piece of land, for fresh water, for food and so on.

As the Buddha has said in the Jataka stories and Maha Samaya Sutta mentioned above, the most important secret of meeting these challenges of our time is the goodwill of all of us—human beings. Though many dialogues at international for a, many efforts by international organizations, many implementations of projects and programmes to meet the challenges of our time are encouraging and praise worthy, yet we need to more goodwill at heart to practise what we preach to others. That is the message of Maha Samaya Sutta Day.

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## LOCAL NEWS

### CONSTRUCTION

#### Encircled zedis of Shwedagon Pagoda to be renovated

YANGON, 22 June—The Office of Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees will renovate encircled zedi of the pagoda in the open season in 2013.

The wellwishers are invited to offer golden robes and renovate for 19 encircled zedis. The

original donors and wellwishers wishing to make donation may contact the office of pagoda board of trustees not later than 31 September. For further detail, dial Ph-01-383511, extension (282) and 01-375767.

*Kyemon-Shwe Htoo*

#### YCDC to construct recycle power plant, incinerator

YANGON, 22 June—Yangon City Development Committee will start construction of recycle power plant and incinerator which can generate two kinds of power from 1600-ton of garbage per day in November.

Methane gas will be taken from the gas produced by the plants and will

be produced compress biomethane.

Electricity generation will be undertaken by constructing incinerator instead of CNG.

The power generation plant will be built in Dagon Myothit (North) Township and incinerator in Hlinethaya Township.

*Kyemon-Shwe Htoo*

### HEALTH ACTIVITIES



#### Free traditional medical treatment given to people

MONYWA, 22 June—A medical team comprising traditional medicine practitioners led by Medical Superintendent U Nay Aung of Monywa Traditional Medicine Hospital (50-bed) of Sagaing Region provided health care services to the local people in Leingon Village of Pale Township

in Monywa District in Sagaing Region on 16 June.

The medical superintendent gave lectures on seasonal common diseases and protection against outbreak of diseases to the local people.

Next, the medical superintendent presented 300 copies of journals to the village library through the

#### Anti-DHF activities being carried out across the nation

YANGON, 22 June—The officials have been implementing preventive measures against DHF in the rainy season across the nation.

Organized by Saya U Win Myint-Bio (Kyangin), preventive measures against infectious diseases and DHF were carried out in the schools of No. 1 and No. 3 Basic

Education Departments. They also shared health knowledge to the students at various schools. He will demonstrate and clarify free spraying at the various schools in Hlegu Township with the permission of the district education officer in this month.

*Kyemon-Min Htet Paing (Hlinethaya)*



village administrator.

The medical team performed free medical

checkup to 220 local people.

*Kyemon-Monywa District IPRD*

#### Mobile library gives service to readers



HAKA, 22 June—With the aim of raising reading habit of people, staff of Haka Township Information and Public Relations Department opened the mobile library in

Myohaung Ward of Haka on 19 June.

They give librarian service to the people with borrowing books.

Over 200 people of

the ward borrowed over 500 books from the mobile library.

*Kyemon-Township IPRD*

### ACCIDENT

#### One dead, six injured in Kyaikto car accident

KYAIKTO, 22 June—One was dead and six injured in a car accident near Pyithu Market on Bogyoke Road in Gangaw Ward of Kyaikto in Mon State on 19 June.

A passenger car heading to Mawlamyine from Bago hit the back of a car loaded with dried fish and fish paste, which was parking near the incident.

Passenger car's driver U

Pauk Si died on the spot.

Passengers Ma Thin Thin Oo, U Zaw Win Aye, U Tint Naing, Ma Ni Ni, U Tin Nu and Ma Htet Htet Moe Oo sustained injuries but they are not in critical condition.

Kyaikto police station has filed a lawsuit against the case.

*Kyemon-Township IPRD*

### SPORTS

#### SEA Game billboard erected in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 22 June—The billboard of XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in Myanmar was erected in Kawthoung of Kawthoung District on 19 June morning.

The billboard, 40 by 60 feet, is located on Bogyoke Street.

*Kyemon-U Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung IPRD)*

MAWLU, 22 June—SIP Aung Aung Than, leader of surveillance squad of Mawlu Police Station and party together with local authorities, acting on tip-off, seized two oxen and seven cows to be brought to Kachin State along Nanyon-Gwaygyi road via Sipein Village together with three persons namely Win Naing, Aung Min Htwe and Than Win Aung. Those persons did not have any endorsements to bring the cattle to Kachin State.

Mawlu Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Win Naing, 33, son of U San Tun of Sipein Village, Aung Min Htwe,

### CRIME

#### Illegal trafficking of cows, oxen seized in Mawlu



30, son of U Than Maung of Sipein Village, Than Win Aung, 24, son of U Hla Shwe

of Sipein Village under the law.

*Kyemon-Nitoe*

#### Stimulant tablets seized in Kyaikto

KYAIKTO, 22 June—Police sub-inspector Thaung Hla and members from Kyaikto Police Station of Mon State searched the house of Myo Myint Aung

(a) Myo Myo in Taungthusu ward of Kyaikto with a warrant on 18 June.

A total of 371 stimulant tablets and K 45,000 were seized from Myo Myint

Aung.

The police station filed a lawsuit against him in connection with the case.

*Kyemon-Win Maung-Township IPRD*



## Facebook admits year-long data breach exposed six million users

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 June—Facebook Inc has inadvertently exposed 6 million users' phone numbers and email addresses to unauthorized viewers over the past year, the world's largest social networking company disclosed late on Friday.

Facebook blamed the data leaks, which began in 2012, on a technical glitch in its massive archive of contact information collected from its 1.1 billion users

worldwide. As a result of the glitch, Facebook users who downloaded contact data for their list of friends obtained additional information that they were not supposed to have.

Facebook's security team was alerted to the bug last week and fixed it within 24 hours. But Facebook did not publicly acknowledge the bug until Friday afternoon, when it published an "important message" on its

blog explaining the issue.

A Facebook spokesman said the delay was due to company procedure stipulating that regulators and affected users be notified before making a public announcement.

"We currently have no evidence that this bug has been exploited maliciously and we have not received complaints from users or seen anomalous behavior on the tool or site to suggest wrongdoing," Facebook said on its blog.

While the privacy breach was limited, "it's still something we're upset and embarrassed by, and we'll work doubly hard to make sure nothing like this happens again," it added.

The breach follows recent disclosures that several consumer Internet companies turned over troves of user data to a large-scale electronic surveillance programme run by US intelligence.—Reuters



An illustration picture shows a woman looking at the Facebook website on a computer in Munich on 2 Feb, 2012. —REUTERS

## Storm injures 39 at Swiss gymnastics festival

GENEVA, 22 June—A storm sweeping across western Switzerland late on Thursday has injured 39 people, with six seriously wounded, at the Federal Gymnastics Festival in Biel, local media reported on Friday.

A tent collapsed due to the strong winds and caused the most injuries after participants were hit by structural elements, and the most seriously hurt were suffering from back and head injuries, reported Swissinfo website. The event resumed on Friday after emergency repairs overnight. Up to 180 soldiers provided immediate assistance to the evacuation of the injured people and to the restoration throughout the night, according to the Swiss defense ministry.

Over 60,000 people took part in the festival, which takes place over ten days and is held once every six years. The storm, bringing hail, heavy rain and winds reaching speeds up to 130 kilometres per hour, moved in from the south, striking Geneva before heading northwards Thursday. Flights at the city's airport were delayed as were trains in the region.—Xinhua

## Macedonia faces uphill struggle on way to join EU

SKOPJE, 22 June—Macedonia used to be a leader in the Balkan region concerning its integration into the European Union (EU), but now it faces an uphill struggle to achieve that end.

At the end of June the EU Council is scheduled to assess the progress by Macedonia in its EU integration efforts. However, latest information from Brussels showed the country again wouldn't be given a date for start of the membership negotiations.

A candidate country for EU membership since 2005 and with recommendation for start of accession negotiations with the Union since 2009, Macedonia's progress has been blocked for four years in a row.

The main obstacle is the dispute over the name of Macedonia with Greece. After the breakup of Yugo-

slavia in 1991, the use of the name Macedonia has become object of a heated argument between Greece and the newly independent republic.

Greece opposes its tiny northern neighbor being called Macedonia, arguing that the name Macedonia harbors a territorial claim over a northern Greek province of the same name.

However, Macedonian Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski recently stated that the name issue might not be the only obstacle in the future. He complained that the EU is passive in the case of Macedonia and that is why this problem is being put on the margins.

"We do not exclude that in future other reasons would be invented as an excuse for our progress and that obstacle would not be Greece," Gruevski said

## Lebanese army determined to maintain security

BEIRUT, 22 June—Lebanon's caretaker Defense Minister Fayez Ghosn said on Friday that some sides "have awakened strife" in Lebanon but the army is determined to maintain internal security.

In a statement, the minister said that recent unrest and incitement against the army are aimed at harming its morale in order to drag Lebanon toward strife.

Ghosn stressed the army "will not stand idly

by" and will "resort to force when needed" to preserve security and stability, adding that "The military institution's actions stem from its keenness on higher national interests and civil peace."

He urged Lebanese citizens to "realize the fragility of the current phase Lebanon is going through and ignore the calls for strife and division."

Earlier Friday, Army Commander General Jean



People observe the Fiat's Mio concept car during the 6th International Auto Show, in the city of Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 21 June, 2013. —XINHUA

## Magnitude 5.2 quake hits Italy, minor damage in rural areas

MILAN, 22 June—A magnitude 5.2 earthquake was felt across central and northern Italy on Friday, causing some minor damage in rural areas but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

The epicentre of the quake, which hit at about 12:33 pm (6:33 am EDT)

was between the towns of Massa and Lucca in Tuscany and La Spezia in the Liguria region, the national geophysics institute said.

The tremor was felt in Milan, the largest city in northern Italy, and as far north as the Friuli region near the border with Slovenia.

The mayor of Casola in Lunigiana, a small town in the Tuscan countryside, told Italian television the quake had caused cracks in some old buildings and minor collapses but there were no reports of injuries.

Aftershocks continued to rock the area, some as strong as magnitude 4.0, officials said, adding that residents in some rural areas were advised to stay out of their homes for the time being. The last major earthquake to hit Italy struck in May, 2012 in the central Emilia Romagna region. That quake measured 6.0 magnitude and killed more than 20 people, destroyed historic buildings and caused widespread damage to local industries.

Reuters

## Ten dead, 20 missing as boat sinks off Gabon

LIBREVILLE, 22 June—Ten people drowned and another 20 remain unaccounted for after a boat carrying West African clandestine migrants sank off the coast of Gabon, a police official said on Friday.

The boat had left Nigeria and was within 15 minutes of arriving in Gabon's capital Libreville when it went down late on Tuesday night. Gabonese authorities rescued 23 survivors and the search continued into Friday. "Last night we had six bodies and since this morning we have found four more, which makes a total of 10 recovered bodies. The immigrants drowned," said a member of the nautical brigade of Gabon's national police, who asked not to be named.

Police said the survivors—from Benin, Nigeria and Burkina Faso—claimed to have each paid the boat's crew up to 500,000 CFA francs (\$1,000) to take them to Gabon, where they hoped to find work.

Local newspapers reported that the human traffickers attempted to extort more money from the immigrants and had begun throwing those who could not pay overboard. Gabonese authorities said they were investigating the cause of the sinking. Oil-rich Gabon's relatively high wages for manual laborers have made the tiny central African nation a popular destination for regional migrants.

Reuters



A worker is seen in a carpentry workshop in Old Cairo, Egypt, on 21 June 2013. The carpentry workshop founded in 1926 in the middle of "Al-Ghori agency" heritage area produces chairs, beds and wooden replicas of heritage products. Bad economic conditions and deteriorating security situation in Egypt forced the workshop to reduce production and lay off most workers.—XINHUA

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## REGIONAL



**Buses and trucks are submerged in floodwaters of the Yamuna River in New Delhi, India, on 19 June, 2013. The Indian capital has been put on flood alert after its main Yamuna river breached the danger mark following incessant rainfall since on 16 June.—XINHUA**

## Death toll from northern Indian flood rises to 550

NEW DELHI, 22 June—The official toll from the flash flood in the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand has risen to 550, and over 50,000 people are stranded, the state chief said on Friday evening.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Vijay Bahuguna confirmed that the death toll has doubled to over 550.

Floods and landslides, triggered by heavy rainfall, hit northern India on Sunday, with Uttarakhand being the worst affected state where hundreds of buildings were washed away. And those killed included local residents as well as pilgrims visiting the state.

The Home Minister Shinde, who is to visit the flood-hit areas on Saturday,

said the death toll could rise further, though rains have stopped in the state famous for its several pilgrimage spots. The Indian military has been continuing its rescue operations.

Apart from Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh releasing millions of rupees for floods relief, the country's ruling Congress chief Sonia Gandhi has asked the party's Members of Parliament and state legislators to contribute their one month salary for Uttarakhand's natural calamity.

However, the Indian media say that the floods are "man-made," due to rampant construction, mining and massive power projects in the northern states.

Xinhua

## Jakarta takes action against haze, sends aircraft to put out fires

JAKARTA, 22 June—Indonesia on Friday dispatched planes and helicopters to battle the fires in Sumatra responsible for the haze crisis in Singapore and Malaysia, the National Disaster Mitigation Agency said, adding the 10 aircraft sent to Riau Province will start their operation on Saturday.

The move follows a meeting in Jakarta on Thursday between Indonesian and Singaporean government officials, who discussed ways to deal with the environmental crisis.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono appointed the National Disaster Mitigation Agency to lead the haze control operation, which aims at extinguishing hotspots on Sumatra Island within one month.

Most fires are located in Sumatra's Riau Province, where 187 hotspots were detected by Wednesday, according to the Spe-

cialized Meteorological Centre of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Firefighters have so far been battling the fires, struggling with poor infrastructure and limited water resources.

Despite the obstacles, they have been successful in their mission, agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho told a Press conference.

"The latest development from Riau is the hotspots decreased to 60. The firefighters in the land are continuing their hard work to put out the fire spots," he said.

With most fires located in dense forest areas, the teams will use water-bombing and cloud-seeding to try to chemically induce rain.

One of the 10 aircraft, a CASA 212 200 Rain Maker carrying 1 ton of salt, departed from Banjarmasin, the capital of South Kalimantan, he said.

Kyodo News

## Philippines crushes 5 tons of elephant tusks

MANILA, 22 June —The Philippines government on Friday crushed 5 tons of elephant tusks confiscated since 1996 to show its commitment against the illegal wildlife trade.

Identified as a trade route and transit country for elephant tusks, the Philippines would be the first country outside Africa and in Asia to destroy its stock of ivory, which authorities estimate to be worth around 420 million pesos (\$10 million).

"Elephants may not walk among us here in the Philippines. But we share the same sentiments as the countries in Africa and Asia because like them, we also have our own wildlife that are as important, as iconic, and as endangered, like the Philippine eagle and tamarau," Theresa Mundita Lim of the Philippine Department of Environment and Natural Resources said.

The elephant tusks, crushed using heavy equipment and to be burned afterward, were smuggled into the country from 1996 to 2009 in eight different shipments from Tanzania, Zambia and Uganda.

The destruction was witnessed by international groups related to the protection and preservation of wildlife.

Bryan Christy of the National Geographic said ivory is widely consumed for religious purposes in the Philippines, as well as in Thailand and China where it is also popular for ornamental items. "This unique event in the Philippines and indeed in Asia demonstrates the steadfast commitment of the Philippines and entire

region to contain illegal trade in endangered wildlife species, the African elephant in particular," said Bonaventure Ebayi, director of the Kenya-based Lusaka Agreement Task Force.

Ebayi said there is unprecedented level of poaching and concomitant illegal wildlife trade perpetrated by well-equipped criminal gangs worldwide, noting more than 700 seizures of illegally traded ivory equivalent to 200 tons between 1989 and 2000.

Kyodo News



**A backhoe begins to crush some five tons of elephant tusks smuggled into the Philippines between 1996 and 2009 from African countries on 21 June, 2013 in the Manila suburb of Quezon City. The Philippine government decided to destroy the ivory, which is popularly used in the country for religious icons, to show its commitment against illegal wildlife trade.—KYODO NEWS**

## 15 missing as boat capsizes off near Karachi, Pakistan



**Rescuers search for survivors after a boat capsized in the Arabian Sea near Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi, on 21 June, 2013. At least 15 people went missing when a boat capsized in the Arabian Sea near Karachi on Friday, local media reported.—XINHUA**

## Vietnam, Cuba cement cooperative ties

HANOI, 22 June—Vietnam and Cuba should continue maintaining, preserving and promoting their long-standing traditional friendship and solidarity, a senior official said here on Friday.

Vietnamese National Assembly (NA) Chairman Nguyen Sinh Hung made the statement when receiving First Vice President of the Council of State and Member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Cuba Miguel Diaz Canel during the latter's visit to Vietnam.

Hung spoke highly of the visit, saying it is a vivid manifestation for the traditional friendship and comprehensive cooperation be-

tween Vietnam and Cuba.

The two sides should increase the exchange of delegations, especially high-level ones, to make orientations for developing bilateral ties, he said. For his part, the Cuban guest said his visit aims to enhance the traditional friendship and comprehensive cooperation between the two nations and peoples.

He informed the host of his talks with Vice President Nguyen Thi Doan, saying that the two sides agreed on a number of measures to boost cooperation in the areas of agriculture, telecommunications, infrastructure development and oil and gas exploitation.—Xinhua

## Malaysian gov't calls for regional cooperation against haze

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 June —Malaysian government on Friday called for regional cooperation against the hazardous air that shrouds the part of its country and Singapore recently.

"It is important that ASEAN nations work together in a spirit of co-operation to tackle this problem," said an official statement.

Five areas recorded "Very Unhealthy" air quality by Friday evening, according to the Department of Environment, as the southern part of Malaysia was among the worst hit by the annual haze, largely attributed to the smoke from forest fires in Sumatra, Indonesia brought by the southwestern monsoon winds.

At least several hundred schools were temporarily shut down due to health concerns. Malaysian government said Natural Resources and Environment Minister G Palanivel will travel to Indonesia and meet Indonesian government officials to discuss ways to address the issue.—Xinhua

ISLAMABAD, 22 June—At least 15 people went missing when a boat capsized off in the Arabian Sea near Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on Friday, local media reported.

Urdu TV channel ARY said that a boat with over 50 people on board overturned near Kemari area of Karachi, the capital city of the country's southern Sindh Province. Rescue teams recovered 35 people and shifted them to a hospital where at

least eight of them are said to be in critical condition.

The boat was carrying locals and tourists from Kemari area to Minora Island when it drowned. Rescue officials said that the boat sank due to overloading as it had the capacity to load 30 people but it was carrying over 50 people.

Search for the missing people is underway and three boats of Maritime security Forces are taking part in the rescue operation.—Xinhua



**Rescuers work at the site of collapsed residential building in Thane District on the outskirts of Mumbai, India, on 21 June, 2013. Ten people were killed and several others were feared trapped under the debris of a three-storey building near Mumbai on Friday, the financial capital of India, according to local media reports.—XINHUA**

## ADVERTISEMENT &amp; GENERAL

**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 |
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| 1.  | Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana (Thapyaytaung) | one-storey 120x25x12 ft 60-person-capacity RCC building with water and power supply                       | 2 Lots   |
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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).

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| 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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AGENT FOR: M/S ORIENT EXPRESS LINES**

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**China, Russia  
to scale up  
investment  
cooperation**

ST PETERSBURG, 22 June —Investment cooperation between China and Russia will see further expansion, economists said on Friday.

"Russia is preparing for numerous projects, of which we see a considerable sum promising," Hu Bing, president of the Russia-China Investment Fund (RCIF), told *Xinhua* on the sidelines of the 17th St Petersburg International Economic Forum.

The Russian Direct Investment Fund and China Investment Corporation established the 2-billion-US-dollar RCIF when President Vladimir Putin visited China last June. Another 1 billion to 2 billion dollars will come from third parties.

Hu said the fund had invested about 170 million dollars into a forestry project in Russia's Far East and was mulling more investment.

"Direct trade is not enough to level up the China-Russia relations," he said, "Investments, instead, will strengthen the ties in longer term."

Damian Chunilal, CEO Asia for Russia's VTB Capital, told *Xinhua* that Asia, especially China, has seen tremendous growth opportunities.

"As trade grows, we do expect FDI (foreign direct investment) to grow as well," Chunilal said, "China is our priority."

The models for investment cooperation could be flexible. "It might be joint ventures, it might be direct investments or taking share holdings," he said.

Currently, more than 30 Chinese companies longing to set foot in Russia have been in touch with VTB Capital, Chunilal said.

*Xinhua*



**People do shopping during the midnight sale at the Senayan City Mall, in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 21 June, 2013. The existence of the midnight sale programme with great discount price is one factor increased turnover of the shopping centre.**  
**XINHUA**

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years  
ago. Second best time is now.**

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Lindsay Lohan denied permission for rehab transfer

LOS ANGELES, 22 June—Lindsay Lohan is undergoing a 90 day rehab stint in California. Troubled star Lindsay Lohan will not be permitted to transfer to another rehab until she completes her 90-days of court-ordered treatment at the Cliffside facility in Malibu.

The 26-year-old actress recently left the Betty Ford clinic in Rancho Mirage, California for Cliffside, reported Radar online.

“Lindsay is receiving excellent treatment at Cliffside and responding well. She hasn’t asked to go to another facility. She is happy with her current situation, and doesn’t want to leave,” a source said.

“Anyway, neither the judge nor the prosecutor would sign off on another rehab move for Lindsay, if she requested. It was made clear that allowing her to leave Betty Ford for Cliffside would be a one-time occurrence,” it added.

However, Lindsay’s father Michael Lohan wants her to transfer to a facility on the east coast, in order to be near her family.

“She wants to be on the east coast because it’s easier for family to see her,” he said.

Lindsay’s mother Dina believes she will continue to flourish in her latest rehab facility.—PTI



Lindsay Lohan

### Sandra Bullock turns down Annie remake twice

LOS ANGELES, 22 June—Actress Sandra Bullock has reportedly turned down a role in the remake of the movie Annie for the second time.

Bullock was in talks to portray the mean orphanage boss Miss Hannigan in the musical, but negotiations have fallen through, according to TheWrap.com, reports dailystar.co.uk.

The Speed actress

**Sandra Bullock will next be seen in Gravity.**

turned down the same role in March as well.

She is not the only actress, who

has refused to be a part of the remake. Will Smith’s actress-daughter Willow had previously been cast as Annie, but she too pulled out of the project earlier this year.

The project will be co-produced by Will Smith and rap mogul Jay-Z.

PTI

### Britney Spears loves yoga

LOS ANGELES, 22 June—Pop singer Britney Spears loves indulging in yoga to keep her body and mind healthy.

“I love my yoga! I’m doing a lot of yoga right now. It’s like my go-to be-

tween all anxiety and everything,” huffingtonpost.com quoted Spears as saying.

The 31-year-old was not always fond of yoga. “The first time I did yoga, I didn’t like it at all.

I think the key is finding a good teacher. Someone you kind of connect with,” she said.

“If you do find that person, it doesn’t feel like you’re bored or impatient

because I’ve been in tons of classes, where I’m so over it and I can’t deal and want it to end, but I think if you find the right instructor, it does wonders for your body,” she added.

PTI

### Angelina Jolie visits Syrian refugees in Jordan

LOS ANGELES, 22 June—Actress-philanthropist Angelina Jolie visited refugees at the Jordan border recently.

The 38-year-old actress, who had undergone double mastectomy earlier this year, was photographed crouching down while listening to firsthand accounts from refugees and taking notes, reported Us magazine.

She posted the purpose of her visit on the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees’ website.

“To show support for Syria’s refugees, to call on the world to address their plight, and to better understand needs in Jordan and other countries in the region most directly affected by this devastating conflict.

“The international response to this crisis falls short of the vast scale of this human tragedy. Much more humanitarian aid is needed, and above all, a political settlement to this conflict must be found,” the website read.

Jolie travelled solo on the trip, as her fiancé Brad Pitt is busy promoting his new film World War Z.

PTI



Angelina Jolie is a special envoy for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).



Pop singer Britney Spears

## SPORTS

## FIFA to use spray for free kicks at under-20 World Cup

ZURICH, 22 June—An aerosol spray to help referees mark where defensive walls should line up at free kicks is being used in a FIFA tournament for the first time at the Under-20 World Cup which kicked off in Turkey on Friday.

Referees at the event can use the spray to mark the spot where a free kick should be taken as well as where the wall should stand 9.15 metres away to prevent encroaching.

“To have made a debut in a FIFA World Cup is undoubtedly the most important step we’ve taken together with the approval given us by IFAB (the International FA Board),” the

spray’s Argentine inventor and producer Pablo Silva told Reuters.

The spray, approved by football’s rule-making body IFAB in March 2012 for use in any competition worldwide, has been in use in South America in the region’s top club competition, the Libertadores Cup, and at domestic league level.

“This obliges us to redouble our efforts so that, if all goes well, we can get to the World Cup in Brazil next year,” said Silva, who markets the spray as “Aerosol 9-15”.

The spray, which comes in a small aerosol canister, disappears between 45 seconds and two



A logo of the International Federation of Football Association (FIFA) is pictured at the Home of FIFA in Zurich on 5 July, 2012.—REUTERS

minutes after being applied and can be used on any playing surface.

Football’s world governing body FIFA said on its website (www.fifa.com) that all the referees at the under-20 tournament are on a list of candidates to officiate at the senior World Cup finals in Brazil next year.

Silva introduced his spray to leading referees at a recent seminar in Rio de

Janeiro ahead of the Confederations Cup and said the European delegates, who had not previously seen it, were impressed.

He invented it after playing in an amateur match in which the wall came within five metres as he took a free kick and the referee let play continue and did not heed his complaints.

Reuters

## Champions Bayern kick off title defence against Gladbach



Bayern Munich's Franck Ribery lifts up the trophy as the team celebrates victory over VfB Stuttgart in their German cup (DFB Pokal) final match at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin on 1 June, 2013.—REUTERS

BERLIN, 22 June—Treble-winning Bayern Munich will launch their Bundesliga title defence

with a home game against Borussia Moenchengladbach when the new season gets underway on 9 August.

The all-conquering Bavarians, who also won the German Cup and the Champions League last season, will have former Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola on the bench, the successor of Jupp Heynckes, when they take on the five-time German champions.

“This is a classic,” German league (DFL) managing director Andreas Rettig told reporters on Friday. “It is an attractive encounter and we look forward to another 611 attractive games.”

Champions League and Bundesliga runners-up Borussia Dortmund, who

last season again topped the global football attendance list with an average of 80,534 fans per game, travel to Augsburg.

Fellow Champions League competitors Bayer Leverkusen host Freiburg.

Schalke 04, who grabbed the Champions League qualifying round spot with a fourth-place finish, entertain Hamburg SV, the only team that has played continuously in the Bundesliga since its start in 1963. Newcomers Hertha Berlin host Eintracht Frankfurt and Eintracht Braunschweig take on Werder Bremen.—Reuters

## Budding talent Vekic primed for Wimbledon at 16

LONDON, 22 June—When a 16-year-old like Croatia’s Donna Vekic bursts on to the big stage by reaching tournament finals the words “next big thing” are never far behind.

The pitfalls of surviving the assault course of professional women’s tennis have swallowed up many an emerging talent, yet when a former great like Chris Evert starts talking up the London-coached Croatian it is worth listening.

“She has tremendous mental ability and is tremendously confident and poised for someone of just 16,” 18-times grand slam champion Evert said this week.

“I’m not saying top 10 just yet but top 20 definitely in the near future.”

It is a bold prediction but Vekic, coached by Tim Henman’s former mentor



Donna Vekic of Croatia hits a return to Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark during their women's singles match at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 17 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

David Felgate, is already turning heads. Last September, in her main draw debut on the WTA Tour, she reached the final in Tashkent

and last week in Birmingham, in her first grasscourt tournament on the Tour, she blazed to the final where she lost a tight match to veteran Daniela Hantuchova.

Vekic could be excused a self-congratulatory pat on the back. Instead, she sounded mildly disappointed at not

already having a first career title under her belt.

“Things have happened really quickly and I’m pleased about that considering I’m just 16 but I wanted to win desperately,” she told Reuters. “Sometimes you are not quite ready.”

“But when I get to my third final I want to win it.”

Felgate made it clear she was not satisfied merely getting to finals. “Not to put too fine a point on it she was

upset and pissed off,” he told Reuters. “She knows she had a chance.”

“She wasn’t happy but I like that attitude.”

Osijek-based Vekic, who speaks English like a native, calls London her second home and has the looks to attract big sponsors, is already drawing parallels with a young Maria Sharapova - a comparison Felgate is quick to play down, especially as the Russian won Wimbledon at 17.

“All you can ask for as a coach is that you want to work with someone who is determined to improve,” he said. “I don’t know how good she’s going to be, she’s obviously doing very well at the moment. She is not scared to be pushed and has a good head and a good heart. If you combine that with the weapons she has that’s why we have what we have today.”—Reuters

## Le Roy leaves DR Congo after World Cup exit

LONDON, 22 June—Veteran coach Claude le Roy has resigned as coach of Democratic Republic of Congo after their World Cup hopes ended last weekend, the country’s football federation said on Friday.

Le Roy ended a second stint in charge of the Congolese side after they were held to a 0-0 draw at home by Cameroon on Sunday, falling out of the race for places at next year’s finals in Brazil.

It ends a ninth different tenure as national team coach for the 65-year-old Frenchman, one of the most recognisable figures in African football.

Le Roy helped Congo to qualify for the last Nations Cup finals in South Africa to extend his own record for the most games



RD Congo head coach Claude Le Roy reacts during their friendly match against Egypt in Doha on 2 March, 2012.—REUTERS

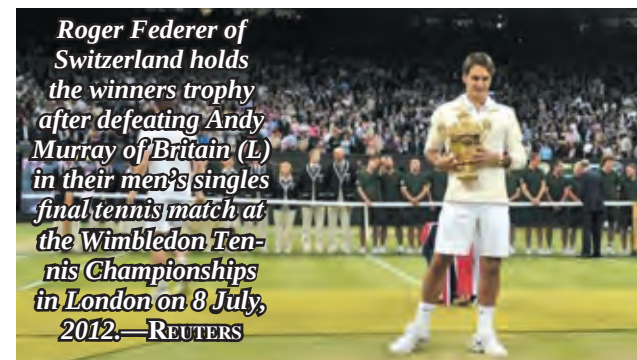
coached at the finals but for the first time in six tournaments failed to get his side past the first round.

In the World Cup qualifiers, DR Congo have won one match in their five group games to date.

Le Roy also had two stints as coach of Cameroon and has been in charge of Ghana, Malaysia, Oman, Senegal and Syria.

Reuters

## Nadal and Murray in Federer’s way at Wimbledon



Roger Federer of Switzerland holds the winners trophy after defeating Andy Murray of Britain (L) in their men's singles final tennis match at the Wimbledon Championships in London on 8 July, 2012.—REUTERS

LONDON, 22 June—Roger Federer faces a tough road to another Wimbledon final after Friday’s draw threw Rafa Nadal and home favourite Andy Murray into the champion’s path and cleared the way for world number one Novak Djokovic.

The third seed could face Spaniard Nadal, seeded only fifth to reflect his current ranking as he works his way back from injury, in what would likely be an epic quarter-final on the grass of southwest London.

Federer and Nadal, the big danger in the draw, played three finals in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

If the Swiss seven-times winner gets through the quarter-final, he faces a potential clash with last year’s finalist Murray in the semi-finals.

World number one Novak Djokovic would be on course to face seventh seed Tomas Berdych in the quarter-finals but will avoid any of his three main rivals until the final.

Djokovic plays Florian Mayer in his opening match and also has fourth seed David Ferrer in his half of the draw.

Nadal, the eight-times French Open winner who suffered a shock second-round defeat in London last year, starts out against Belgian Steve Darcis while Federer’s first opponent is Romanian Victor Hanesu.

Second seed Murray’s opener is against world number 95 Benjamin Becker, the 31-year-old German he beat in the quarter-finals on his way to victory in the Aegon Championships at Queen’s Club last week.

If all goes to plan, Murray will face old foe Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the last eight—having beaten the Frenchman in last year’s semi-finals and at Queen’s this month.

“You don’t look past the first match,” the Scot had said ahead of the draw. “There are a lot of dangerous players out there early in the tournament.”

Murray, Federer and Nadal are all scheduled to play on the opening day on Monday. In the women’s draw, top seed and defending champion Serena Williams will begin her quest for a 17<sup>th</sup> grand slam title against Luxembourg’s Mandy Minella.—Reuters

## GENERAL



China's marine patrol ship Haixun 31 prepares to leave Haikou for Qiongzhou Strait, south China's Hainan Province, on 21 June, 2013. Tropical Storm Bebinca is estimated to reach southern South China Sea from Saturday night to Sunday, local meteorological observatory warned.—XINHUA

## Republic of Congo receives Chinese-made MA 60 aircraft

BRAZZAVILLE, 22 June—Republic of Congo's Transport Minister Rodolphe Adada on Thursday received a new aircraft of MA 60 type which was made in China.

The plane received here will be given to the New Air Congo, one of the country's two national airlines. The MA 60 aircraft has certain advantages such as economical fuel consumption and good adaptation to air traffic conditions in the interior of the Republic of Congo. The air-

craft can carry between 52 to 60 passengers and could be converted into a cargo plane or into a VIP version.

With two other planes acquired in 2005 and 2006, the New Air Congo will now have three MA 60 planes, something that will reinforce its capacity to continue operating domestic flights.

During the ceremony to hand over the aircraft, Xu Bo, the vice president of the Chinese company AVIC International which is specialized in importation and

exportation of aeronautic products and technologies throughout the world, said his company was ready to "deepen and expand cooperation in the civil aviation domain, especially maintenance of the planes and personnel training."

Adada said the cooperation will be reinforced further with the expected construction in Congo of an aircraft maintenance centre, with capability to service aircraft upto the category of the new generation Boeing 737.—Xinhua

### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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- \* A Flower of Music (Win Lei Thu-Vocalist)

### Myanmar TV

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| <b>6:00 am</b>                                             | <b>4:00 pm</b>                                                            |
| 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw              | 18. News/ Weather Report                                                  |
| <b>6:15 am</b>                                             | <b>4:15 pm</b>                                                            |
| 2. Myitta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw                         | 19. Song & Dance of National Races                                        |
| <b>6:35 am</b>                                             | <b>4:30 pm</b>                                                            |
| 3. Dhamma Puja Song                                        | 20. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Zoology) |
| <b>7:00 am</b>                                             | <b>4:45 pm</b>                                                            |
| 4. News/ Weather Report                                    | 21. Performance With Song                                                 |
| <b>7:20 am</b>                                             | <b>4:50 pm</b>                                                            |
| 5. Programme In Honour of "Full Moon Day of Nayon"         | 22. Road to 27 <sup>th</sup> SEA Games (Taekwondo)                        |
| <b>8:00 am</b>                                             | <b>5:00 pm</b>                                                            |
| 6. News/International News                                 | 23. News/ Weather Report                                                  |
| <b>8:25 am</b>                                             | <b>5:15 pm</b>                                                            |
| 7. Amazing World                                           | 24. Sing A Song                                                           |
| <b>9:25 am</b>                                             | <b>6:00 pm</b>                                                            |
| 8. Science & Environment                                   | 25. News/ Weather Report                                                  |
| <b>10:00 am</b>                                            | <b>6:20 pm</b>                                                            |
| 9. News                                                    | 26. Cartoon Series                                                        |
| <b>10:15 am</b>                                            | <b>6:45 pm</b>                                                            |
| 10. TV Drama Series                                        | 27. TV Drama Series                                                       |
| <b>11:00 am</b>                                            | <b>7:00 pm</b>                                                            |
| 11. Gitadahale Phintbaohn                                  | 28. News                                                                  |
| <b>12:00 am</b>                                            | <b>7:15 pm</b>                                                            |
| 12. News/International News/Weather Report                 | 29. TV Drama Series                                                       |
| <b>12:25 pm</b>                                            | <b>8:00 pm</b>                                                            |
| 14. Round Up of The Week's International News              | 30. News/International News/Weather Report                                |
| <b>12:35 pm</b>                                            | <b>8:35 pm</b>                                                            |
| 15. Fashion In Honour of Myanmar Women's Day 2011 (Part-2) | 31. Maha Thamaja Day of Thida Gu                                          |
| <b>2:35 pm</b>                                             | <b>9:00 pm</b>                                                            |
| 16. Documentary                                            | 33. News                                                                  |
| <b>3:00 pm</b>                                             | 34. Tamyethnar Takwetsar                                                  |
| 17. News                                                   | 35. New Molody                                                            |

## Sorenstam knows the pressure ahead for Park at Women's Open

LONDON, 22 June—World number one Park Inbee will face a new level of pressure at next week's US Women's Open championship as she goes for her third major crown of the year, according to 10-time major winner Annika Sorenstam.

Sorenstam personally experienced the intensity of such a chase when she came to the 2005 US Women's Open at Cherry Hills in Denver after winning the Kraft Nabisco and LPGA Championship, just as the South Korean has done this year.

"I've been in her shoes," Sorenstam said in a conference call on Thursday set up by the Golf Channel. "I had a chance to go for the third major in a row. It was a lot of pressure."

"I wanted to not necessarily ignore it, but I was trying to not let it get to me. I wanted to just focus. It's another major. It's the US Open, and at the time,

I had won two before, and I thought, you know, I can do this."

Park has also already won a US Open, notching her first of the three majors on her resume by winning the 2008 championship at Interlachen in Minnesota at age 19 to become the youngest ever winner of the event. Sorenstam said she loved Cherry Hills and felt confident.

"I thought, this is a perfect week for me, perfect venue, and I felt ready to

play and I was excited. But there was this underlying pressure," said Sorenstam.

"I just put a lot of pressure on myself and I would say that I was probably pushing it too hard, especially not getting off to a good start and then you tried harder. And as you know when you try harder, it almost makes it tougher."

The 42-year-old Swede, who will be doing TV commentary for next week's Open at Sebonack on New York's Long Is-

land, said keeping the major streak alive weighed on her as she tied for 23<sup>rd</sup>.

"It was in the back of my mind constantly," she said. "And the media build-up before that was pretty big, also. I was trying to balance my time on practice, but stay focused and just kind of show up like it was a new week and a new tournament." "I'm looking forward to seeing how Inbee handles this."

Besides the building pressure to add another major, there is the difficulty of the competition itself in a course set-up that is often the toughest the women face all year.

"Most of the US Opens are longer than our regular events. The greens are a little firmer and the rough is a little higher," Sorenstam said. "It doesn't mean that you won't see that at other events, but if you put them all together, you have ... a US Women's Open."

Reuters



Park Inbee of South Korea waves to the crowd after a birdie putt on the eighteenth green during the third round of the 18th Evian Masters golf tournament in Evian on 28 July, 2012. REUTERS



Picture taken on 20 June, 2013 shows a refitted car during the Bangkok International Auto Salon in Bangkok, capital of Thailand. The Bangkok International Auto Salon will be held from 20 to 30 June.—XINHUA

## Terrorists attack Turkish military helicopter in SE Turkey

ANKARA, 22 June—A military helicopter of the Turkish Armed Forces carrying command staff was attacked by four shots fired from a mountain in the southeastern Province of Hakkari late on Thursday, a military statement said on Friday.

The helicopter tried to avoid the shots fired by

"terrorist groups" from the Ikiyaka Mountain, according to the statement issued by the General Staff of the Turkish Armed Forces.

However, one bullet hit the front window and partially damaged the helicopter, it said.

No casualties were reported in the attack.

Xinhua

## Workshop on experience sharing in conflict management held



Union Peace-making Work Committee Member Union Minister U Khin Yi delivers an address at the workshop on experience sharing in conflict management. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—The opening of workshop on experience sharing in conflict management was held at the meeting hall of the

Ministry of Immigration and Population, here, this morning, with an address by Union Peace-making Work Committee Member Union Minister U Khin Yi.

## Myanmar Scout Squad meets ASEAN Scouts Association for Regional Cooperation

YANGON, 22 June— A meeting between Myanmar Scout Squad and ASEAN Scouts Association for Regional Cooperation was held at the hall of No.4 Basic Education High School in Ahlon Township this afternoon.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu extended greetings, and Coordinator U Tin Nyo of Myanmar

Scout Squad clarified the activities of Myanmar scout squads.

Then, officials of ASEAN Scouts Association for Regional Cooperation discussed conducting of scout training courses in Myanmar and attending of the Scout Youth Forum by Myanmar scout youth which will be held in Thailand in December, 2013.—MNA

Union Minister U Tint Hsan and party participate in mass walk activity.—MNA



## 1370 jade lots sold out at 8<sup>th</sup> day of Golden Jubilee MGE

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June— A total of 1370 jade lots were sold out through tender

system today at the the Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium here.

At the eighth day of the emporium, Secretary of the Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium U Thein Swe and responsible personnel supervised the sales.

Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung, Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint and Deputy Minister U Than Tun Aung visited the sales today.

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## Union FM sends felicitations to his counterpart of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, on the occasion of the National Day of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which falls on 23 June, 2013.

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The Union minister said that the national goal of the State was to build a new Myanmar that allows independent and transparent all-inclusive political process and fair competition in economic process. Despite challenges of democratic transition period, participation of all was needed to address them in a peaceful way and to study the ways and means

of international conflict resolution, he added.

Deputy Minister for Defence Commodore Aung Thaw and Myanmar Resident Representative Mr. Adam Cooper of HD Centre clarified matters related to the workshop.

At the workshop, the international conflict management experts will share their conflict management experiences till 25 June.—MNA

## Mass walk activity marks International Olympic Day

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Over 2500 people and departmental personnel actively participated in the mass walk activity in commemoration of the International Olympic Day from Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market to the Myanmar Gems Museum on Yaza Thingaha Road, here, this morning.

Union Ministers U Tint Hsan, U Htay Aung and Dr Pe Thet Khin, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win and officials together with artistes joined the mass walk activity.

In front of the museum,



Union Minister U Tint Hsan accepts cash donation of wellwishers.—MNA

they took physical exercises. The Ministry of Sports served them with breakfast and soft drinks.

At Gold Camp in Nay Pyi Taw where athletes take trainings, U Aung Kyaw Kyaw of Eternal Sunshine Co Ltd, D//2

& Nino Fashion donated 6000 sports shirts and 5000 towels worth K 65.5 million to Union Minister U Tint Hsan.

Leader of the Gold Camp U Kyaw Oo spoke words of thanks.

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## Low pressure area formed over northwest Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—According to the observation at 6 pm MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

## Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (22-6-2013)

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| Cocogyun   | 5.12 inches |
| Kyaukpyu   | 4.41 inches |
| Mawlamyine | 3.98 inches |
| Pyapon     | 3.90 inches |
| Thandwe    | 3.49 inches |