

Mutual understanding and sympathy served as sound foundations of bilateral relations: Vice-President U Nyan Tun

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun held talks with a Chinese delegation led by Member of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr. Yang Jeichi at Shwe Nanndaw Hotel, here, this evening.

The Vice-President was accompanied by Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Maj-Gen Zaw Win, U Thant Kyaw, U Ye Htut, U Thaug Tin, U Than Swe and Dr Lin Aung and departmental heads.

The Vice-President acknowledged Paukphaw relationships between Myanmar and China, acting as good neighbours supporting each other in times of emergency during over a 60-year period of diplomatic ties that has been established since 1950.

He said that the two countries had promoted their relations as compre-

hensive strategic cooperative partnership in time of the new government.

He pointed out that mutual understanding and sympathy served as sound foundations of bilateral relations while domestic reforms were in process for ensuring a harmony with the similar background history between the two countries and current global issues.

The Vice-President expressed thanks for Chinese support for ongoing reform process in Myanmar like the support given to Myanmar by China during the past two decades.

He continued that President U Thein Sein and Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks on implementation of comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership between the two countries during his presence at Bo'ao Forum held in Bo'ao of the PRC in April.

Regarding the bilat-



Vice-President U Nyan Tun holds talks with Member of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr. Yang Jeichi.—MNA

eral strategic cooperation within two years, he said the two countries had to solve some unexpected issues based on understand-

ing and tolerance.

He also clarified the reforms carried out by the new government.

Afterwards, Mr Yang

Jiechi said the relations between the two countries has been strengthened, reaching a high level within 60 years, and he also reiterated that President Mr Xi Jinping also pledged to strengthen the friendship between the two countries at the meeting with President U Thein Sein at Bo'ao forum.

While the two countries are carrying out reforms, China would make efforts for achieving sustainable growth of bilateral cooperation, he said.

He continued to say that China opposes interfering in internal affairs of a country and he believed that Myanmar people can choose a way that is suitable for their country to bring about development.

He supported the na-

tional reconciliation efforts of Myanmar government, he said.

Afterwards, the two sides exchanged views on opportunities for bilateral cooperation in economy, agriculture, development of rural areas and poverty reduction and on implementing the all round strategic cooperation established between the two countries.

After the meeting, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw and the vice minister of Foreign Affairs of China signed the work plan on project for implementing strategic cooperation between the two countries.

Afterwards, the Vice-President hosted a dinner in honour of the Chinese delegation.—MNA



Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw and the Chinese Vice-Minister sign work plan on project for implementing strategic cooperation between the two countries.—MNA



MYANMAR MIGRANT WORKERS

More Myanmar workers in Malaysia back home

YANGON, 23 June — Myanmar workers who have been in distress in Malaysia arrived back at Yangon International Airport by MAI flight on 22 June afternoon.

It is learnt that 20 Myanmar workers who returned home under ar-

rangement of Ayeyawady Foundation, Myanmar Embassy in Malaysia, social networks in Malaysia and MAI Airlines were among passengers including some Myanmar workers who were held with various charges in Malaysia.

“Only 20 Myanmar workers were back home under our arrangements. The program for this time targeted the sick, the injured and family members of the deceased.

Those in the camp and risk areas, women and pregnant women are being prioritized,” says General Manager U Ye Myo Hein of Ayeyawady Foundation.

The two injured in the wheelchairs, those with hand and head injuries and family members of the deceased are included in the 20-member group of Myanmar and the injured were transported to Victoria Hospital for medical treatment.

“I am worrying about my son. I am here to welcome the return home of my son. I would like to express my thanks for arrangements of organizers,” says an old woman at the entrance to foreign arrival terminal packed with families and relatives of Myanmar workers.

“I feel happy and an atmosphere of security here makes me safe and secure,” says a Myanmar

worker shortly after his arrival at the airport from Malaysia.

According to CEO U Paw Myint Oo of Htoo Foundation, each and every Myanmar workers in Malaysia is being provided with US\$ 100 and more than US\$ 100,000 is ready to do so.

It is learnt that plans are underway to appoint Myanmar workers to companies under Ayeyawady Foundation and Air Bagan and they are invited to submit their application forms with CVs. Depending on job demands, priority will be given to them in appointing to the companies.

Kyemon-Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)

Shan State (South) targets economic development through increased productivity of SMEs

TAUNGGYI, 23 June — Jointly-organized by GIZ and Shan State Government, a workshop on boosting cooperation of the government, private sector and community-based organizations for development of small and medium-scale enterprises in Shan State (South) was held at a ballroom of Cherry Queen Hotel at Nyaungpyu camp in Taunggyi on

19 June. The GIZ is an association from Germany and its branch is being kept open in Taunggyi.

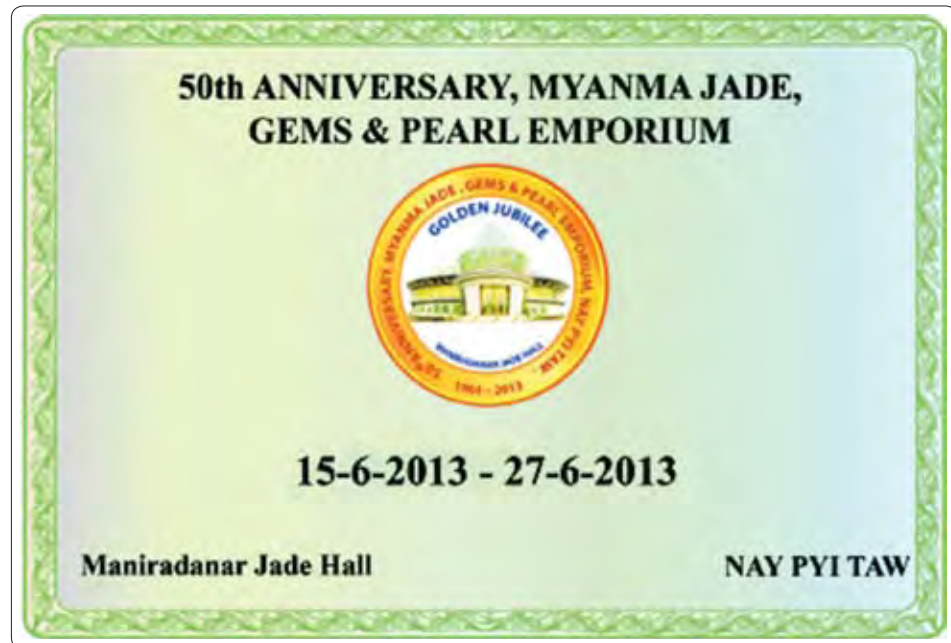
On behalf of the Shan State Government, Rector of Taunggyi University Dr Mu Mu Myint called for cooperation of private sector and community-based organizations with GIZ that is striving for economic development of Shan State (South) by opening a

branch in Taunggyi and implementing a plan.

Head of Programme of GIZ Mrs. Irina Scheffmann elaborated on works being carried out in cooperation with Myanmar government for private sector development. Next, GIZ Senior Advisor Mr. Thomas Schneider explained plans to be implemented in Shan State (South).

Then, Prof. Dr. Wilhelm gave talks on “Public Private Partnership-PPP” and work progress in regional economic development, and those present took part in discussions on opportunities, challenges and requirements.

The workshop focused on agriculture sector and short and long-term plans to increase SMEs productivity. — *Kyemon-Thaw Wai (Taunggyi)*



Wind gusts touch down in ward of North Okkalapa Township

YANGON, 23 June — (Hsa) Ward of North Okkalapa Township in Yangon East District got caught in a squall of rain at the night of 21 June.

Wind gusts accom-

panied by heavy rains blew away the roofs of a basic education high school and caused partially damage to some houses in the ward.

Kyemon-Tun Win



AGRICULTURE

Kalay sees thriving rubber plantations

KALAY, 23 June — Kalay with a humid weather is contributing towards thriving rubber plantations along Kalay-Tamu road and on the other bank of Myitha River. Being an industrial crop, local people are interested in growing rubber plants on a commercial scale. Property owners of rubber plantations call the rubber plant “White

Gold”.

In an interview with an official of the Industrial Crop Development Department in Kalay about thriving rubber plantations, he said that Kalay district comprising Kalay, Kalewa and Minkin was home to 30 rubber growers and each grower owns a rubber plantation ranging from 20 to 50 acres.

The district covers 1315 acres of rubber plantation. Rubber growing has started since 2005-2006.

The price of rubber latex per pound is K 1200. Prices may be varied according to up and down of US currency. A seven-year-old rubber plant can produce latex commercially and there are 17 acres of rubber plant that can produce latex in Kalay.

Kyemon-Shin Nay Min (Kalay)

MAB disburses agricultural loans to Magway farmers

MAGWAY, 23 June — The disbursement of agricultural loans for 2013 cultivation season from township branches of Myanmar Agriculture Bank were in progress in Magway Region as of 17 June. So far 1393 member farmers in 31 villages have been provided with K 274 million of bank loans.

It is planned to disburse agricultural loans for 2013

cultivation season to 196951 member farmers in 1299 village-tracts from 25 bank branches of Myanmar Agriculture Bank in the township of Magway.

It is learnt that per acre of 345,867-acre paddy farmland will be disbursed K 100,000 loan and per acre of 783,824-acre crop farmland K 20,000.

Kyemon-Sitt Naung



PHOTO NEWS

Photo shows health staff and members of social organization performing preventive measures against Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever in Sanpya 2/(Ka) Ward of Mingaladon Township in Yangon North District on 17 June.—KYEMON

BUSINESS

WORLD

Tension 'undeniable' as German and Turkish ministers meet

BERLIN, 23 June—Germany's foreign minister said tensions with Ankara were undeniable after he met his Turkish counterpart on Saturday amid a row over Berlin's criticism of a crackdown on protesters in Turkey and its reluctance to see Turkey join the EU.

Germany and Turkey on Friday summoned each other's ambassadors for tit-for-tat reproaches after Merkel said she was "appalled" by Ankara's response to the protests, and a Turkish cabinet minister accused her of blocking Turkey's accession to the EU because she was "looking for domestic political material for her elections".

Barring a last-minute change of heart by Germany, the EU looks set to postpone or cancel plans to open a new "chapter" in Turkey's membership talks next Wednesday.

Such a move would cast further doubt on the future of Turkey's already painfully slow negotiations to join the EU, and a senior Turkish official has said it would draw a "strong reaction".

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle met his Turkish counterpart Ahmet Davutoglu on Saturday on the sidelines of a



German Foreign Affairs Minister Guido Westerwelle speaks during a joint news conference with his Afghan counterpart Zulmai Rasoul at the Presidential Palace in Kabul on 8 June, 2013.—REUTERS

meeting in Qatar over the war in Syria. "You can't deny the tensions," he told the German broadcaster ARD. "We're all making an effort to reduce them and overcome them."

He said the meeting had been "good and constructive", but that several issues needed clarification, and urged restraint on both sides. "The talks must continue, we are in the middle of these negotiations," he said.

In Ankara, German Ambassador Eberhard Pohl met Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Feridun Sinirlioglu, a ministry official said. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of demonstrators, mostly from Ger-

many's large Turkish immigrant community, turned out in the city of Cologne to support those who have been challenging Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan on Turkey's streets.

The protest was organized by Germany's Alevi community — members of a sect related to Shi'ite Islam who form a large minority in Turkey and say they lack the religious rights enjoyed by Erdogan's Sunni majority.

Germany has criticized Erdogan's forceful response to weeks of anti-government protests and appears to be refusing to agree to open a new negotiating chapter, the first in three years.—Reuters

Voting begins in Tokyo assembly election, "Abenomics" effect eyed

TOKYO, 23 June—Voting began on Sunday in Tokyo in the metropolitan assembly election, with 253 candidates contesting 127 seats in what is widely seen as a prelude to the upper house election in July, a crucial test for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Liberal Democratic Party.

The main focus is on how voters will evaluate "Abenomics," which combines massive fiscal stimulus, bold monetary easing and a growth strategy, and is aimed at pulling the world's third-largest economy out of chronic deflation.

Riding on relatively high popularity, the LDP headed by Abe aims to gain an overall majority in the 127-seat assembly with its junior coalition partner

New Komeito party.

Abe has described the election as a battle to be won "at any cost" as the outcome will set the tone for the nationwide polls next month when voters are expected to deliver a verdict on his handling of the seven-month-old government.

Political parties hope to inject momentum into their campaigns for the House of Councillors election set for 21 July.

Memories remain fresh within the LDP of the party's crushing defeat in the previous assembly election in 2009 that paved the way for the Democratic Party of Japan to take the reins of the central government for the first time. The LDP regained power in the general election in December last

year.

In Sunday's election of the DPJ-dominated assembly, the LDP is fielding 59 candidates, the DPJ 44, New Komeito 23 and the Japanese Communist Party 42.

The Japan Restoration Party, taking part in the assembly election for the first time with 34 candidates, is also in the spotlight as co-leader Toru Hashimoto has indicated he may step down depending on the outcome.

The Osaka mayor, in order to contain political repercussions, has apologized to candidates running on the party's ticket after facing a barrage of criticism for his recent remarks about Japan's wartime military brothels.

Kyodo News

Central Texas town sues fertilizer plant over blast

HOUSTON, 22 June—Local government of a small town in the US State of Texas filed lawsuit on Friday against a fertilizer plant for its fault in a recent deadly blast that killed 15 people, local media reported.

Officials from the town of West, some 320 km north of Texas' largest city Houston, filed the suit against plant owner Adair Grain

and CF Industries, which supplied agricultural-grade ammonium nitrate to the plant, local TV ABC13 reported.

West seeks unspecified damages from the defendants, the report said. Adair Grain spokesman Daniel Keeney and CF Industries spokesman Dan Swenson told the *Waco Tribune-Herald* that they hadn't reviewed the lawsuit and de-

clined to comment.

The blast, ignited by a fire in the plant on 17 April levelled homes, schools and businesses nearby, killing 15 people and wounding over 200 others. The lawsuit filed Friday in a state district court alleges Adair Grain was negligent in how it stored the chemical and that CF Industries was liable for an inherently hazardous product.—Xinhua

70,000 evacuated from flood-ravaged Indian state, death toll rises to 680

NEW DELHI, 23 June—Indian authorities have evacuated a total of 70,000 people from flood-ravaged areas in the northern state of Uttarakhand while 22,000 remained stranded and official death toll attained 680, officials said on Saturday.

Over 10,000 people were evacuated on Saturday from various upper reaches of flood-ravaged Uttarakhand, including the worst-affected Kedarnath, the *Press Trust of India* quoted officials as saying.

Rescue operation is racing against time as weather forecast says rain will return to Uttarakhand

by Monday or Tuesday, which might hamper the work of rescuers and soldiers. The chief minister of the state, Vijay Bahuguna, said death toll could attain 1,000, as more bodies are expected to be found among mud and debris.

On Saturday, officials said 123 bodies were recovered from the Kedarnath temple complex, raising the official death toll to 680, said *Press Trust of India*.

Uttarakhand and some other states in north India were taken by surprise by an early monsoon last weekend. Many buildings along the Ganga river were



Soldiers assist survivors to board a rescue helicopter next to the River Alaknanda, during rescue operations in Govindghat in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand on 22 June, 2013.—REUTERS

washed away by flash flood.

Some blame over-construction of the Ganga

banks for causing the heavy losses of life and property.

Xinhua

Further nuclear arms cuts to involve more countries

MOSCOW, 23 June—Future talks on nuclear arms reductions would involve all countries that possess nuclear weapons, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Saturday.

Commenting on US-President Barack Obama's proposals to further cut nuclear weapons stocks in the

two countries, Lavrov said the current priority was to implement the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) treaty signed by the two sides. "It will take several years more for us to reach the levels it stipulates," Lavrov said in an interview with a local TV channel.

Meanwhile, further

talks on nuclear arms cuts should be taken in a multi-lateral format, since "further reductions would bring us to levels comparable to the nuclear arsenals possessed by countries other than Russia and the US," he said.

Those countries include not only officially recognized nuclear powers but "all

countries possessing nuclear weapons," he specified.

When deciding on further nuclear cuts, Russia would take into account the US missile shield plan in Europe, Lavrov said, adding Obama had acknowledged the necessity of this approach.

Xinhua

Flooding to close core of Canada's oil capital for days

CALGARY, 23 June—Some residents began returning to damaged homes on Saturday after record-breaking floods in southern Alberta that killed at least three people, displaced more than 100,000 and will leave the core of Canada's oil capital, Calgary, without power for days.

Communities to the south and east of Calgary were on high alert as flood waters washed across the region. And even as Calgary lifted some evacuation orders, officials warned people not to become complacent.

"We have a situation across southern and particularly south-west Alberta of

intense saturation, which means 20 millimeters (0.8 inch) of rain that would typically be absorbed could cause massive flooding and run-off," Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths told a news conference.

"Please do not assume because the clouds have cleared and the streets are not flooded with water it is perfectly safe to move back into your community." The floods followed 36 hours of unusually heavy rainfall which pushed the volume of water in local rivers to record levels. Some communities received six months of their normal rainfall in under two days.—Reuters



An abandoned car sit submerged on a flooded street in the Mission area of Calgary, Alberta on 22 June 2013.

REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Shenzhou-10 completes manual docking with space module

BEIJING, 23 June—China's *Shenzhou-10* manned spacecraft successfully completed a manual docking procedure with the orbiting *Tiangong-1* space module at 10:07 am on Sunday, according to the Beijing Aerospace Control Centre.

Launched on 11 June from northwest China's Gobi desert, the *Shenzhou-10* successfully completed an automated docking procedure with the *Tiangong-1* on June 13, with three astronauts aboard the *Shenzhou-10* entering the space module.

At 8:26 am on Sunday,

the spacecraft was manually separated from the *Tiangong-1* module.

After the Beijing Aerospace Control Centre remotely examined the spacecraft and the module, the *Shenzhou-10* approached the module, with astronaut Nie Haisheng piloting the spacecraft and the other two crew members, Zhang Xiaoguang and Wang Yaping, monitoring instruments and making sure the craft was on target.

At 10:00 am the spacecraft made contact with the *Tiangong-1* and at 10:07, the two connected.

According to their mis-

sion schedule, the astronauts will enter the space module again and carry out scientific experiments.

The *Shenzhou-10* is China's fifth manned spacecraft. Its current flight is China's first application-orientated space flight since the country's manned space programme started in 1992.

China is the third country after the United States and Russia to acquire the technologies and skills necessary for space rendezvous and docking procedures, as well as supply manpower and material for an orbiting module via different docking methods.



The Long March 2-F rocket loaded with Shenzhou-10 manned spacecraft carrying Chinese astronauts Nie Haisheng, Zhang Xiaoguang and Wang Yaping lifts off from the launch pad in the Jiuquan Satellite launch centre Gansu Province on 11 June 2013.—REUTERS

Previous docking procedures conducted between Shenzhou-type spacecraft and the space module include two automated dockings by the unmanned *Shenzhou-8* in 2011 and both

an automated and manual docking by the manned *Shenzhou-9* in 2012

The *Tiangong-1* space lab has been in orbit for more than 600 days. It will remain in service for another

three months.

The module is considered the first step in building a permanent space station, which the country aims to do by 2020.

Xinhua

Pentagon flash drive ban has many exceptions



Pentagon

WASHINGTON, 23 June—The Pentagon has granted many exceptions, possibly numbering in the thousands, to allow staff members who administer secure computer networks to use flash drives and other portable storage devices, department spokesmen say.

The exceptions to policies barring the use of such devices could make it easier for rogue employees to remove sensitive documents. But officials say waivers go to people who update software and run helpdesk services for the Pentagon's vast computer network and are needed to run the system efficiently.

The US government's handling of sensitive documents has come under scrutiny since Edward Snowden, a systems administrator for a contractor with the National Security Administration, copied classified materials at a Hawaii installation and leaked them to the news media.

Snowden used a simple flash drive to store the materials, according to a government source close to the investigation.

Storage devices have been a concern at the Defence Department since the 2008 Buckshot Yankee incident, in which a malicious software worm known as agent.

btz was uploaded to military networks by a thumb drive.

Then-Deputy Secretary Bill Lynn declassified the incident in 2010 and US Cyber Command, which was established in the wake of Buckshot Yankee, banned the devices.

About that same time, according to prosecutors, Private Bradley Manning, an Army intelligence analyst, copied thousands of documents onto CDs and a digital camera card and leaked them to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks.

Since then, the Pentagon has bolstered efforts to prevent removal of classified data, Lieutenant Colonel James Gregory said. The department is in 100 percent compliance with directives to disable or tightly control use of removable media devices on the Pentagon's secure network, he said. That means most users have restricted profiles and their computers do not recognize flash drives and other devices, like BlackBerrys, that may

be plugged into USB ports, Pentagon spokesmen say.

The different military branches also have established programmes to control and track personnel authorized to download data from the secure network, they say. Automatic systems instantly report if someone connects an unauthorized device, or inappropriately uses credentials for accessing the system.

While use of flash drives is largely barred, exceptions are granted to systems administrators who install software and manage helpdesk services for the department's millions of computers and nearly 600,000 mobile devices in some 15,000 networked groups.

Lieutenant Colonel Damien Pickart, a Pentagon spokesman, said the department was unable to specify how many exceptions had been given because authority is delegated to smaller units within the service and is not tracked at the department level.

Reuters

Ouya's \$99 videogame console challenges pricier Xbox, PlayStation

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 June—Ouya's \$99 Android videogame console goes on sale on Tuesday, the latest attempt by a growing crop of niche hardware makers to chip away at a market dominated by Sony Corp, Microsoft Corp and Nintendo Co Ltd.

Ouya hopes its cheaper cube-shaped console will prevail over the long-established gaming triumvirate's pricier hardware. The new device has more than 150 free-to-try games, media features such as Flixster and radio service TuneIn, and an open ecosystem built on Google's Android operating system. Founded

by Julie Uhrman, a former executive at entertainment website IGN, the hackable, or customizable, device will go up this Christmas season against the \$399 PlayStation 4 and \$499 Xbox One. Both are packed with exclusive blockbuster titles from top developers, cloud gaming and other social features.

Ouya is going after core console gamers, as well as the mass market of college students, young adults and families that plays mobile games and is price-conscious, Uhrman said.

"Ouya is not an 'either-or' decision," Uhrman said.

"It stands on its own and it's something that gamers are going to want in addition to whatever device plays the game that they've been playing for the last five years."

Ouya and other hardware companies, big and small, are hoping to claw their way into a global video games market expected to touch \$66 billion in software and hardware sales this year, up from \$63 billion in 2012, according to research firm DFC Intelligence.

The 2013 holiday season is shaping up to be the most hotly contested in years, with Microsoft

launching its Xbox One and Sony's Playstation 4 coming to market.

Saratoga, California-based BlueStacks, will launch a \$129 cube called GamePop that is expected to be available this holiday season. Alternatively, gamers can pay \$6.99 monthly for access to over 500 games and get the console and controller for free.

Next week, graphics giant Nvidia Corp will release its handheld Shield device, which runs games available on Android tablets and smartphones and streams titles from computers.

Reuters

ZTE to churn out more 4G devices

HONG KONG, 23 June—China's ZTE Corp, the world's fifth largest smartphone maker, is aggressively moving into the higher end of the market for mobile gadgets with more 4G shipments.

The Shenzhen-based company has been trying to move away from selling lower end mobile phones, a strategy that has served it well in boosting its global market share, but at the expense of pressuring margins and profitability.

It plans to further raise its global profile by sponsoring a US National Basketball Association (NBA) team later this year, executives said.

"We're working towards a goal of 4G LTE (Long Term Evolution) gadgets making up 40-50 percent of our total consumer devices shipments by 2015. The percentage is quite small now — about 4 percent," Lv Qianhao, ZTE's head of handset strategy, told reporters in China's southern city of Guangzhou, where 4G LTE trials are being conducted.

ZTE is banking on products such as its Grand Memo phablet — a cross between a phone and a tab-

let, and its Grand S smartphone to battle the likes of Samsung Electronics Co Ltd, Apple Inc that have been dominating the market.

On Friday, ZTE executives showcased its LTE technology to reporters in a mini-van by driving through skyscrapers around a section of Guangzhou city while downloading video clips on its smartphones at speeds that are several tenfold faster than 3G.

ZTE has been working closely with China Mobile Ltd, the world's largest wireless carrier by subscribers, in 4G trials throughout the country that has more than a billion mobile phone users.

Even though ZTE's flagship telecom equipment business has hit stumbling blocks in entering the US market due to Washington's national security concerns, its mobile phones have been selling quite well, ZTE executives said.

"We have plans to sponsor an NBA team that Chinese consumers will say wow to, but we are still negotiating and nothing has been decided," ZTE spokesman David Dai said.

Reuters



A woman stands in front of a ZTE company logo during the company's 15th anniversary celebration in Beijing on 18 April, 2013.

REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Sanofi's next-generation insulin shows edge over Lantus



An employee sorts agent ampoules of the diabetes drug Lantus SoloStar at a manufacturing site of French drugmaker Sanofi in Frankfurt on 5 June 2013.

REUTERS

PARIS, 23 June—An improved version of Sanofi's blockbuster insulin Lantus is better than the older drug at controlling blood sugar lows at night, a common side effect in diabetics treated with insulin, according to two late-stage tests published on Saturday.

The results for the next-generation treatment, known as U300, could strengthen Sanofi's position as it defends its no. 2 spot in the \$43 billion diabetes market from rival drugs.

Lantus, a synthetic insulin developed in the 1990s, is currently Sanofi's top-selling product. Last year it grew almost 20 percent to generate 5 billion euros (\$6.6 billion) in sales—but is set to lose patent protection in 2015.

The new version has shown it could reduce night-time blood sugar lows by 21 percent compared with Lantus in patients treating their disease with insulin injections, without any additional side effects.

Headline data from a second study of people taking high doses of insulin as well as diabetes pills confirmed the findings of the first study.

Full data from the two studies, which were presented at the American Diabetes Association meeting in Chicago, are expected by the end of 2013. This means Sanofi could potentially launch U300 in 2014, analysts say.

Pierre Chancel, who heads Sanofi's diabetes unit, said it was too early to give a timeline for a potential launch or provide specific sales forecasts, but said the company would aim to switch patients currently using Lantus over to the new product. "Will it be a blockbuster? Probably yes," he told Reuters during a telephone interview.

A consensus compiled by Thomson Reuters Pharma has forecast annual sales of \$974 million for U300 by 2018. "The price would be comparable to Lantus or slightly higher, depending

on the geography, but not like the pricing approach of Novo Nordisk," Chancel added.

The Danish drugmaker, the world's biggest insulin producer, has opted to sell its main drug hope, long-acting insulin Tresiba, at a considerable premium over Lantus in Europe as it is believed to hold some advantages over Sanofi's product. Tresiba has already been approved in Europe and Japan, but is unlikely to be launched in the US before 2018 while Novo Nordisk conducts more tests to satisfy regulators.

The setback for Tresiba has been good news for rival makers of insulin medicines such as Sanofi.

In addition to U300, the French group has also stepped up the development of a fixed combination of diabetes treatments Lantus and Lyxumia to sidestep an earlier setback with a similar pen device and take advantage of the delayed US launch of Tresiba.

Reuters

Lufthansa says new low-cost brand off to good start

FRANKFURT, 23 June—Lufthansa (LHAG.DE) said that a project to merge some of its European and German domestic routes under a new low-cost brand has started successfully, as the airline grapples with losses at its European short-haul flights. "The transition is going well," a Lufthansa spokesman said on Saturday.

The carrier said last year that Lufthansa flights within Germany and Europe, excluding those from its hubs in Frankfurt and Munich, will be merged into its existing no-frills brand

Germanwings from 1 January, 2013.

German weekly *Wirtschaftswoche* on Saturday cited an unidentified Lufthansa supervisory board member as saying that Germanwings aircraft were operating at a fuller capacity and ticket prices were higher on average than expected.

This goes a long way towards restructuring Lufthansa's pan-European traffic which chalked up losses of about 250 million euros (\$328 million) last year, the magazine said.—Reuters



The logo of German air carrier Lufthansa is pictured at Fraport airport in Frankfurt on 6 May, 2013.

REUTERS

UBS to exit banking business in India

MUMBAI, 23 June—Swiss bank UBS AG (UBSN.VX) will surrender its Indian banking license and close its banking unit, covering fixed income, forex operations and credit services, a source with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters on Saturday.

However, UBS will continue its corporate client service business, which includes mergers and acquisitions, equities and debt capital market services, said the source, who declined to be identified as the information was not yet public.

People stand on a terrace of an office building of Swiss bank UBS at the Paradeplatz square in Zurich on 18 April 2013.—REUTERS

"That doesn't mean that we are closing down our India operations. We will be closing a very small business unit, to focus on our key strength," said the source. "It's part of our global strategy."

A UBS spokesman declined to comment.

UBS has a full-fledged banking license in India with a single branch in Mumbai and was focusing on the wealth management



business, covering foreign exchange, fixed income and credit services.

Indian newspapers reported on Saturday that UBS would surrender its banking license.

Earlier this year, Morgan Stanley (MS.N) sold its private wealth management business to Standard Chartered (STAN.L), in a sign of growing consolidation of Asia's wealth management industry, which is struggling with rising regulatory costs and wafer-thin advisory fees.—Reuters

Prenatal exposure to pollution may increase autism risk in kids

WASHINGTON, 23 June—Women exposed to high levels of air pollution while pregnant were up to twice as likely to have a child with autism as women who lived in areas with low pollution, according to a US study published on Tuesday.

Exposure to diesel particulates, lead, manganese, mercury, methylene chloride and other pollutants are known to affect brain function and to affect the developing baby.

Two smaller, regional studies in the US have found possible associations between air pollution and autism risk. The latest research, published in the journal *Environmental Health Perspectives*,

however, is the first large national study to examine the links, according to researchers from the Harvard University.

"Our findings raise concerns since, depending on the pollutant, 20 percent to 60 percent of the women in our study lived in areas where risk of autism was elevated," lead author Andrea Roberts, a research associate at the Harvard School of Public Health, said in a statement.

The researchers examined data from a long-term study involving 116,430 nurses that began in 1989. Among that group, the authors studied 325 women who had a child with autism and 22,000 women who had a child without the disorder.

To estimate women's exposure to pollutants while pregnant, they used air pollution data from the US Environmental Protection Agency and adjusted for the influence of factors such as income, education, and smoking during pregnancy.

The results showed that women who lived in locations with the highest levels of diesel particulates or mercury in the air were twice as likely to have a child with autism as those who lived in areas with the

lowest levels.

Other types of air pollution, lead, manganese, methylene chloride, and combined metal exposure, were associated with higher autism risk as well. Women who lived in locations with the highest levels of these pollutants were about 50 percent more likely to have a child with autism than those who lived in areas with the lowest concentrations.

Most pollutants were associated with autism more strongly in boys than girls. However, since there were few girls with autism in the study, the authors said this finding should be examined further.

"Our results suggest that new studies should begin the process of measuring metals and other pollutants in the blood of pregnant women or newborn children to provide stronger evidence that specific pollutants increase risk of autism," said senior author Marc Weisskopf, an associate professor at the Harvard School of Public Health.

"A better understanding of this can help to develop interventions to reduce pregnant women's exposure to these pollutants," Weisskopf said.

Xinhua

HPV vaccine significantly lowers infection rates in girls

WASHINGTON, 23 June—The introduction of a vaccine against the human papillomavirus (HPV) in 2006 has reduced the prevalence of the cancer-causing virus among US teenage girls by 56 percent, according to a new study from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

According to the CDC, human papillomavirus, the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States, can cause

genital warts, cervical cancer and throat cancer.

"This report shows that HPV vaccine works well, and the report should be a wake-up call to our nation to protect the next generation by increasing HPV vaccination rates," said CDC Director Tom Frieden in a statement.

The study used data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey to compare the proportion of girls and women aged 14 to 59 years with

certain types of HPV in the four-year period before and after the vaccine program began. As expected from clinical trials before the vaccine was licensed, the study showed that the vaccine is highly effective.

"The decline in vaccine type prevalence is higher than expected and could be due to factors such as herd immunity, high effectiveness with less than a complete three-dose series and/or changes in sexual behaviour we could not

measure," said lead author Lauri Markowitz.

"This decline is encouraging, given the substantial health and economic burden of HPV-associated disease," Markowitz said.

In the United States, HPV vaccines are recommended for 11- or 12-year-old boys and girls, and they are given in three shots over six months. But the CDC said only one third of US girls aged 13 to 17 have been fully vaccinated against HPV.—Xinhua

WORLD

Kerry presses Taliban to revive Afghan peace bid

DOHA, 23 June—US Secretary of State John Kerry put the onus on the Taliban to revive stalled efforts to end Afghanistan's 12-year-old war and warned the militants on Saturday they might lose their new office in Qatar if the peace bid collapsed.

US officials were due to hold preliminary discussions with the Taliban in Qatar last Thursday—but they were called off after the Afghan government objected to the fanfare surrounding the militants' opening of an office in the Gulf state.

"We need to see if we can get back on track ... I don't know whether that's possible or not," Kerry told a news conference in Qatar.

"If there is not a decision ... to move forward by the Taliban in short order, then we may have to consider whether or not the office has to be closed."

Kerry did not spell out what steps he wanted the militants to take to revive

the preliminary meeting, which had raised hopes that Washington might go on to broker the first direct negotiations between the Afghan government and the insurgents.

But Afghan government officials told *Reuters* they had been particularly angered by the Taliban's decoration of their building with a flag and plaques that suggested the group had achieved some level of international recognition.

The decorations had broken agreements on how the build-up to the talks would be handled, the government officials said.

Reuters

US Secretary of State John Kerry (R) speaks during the London 11 countries "Friends of Syria" meeting in Doha on 22 June 2013.
REUTERS



Lao Vice President Bounnhang Vorachit (L, front) meets with Miguel Diaz-Canel (R, front), Cuba's first Vice President of the Councils of State and Ministers, in Vientiane, Laos, on 22 June 2013. Miguel Diaz-Canel arrived in Vientiane on Saturday for a two-day official visit.
XINHUA

Okinawa marks 68th anniversary of end of WWII battle

JAPAN, (Naha), 23 Japan, —Residents and government officials marked the 68th anniversary on Sunday of the end of the Battle of Okinawa, a World War II ground battle that claimed more than 200,000 lives.

A memorial service for the war dead will be held at the Peace Memorial Park in the city of Itoman, the site of the final stage of the battle, with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Okinawa Gov. Hirofumi Nakaima attending.

Other attendees will include Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera and US Ambassador to Japan John Roos, marking the first attendance by a US Ambassador since Walter Mondale in 1995.

It will also be the first time for the foreign and defence ministers to attend the ceremony. Their attendance comes at a time Abe's government has made little progress in easing Okinawa's burden of hosting the bulk of US bases in Japan.

Antipathy toward US bases has risen in Okinawa since the deployment in

October last year of the crash-prone MV-22 *Osprey* tilt-rotor aircraft at Futenma Air Station. A government-sponsored ceremony held on 28 April in Tokyo commemorating the day Japan recovered its sovereignty in 1952 after its defeat in World War II also angered Okinawa people, as the southernmost prefecture remained under US control for another 20 years. This year, names of the 62 war dead were newly inscribed in the Cornerstone of Peace in the park, bringing the total to 241,227, regardless of nationality and military or civilian status.

Kyodo News

Jordan's lands not to be used for intervention in Syria

AMMAN, 23 June —Jordanian Prime Minister Abdullah Ensour said on Saturday that his country will not allow its territories to be used for any action against Syria, the state-run *Petra news* agency reported.

Ensour said Jordan is against any military intervention in Syria and will not allow its lands to be used for any intervention in Syria. Jordan calls for a political so-

lution to the Syrian crisis that preserves the unity and stability of Syria, Ensour said.

The prime minister added that Jordan is exerting its utmost efforts to control the borders with Syria and prevent the smuggling of any weapons or the entry of infiltrators into Syria.

Jordan has recently detained armed groups and referred them to court as they tried to enter Syria.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 22 June, 2013 shows the archeological site of an ancient tomb in Fangshan District of Beijing, capital of China. A gravestone excavated from the tomb confirmed that the tomb was the final resting place of Liu Ji, a regional military governor of the Tang Dynasty (618-907), and his wife. Archaeologists have started a salvage excavation of the tumulus since August 2012, after it was accidentally discovered at a local construction site. Valuable cultural relics, including an exquisite stone coffin bed, were discovered.—XINHUA

IUCN considering designating Japanese eel as endangered species

TOKYO, 23 June—A group of the world's scientists is considering designating the Japanese eel as a species at risk of extinction on its red list, sources close to the issue said on Saturday.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, or IUCN, will discuss the matter at a meeting to be held in Britain from 1 July to 5, according to the sources. While it does not bring about any legal binding force even if the eel is listed on the world's most author-

itative red list, the possible listing will raise global awareness on the situation.

The Japanese eel, whose population is decreasing in East Asia, has already been designated as a species at risk of extinction on the Japanese Environment Ministry's nonlegally binding red list of endangered freshwater and brackish water fishes in February.

At the July meeting, the experts will examine the inhabiting situations of 19 kinds of eels, including the Japanese eel, in the world

and discuss whether to designate each of them as an endangered species.

According to documents prepared ahead of the meeting, catches of parent Japanese eels have declined by around 90 percent in Japan during the past 30 years, while their populations in Taiwan and the Philippines are declining.

The documents also note that the deterioration in river environment and fishing are the greatest threats to the Japanese eel, prompting expectations it will be designated

Iraq attacks kill more than 30

BAGHDAD, 23 June—A suicide bomber blew himself up inside a Shi'ite mosque in northern Baghdad killing at least 12 people during evening prayers, police and medics said, in the deadliest of a series of attacks that claimed more than 30 lives across Iraq on Saturday.

Sectarian tensions in Iraq and the wider region have been inflamed by the civil war in Syria, where mainly Sunni Muslim rebels are fighting to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad, whose Alawite sect derives from Shi'ite Islam.

Insurgents including al Qaeda's Iraqi affiliate have been regaining ground and recruits from the country's Sunni minority, which feels sidelined since the US-led

invasion toppled former dictator Saddam Hussein and empowered majority Shi'ites.

"A suicide bomber blew himself up among the worshippers in the middle of evening prayer.

There were bodies drenched in blood and others shouting for help while smoke filled the mosque," said a policeman at the scene.

A further 25 people were wounded in the attack, which took place in the Sab al-Bor District near Taji, 20 km (12 miles) north of Baghdad.

Scattered attacks across the country throughout the day killed at least 22 others, around half of them in or near the northern city of Mosul, where a suicide

bomber killed four people at a police checkpoint.

In the western province of Anbar, which shares a border with Syria, militants detonated two car bombs near a checkpoint and attacked it with rocket-propelled grenades, killing five policemen.

Two people were killed when gunmen hurled a hand grenade at a gathering of laborers in Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, and a roadside bomb near some restaurants in the center of the capital killed two more.

More than 1,000 people were killed in Iraq in May alone, making it the deadliest month since the sectarian bloodletting of 2006-07.

Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

HRD

Award winners in international maths challenge arrives back



Award winners in international maths challenge on arrival at Mandalay International Airport.

MANDALAY, 23 June—Myanmar students bagged prizes and honour in a Mathematics challenge in Beijing of the People's Republic of China started on 10 June. They received a hero welcome on their arrival at Mandalay International Airport on 17 June afternoon.

A total of 980 students from seven countries participated in

the challenge and Myanmar fielded five contestants who respectively won prizes in each level.

Ma Thin Zar Zaw and Ma Thin Su Wai Aung of Mandalay won outstanding prizes in Level (6); Ma Ei Zin San of Taunggyi the outstanding prize in Level (5); Maung Shein Wint Aung the first prize in Level (4); and Ma Yu Yu Mon of Myitkyina the outstanding prize in

Level (4).

They were welcomed back at Mandalay International Airport by officials, their relatives, headmasters/headmistresses of schools, students, Shan nationals, the free funeral services association (Mandalay) and members of social organizations.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

CULTURE

Ancient gold bracelet found in Minbu

MINBU, 23 June—An ancient gold bracelet was found by a farmer in Kyibinkan village in Minbu Township in Magway Region on 20 June.

Farmer U Tin Tun discovered the bracelet of 261 grams with a dragon head while he was ploughing a farmland one mile from the village.

He handed over the artifact to Minbu Township Administrator.

The bracelet was found by a villager Ma

Kay Zin of Letkhokgon village in Minbu Township in 2012 while working for oil exploration project and handed it over to the Archeology Department which awarded her more than K 27 million as a token of thanks. The bracelet found by U Tin Tun of Kyibinkan village will be transferred to Archeology, National Museum and Library Department under the Ministry of Culture.

MMAL-Myint Thu Tun (Magway)



Dragon-headed ancient bracelet found in Minbu Township.

Agricultural loan disbursement in Momeik started

MOMEIK, 23 June—Township Branch of Myanma Agricultural Development Bank disbursed loans to farmers in Momeik for monsoon paddy under supervision of Township Administrator U Myint Oo.

In the loans disbursement started in Theni village-tract on 18 June, farmers from 13 village-tracts in the township received the total loans of K 948.2 million and seven village-tracts in Mabein Township K 368 million.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Agricultural loans disbursed in Myeik

MYEIK, 23 June—Myeik Township Branch of Myanma Agricultural Development Bank disbursed loans of K 83 million to 107 farmers in Tonbyaw village-tract in Myeik Township in Myeik District. The district branch in 2013 has disbursed loans of K 2013.5 million to farmers in Myeik Township, K 428.5 million to farmers in Kyunsu Township, K 647.5 million to farmers in Taninthayi Township, K 53.4 million in Kawthoung Township and Khamaukkyi Sub-Township, K 79.2 million to farmers in Bokpyin Township. The loans amounted to K 3 billion in the previous year for monsoon paddy.

MMAL-Moe Hein (Myeik)

Car goes into traffic shack

MANDALAY, 23 June—A car went into a shack of traffic police at the corner of 30th street and 73rd street in Chanayethazan Township on 21 evening.

A woman driver mistakenly pressed brake for lever when she saw the red light at the junction.

The car hit two motorbikes and Dyna and then the traffic police shack at the corner of the road, damaging vehicles and the building. The police has filed a lawsuit against her.

MMAL-041



Tetra Laval and Tetra Pak Company offered milk to students in Aungmyethazan Township BEHS (21) on 19 June.—MMAL-TIN MAUNG (MANDALAY SUB-PRINTING HOUSE)

Stationery donated to schoolchildren

YANGON, 23 June—Under aegis of Kyidaw ward administrator office, town elders and residents of the ward donated stationery worth K 718,850 for students in No (12) Basic Education Post-Primary School in Kyidaw ward in Mingala

Taungnyunt Township here on 20 June. Headmistress of the school Daw Khin Si accepted the donation from ward administrator U Soe Lwin. The donors then offered milk to schoolchildren.—MMAL-Myat Sandi Thin Zaw

Talks on media on 29 June

YANGON, 23 June—Wave Myanmar will organize a talk on Fourth Estate and Myanmar's Democracy at the office of the UMFCI in Min Ye Kyaw Swa street here on 29 June from 1-5 pm.

Writer Kyaw Win and Thingangyun Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Thein Nyunt are speakers of the event.

MMAL-Myat Sandi Thin Zaw

Students in Rakhine State village cut off from school over security concerns

PAUKTAW, 23 June—Middle and high school students in Central Phayonega Island in Pauktaw Township in Rakhine State found themselves difficult to attend schools each day.

They face travel difficulties to Sintakmaw high school as the temporary tents are occupying the road linking Sinai village and Sintakmaw village.

The middle and high

school students of Sinai village which only has the post-primary school have to go to Sintakmaw high school daily on foot.

'Bengali' refugees who were evacuated in the wake of Mahasen cyclone have built temporary tents on the road. A total of 50 students from Sinai village are using the road.

The Sinai village-tract administrator said, "It

is difficulty of our entire village. Students have yet to start their school year."

"Some have moved their to other villages."

A middle school teacher said, "Not only children but adults dare not use the road," as he cried out the security concerns.

The post-primary school of Sinai village has up to Grade 8 class.

MMAL-Ko Gyi Saw



A car kisses traffic shack at the corner of 73rd Street and 30th Street in Mandalay.

NATIONAL

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 24 June, 2013

In a way that benefits the people

The nature of Myanmar politics can be said rather complex because of a huge ethnic diversity and different religious communities. Moreover, our past was tainted with conflicts and disagreements. We also have people with different visions.

So we are working hard to end the old threats of armed conflict and inter-communal violence, and to reach this end we must also develop a new vision of national security and strategies necessary to ensure the Myanmar people's human security going forward. Here creation of the right institutions of economic governance will be absolutely critical.

We also need institutions that will help us cope with threads old and new and forge a new resilience. We are also one of the countries in the world most at threat from natural disasters as well as from the rising sea levels that will accompany climate change. There is the risk of pandemic diseases, a rising threat in Asia.

We are also laying foundations for free and fair democratic elections in 2015. We have seen in recent years the emergence of hundreds of civil society organization, thousands of village-level associations, and vibrant local media and social media.

Our country has a population of 60 million and is located in the geopolitically important spot bordering China in the northeast, India and Bangladesh in the west, the other member states of ASEAN in the south and east. So there are more than two billion peoples of the fastest growing global economies around us. Our country, once isolated not just by politics but by physical barriers, is now poised to break those barriers. What is absolutely essential is that this new integration with the rest of Asia, this new de-isolation of Myanmar, is managed in a way that benefits the Myanmar people and does not lead to their exploitation.



TROPHY AWARDED: In commemoration of the International Olympic Day 2013, the New Generation Youth Hockey Tournament was held at Theinbyu Hockey Turf Pitch on 23 June. Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htaik and President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Htin Zaw Win present championship trophy to Mingala Taungnyunt Youth Team.

REPORTER THAN SWE (PABEDAN)

Buddha Tooth Relic Temple monks donate drinking water well to Thabaung Township

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June— A drinking water well donation ceremony of Ven Shi Chaung Zaung and monks of the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple in the People's Republic of China was held at Hmansi Kyaungtaik in ward-2 of Thabaung in Ayeyawady Region yesterday morning.

It was attended by a 19-member delegation of monks from China and wellwishers, the Chairman Sayadaw of Ayeyawady Region Sangha Nayaka Committee, the Sayadaw of Mayancho Kyaungtaik in Patheingyi, the Chairman Sayadaw of Thabaung Township SNC, the Presiding Sayadaw of Hmansi Kyaungtaik and members of Sangha, Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint and wife Daw Khin Ma Lay, Deputy Minister U Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Aye, townsellers and local people.



Drinking water well donation ceremony of Ven Shi Chaung Zaung and monks of the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple in the People's Republic of China in progress.—MNA

First, the Chinese monk explained purposes of the donation. Next, the Union minister spoke words of thanks for the donation of wellwishers who are benefactors of local people under water stress.

Then, the Chinese monk presented a Buddha Image to local people who presented local products to wellwishers.

Afterwards, the Union minister and party visited a chosen site for sinking a well

and met with local people.

The Chinese monk handed over a scale model of the well to the Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Representative for Thabaung Township.

MNA

Four bridges on Hlaingbwe-Paingkyon Road commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June— Four bridges on Hlaingbwe-Paingkyon Road in Kayin State were inaugurated yesterday.

Construction of all bridges were funded by the Japanese government and people and the bridges were completed on 22 May this year. Under the program of humanitarian aids from Japanese government, officials from the Japanese embassy in Yangon and from Public Works of the Ministry of Construction inked the agreement on construction of the bridges on 28 September, 2012.

The opening ceremony of the bridges was held at the Kamot Kachu Bridge No 1 on Hlaingbwe-Paingkyon Road and Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin,



Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin and party stroll along the bridge at the opening ceremony of Kamot Kachu Bridge No 1 on Hlaingbwe-Paingkyon Road.—MNA

Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min, Deputy Speaker of Kayin State Hluttaw U Min Hla Naing and Mr Go

Nakaya, Second Secretary of Japanese Embassy cut the ribbon to open the bridges. Kamot Kachu Bridge No 1

is 110 ft long, No 2 is 20 ft long, No 3 is 90 ft long and No 4 is 120 ft long.

MNA

MWAFF organizes legal affairs and cultural talks

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June— Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized legal affairs and cultural talks at Thiri Yadana Hall of the federation, here, this morning.

First, Social and Cultural Working Group Leader Dr Daw Khin Swe Myint gave lecture

on "women and cultural frontage" and Legal Affairs Working Group Leader Dr Daw Than Nwe, "Legal Protection of Young Women".

Then, the patrons and officials of MWAFF presented gifts to the students of basic education high schools in Nay Pyi

Taw.

The talks were attended by the patrons, president and CEC members of MWAFF, chairperson and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council Women's Affairs Organization, students and teachers from four BEHSs in Nay Pyi Taw.

MNA

Low pressure still persists

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—According to the observation at 5:30 am MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

HRD

Plan to build e-library worth K 90 million in Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 23 June—U Myat Thinn Aung (Chairman of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone Management Committee) of Ngahtetgyi Pagoda Road in Yamethin, a residence of Yamethin, had donated an e-Library worth K 70 million in DaikU in memory of late his wife Daw Khin Myint Myint (Excellent Performance in Social Field-First Class) and (chairperson

of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association) who passed away three years ago.

Retired Township Education Officer U Sein Maung of Yamethin requested U Myat Thinn Aung to build one library in the native town. So, the wellwisher kept a promise to build a library. The retired TEO submitted the proposal to the

Mandalay Region Minister through Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Myint. They have been allowed to build a library and the land plot allotted.

As of 4 June, the meeting was held to implement the construction of the library with the participation of the deputy commissioner of the district, the township administrator, townsellers

and local people.

The plot with 65 feet by 45 feet at No 48 of holdings plot in former place of fire station in Watoo Ward of Yamethin was allotted to the local people for construction of the library. On 20 June morning, the board of trustees commenced land preparations for the works.

Kyemon-Tin Oo
(Yamethin)

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

TRANSPORT

“CC” taxies licence plate prefix to be issued this month

YANGON, 23 June—The number of taxis with “BB” licence plate prefix has reached 9656 on 18 June. The taxis with “CC” licence plate prefix will be issued this month, according to Directorate of Road Administration.

“Around 300 taxies with “BB” licence plates remain to be issued. “CC” licence plates will be issued in the third week of this month,” said an official from the department.

Issuance of AA and

BB taxies is carried out at Directorate of Road Administration (Ywarthargyi). CC and DD taxies will be issued only after the issuance of AA taxies has reached the designated numbers.

Issuance of AA and BB taxies has started at Directorate of Road Administration (Myintha) as of 21 June, 2012. For smooth functioning, it was moved to Ywarthargyi on 4 February, 2013.

Kyemon-001

Arrival-departure terminal to open for highway express buses in August

YANGON, 23 June—Arrival-Departure Terminal at Aung Mingalar Highway Bus Terminal built at a cost of K 500 million by a private company will be put into service in August, an official of Aung Mingalar Highway Bus Terminal said.

Upon completion, all highway express buses are allowed to park at the new terminal of Aung Mingalar Highway Bus Terminal for their departure and arrival.

The new terminal will host 30 highway express buses and 50 ferries at the same time. Four platforms at the arrival are facilitated with 120 seats, 200 aluminum trolleys, LED signboards, TV, rest rooms and clinic. The terminal will allow 132 buses of five local bus lines and 50 taxies for convenience of passengers. The terminal will have nine 312 by 122 feet halls.

Kyemon-Shwe Htoo



TRISHAWL LICENCE RENEWED:
Nyaunglebin Township Development Affairs Committee renewed licences for slow-moving vehicles and inspected maintenance of vehicles for 2013-2014 fiscal year at the water supply station of the committee on 21 June. Executive Officer U M Hla Thaung and staff issued renewal of licences to the slow-moving drivers in single day and inspect maintenance of the vehicles.—H

Pyawbwe Township People's Hospital facilitated with ECG

PYAWBWE, 23 June—A ceremony to donate ECG machine to People's Hospital in Pyawbwe was held at the hospital on 20 June morning, attended by Head of Township Health Department Dr Soe Soe Naing and staff, departmental officials, members of Township Health Care Committee, wellwishers and social organization members.

Member of Township Health Care Committee Dr Win Maung explained purpose of donation. Head of Township Health Department Dr Soe Soe Naing briefed those present on health care services in the township and at the hospital. He then spoke words of thanks for donation of ECG machine.

On the occasion, Man-

dalay Region Hluttaw representative U Tin Oo and family donated K 500,000, U Myint Aung-Daw San Thiri family, Ko Khin Zaw+Ma Thi Thi Aung family, Ko Maung Maung-Ma Myint Myint Kyi family, U Ngwe Thein-Daw San Mya family, Ko Tun Tun and sisters, Ko Kyaw Kyaw-Ma Si Si Tun family, Dr Win Maung-Daw Htar Htar Win



K 50,000 each and Daw Khin Myo Mei family 30,000.

The ECG machine is worth K 880,000.

The head of Township Health Department accepted the donation and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Kyemon-U Min Min
Htwe

Farmers get loans in Kalewa

KALAY, 23 June—Loans were disbursed to farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops in Kalewa of Kalay District in Sagaing Region for 2013-2014 cultivation season.

On 20 June, the disbursement ceremony was attended by Region Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Soe Win, Chairman of Township Management Committee U Thet Naing and party and responsible persons.

Manager of Township Myanma Agricultural Development Bank U Khin Maung Tin presented K 34.2 million to 93 farmers for 342 acres of farmlands as K 100,000 per acre.

Last year, Kalewa Township disbursed K 500 million to farmers. This year, a plan is underway to give out K 1250 million to local farmers.

Kyemon-Ju Nine

Beef, gram, fish donated to victims at relief camps

MEIKTILA, 23 June—Wellwishers donate cash and kind to the victims at relief camps in Meiktila.

On 19 June, Thai citizens Mr Yub Patan and

Mr Wanna Surin donated 350 viss of beef, 35 bags of gram, 348 viss of edible oil and 176 viss of dried fish and fish paste worth K 4,261,900.

Up to 19 June, wellwishers have donated K 228,941,500 in cash to the relief camps.

Kyemon-Thein Myint
Kyaw (IPRD)



SANITATION CARRIED OUT: Preventive measures against DHF and mosquito are being taken in Myothit C Ward of Insein Township. Max Myanmar Co Ltd dredging drains for proper flow of water while the local people are carrying out sanitation along Midon, Ngasein and Padauk streets on 14 and 15 June.

KYEMON-684

Turkish police break up protest, PM lambasts opponents

ISTANBUL, 23 June—Turkish riot police fired water cannon to disperse thousands of anti-government demonstrators in Istanbul on Saturday, as Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan castigated those behind protests he said had played into the hands of Turkey's enemies.

The latest unrest in Taksim Square punctured six days of relative calm in Turkey's biggest city, although it was a long way from matching the ferocity of previous clashes there and in other cities that began more than three weeks ago. Demonstrators threw carnations at a phalanx of

officers carrying shields who slowly advanced towards them, flanked by water cannon, to clear the square.

"Police, don't betray your people!" activists shouted after they had been scattered into streets leading to Taksim. Witnesses said police also used teargas to disperse protesters in nearby streets in cat-and-mouse clashes.

In the capital Ankara, riot police fired water cannon and teargas to break up hundreds of protesters, some of them shouting anti-Erdogan slogans, and at one location they built barriers



A protestor jumps over a fire as he runs from riot police on a street near Taksim Square in Istanbul on 22 June 2013.—REUTERS

to block a main street, according to witnesses.

Earlier, Erdogan told thousands of supporters in the Black Sea city of Samsun that the unrest played into the hands of Turkey's enemies. A crowd of some

15,000 of his AK Party faithful cheered and waved Turkish flags as he called on the public to give their answer to demonstrations at the ballot box when Turkey holds municipal elections next March.—Reuters

Al-Qaeda says hostages in North Africa alive, open to talks

DAKAR, 23 June—Eight European hostages, including five from France, being held by al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) are safe, the Islamist group said in a statement posted on its Twitter account on Saturday.

The statement coincided with rallies across France organized by the families of French hostages who were seized in Niger in September 2010 to mark more than 1,000 days of captivity. French newspapers reported this week that

the hostages had been transferred to Algeria and were in the hands of AQIM's new chief, Yahia Abou el Hamam. The French government declined to comment on the report.

"We would like to assure the family and relatives of the hostages of the safety of their children," said the message, posted by AQIM's Andalus Media arm. The message repeated previous statements by AQIM that it would kill the hostages if there were any new French military in-

tervention in North Africa, but said it remained open to negotiations to free them.

"Although we are nearing three years holding the hostages, we are open to negotiations. Our demands were clear and legitimate. But they were rejected," the statement said. The French government has said it does not negotiate with hostage takers. AQIM said it would soon release a video of the five French hostages and three other Europeans.

At least eight French citizens, a Swede, a Dutch-

man, and a British-South African have been kidnapped in recent years in parts of the Sahara desert.

One Frenchman, kidnapped in Nigeria, close to the border with Niger, is believed to be being held by either AQIM or an affiliated group. Another was kidnapped last year in Mali, near the Mauritanian border, but Saturday's statement did not appear to refer to either of these. AQIM did confirm in the statement that one French hostage, Philippe Verdon, who was kidnapped in Hombori in northern Mali in November 2011, had been killed in March in response to the French military intervention in the north of Mali.

Reuters

US seeks Snowden's extradition, urges Hong Kong to act quickly

WASHINGTON, 23 June—The United States said on Saturday it wants Hong Kong to extradite Edward Snowden and urged it to act quickly, paving the way for what could be a lengthy legal battle to prosecute the former National Security Agency contractor on espionage charges.

Legal sources say Snowden, who is believed to be hiding in Hong Kong, has sought legal representation from human rights lawyers since leaking details about secret US surveillance activities to news media. "If Hong Kong doesn't act soon, it will complicate our bilateral relations and raise questions about Hong Kong's commitment to the rule of law," a senior Obama administration official told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity. US National Security Adviser Tom Donilon told

CBS News the United States had a "good case" to bring Snowden back to America to face trial and expected Hong Kong to comply with its extradition treaty. "We have gone to the Hong Kong authorities seeking extradition of Snowden back to the United States," Donilon said.

He added that US law enforcement officials were in a "conversation" with Hong Kong authorities about the issue. A senior US law enforcement source said extradition "can, of course, be a lengthy legal process" but expressed optimism that Snowden would be sent back to the United States. *The South China Morning Post* reported that Snowden was not detained or in police protection - as reported elsewhere - and instead he was in a "safe place" somewhere in Hong Kong.—Reuters



NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, an analyst with a US defence contractor, is seen in this file still image taken from video during an interview by The Guardian in his hotel room in Hong Kong on 6 June 2013.

REUTERS

Greece battles dozen small wildfires, firefighters complain of shortages

ATHENS, 23 June—Greece is battling a dozen small wildfires which broke out across the country on Saturday, authorities reported, as firefighters complain of shortages in personnel and equipment to address the summer's challenges.

Only in Attica prefecture more than 100 firemen, assisted by seven firefighting aircrafts and four firefighting helicopter, have been deployed to extinguish three fronts.

According to the Fire Brigade the blazes have

scorched forested areas and approached inhabited zones, but no damages have been reported, and there is no cause for concern, despite the strong winds which are blowing.

Greece suffers each summer from destructive wildfires linked to scorching temperatures and arson in many cases.

As meteorologists forecast one of the hottest summers this year, the firefighters' union has expressed concern about shortages in staff and equipment due to the financial crisis which

could affect efficiency against the blazes.

Firefighters claim that they are short of some 4,000 staff and adequate modern water dropping aircrafts.

Meanwhile, Greece's government is under pressure from its international lenders to fully implement the austerity and reform programme launched three years ago in exchange for further rescue loans to counter the crisis. Two months ago Athens ratified a law which foresees the dismissal of about 15,000 public servants by 2015.

Xinhua



Rescuers carry an injured person at the landslide site in Fulai Village in Luzhou City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 22 June 2013. Four people were confirmed dead and three others injured in a rainstorm-triggered landslide that hit Fulai Village early Saturday morning, according to the local government. —XINHUA

Cypriot vet services destroy thousands of chickens because of NDV Disease

NICOSIA, 23 June—Cypriot veterinary services are in the process of destroying tens of thousands of chickens after they established an outbreak of the highly contagious Newcastle Disease Virus (NDV). A veterinary services official said on Friday that 80,000 birds were destroyed on Thursday and as many more will be destroyed by the end of the day.

The veterinary services have quarantined three poultry farms near the capital Nicosia and are disinfecting all outgoing cars and people.

"We have three flocks in quarantine," veterinary services official Yiannos Ioannou said.

Authorities have set up three-km quarantine around the farms and will also be

monitoring the situation in a 10-km radius as a precaution against the airborne disease.

"We'll continue the quarantine for at least 20 days, to make sure that the disease does not spread to flocks in other areas," he added. Health authorities said the disease posed no risk to public health as the virus is not normally transmitted to humans and is destroyed during normal cooking. The virus may affect people who come into close contact with sick birds in rare cases and may cause flu-like symptoms.

The disease was detected a week ago and units in the immediate area were stopped from putting their poultry and eggs on the market since.

However, authorities

waited for laboratory confirmation of the disease before destroying the flocks.

NDV got its name from Newcastle, United Kingdom, where it was first detected in 1926. It is described as a highly contagious viral disease of domestic poultry, cage and aviary birds and wild birds.

Signs of the disease are digestive and respiratory disorders and nervousness of the birds and depending on the strain of the virus it rapidly leads to their death.

Agriculture Minister Nicos Kouyialis has said the cause of the outbreak has not yet been determined and has asked for an investigation as to how and where the virus came from.

He said wrong vaccination may be a possible explanation.—Xinhua

REGIONAL

Japan celebrates Mt Fuji's listing as world heritage site

TOKYO, 23 June—From its prime minister to a trekker, Japan celebrated the inscription of the country's iconic Mt Fuji on UNESCO's prestigious World Heritage List on Saturday.

"I am happy from the bottom of my heart," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said in a statement after the World Heritage Committee under the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization decided in the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh to register Mt Fuji.

"I expect more people to visit Japan from overseas and see Mt Fuji," Abe said.

Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Minister Hakubun Shimomura welcomed the move by the UNESCO committee, which inscribed the 3,776-metre-tall mountain under the name "Fujisan, sacred place and source of artistic inspiration." "I'm so glad Mt Fuji was recognized as a religious and artistic object," Shimomura said.

Eighty-year-old photographer Shiro Shirahata said he believes there is no other well-proportioned mountain like Mt Fuji.

"I want to tell people

around the world about this beautiful mountain," said Shirahata, who has published nearly 10 photo books of Mt Fuji and has visited a number of mountains around the world, including the Himalayas and European Alps.

Mt Fuji covers roughly 70,000 hectares in Yamanashi and Shizuoka prefectures west of Tokyo.

In Fujiyoshida, Yamanashi, a tourist expressed excitement at observing Mt Fuji on the day it was named a world heritage site.

"I feel fortunate I was able to see Mt Fuji covered with snow on the day of the registration," said 46-year-old Kenji Nakazawa from Iwafune, Tochigi Prefecture. "I'm going to continue giving attention to the mountain from now on also."

Kokoro Soda, a 17-year-old high school student in Fujiyoshida, said, meanwhile, "We're going to face mounds of problems, such as how to dispose of waste and how to accept tourists. It's necessary that people in our generation are involved in

Photo shows a shrine gate and Mt Fuji in Fujiyoshida, Yamanashi Prefecture, on 22 June, 2013. The World Heritage Committee of UNESCO decided the same day to inscribe Japan's iconic mountain on the UN agency's prestigious World Heritage List.

KYODO NEWS



addressing these issues."

Mt Fuji is Japan's 17th property to make the World Heritage List and first since 2011.

Local residents and officials had earlier attempted to register Mt Fuji as a world natural heritage site. However, due partly to illegal dumping of garbage, it was dropped from consideration as a candidate in that category in 2003.

Kyodo News

Ten including nine foreigners killed in Pakistan's northern area of Gilgit

ISLAMABAD, 23 June—Ten people including nine foreign tourists and one local guide were shot dead by unknown gunmen in Pakistan's northern area of Gilgit in the wee hours of Sunday morning, said local police on Sunday.

Deputy Inspector General of Gilgit, Ali Sher, said that the ten killed include five from Ukraine, three from China and one from Russia with the tenth's nationality yet to be determined.

Latest news coming in quoted unidentified sources as saying that the tenth killed is a local guide.

Police said that the firing took place at about 12:30 am (local time) Sunday when unidentified gunmen opened fired at tourists living in a hotel at the foot of Nanga Parbat, the ninth highest mountain in the world.

There were an estimated 10 to 12 militants involved in the attack, local

media quoted eyewitnesses as saying. They woke up the tourists in sleep and ordered them to come out of the hotel and opened fire on them, said the report.

Most of the killed were tourists coming here to climb the mountain, police said, adding that the hotel is located at a base camp of Nanga Parbat in the remote Diamir area of Gilgit.

All the bodies have been airlifted by helicopter to the country's capital Islamabad, said local media.

An official from the Chinese Embassy to Pakistan, who asked to remain anonymous, told Xinhua that they have learned about the news and are contacting the concerned Pakistani departments to know more details about the incident.

Both Pakistani President Zardari and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif have condemned the attack. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet.

Xinhua



The World Heritage Committee of UNESCO holds a meeting in the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh on 22 June, 2013. The committee decided later in the day to inscribe Japan's iconic Mt Fuji on the UN agency's prestigious World Heritage List.—KYODO NEWS

8,000 passengers stranded as tropical storm Bebinca hits S China

SANYA, (Hainan), 23 June — Tropical storm Bebinca has disrupted 147 flights and left more than 8,000 passengers stranded in the airport after it hit coastal regions in south China at noon.

As of 10 pm on Saturday, 110 inbound and outbound flights were canceled and 37 others delayed, affecting 8,200 passengers, said a source with the Phoenix International Airport of Sanya, a city in southern Hainan Province.

About 6,400 passengers were arranged to stay in local hotels, said the source.

Bebinca, the first tropical storm of the year, made

landfall in Tanmen Township of Qionghai City in Hainan at 11:10 am, said

the local meteorological department. The tropical storm has brought strong



Passengers are stranded at a railway station in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on 22 Jun, 2013. Train and shipping services across the Qiongzhou Strait have been suspended due to the arrival of tropical storm Bebinca in south China's Hainan Province, local marine authorities said. Bebinca made landfall in Tanmen Township in Hainan's city of Qionghai at 11:10 am, the local meteorological department said.—XINHUA

Thai PM's popularity drops

BANGKOK, 23 June—Pollster revealed on Saturday that Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's popularity has plunged, as well as opposition leader Abhisit Vejjajiva's.

The Research Centre at Bangkok University, the compiler of Bangkok Poll, said on Saturday that the latest results were based on interviews with 1,234 peo-

ple aged 18 years and over nationwide between 18 and 20 June.

Asked who they would support if a general election took place now, about 40 percent of the respondents chose Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and 31.7 percent backed opposition leader Abhisit Vejjajiva. The remaining almost 30 percent were undecided.

The premier's popularity is down 10.8 percentage points from 51.2 percent reported in November 2012, while Abhisit's score fell 1.4 points from 33.1 percent, the pollster revealed.

Asked whether they believed the government would stay in office until its four-year term ends in mid-2015, 55.4 percent of respondents said they believed

rain to Hainan, the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and the South China Sea, with precipitation in Tanmen expected to reach 30 to 60 cm.

An emergency response system is in effect and rescue ships have been deployed to ensure safety in nearby waters.

Train and shipping services across the Qiongzhou Strait have been suspended due to the arrival of the storm. Passenger ferries have been ordered to dock at a port in Hainan, according to the maritime affairs bureau of Zhanjiang, a coastal city in south China's Guangdong Province that is linked to Hainan by the strait.—Xinhua

so. Another 13.9 percent said the government would stay more than three years but not the full term, 10.6 percent said more than two years but not three years. 41 percent of the respondents said if the election took place today they would back the ruling Pheu Thai party, while 32.4 percent backed the opposition-led Democrats party.—Xinhua

Philippine gov't asks food importers, manufacturers to ensure absence of maleic acid

MANILA, 23 June — The Philippine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ordered on Saturday all importers and manufacturers of starch-based food products to submit certificate of analysis of their goods to ensure the absence of maleic acid, a hazardous substance.

The order was contained in a memorandum circular and in accordance with the FDA's earlier public advisory banning food products contaminated with maleic acid, FDA Director General Kenneth Hartigan-Go said.

"All importers and manufacturers of starch-based food products such as starch powder, pearls and noodles are hereby required to submit certificate of analysis to confirm the absence of maleic acid on or before 31 July 2013," he said.

According to the FDA, maleic acid is not an approved additive for manufacturing food products.

Long term consumption of high levels of maleic acid could harm kidney.—Xinhua



A man looks at confiscated eight pieces of rhino horns, weighing 9.6 kilogram in total and worthing 10 million Thai baht (about 320,870 US dollars) during the Thai Customs press briefing in Bangkok, Thailand, on 22 June, 2013.—XINHUA

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**The Government of the Republic of the
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Invitation to open tender to construct building

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sr.	Work name
1.	Re-transmission Station (30' x 20' x 12') building (Brick Masonary)
2.	Generator House (10' x 10' x 9') building Brick Nogging
3.	(40'x 20' x9') 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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Photo taken on 8 June, 2013 shows potteries found at an ancient burial complex at Guxiang Township in Linying County, central China's Henan Province. Chinese archaeologists have discovered a well-reserved large burial complex dating back to the Warring States Period (475-221 BC) and the West Han (206 BC--25 AD.) Dynasty along the local section of the south-to-north water diversion project recently. Some 412 cultural relics have been unearthed in 119 excavated tombs.—XINHUA



**Man arrested
for killing six
in Shanghai**

SHANGHAI, 23 June—Police arrested late Saturday a man who murdered six people, including four colleagues, a driver and a barracks guard in east China's Shanghai Municipality, the Shanghai government said on its microblog account

The 62-year-old murderer, surnamed Fan, pounded his colleague surnamed Zhang with tools and killed him at around 5 pm on Saturday at a chemical factory in Baoshan District over an economic dispute, according to the microblog at the Twitter-like Sina Weibo service.

He then took his hunting rifle hidden in his dormitory and asked a driver to ride him away to another district. He gunned down the driver on the way and then drove the vehicle back.—Xinhua

**China, Britain
signs agreement
on currency
swap**

LONDON, 23 June—Mervyn King, governor of Bank of England (BoE) and Zhou Xiaochuan, governor of People's Bank of China (PBoC), have signed an agreement to establish a reciprocal 3-year sterling/renminbi (RMB, or Chinese yuan) currency swap line, according to an announcement on the BoE's website on Saturday night.

The maximum value of the swap is 200 billion Chinese yuan/20 billion pounds. The swap line may be used to promote bilateral trade between the two countries and to support domestic financial stability, said BoE.

Governor Mervyn King said that it is a testament to the outstanding working relationships between the BoE and the PBoC that this swap line has now been signed. The establishment of a sterling/renminbi swap line will support Britain's domestic financial stability.

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SPORTS

Fred's brace and Neymar magic give Brazil win over Italy

SALVADOR, 23 June—Goals from Dante, Neymar and a brace from Fred gave Brazil a well-deserved 4-2 victory over Italy on Saturday as the improving hosts made it three wins from three in the Confederations Cup.

With Neymar in sparkling form and Fred always dangerous in front of goal, Brazil were the better team for most of a Group A match they never looked like losing.

Both were sides already through to the semi-finals of the World Cup warm-up so Italy coach Cesare Prandelli freshened things up with five changes from the team that started against Japan in Recife three days ago. But even though home side Brazil only needed a point to qualify in first place, they were the hungrier side from the off.

"Movement is important and we are doing it well, the variations we have in attack, we change position and it drives the opposition a bit



Brazil's Neymar (L) celebrates with his teammate Oscar after scoring a goal during their Confederations Cup Group A football match against Italy at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador on 22 June, 2013.—REUTERS

crazy," Neymar told reporters.

Brazil almost took the lead in the first minute when Hulk forced Gianluigi Buffon to get down smartly to turn his shot round the post.

New Barcelona signing Neymar should have done better than blaze wide after Oscar set him up with a lovely flick in 24th minute and he was unlucky to see one shot blocked after a

lovely backheel and one-two on the edge of the box a few moments later. It was Neymar again who was involved in the opening goal right on halftime.

His inswinging free kick from the left was headed goalbound by Fred and when Buffon could only parry it out, Dante was on hand to sidefoot the ball home.

Italy grabbed an equaliser six minutes into the sec-

ond period and it was Mario Balotelli who played a key role. His sublime backheeled flick put Emanuele Giaccherini free and he hammered his angled drive past Julio Cesar.

Their lead did not last long, however. Four minutes later Neymar won a dubious free kick right on the edge of the box and he took the kick himself, curling a perfect shot into the top corner of the net past a helpless Buffon.

Fred increased Brazil's lead in the 66th minute when he latched onto a long ball from Marcelo and held off a defender before smashing the ball into the roof of the net from six metres.

Italy were down but not out and they snatched a goal back in the 71st minute. The Brazilian defence failed to clear a corner and the ball fell to Giorgio Chiellini, who fired home despite Brazil protests that the referee had already blown for a foul on Balotelli.—Reuters

Hernandez scores twice, misses penalty in Mexico win

BELO HORIZONTE, 23 June —Javier Hernandez scored two headers and missed a stoppage time penalty as Mexico notched a 2-1 consolation win over Japan which sent their opponents home pointless from the Confederations Cup on Saturday.

Both teams had already been eliminated after losing their opening two Group A matches but the win may ease the pressure slightly on Mexico coach Jose Manuel de la Torre, whose team have also been unimpressive in the World Cup qualifiers.

Hernandez, who scored all three of Mexico's goals at the tournament, put his side ahead in the 54th

with a perfectly timed run and placed his header past Eiji Kawashima. He struck again 12 minutes later from close range after Hiram Mier flicked on a corner at the near post.

Shinji Okazaki tapped in with four minutes left to give Japan some hope of claiming their first point, but Mexico should have restored their two-goal lead when they were awarded a penalty for a foul on Hernandez.

The striker was guilty of a double miss as his kick was saved by Kawashima and he then hit the crossbar from the rebound.

Mexico deserved the win overall with Guardado also hitting the post with a flying header



Mexico's Javier Hernandez celebrates after scoring a goal against Japan during their Confederations Cup Group A soccer match at the Estadio Mineirao in Belo Horizonte on 22 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Bolt wins 100m at Jamaican trials for world champs

KINGSTON, 23 June—World record holder and Olympic champion Usain Bolt put in a workmanlike display to win the 100 metres on Friday at the Jamaican trials for the world championships.

Bolt recovered from a slow start to catch Nickel Ashmeade at the 50-metre mark and clocked a time of 9.94 seconds after easing off over the last 10 metres.

The sub-10 second run was the 35th of his career.

"It was good to win ... I'm not too worried about the time as I have one solid month to work on getting ready for Russia," Bolt told Reuters.

"The start wasn't perfect, but the drive phase was better than it was when I lost to (Justin) Gatlin and then the turbo chipped in," the 2009 world champion added, noting that coach Glen Mills advised him to do just enough to win.

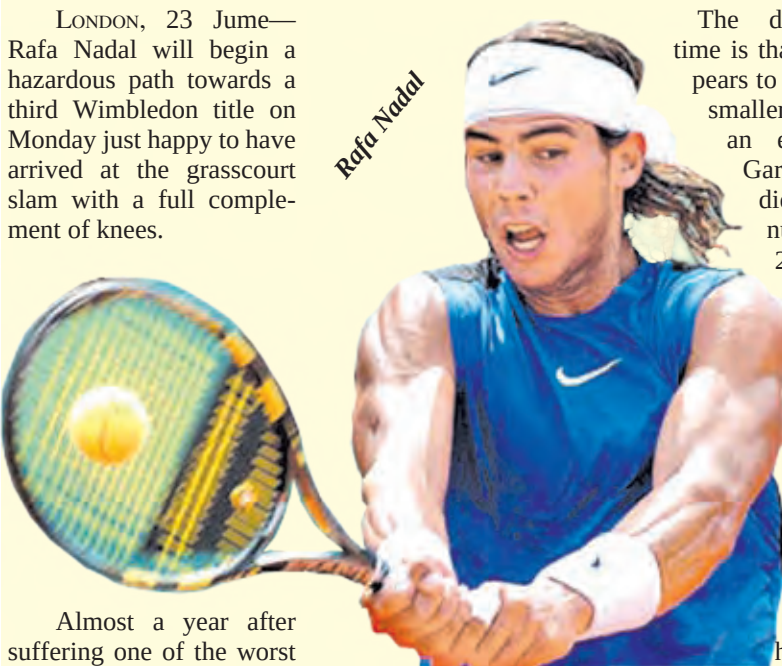
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Usain Bolt (C) crosses the finish line ahead of (L-R) Asafa Powell, Nickel Ashmeade, Kamar Baley-Cole, and Nesta Garter to win the 100m men's final of the JAAA National Senior Trials, which determines the team to represent Jamaica in the IAAF World Championships Moscow, in Kingston on 21 June, 2013. Bolt placed first with Baley-Cole and Ashmeade finishing second and third, respectively.—REUTERS

Rafa happy to arrive at Wimbledon on two knees

LONDON, 23 June—Rafa Nadal will begin a hazardous path towards a third Wimbledon title on Monday just happy to have arrived at the grasscourt slam with a full complement of knees.



Almost a year after suffering one of the worst defeats of his career to Czech hitman Lukas Rosol, Nadal ventured back into the All England Club

this week after claiming another French Open triumph, just as he did 12 months ago.

The difference this time is that his body appears to have paid a far smaller price to claim an eighth Roland Garros title than it did to chalk up number seven in 2012. Asked to look back to his five-set defeat by Rosol last year, Nadal admitted it was a mistake even to turn up in leafy southwest London last year.

"I was not ready to play here. That's the real thing. I play with an infiltration (pain-killing injection) from the first day," Nadal, seeded

five this year, told reporters after practising on Saturday.

"Last year I played here because it's a tournament that I love. I tried my best. But after Roland Garros my knee was not there any more. After here I was not able to compete in one more tournament during the rest of the season. "That's tennis and that's the sport. You lose, you win. That's part of the game. But that experience for me last year was too much. I suffered too much.

"If you are in the final rounds and if you have to protect or play with an infiltration, it's fine. But playing with an infiltration from the first day doesn't exist. Wimbledon was not a good decision for me."—Reuters

Sharapova sends verbal volley Serena's way

LONDON, 23 June—The dust has barely settled since their French Open final scrap but Maria Sharapova fired the first volley at Wimbledon title rival Serena Williams on Saturday, taking aim at the American's personal life.

Sharapova, who lost for the 13th time in a row to Williams when they clashed at Roland Garros a fortnight ago, could not resist when asked her opinion on her rival's controversial

comments on a high-profile teenage rape case in Ohio published in Rolling Stone magazine.

"Obviously I have a tremendous amount of respect for Serena and what she's achieved on the court. You can never take anything away from that," 2004 Wimbledon champion Sharapova told reporters. "I was definitely sad to hear what she had to say about the whole case."

Williams has since apologized after quotes attributed to her suggested

the victim had been drunk.

In the same article Williams also apparently referred to Sharapova's relationship with Bulgarian player Grigor Dimitrov.

Russian Sharapova responded on Saturday. "As for myself, or whether it was about somebody else, nothing personal, you know," Sharapova told reporters.

Reuters

Russia's Maria Sharapova watches Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov play Israel's Dudi Sela in their men's singles tennis match at the Queen's Club Championships in west London on 10 June, 2013.—REUTERS



GENERAL

Chinese language class officially launched at AU headquarters

ADDIS ABABA, 23 June —The Chinese language class has been officially launched at the African Union (AU), the pan-African bloc said in a Press statement on Saturday.

The project within the framework of the China-Africa cooperation was launched by the AU Commission in collaboration with the Addis Ababa Confucius Institute and the Embassy of China in Ethiopia, it said.

A ceremony took place on Wednesday at the AU headquarters in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa in the presence of Rekia Mahamoudou, AU acting head of administration and human resources management, AU staff and Chinese officials.

Mahamoudou commended the initiative and thanked Chinese officials for providing the language class to facilitate cultural interaction with China.

The statement quoted a representative of the Confucius Institute as saying that launching the Chinese language programmes at the AU is very significant as it will open new windows for Africans to learn and know the Chinese culture.—*Xinhua*

Danish driver Simonsen dies at Le Mans

LE MANS (France), 23 June—Motorsport mourned Danish driver Allan Simonsen after his fatal crash at the Le Mans 24 Hours sportscar race on Saturday.

He was the first driver to die in the race for 27 years and the 22nd fatality linked to it since the first running on public roads near the cathedral city in western France 90 years ago.

The 34-year-old, driving an Aston Martin, spun into the barriers at Tertre Rouge on lap three after just 10 minutes of an endurance race famed the world over for its glamour and danger.

"In a serious condition, Allan Simonsen was transferred immediately to the Circuit Medical Centre where he died soon after due to his injuries," organizers said in a statement on the official website (www.24h-lemans.com).

Simonsen, one of the world's more experienced endurance drivers at the La Sarthe circuit, was competing in the GTE Am class for

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We, the trustees, staff and volunteers of Studer Trust extend our condolences and deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of Daw Kyi, wife of U Than Sein, and daughter Daw Thin Thin Khaing, both of Minbu Township, Magway Region, who passed away so suddenly on Thursday 6th June, 2013. Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

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UNESCO declares China's Hani Rice Terraces World Heritage Site

PHNOM PENH, 23 June — The UNESCO's World Heritage Committee inscribed China's cultural landscape of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces onto the prestigious World Heritage List on Saturday, bringing the total number of World Heritage Sites in China to 45.

The inscription decision was made during the 37th session of the World Heritage Committee.

"In the name of the entire committee, I would like to extend congratulations to China for the inscription of the beautiful site of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces on the World Heritage List," Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sok An, chairman of the session, said during the meeting after the site was listed.

Tong Mingkang, deputy director of China's State

Administration of Cultural Heritage, thanked the 21-member World Heritage Committee for inscribing the site on the List and vowed to provide the best conservation for this site.

"Hani people will take today as their honey day," he said during the session.

He said with the iconic beauty of the landscape, the site is the product of the particular way of farming, together with the unique tradition and religion behind.

China's State Administration of Cultural Heritage nominated the Hani Terraces for the inscription on 28 March, 2008.

The deep mountains-hidden cultural heritage site is located in Yuanyang County in Honghe Prefecture, southeastern Yunnan Province of China.—*Xinhua*

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- * Local News
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- * Local News
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- * Local News
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| 6:00 am | 4:15 pm |
| 1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw | 18. Dance & Song of National Races |
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| 2. To Be Healthy Exercise | 19. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Myanmar) |
| 6:40 am | 4:45 pm |
| 3. Song & Dance of National Races | 20. Documentary (SEA Games) |
| 7:00 am | 5:00 pm |
| 4. News/ Weather Report | 21. News |
| 7:20 am | 5:15 pm |
| 5. People Talks | 22. Documentary |
| 8:00 am | 5:25 pm |
| 6. News/International News | 23. Songs Programme |
| 8:25 am | 6:00 pm |
| 7. SEA Games Go For Gold (Wushu) | 24. News/ Weather Report |
| 9:20 am | 6:20 pm |
| 8. Cartoon Series | 25. Teleplay (SEA Games) |
| 10:00 am | 6:50 pm |
| 9. News | 26. TV Drama Series |
| 10:15 am | 7:00 pm |
| 10. TV Drama Series | 27. News |
| 11:00 am | 7:15 pm |
| 11. Beautiful ASEAN | 28. TV Drama Series |
| 12:00 am | 8:00 pm |
| 12. News/International News/Weather Report | 29. News/International News/Weather Report |
| 12:25 pm | 8:35 pm |
| 13. Myanmar Movies | 30. People Talks |
| 2:10 pm | 8:50 pm |
| 14. Musical Programmes | 31. Hit Songs of Stars |
| 2:20 pm | 9:00 pm |
| 15. Documentary | 32. News |
| 3:00 pm | 33. cartoon Series |
| 16. News | 34. Documentary (Fashion Show) |
| 4:00 pm | 35. India Drama Series |
| 17. News/ Weather Report | |

Public health officials agree on priority actions to control MERS-CoV

GENEVA, 23 June—Public health officials meeting in Cairo agreed that strengthening countries' abilities to control, detect, and treat cases of new coronavirus infection are needed to stem the growing outbreak of the disease, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Saturday. More than 100 public health experts from all countries in the Middle East and North Africa and Europe which have confirmed cases of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) and from throughout WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) met from Thursday to Saturday.

They agreed that there is a list of priority actions which need to be agreed internationally and implemented nationally, according to the WHO. At an international level, fast and complete reporting of cases, with contact histories, clinical care and treatment outcomes

in as much detail as possible, and collected in a uniform manner across countries, is necessary, they said.

The meeting agreed that a series of actions in seven key areas were key to increasing member states' and the international community's ability to prepare for, control, detect, alert the world to, and treat cases of diseases caused by MERS-CoV. These areas are surveillance, mass gatherings preparation, clinical management of cases, laboratory diagnostics, infection control, communications, and International Health Regulation (2005) reporting, the WHO said.

WHO said on Saturday in its latest disease outbreak update that the Ministry of Health in Saudi Arabia has announced an additional four laboratory-confirmed cases with MERS-CoV, including three female health care workers who cared for two previously confirmed MERS-CoV cases.—*Xinhua*



Security members work near the car of Denmark's Allan Simonsen during the Le Mans 24-hour sportscar race in Le Mans, central France, on 22 June, 2013.

REUTERS

family who were insistent that we continued to compete.

"The team is of course deeply saddened by the loss of one of our drivers. However, we are as focused as ever to win this race (in the GTE Am class) but we are now racing to win for Allan."

Simonsen had taken part in seven Le Mans 24 Hours events and was respected by the tight-knit motorsport community.

McLaren Formula One drivers Jenson Button and Sergio Perez, Le Mans winner Alex Wurz — competing in this year's race for Toyota

— and others sent messages of condolences on social network Twitter.

"He was a world class GT driver," said 1990 Le Mans winner Martin Brundle.

"For many in endurance racing, Allan was above all a good friend who displayed his passion for racing on and off the track. His loss will be felt by the FIA, the ACO and the greater motorsport family," said International Automobile Federation (FIA) president Jean Todt and ACO President Pierre Fillon in a joint statement.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Chinese State Councilor

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—A Chinese delegation led by Member of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr. Yang Jiechi (Head of Foreign Affairs) arrived here by special flight this afternoon.

The visiting Member of the State Council of the PRC and party called on Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building this evening.

They exchanged views, holding comprehensive discussions on furthering Sino-Myanmar friendly ties and matters related to

mutual cooperation, progress of Myanmar's political reform process and boosting economic and trade relations between the two countries.

Also present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, committee chairmen and secretaries and officials. The Chinese State Councilor was accompanied by the delegation members vice-ministers and high-ranking officials and the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Member of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr. Yang Jiechi (Head of Foreign Affairs).
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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing leaves for Russian Federation



NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing left Yangon by air for the Russian Federation at 9 am today at the invitation of Russian Minister of Defence General of the Army Sergey K SHOIGU.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla

Htay Win, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, the Commander of Yangon Command and senior military officers, Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Vasiliy B POSPELOV and officials.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services was accompanied by senior military officers of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), the commander of Northern Command and officials.

During the visit, the Myanmar delegation will hold talks on further cementing friendly relations between two armed forces of Myanmar and Russia, observe cultural and industrial works in Moscow and St Petersburg and meet with scholarship trainees from the Tatmadaw.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing being seen off by officials at Yangon International Airport before departure for Russian Federation.

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Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium continues

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June—The Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium continued for 9th day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall, here, today. The hall was packed with local and foreign gems merchants who are observing jade lots to be sold through competitive bidding system and tender and putting price proposals into the tender boxes.

The communication committee opened special counter and installed fax phones and prepaid GSM phone cards for smooth communication of local and foreign gems merchants at the emporium.

The money changers are opened in the hall with

the arrangement of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association to remit and change money easily by the gems merchants. In the afternoon, Secretary of Myanmar Gems Emporium Organizing Central Committee Managing Director

U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise presented certificates of honour and gifts to gems merchants Mr. Chu Che Keung who has attended the emporiums without fail for 10 successive years and Shang Hai Jade Association which

jointly took part in the gems emporiums.

In the evening, Chairman of MGECC Deputy Minister U Than Tun Aung and central committee members and officials of MGEA visited the emporium and inspected undertakings of work committees in the hall. A total of 1648 jade lots were sold out through tender.—MNA



Education of Career-2013 from 5-8 July

YANGON, 23 June—Education for Career-2013 will be held at Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township from 5 to 8 July.

The exhibition is or-

ganized by Dagon Exhibitions Ltd with the aim of promoting Myanmar education sector and creating opportunities for students.

The exhibition will be participated by institutes and colleges at home and abroad including private schools, economic and management institutes, IT training schools, foreign language schools, hotels and tourism training schools, engineering trainings, medical schools and education services centres.

Professors will give talks on respective subjects at the exhibition.

Tin Tun Aung

Local and foreign gems merchants observe uncut jade lots at Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium in Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

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