

It needs to establish modern rice mills across the country: President U Thein Sein



President U Thein Sein views quality of fruits at fruit sorting machine a model plantations in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—President U Thein Sein, accompanied by Union Ministers U Soe Maung, U Soe Thane, U Tin Naing Thein, U Hla Tun, U Kyaw Hsan, U Myint Hlaing, U Ohn Myint, U Than Htay, U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw, Region/State Chief

Ministers and chairmen of Leading Bodies of Self-Administered Zones/Division, visited model plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday morning.

The President and party inspected paddy plantations and fruits and

vegetables processing at Farmers Educative Mechanized Farming Plantation (500-acres).

The President and party proceeded to the construction site of modern Stake Rice Mill near Aung Thu Kha village. The President called for

construction of modern rice mills across the country. Due to the old rice mills, Myanmar's paddy sector cannot compete in international market, and the majority of farmers' incomes remain low.

He pointed out participation of private

sector in the establishment of modern rice mills, providing cash assistance, seeking ways by the respective ministries for low-interest ODA loans and making investments in modern rice mills.

After that, the President and party looked into seeds show room of Shwe Thanlwin Co, dragon fruit plantation, modern seed sorting machine and milch cow breeding farm in Chiang village in Dekkhinathiri Township.

The President and party visited fruits processing plant and multi-purpose power tillers and combined harvesters of Alliance Stars and Mudon Maung Maung Co. He called for establishment of private services companies and agricultural produces cooperative societies for production of value-added crops and providing farm services.

The Union ministers, the region/state chief ministers and chairmen from self-administrated zone/division leading bodies visited the 82-day Palethwe hybrid paddy plantations near Alyinlo village and met

farmers there.

Then, they visited Korean and Japanese paddy strain plantations and mechanized farming (3000-acre) paddy plantations near the hotel zone in Dekkhinathiri Township.

The President urged the region/state chief ministers and chairmen from self-administrated zone/division leading bodies to do their best and make cooperation with the ministries and farmers on five reforms for farm sector development.

He also called for emergence of seed industry, establishment of model farms and transformation into multiple cropping patterns and mechanized farming system in regions and states, implementation of (Private, Public, Partnership) PPP and establishment of agricultural produces cooperative societies. World economists and businessmen said that farm sector is a driving engine for Myanmar's economic development. Myanmar, Virgin Land draws the attention of World countries. Farm sector can mainly bring about quick win situation.—MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets scholars from Myanmar Tatmadaw, visits Maritime Academy, JSC Admiralty Shipyards

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met Myanmar scholars from Tatmadaw and presented warm clothing, food and cash assistance to them at ORION Conference Hall of Ambassador Hotel in St Petersburg yesterday morning. Then, the Senior General and party observed Maritime Academy at No 8 in nobochekoski prospekt.

Afterwards, the Senior General and party observed Western Military Region in Liteiny Prospekt District and attended a

luncheon hosted by Acting Western Military Region Commander Lieutenant General Macarevich O Leontyevich.

In the evening, the Senior General and party proceeded to JSC Admiralty Shipyards and the officials of the factory explained the historical background, matters related to construction of vessels and organizational set-up of the factory. After looking round ancient heritages in St Petersburg, the Senior General and party looked round in Riky Fantin and St Petersburg on the river cruise.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Western Military Region in Liteiny Prospekt District.

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LOCAL NEWS

PHOTO NEWS



Photo shows an intersection on Bogyoke Road near Koe Thaung market in Muya-pin ward in Pyaw of Bago Region recently. As road accidents have occurred frequent at the intersection, installation of traffic lights were carried out at the place as of 16 June.

KYEMON-043



Photo shows a passenger bus that plunged into roadside as its tie rod was broken on Monywa-YeU motorway in Debayin Township on 25 June. An excessive speed is blamed for the road accident.

KYEMON-TOWNSHIP IPRD

Farmers prefer power-tiller to traditional use of cattle in farming process

AGRICULTURE

YEDASHE, 28 June — Now is the time when the government is trying hard to transform the agriculture sector into mechanized farming from conventional one. So there has been a surge in use of modern farm equipment rather than traditional use of cattle in farming year by year. It was learnt that power-tillers are in demand during this year's cultivation season.

Farmers face delays in farming process due to the use of cattle, difficulties in finding an area of pasture for cattle and high price for them.

"Farm equipment enables us to work any time without taking situations of weather and cattle into consideration," says a farmer



of Bodawkon village.

Farmer decided to sell their cattle for the purchase of modern farm equipment. They can buy it under a two-year installment plan after connecting with cooperative societies or banks. They have to pay 38 per cent of the

price of farm equipment they bought for first installment.

"China-made farm equipment used to be in good demand in the market. Farmers like to buy Thailand-made farm equipment later. A power-tiller called Taungpaw Kywe

is priced at K 2 million. As it is not only good for fuel consumption but also guarantees its durability, farmers much prefer it," says U Aye Naing of Rishin farm equipment sale centre in Toungoo.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

Waterway users in Pyapon get life jacket drill

PYAPON, 28 June — Pyapon is a township with sea exit in Ayeyawady Region. Dotted with rivers and creeks only the waterway is the effective means of transport for the township. People from nearby villages travel one place to another by boat and they have to depend on Pyapon for their social and

economic matters.

So, Pyapon District Fire Services Department organized a life jacket drill at a place near Seikkan Thaya market through the river on 26 June. Fire crew taught waterway users how to use a life jacket, calling on them to wear life vests during their every boat ride.

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ACCIDENT

Man died from being run over by tractor-trailer

SAGAING, 28 June — No (1) police station in Sagaing said they were informed of a brick kiln worker who died from being run over by a tractor-trailer at about 7 pm on 22 June.

It was learnt that the worker called Paw Shi died from being run over by the rear tyre of the vehicle near Shwe Mudaw pagoda as he plunged off the tractor-trailer driven by Maung Tun of Zeechaung village in Sagaing Township while it skidded out of control due to a front flat tyre.

The victim was pronounced dead on the spot.—Kyemon

Rollover crash of Mandalay-Muse passenger bus in Hsipaw

LASHIO, 28 June — A road accident happened to a passenger bus en route to Muse from Mandalay on Mandalay-Lashio motorway near Kontha village in Hsipaw yesterday.

The passenger bus driven by U Aung Aung, 43, of Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay overturned while moving backwards due to mechanical failure on a slope between mile post

Nos (138/4) and (138/5) at about 7.30 am.

The rollover crash left five passengers — Ma Mar Mar Oo, 29, Daw Shwe Yin, 56, U Kyaw Ye Aung, 38, U Aung Lwin, 25, and U Aung Naing, 40 — wounded. Police Sub-inspector Khun Kyaw Win is investigating into the road accident.

Kyemon-Zaw Lwin (Lashio)

Eight-year-old boy fatally struck by motorbike

AUNGBAN, 28 June — An eight-year-old boy was knocked down and wounded by a motorbike near Aungban railway station in Shan State at about 8.30 pm on 22 June.

Police said that the motorbike driven by Thiha Aung, 19, fatally struck

Min Khant Htwe, 8, on the road in Pinhme village of Aungban Township while the victim was crossing the road. The victim with life-threatening injuries was taken to Aungban hospital for treatment.

Kyemon-Sai Tin Oo (Shan/South)

Man charged with murder of his own brother, sister-in-law

PINDAYA, 28 June — A 31-year-old man was taken into police custody at Pindaya police station in Pindaya Township of Shan State for killing of his own brother and sister-in-law.

Po Oo Pyone, 43, of Tame village in Pindaya Township was beaten to death with a one foot long stick with a girth of

five inches by his younger brother Shwe Pyone (a) Po Pyone (a) Aung Pyone, 31, at 9 pm on 22 June and died in the hospital while receiving intensive care there the following day.

On 23 June morning, Shwe Pyone (a) Po Pyone (a) Aung Pyone told U Po Thein, a villager, that he killed Ma Pyone, his brother's wife, and left

her behind near a creek, west of the village.

Police officers, the village administrator and party found a naked dead body of Ma Pyone, 35, near the creek.

Pindaya police station charged the suspect with murder and investigation is ongoing.

Kyemon-Sai Tin Oo (Shan/South)

Drunkard leaps to death off four-storey balcony

YANGON, 28 June — Police said that an artist plunged to his death from a balcony on the fourth floor of a building on U Chit Pe street in Saya San (North) ward in Bahan Township, here, at about 4.30 pm on 23 June.

As they were informed of a man who leaped to his death from a four-story balcony, Police Captain

Myint Lwin Than and party rushed there and found the man whose lifeless body lay on the street, bleeding from his wounds to his both legs and face.

The man was identified as Saw Khu Shee, 36. He is an artist and a drunkard. He is believed to have killed himself by plummeting to the ground under the influence of a situation in

which he had quit drinking three days ago. It was learnt that his wife was at home during his sudden jump from the balcony which is about 40 feet high from the ground.

The dead body was sent to the hospital. Bahan police station opened a case and investigation is ongoing.

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CRIME

WORLD

Russian government slashes privatization targets



Russian President Vladimir Putin

MOSCOW, 28 June—The Russian government halved its privatization target for next year on Thursday, as Kremlin officials loyal to President Vladimir Putin tightened their grip on economic policy.

The revised privatization agenda rolls back a \$50 billion, multi-year drive to dispose of state assets that was launched in 2010 by

reformist former Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin but has been only fitfully implemented.

That sell-off plan set the high-water mark of Dmitry Medvedev's liberal four-year presidency. Putin's return to the Kremlin in May 2012, in a job swap with Medvedev, has slowed the pace of reforms in Russia's \$2 trillion economy

to a near halt. Privatization revenues have repeatedly fallen short of target, although the state did raise more than \$5 billion last autumn from the sale of a stake in Sberbank, Russia's largest bank.

Disenchanted investors have since sent Russian stocks down to a valuation discount of around a half to other big emerging markets. The benchmark RTS index has fallen by 18 percent in the current year to date.

That, in turn, makes selling off the legacy of the Soviet command economy an unappealing prospect for the Kremlin.

"The current state of financial markets is such that it would, with rare exceptions, be impossible to avoid lasting damage from selling stakes in these companies," Olga Dergunova, head of the State Property Agency, told ministers.

Reuters

Europe clinches deals on banks, budget, youth jobless

BRUSSELS, 28 June—European leaders agreed on new steps to fight youth unemployment and promote lending to credit-starved small business on Thursday after deals on banking resolution and the long-term EU budget gave their summit a much needed lift.

The 27 leaders resolved to spend 6 billion euros over the next two years to support job creation, training and apprenticeships for

young people, and to raid unspent EU budget funds to keep the effort going thereafter.

Critics say the money is a drop in the ocean with more than 19 million people unemployed in the EU, and more than half of all young people under 25 without a job in Spain and Greece.

Leaders also approved plans for the European Investment Bank to lend hundreds of billions of euros

to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) particularly in southern EU states where bank finance has largely dried up due to the euro zone's debt crisis.

"The last 24 hours have been a great success," European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso told a news conference. "Today we have agreed the money to back up our words."

After late-night talks in Luxembourg, European Union finance ministers agreed how to share the cost of future bank failures among investors and wealthy savers as far as possible. Separately, negotiators for the European Parliament, the European Commission and EU member governments clinched a deal on a 960 billion euro (\$1.25 trillion) seven-year budget for the bloc for the period 2014-20, ending months of squabbling.

Reuters



European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso holds a news conference during the European Union leaders summit in Brussels on 28 June 2013.—REUTERS

At least 22 killed as bombs tear through coffee shops in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 June—Bombs exploded in busy coffee shops and at other targets across Iraq late on Thursday, killing at least 22 people, police and medics said. In north and south Baghdad, two blasts tore through cafes where scores of young men had gathered to watch a televised football match, killing eight people, police and medical sources said.

Two other explosions killed 10 people in coffee shops in the city of Baquba, about 50 km (30 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

Another bomb exploded near a cafe in the town of Jbela, 65 km (40 miles) south of Baghdad, killing

three, and a "sticky bomb" attached to a car killed a civilian in Iskandariya, 40 km (25 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

Violence has grown in Iraq since the start of the year, claiming more than

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

Insurgents, including al-Qaeda's Iraqi affiliate, have been recruiting from the country's Sunni Muslim

minority, which feels sidelined following the U.S.-led invasion that toppled former dictator Saddam Hussein and empowered majority Shi'ites.

Sectarian tensions have been inflamed by the civil war in Syria, which is fast spreading into a region-wide proxy war, drawing in Shi'ite and Sunni fighters from Iraq and beyond to fight on opposite sides of the conflict. The latest bombs struck as Iraqis celebrated moves by the UN-Security Council towards ending sanctions imposed on Baghdad more than two decades ago after former President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Reuters



Youths clean up shattered glass near the site of a bomb attack in Dora District in Baghdad, on 27 June, 2013.

REUTERS

Chair's absence at key UN council reform meeting sparks concerns

NEW YORK, 28 June—Many countries on Thursday expressed concerns about the absence of the Afghan Ambassador who has chaired intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform for the past five years from a key meeting on the hotly debated topic.

A representative at the Afghan mission told Kyodo News that Zahir Tanin did not attend because he was not asked to do so after the meeting was called by the current General Assembly President Vuk Jeremic. Jeremic said Tanin had been

invited, but as a participant rather than as the chair.

"We take note with concern of the absence of the chair of the intergovernmental negotiations in this meeting, in the context of ensuring the consistency of its past deliberations," said Brazil's Ambassador Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado, according to the text of his speech.

He spoke on behalf of the so-called Group of Four, also including Japan, Germany and India, which aspire to gain permanent seats in a reformed Security Council.

At the meeting, many other countries expressed regret about Tanin's absence and showed support for him, according to diplomats.

He also emphasized the "important" role Tanin has played as an "impartial" facilitator. Currently five countries—Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States—hold permanent status with veto rights. There are 10 non-permanent members who are elected to the council for two-year terms. "The G-4 would like to express its disappointment with

the lack of progress so far despite the efforts of the chair of the intergovernmental negotiations," he said, adding that the group hoped to achieve "tangible results" in the remainder of the current General Assembly session which ends in September.

Jeremic, a former Serbian foreign minister, called the on Thursday meeting to discuss negotiations after the last informal meeting was held in April. He also chaired the meeting, a role Tanin has performed in the past.

Kyodo News

Kerry resumes tough Israeli-Palestinian peace mission

AMMAN, 28 June—US Secretary of State John Kerry's drive to revive Middle East peace talks hit familiar warning signals on Thursday as Israel's prime minister stressed security needs and a Palestinian negotiator denounced Israeli settlement building.

Kerry, on his fifth visit to the region, met Jordan's King Abdullah for talks focused on both the peace process and the Syrian civil war, which has driven more than 500,000 refugees into Jordan.

He later met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem and was to return to Amman for talks with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Friday. Israeli settlement building on occupied land

Palestinians seek for a state remains a main stumbling block to the resumption of peace talks that collapsed over the issue in 2010.

Kerry's arrival in Amman on Wednesday coincided with news Israel had approved 69 new housing units in a Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem, while building continues elsewhere. "Obviously steps like this are unhelpful, but we remain hopeful that both parties will recognise the opportunity and the necessity to go back to the table," the State Department said. Abbas has long demanded settlement activity stop before peace talks resume, despite US and Israeli calls for negotiations without preconditions.

Reuters



US Secretary of State John Kerry (R) greeted by Jordan's Director of the Political Directorate and the Royal Hashemite Court Manar Dabbas upon his arrival at Al Hummar Palace in Amman, where Kerry is to meet with Jordan's King Abdullah (not pictured), on 27 June 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NASA telescope to probe long-standing solar mystery

CAPE CANAVERNAL, (Florida), 28 June—A small NASA telescope was launched into orbit on Thursday on a mission to determine how the sun heats its atmosphere to millions of degrees, sending off rivers of particles that define the boundaries of the solar system.

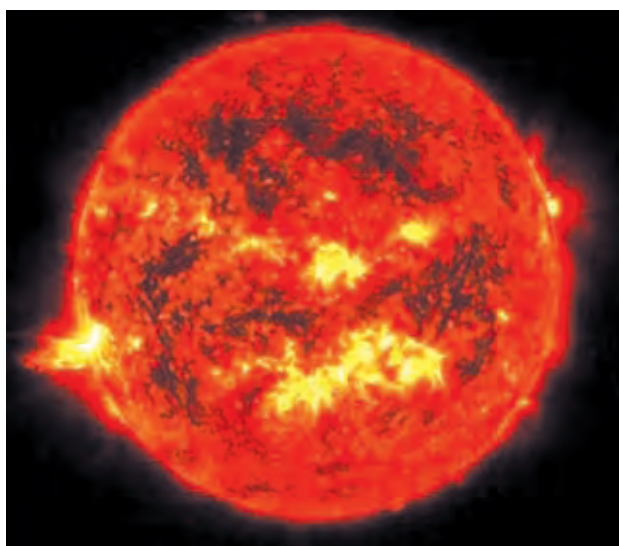
The study is far from academic. Solar activity directly impacts Earth's climate and the space environment beyond the planet's atmosphere. Solar storms can knock out power grids, disrupt radio signals and interfere with communications, navigation and other satellites in orbit.

"We live in a very complex society and the sun has a role to play in it," said

physicist Alan Title, with Lockheed Martin Space Systems Advanced Technology Centre in Palo Alto, California, which designed and built the telescope.

Scientists have been trying to unravel the mechanisms that drive the sun for decades but one fundamental mystery endures: How it manages to release energy from its relatively cool, 10,000 degree Fahrenheit (5,500 degree Celsius) surface into an atmosphere that can reach up to 5 million degrees Fahrenheit (2.8 million Celsius).

At its core, the sun is essentially a giant fusion engine that melds hydrogen atoms into helium. As expected, temperatures cool as energy travels outward



The bright light of a solar flare on the left side of the sun and an eruption of solar material shooting through the sun's atmosphere, called a prominence eruption, are seen in this NASA handout image taken June 20, 2013, at 11:15 pm EDT (03:15 GMT).—REUTERS

through the layers. But then in the lower atmosphere, known as the chromosphere, temperatures heat up again. Pictures and data relayed by the Interface Re-

gion Imaging Spectrograph, or IRIS, telescope may finally provide some answers about how that happens. The 4-foot (1.2-meter) long, 450-pound (204-kg) observatory will be watching the sun from a vantage point about 400 miles above Earth.

It is designed to capture detailed images of light moving from the sun's surface, known as the photosphere, into the chromosphere. Temperatures peak in the sun's outer atmosphere, the corona.—Reuters

NASA's Voyager 1 nears our solar system's boundary

WASHINGTON, 28 June—US space agency NASA said on Thursday its spacecraft *Voyager 1* is about to become the first human-made object to cross the boundary from our solar system into interstellar space.

New data revealed in

the journal *Science* suggested that the spacecraft, launched 35 year ago and now more than 18 billion km from the Sun, has been exploring an unexpected region of the heliosphere, the bubble of charged particles around our Sun, since late last August. In the re-

gion called the magnetic highway, *Voyager 1* has detected two of the three signs of interstellar arrival: rapid disappearance of the solar-originating charged particles and low-energy galactic cosmic rays from far outside that originate from dying stars.—Xinhua

Software moguls Ellison and Benioff end feud, jump into deal

SAN FRANCISCO, 28 June—Oracle Corp Chief Executive Larry Ellison and Salesforce.com CEO Marc Benioff publicly ended one of Silicon Valley's most bitter feuds on Thursday as

they leapt into a major alliance aimed at selling more Internet-based software.

On a conference call to outline their new pact, the moguls, who in the past had been harsh critics

of each other's businesses, said they plan to collaborate in the fast-growing area of cloud computing.

Their comments were a far cry from two years ago, when Ellison called Salesforce.com the "roach motel" of cloud-computing and Benioff ridiculed Oracle for selling "false cloud" products.

"Larry and I have worked together for, I think, 27 years since I first started at Oracle," Benioff told analysts and reporters.

Once a protégé of Ellison, Benioff left an executive post at Oracle in 1999 to found Salesforce, one of the first companies to sell business software services over the Web.

Reuters



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

Samsung rolls out OLED TV as production glitches linger



A man looks at Samsung Electronics' first curved, super-thin OLED television set displayed at the main office of the company in Seoul on 27 June, 2013.

REUTERS

SEOUL, 28 June — Samsung Electronics Co Ltd launched its first OLED TV on Thursday, taking the ultra-thin technology into a nascent market despite tenacious production challenges that keep costs high while prevailing LCD screens only get better and cheaper.

The world's biggest TV manufacturer has staked its display future on OLED —organic light emitting diode — technology and its success with smaller screens has bolstered its smartphone market share and earnings. But big screens are likely to take a much slower road to profits.

OLED technology is widely believed to offer the potential for better picture quality than standard liquid crystal display screens, with crisper picture resolution, faster response times and high-contrast images. It also allows for curved televisions, which manufacturers say offer a more

immersive experience.

But production constraints are a key problem.

Samsung is producing OLED screens for TVs from a small pilot line and some analysts estimate the yield at just 30 percent — with seven out of 10 screens from the line faulty, largely due to difficulties in spreading organic light emitting materials evenly across large screens.

Although many industry experts believe OLED will eventually be the next big thing, they do not think it will manage to do to LCDs what LCDs did to bulky cathode ray tube sets: almost completely replace them in the space of just several years.

"They are not sufficiently transformational to trigger a complete switch-over from LCDs," said Eo Kyu-jin, an analyst at IBK Securities, adding that for now OLED televisions would represent less than 1 percent of the 200 million-plus global TV market.

Samsung's \$13,000 price tag on its curved 55-inch OLED television is the same as similar offerings from LG Electronics Inc, some five times more than popular LCD equivalents.

Samsung itself took a cautious tone, warning that industry forecasts for sales growth were a bit too optimistic. "We have just introduced our first OLED TV and have to see consumer response to gauge overall market demand," Kim Hyunsuk, a Samsung executive vice president, told reporters.

Research firm DisplaySearch has forecast global industry-wide sales of OLED televisions at 50,000 this year and 600,000 next year, with rapid growth thereafter to reach 7 million in 2016. LG, which currently offers both curved and non-curved 55-inch screens, is estimated to have only sold a few hundred screens so far after starting sales earlier this year.

LCD technology is also getting better and this is where many of Samsung's and LG's rivals, which lack their South Korean rivals' deep pockets, are concentrating their efforts.

"OLED demand is likely to pick up strongly only after 2015. It has a long way to go to improve picture quality to the level of ultra-high definition and to lower production costs sharply," said Chung Won-suk, an analyst at HI Investment & Securities.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

BoE warns banks of risk of sharp global interest rate rise

LONDON, 28 June—The Bank of England warned banks and borrowers on Wednesday about risks from a potential abrupt rise in global interest rates, and said banks might need to further bolster their capital cushions to protect against this.

The past week has seen a sharp rise in global bond yields since US Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said that the US central bank may scale back bond purchases later this year.

BoE Governor Mervyn King said on Tuesday that markets had “jumped the gun” in their sharp reaction to Bernanke’s comments, but the BoE’s half-yearly Financial Stability Report said more bond yield rises could hurt UK banks, insurers and borrowers. The BoE said that it had ordered an investigation into the vulnerability of Britain’s financial institutions and borrowers to higher interest rates, to report back by September to its new risk watchdog, the



Financial Policy Committee. “Financial institutions and markets are also vulnerable to an abrupt rise in global interest rates. And some UK borrowers remain highly indebted, which could result in losses for UK banks,” the FPC said. The 11-member FPC gained legal powers to set capital requirements for banks in April

after operating on an interim basis for the previous two years, and just a week ago it ordered five banks to raise 13 billion pounds (\$20 billion) of extra capital.

Privately bankers complain that higher capital requirements and limits on leverage are hampering their ability to lend, but this is

strongly disputed by the BoE, which says healthier long-term capital levels make it cheaper for banks to borrow.

Wednesday also saw the BoE allow banks to scale back some of the short-term cash they hold against shocks to encourage more lending to the economy.

Reuters

UAE’s Jebel Ali Port expanded to 15 million TEU

DUBAI, 28 June—Dubai Ports (DP) World officially opened on Wednesday a new extension to container terminal 2 at its flagship Jebel Ali Port in the western part of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The new expansion will increase the capacity of the world’s largest man-made container port by 1 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units) to 15 million TEU. The addition will also extend the quay wall at terminal 2 by 400 meters to 3,000 meters and allow simultaneous handling of six mega ships, said DP World in an e-mailed statement. “Together with container terminal 3, which is now under construction, Jebel Ali Port will reach 19 million TEU capacity by 2014 and will be able to handle 10 of the giant new generation vessels at the same time — the only port in the region able to do so,” said Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, chairman of DP World.

Xinhua



A Novartis logo is pictured on its headquarters building in Mumbai on 1 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Novartis skin drug helps patients with chronic hives

ZURICH, 28 June—Swiss drugmaker Novartis said its drug omalizumab significantly improved itch in patients with a severe form of hives, according to a late-stage study.

The second of three late-stage studies found that more than one third of patients with chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU) who were treated with

the drug were completely itch and hive-free after 12 weeks compared to 5 percent of patients on placebo.

Omalizumab, which is also known as Xolair, is already approved for treating severe asthma. Novartis said it was on track to submit omalizumab for regulatory approval in patients with CSU later this year.—Reuters

Xinhua



US new home sales up 2.1 percent in May

WASHINGTON, 28 June—The sales volume of new single-family houses in the United States rose in May to the highest level in about five years, evidence of the recovering property market, the US Commerce Department reported on Tuesday.

Sales of new single-family houses in May increased to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 476,000 units, up 2.1 percent from April and up 29 percent from a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the median

sales price of new houses sold in May edged down to 263,900 US dollars from 272,600 dollars in April.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of new houses for sale at the end of May was 161,000 units, which represented a supply of 4.1 months at the current sales rate. Economists held that new home sales, though accounting for a relatively small share in the housing market, still have an outsized impact on job creation and economic growth.

Xinhua

Standard Chartered brushes off China fears after stronger quarter

LONDON, 28 June—Standard Chartered (STAN.L) brushed off fears that a slowdown in China’s economy would hit the Asia-focused lender hard and said it would meet analysts’ expectations for the full-year following an improved second-quarter.

The bank, which makes about four-fifths of its earnings in Asia and the Middle East, said it was on track to meet forecasts for full-year operating profit of about \$8 billion but would miss its usual target of 10 percent profit and revenue growth. US activist investor group Muddy Waters has bet against the bank, saying that a slowdown in China would lead to “considerable stress” at the London-based lender. A cash crunch in China’s money market over the last three weeks and consequent sharp rise in borrowing costs, has sent Chinese stocks to four-year lows and spilled over into global markets.

Standard Chartered’s

finance chief Richard Meddings said on Wednesday actions being taken by the government in China were appropriate and its interventions in the inter-bank lending market would not materially affect the bank’s ability to borrow there.

“We think these are very good reforms that are being introduced. I think what it points to is perhaps slower growth but on a more sustainable level,” Meddings told reporters on a conference call. The profit-

ability of banks in Asia has been squeezed by ultra-easy monetary policy in the West, which has created a flood of cheap money that has pressured margins for banks competing to lend to fast-growing emerging markets.

Standard Chartered, which has been one of the most consistent performers during the financial crisis, said revenue for the first six months of 2013 was expected to rise by about 5 percent following an acceleration in the second quarter.—Reuters



A woman walks past a Standard Chartered bank in London on 13 Oct, 2010.—REUTERS

Lure, variety of designer drugs is alarming, UN agency says

VIENNA, 28 June—A sharp rise in the variety of legal “designer drugs” with names that entice young people into thinking they pose no risk is alarming from a public health standpoint, the United Nations drugs agency said on Wednesday.

The number of new psychoactive substances, marketed as “designer

drugs” and “legal highs”, as reported by member states jumped by more than 50 percent in less than three years to 251 by mid-2012, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime said.

“This is an alarming drug problem—but the drugs are legal,” it said. “Sold openly, including via the Internet, NPS (new

psychoactive substances), which have not been tested for safety, can be far more dangerous than traditional drugs.”

Names including “spice”, “meow-meow” and “bath salts” mislead young people into believing they are indulging in low-risk fun, UNODC said.

But “the adverse effects

and addictive potential of most of these uncontrolled substances are at best poorly understood”, the agency said in an annual survey.

Use of such substances among youth in the United States appears to be more than twice as widespread as in the 27-nation European Union, where the United Kingdom, Poland and France

have the most users, it said.

New psychoactive substances can be made by slightly modifying the molecular structure of controlled drugs, making a new drug with similar effects which can elude national and international bans.

They are “proliferating at an unprecedented rate and posing unforeseen public

health challenges,” said the report that examines production, trafficking and consumption trends.

“The international drug control system is floundering, for the first time, under the speed and creativity of the phenomenon” of this type of substances, the UNODC report said.—Reuters

WORLD

Obama jabs Russia, China on failure to extradite Snowden



US President Barack Obama speaks at a joint news conference with Senegal's President Macky Sall (not pictured) at the Presidential Palace in Dakar, on 27 June, 2013.—REUTERS

DAKAR, 28 June—US President Barack Obama said on Thursday he would not start “wheeling and dealing” with China and Russia over a US request to extradite former American spy agency contractor Edward Snowden.

Obama, who appeared concerned that the case would overshadow his three-country tour of Africa begun in Senegal, also dismissed suggestions that the United States might try to intercept Snowden if he were allowed to leave Moscow by air.

“No, I’m not going to be scrambling jets to get a 29-year-old hacker,” he told a news conference in

Dakar, a note of disdain in his voice. Snowden turned 30 last week.

Obama said regular legal channels should suffice to handle the US request that Snowden, who left Hong Kong for Moscow, be returned to the United States.

He said he had not yet spoken to China’s President Xi Jinping or Russian President Vladimir Putin about the issue.

“I have not called President Xi personally or President Putin personally and the reason is ... number one, I shouldn’t have to,” Obama said sharply.

“Number two, we’ve got a whole lot of business

that we do with China and Russia, and I’m not going to have one case of a suspect who we’re trying to extradite suddenly being elevated to the point where I’ve got to start doing wheeling and dealing and trading on a whole host of other issues.”

Snowden fled the United States to Hong Kong in May, a few weeks before publication in *the Guardian* and *the Washington Post* of details he provided about secret US government surveillance of Internet and phone traffic.

The American, who faces espionage charges in the United States and has requested political asylum in Ecuador, has not been seen since his arrival in Moscow on Sunday. Russian officials said he was in a transit area at Sheremetyevo airport.

A Russian immigration source close to the matter said Snowden had not sought a Russian visa and there was no order from the Russian Foreign Ministry or Putin to grant him one.

Snowden’s case has raised tensions between the United States and both China and Russia. On Thursday, Beijing accused Washington of hypocrisy over cyber security.

Reuters

Melted fuel removal at Fukushima plant planned from 2020 at earliest

TOKYO, 28 June—The government and Tokyo Electric Power Co decided on Thursday on a revised road map for decommissioning the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear reactors, eyeing the start of the removal of melted fuel in 2020 at the earliest.

The government believes it is possible to bring forward defueling by more than a year from the initial plan through an improvement in work efficiency. However, the exact date cannot be guaranteed with TEPCO not knowing at this point exactly where the fuel is located and in what state it is in.

It is the first major revision of the road map that outlines the 40-year-long process of scrapping the Nos 1 to 4 units at the Fukushima Daiichi plant. The original schedule was released in December 2011, after the complex, ravaged

by a huge earthquake and tsunami in March the same year, was brought under control.

The plant is currently in the first phase of the decommissioning process, during which TEPCO is expected to start extracting the fuel inside the spent fuel pool located atop the No 4 reactor building in November. The No 4 unit only has fuel in the spent fuel pool because the reactor was offline for maintenance work when the earthquake and tsunami hit the plant.

The target of the second phase is to begin removing melted fuel from one of the crippled reactors. The revised road map indicates that the work will begin at the Nos 1 and 2 reactors within the first half of fiscal 2020 at the earliest and at the No 3 reactor within the latter half of fiscal 2021 at the earliest.

Kyodo News

Protests in Brazil continue as death toll hits six

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 June—Protests demanding better public services and an end to excessive public spending on international sporting events continued in major Brazilian cities on Thursday as clashes led to six deaths.

In Fortaleza, a northeastern port city, protesters and police clashed on Thursday in the vicinity of Arena Castelao Stadium, where teams from Spain and Italy battled for a place in the final match of the FIFA Confederations Cup. Seven people were reportedly injured.

It seemed to be a repeat of the day before, when more than 50,000 protesters marched on the Mineirao Stadium in the city of Belo

Horizonte, where the first semifinal match, between Brazil and Uruguay, was held. Riot police threw tear gas and stink bombs at the crowd, while the protesters hurled rocks back as retaliation. In Belo Horizonte, a young boy was killed during a skirmish after falling from an overpass on Wednesday. On the same day in Guarujá, São Paulo state, a 16-year-old boy on a bicycle was run over by a truck as the driver reportedly tried to avoid a crowd of protesters on a highway.

Another three protesters have been run over in the past few days, and a woman died in Belem from tear gas poisoning on 21 June.

The protests, which

have seen more than 1 million Brazilians take to the streets in the past few weeks, prompted President Dilma Rousseff to call for a referendum on political reforms and scared Brazilian legislators into acting on a series of bills that had been languishing in Congress for years.

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives struck down a bill to restrict the public prosecutor’s power to investigate and passed a bill to invest 100 percent of oil royalties in public education and healthcare.

The next day, the Senate approved a bill that makes corruption by public officials a heinous crime punishable with more severe sentences.—Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills five Afghan civilians

MEHTERLAM, (Afghanistan), 28 June—Five Afghan civilians were killed as a roadside bomb struck a car in the eastern Laghman Province on Thursday, a local official said.

“A mine planted by militants struck a car in Omarzai area in the outskirts of provincial capital Mehterlam at around 03:00 pm local time today (Thursday), leaving five civilians dead and injured another,” spokesman for provincial administration Sarhadi-Zawak told Xinhua.

He blamed Taleban fighters for organizing the deadly bombing. However, the outfit fighting the government and largely relying on suicide and roadside bombings has yet to make comment. Taleban militants in a similar attack killed four policemen in the western Herat Province on Wednesday night.

Xinhua



A building is flamed by a nearby explosion of a tanker in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 27 June, 2013. A tanker turned over in Almaty on Thursday and then a blast and a fire occurred, making a nearby eight-storey building on fire, causing the tanker driver dead and over 20 residential buildings and about ten vehicles damaged.—XINHUA

Global FDI in 2012 shrinks emerging economies bigger players

HONG KONG, 28 June—Even as global foreign direct investment dropped in 2012, emerging economies began to take a larger share of both inflows and outflows, according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on Thursday. “For the first time, developing economies absorbed more FDI than developed countries,” UNCTAD economic affairs officer Liang Guoyong said via teleconference in Geneva. “Economic fragility and policy uncertainty in a number of major economies (drove) precaution among international investors.”

Overall, FDI inflows slid to \$1.35 trillion from 2011 while FDI outflows dropped 23 percent to \$1.39 trillion due to stagnant business activities amid uncertain economic outlook, Liang noted.

And developing economies accounted for 52 percent of global FDI flows, the report said. The United States

and China held the top two spots on the list of foreign investments with \$168 billion and \$121 billion, respectively, while Hong Kong ranked third, up from fourth in 2011, with \$75 billion, followed by Brazil and the British Virgin Islands.

On the list of FDI outflow, the United States and Japan stayed in the same first and second spots with \$329 billion and \$123 billion. China climbed from sixth in 2011 to third last year with \$84 billion, followed by Hong Kong and Britain.

“Emerging economies have become increasingly important player on the global FDI arena. In particular, the BRIC has emerged as not only major recipients of FDI, but also important outward investors. Their FDI outflow grew from \$7 billion in 2000 to \$145 billion in 2012, or 10 percent of worldwide growth, the share was only 1 percent in 2000,” Liang said.

On Hong Kong’s upward move on the FDI

list, Simon Galpin, director general of Invest Hong Kong, said a string of macroeconomic factors, such as changes in currency evaluation, played a role but it is difficult to pinpoint the exact reason. “The interest that we are seeing from companies looking to set up and expand in Hong Kong, we see no decrease at all in that,” Galpin said when commenting on the report.—Kyodo News



Nuclear fuel processed in France is loaded onto a trailer from a freighter that arrived at Kansai Electric Power Co’s Takahama nuclear power plant in Fukui Prefecture, central Japan, on 27 June, 2013. KYODO NEWS

LOCAL NEWS

CULTURE

Ancient box on display at Yamethin monastery

YAMETHIN, 28 June—TheinU monastery in Ingyinkan Village in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region has an ancient box for palm-leaf manuscripts.

The ancient wooden crate with floral arts, Angel and Gregor images has the length of 36 inches, the width of 24 inches and the

height of 42 inches.

It has four wheels afoot and iron handles.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nanadhaja, presiding monk of the monastery, decided to put the artifact on display in a hall of the monastery.

MMAL-Hlaing Than Tint (Yamethin)



Ancient palm-leaf manuscript box in TheinU monastery in Ingyinkan village in Yamethin Township in Mandalay.

ACCIDENT

Vehicle upside down in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 28 June—One monk died and four others injured in an accident in Phetti village four miles from Tachilek on 25 June.

Bhaddanta Nanadhaja of Shwetaungdan monastery in Haunglaik village-tract in Tachilek of Shan State (East) and four other monks were on return to monastery after having a day meal offered in Yebusan village when the Surf plunged into the ravine.

One other monk is in critical condition.

Authorities have filed



a lawsuit against the driver.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae

A vehicle upside down in the bush.



A Shwe Mandalay Passenger Express Bus bound for Yangon from Mandalay slipped off the road onto the traffic island on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway on 26 June. The car hit the brick barriers.

MMAL-THANT SIN

BIRTHDAY
RECEPTION:

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw being welcomed by British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Andrew Richard Heyn at the reception to mark the birthday of Her Majesty of Britain on 27 June.—MNA



Talks commemorate Mandalay university co-founder's birthday

MANDALAY, 28 June—Organizers of centennial birthday of Mandalay University's former Vice-Chancellor U Ko Lay, who would turn 100 this year if he lives organized a talk ahead of the commemorative

ceremony at Mandalay City Hall on 23 June.

Retired professor of Mandalay University Myanmar Department Dr Maung Maung Lay elaborated on agenda and Chairman of the Organizing Committee U Nyunt Maung (Nay Pyi Taw) the purpose of the talk.

Writer Maung Tha Noe, writer-cum-director Maung Moe Thu, Gone Htoo U Thein Naing and U Phone (Chemistry) gave talks on characters of U Ko Lay.

Myanmar pipeline to start gas supply to China

NAMTU, 28 June—Natural gas from Kyaukpyu Township in Rakhine

State would be supplied to neighbouring China beginning 1 July, according to an official of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise.

The co-founder and former vice-chancellor of the Mandalay University was born in Sagaing on 23 August, 1913.

He served as the vice-chancellor for five years from 1958 to 1963.

He died at the ripe age of 90 at the emeritus professor hostel on 25 June in the previous year.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

The pipeline crosses Namtu Township in Kyaukme District in Shan State (North).

Although crunches and fire are expected in the start of the supply, it would not cause any danger, the source said. There would be no gas leakage, the source insisted.

MMAL-Kyaukhtuthar

CONSTRUCTION

Saw-Kyaukhtu road section to be upgraded to tarred one

KYAUKHTU, 28 June—Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Htay Maung and Saw Township Engineer U Aung Thet Win visited Saw-Kyaukhtu road section on 25 June.

They promised that the road would be tarred and necessary amount of gravel would be supplied soon.

They said plans had been laid to ensure sooner construction even in the absence of machinery.

Gangaw District in Magway Region is one of the least developed area in

Myanmar.

It is officially recognized as the isolated part of the country where the government staff received doubled salary for being assigned to the remote area.

Local residents welcomed the move to tar the road which has been expanded 35 ft in 2012.

The tarring of each road section on Sedoktara-Saw-Kyaukhtu started since 2010.

The road is not accessible in rainy season.

MMAL-Kyaukhtuthar

ANTI-
NARCOTIC
DRIVES

Anti-narcotics police attacked by grenade

MUSE, 28 June—An unidentified group attacked an anti-drug squad with grenades near Namhkam in Muse District on 25 June evening.

There members of the squad sustained minor injuries in the attack and are not in critical condition.

The seven-member squad led by Police Inspector San Win Aung was attacked while they were searching vehicles for drugs on Monwe road in Lwelinkan village in Namti village-tract.

MMAL-L Soe (IPRD)

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 29 June, 2013

What D-learning brings

To invest in education is the best investment option, it is said. With a series of educational reforms being put in place, are we making the investment right to accumulate intellectual capital, which we need desperately for sustainable growth of our nation?

To enable the students to earn a living while pursuing formal, higher education on a self-study basis is the stated intention of distance education; but its quality assurance has been in question for a long time with a large number of fresh graduates of distance education finding themselves less competitive in labour market in comparison with new graduates of direct education.

Meanwhile, it seems, for some, the degree certificate is just for a photo to be framed and hanged on the wall as a photographic proof of one's educational qualification. Leaving aside the prevalent and never-been-corrected misspellings in textbooks written in English and the expanded role of assignment service providers usually played by the staff of distance education branches, the attitude of students themselves, which seems to be logical consequences of the distance learning system in practice, should be changed.

Distance learning is a form of provision of access to learning when the source of information and learners are separated by time and distance or both, but here it is also a business model exclusive to faculties. Though it is still regarded a noble profession and on the same plane of respect with parents, the teaching profession has now become somewhat commercialized. This is the case to be found when one is forced to surrender his empty stomach, but some cases have gone too far.

It is a job of sharing knowledge but not selling knowledge, what's more, not issuing certificates for superficial learning. Nowadays, degrees can be bought without having practical knowledge of a particular subject and the result is clear and evident—a serious shortage of human capital.

So, is the distance education to turn out the educated or to issue so-called degree certificates or a welfare scheme for some faculties or both?

Japan helps Myanmar improve Myanmar rail transportation

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Upgrading tasks to improve Myanmar rail transportation with the technical assistance of Japan's government was discussed at MR (Headquarters), here, this afternoon.

A delegation led by Mr Satoshi Wakasugi, experts and engineers of JICA and Managing Director U Thurein Win of MR and responsible persons

attended the ceremony.

During the meeting, they put their heads together to provide smooth, comfortable transportation services and to reduce train accidents. The transportation services would be implemented at 18 km Yangon-Bago railroad section as a pilot project with contribution of the Japanese government.

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NATIONAL

UEC Chairman, members participate in tree planting ceremony



NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Monsoon tree planting ceremony of Union Election Commission was held at the Commission Office, here, this morning and UEC Chairman U Tin Aye planted a Seintalone mango plant.

At the ceremony, members of UEC, the Director-General and the

Deputy Directors-General, directors, officers and staff planted 102 Seintalone mango plants and 252 Mahogany, star-flower, gimkino and flowery plants.

The UEC Chairman enjoyed the planting of the saplings by officers and staff of the UEC.

MNA

Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye takes part in tree planting ceremony.

MNA

Prizes for 4th SEA Pencak Silat Championships presented

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—The final matches of 4th SEA Pencak Silat Championships were held at Wunnatheikdhi Gymnasium, here, yesterday morning. After the matches, Union Ministers U Tint Hsan, U Aye Myint Kyu and Dr Ko Ko Oo, the deputy ministers and officials presented awards to winners.

At the championships, Vietnam secured 8 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals followed by Indonesia with 5 gold, 5 silver and 4 bronze and Myanmar stood third with 3 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze. Kyaw Naing Tun from Myanmar and Mrs. Rosmayani of Indonesia were presented best man and woman player awards of the championships.

MNA



Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan at prize presentation ceremony at 4th SEA Pencak Silat Championships.—MNA

Kayah Nationality Democracy Party applies for registration as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—The Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing the applications for registration

as a political party. Kayah Nationality Democracy Party applied for registration as a political party to the UEC today.—MNA

Public announcement for remonstrations

1. Kayah Nationality Democracy Party headquartered at No 47 on Hawgyi Street in Mingala Ward in Loikaw Township of Kayah State on 28.6.2013 submitted its application to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and

seal described hereunder. 2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14(d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

Flag of Kayah Nationality Democracy Party



Seal of Kayah Nationality Democracy Party



Union Election Commission

NATIONAL

Myanmar has opened up a number of opportunities to foreign investors: President U Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—President U Thein Sein met a delegation led by Mr John Tsang Chun-wah, Financial Minister/Secretary of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

President U Thein Sein said that Myanmar welcomed investments of Hong Kong entrepreneurs. Economic and political reforms are taking place simultaneously. Myanmar had opened up a number of opportunities to foreign

investors. They can make investments in foodstuffs industry, farm, forestry, mine and energy sectors, special economic zones, extended buildings of Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Hanthawady Airports and tourism industry.

He called for trade promotion between the two countries. He conveyed a message to the Governor of Hong Kong to visit Myanmar through the guest.

The Finance Secretary said that Hong Kong had committed to making cooperation with Myanmar.

There are a lot of cooperation sectors between the two countries. Hong Kong would invest in garment factories, baby doll factory and electrical appliance factory as well as in service sector.

They held discussions on prioritized investments that can create more job opportunities, investment

in power generation, construction of smokeless factory and sewage plants and production of telephone parts.

It was also attended by Union Ministers U Soe Thane, U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw and U Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Minister U Zin Yaw and departmental heads.—MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein shakes hands with Mr John Tsang Chun-wah, Financial Minister/Secretary of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government.—MNA



Clarifications at Oslo Forum...

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revenge between the two groups. Due to it, there occurred new conflicts in October for second time. Authorities concerned have already solved the cases in accordance with the laws. They frequently met Bengalis and Rakhine people. The State has issued an independent Rakhine report to systematically deal

with the Rakhine conflict. The Central Committee for Rakhine State Peace and Stability and Development implementation led by the Vice-President (1) was formed. Seven works committee is dealing with all sectors. Immigration and Citizenships Scrutinizing Work Committee is carrying out citizenship process in line with the 1982-Myanmar

Citizenship Law. It can not hamper peace-making process. With respect to the question of if there is any plan to release funds before the projects start, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied that the Ministry is using funds stated in the budget in line with financial regulations.

The deputy minister continued that the projects that have yet to finish were implemented at the beginning

of 2011-2012 FY under the arrangements of incharge engineers before the funds were received. As of 2012-2013 FY, projects have been implementing with allotted funds. Funds are issued to site offices in advance on a quarterly basis. So the ministry gives money in advance before the projects start.

Regarding the question of U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency on if there is a plan to issue coins and one, five, ten,

fifty and one hundred Kyat notes more, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Maung Maung Thein replied that the distribution of aforesaid notes is being undertaken by means of distributing balanced ratios of notes by the State-owned banks across the country and paying salaries monthly to the government staff.

As of 3 August, 2009, the exchange counters of the State-owned and private banks have been carrying out exchange of small old notes

with new ones.

The Central Bank of Myanmar has issued small bank notes of K 10.207 billions (2009-2010 FY), K 58.086 billions (2010-2011 FY), K 113.025 billions (2011-2012 FY) and K 53.126 billions (2012-2013 FY) to the State-owned banks and private banks.

Hluttaw decided to approve the **Bill amending the National Food Law** with the amendments of the Bill Committee. The meeting will go on 2 July.—MNA

Seminar on Preventing Hate Speech in Myanmar; Divergent Voices in a New Democracy held



Seminar on Preventing Hate Speech in Myanmar; Divergent Voices in a New Democracy in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 28 June—“President U Thein Sein-led Government is facing challenges of social conflicts while implementing its reform processes with concerted efforts. The purpose of workshop is to establish a new democratic nation without sectarian hatred in Myanmar’s societies,” said US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell, at the Workshop on Preventing Hate Speech

in Myanmar; Divergent Voices in a New Democracy held at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon this morning.

Then, Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut clarified matters related to Preventing Hate Speech in Myanmar and Challenges. Mr. Richard Winkled who had served as General Council in AP News Agency discussed in title “How can Democracies respond, responsibility to hate speech”.

Chief Editor U Thiha Saw of Open News Journal acted as the chair of group discussion and Sayadaw Ashin Dhamma Piya, U Aye Lwin, Dr Saw Hlaing Bwa and U Aung Naing took part in the discussions. Deputy Minister U Ye Htut and participants replied to queries raised by those present. It was attended by the monks, leaders of the religious association, media men and invited guests.

MNA

Statement of the Ministry...

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by thousands and are noble persons who share their knowledge of Buddha’s teachings and give guidance to all the Buddhists to practise them. Buddhism is the major religion in Myanmar, but the article has accused “Buddhism, which is universally regarded as a faith of pacifism and tolerance” and Buddhist monks as religious extremists.

And accusation against members of Sangha, one of the Three Gems, which Buddhists hold in greatest esteem, is one-sided allegations and is an instigation designed to cause misunderstanding between Buddhists and Islam to fuel the conflicts.

Buddhists find religious extremism and violence facing the nations worldwide totally unacceptable and bitterly denounce them. The presentation of the word “Buddhism” in parallel with the word “violence” is a contradiction in terms, and fills Buddhists with dismay as it appears as a slap in their

faces Buddhism embraces pacifism and not violence. No sermon delivered by the Buddha has ever attacked the believers of other faiths.

The conflicts having occurred in Myanmar were not born out of religious and racial hatred, but the consequences of minor offences like argument while transaction and normal personal problems, further escalated by instigation, fabrication and rumours. In those incidents, Buddhist monks protected the Islam from danger, took part in extinguishing fire, and stopping the looters from vandalizing properties, apart from providing shelters at monasteries and relief aids and other assistance to many Muslim victims.

The government and the Ministry of Religious Affairs respect religious freedom enshrined in the Constitution and are taking such measures as organizing interfaith friendship meeting, and coordinating among different faiths to promote mutual friendship

to ensure peaceful co-existence among religious organizations and avoid recurrence of undesired conflicts.

The seven-point policy of the Ministry of Religious Affairs embodies to assure each individual citizen residing in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar of religious freedom and interfaith harmony. The personnel of the Ministry of Religious Affairs went to the scenes and assisted in easing tensions between the two communities. But, sadly, *Time* magazine has turned a blind eye to all those efforts to our dismay.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs strongly condemned the *Time* Magazine July 1 issue Volume 182 No. 1 which featured the article “The Face of Buddhist Terror” and the writer Hannah Beech as the writing in the magazine can disrupt stabilization and development undertakings of the government and increase suspicion and grudge between the two sides, with potential danger of sectarian conflicts.

HOTELS AND TOURISM

Union H&T Minister receives Secretary-General of World Tourism Organization



NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung received Adviser to the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization Mr Luigi Cabrinl at his office, here, yesterday morning.

At the call, the Union Minister explained that a coordination to hold an international level tourism

conference was made with the secretary-general of the World Tourism Organization on his trip to Myanmar. He said that Bagan region is the best tourist destination in the rainy season.

Arrangements will be made for successfully holding the conference, he said.

Later, they discussed

tasks for implementation of the main plan of Myanmar Tourism Service. *MNA*

AGRICULTURE

Farming rights certificates issued to farmers



NAMHSAM, 28 June—A ceremony to present farming rights certificates was held at Lwehsaing Hall of Township General Administration Department in Namhsam of Palaung Self-Administered Zone of Shan State on 24 June afternoon.

Chairman of the Township Farmland Management Committee Township Administrator U Htet Myat Aung made a speech.

Secretary of Township Farmland Management Committee Head of

Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Myo Zaw explained the purpose of issuance of the certificates and matters related to 2012 Farmland Law.

Next, the chairman and members presented 200 certificates to the farmers.

Kyemon-Namhsam IPRD

Officials of Irrigation Department inspect progress of Kyaukse Dam in Mawlu Village of Indaw Township.

KYEMON-NI TOE

8th Computer Technology Exhibition held in Monywa

MONYWA, 28 June—Sagaing Region Computer Professionals Association and Industrialists Association opened the Computer Technology Exhibition in front of the city hall in Monywa on 28 June morning.

Chairperson of Sagaing Region Computer Professionals Association Daw Yu Yu Kywe made a speech and Chairperson of Sagaing Region Computer Industrialists Association U Zaw Zaw Moe, Vice-President of Myanmar

Computer Federation Daw Nwe Nwe Win and the chairperson of Sagaing Region CPA cut the ribbon to open the exhibition.

A total of 24 booths are displayed with computer accessories.

The exhibition will last up to 30 June.

The computer training courses, maintenance and other computing service are being given to the customers at the exhibition at a discount.

Kyemon-Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

Cultural papers read

GANGAW, 28 June—Gangaw Township Women's Affairs Organization staged the paper-reading session at Gangaw Government Technical Institute on 27 June, attended by 83 teachers and students.

Chairperson of the

District WAO Daw San San Oo made a speech.

Head of District Sports and Physical Education Department Daw Nwe read the paper on Myanmar women and culture by Professor (Rtd) Dr Khin Swe Myint.

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HRD

Union Education Minister meets Chinese Cultural Attaché



NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received Mr Wang Ruiqing, Cultural Attaché

of Chinese Embassy at the hall of the Ministry of Education, here, yesterday morning.

At the meeting, both

sides discussed the mutual cooperation in education and admission of rising scholarship students from Myanmar.—*MNA*

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Monsoon tree planting hails Myanmar Women's Day

HSINBAUNGWE, 28 June—As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2013, the monsoon tree growing ceremony was held near Legyo Village of Hsinbaungwe Township on 25 June morning.

Magway Region Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Soe,

Township Administrator U Ko Ko Aung and departmental personnel, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Nyunt Nyunt Win and members, members of Township Development Committee participated in the ceremony and grew 500 saplings.—*Kyemon-Township IPRD*



Construction of Kyaukse Dam inspected

MAWLU, 28 June—Staff Officer U Hla Moe of Katha District Irrigation Department, in-charge of Indaw Township Irrigation Department U Kyaw Tun Oo and officials inspected progress of Kyaukse Dam in Mawlu Village of Indaw Township in Katha District

of Sagaing Region on 27 June morning.

On completion, the dam will irrigate over 3000 acres of farmlands sufficiently and supply drinking water to 700 taps of surrounding villages namely Mawlu, Ohndok, Mintha and Henu.

Kyemon-Ni Toe

REGIONAL



Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (R front) welcomes Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang (L front) upon his arrival at President Palace in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 27 June, 2013. Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang is on a state-level visit to Indonesia from 27 to 28 June, at the invitation of Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.—XINHUA

Infant formula firms welcome New Zealand food safety review over China concerns

WELLINGTON, 28 June—Infant formula companies in New Zealand on Thursday welcomed the government moves to audit the country's food safety regime after a spate of concerns about infant products exported to China.

Food Safety Minister Nikki Kaye said she had asked the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to undertake an audit to identify any areas for improvement, including verification, compliance and testing regimes.

MPI was already prioritizing Codex, the international food standards body, and Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) to review end product standards for infant formula, she said.

She had also ordered a check that New Zealand's Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs) were in line with changes being

introduced in China's regulations for infant formula.

This month, MPI introduced a brand register for infant formula manufactured in New Zealand to ensure the integrity of New Zealand branded products in China, but there were possibly other improvements that could be made, she said.

MPI was also asked to investigate mechanisms to better collaborate and communicate with markets in Asia, particularly China, in areas such as science and labelling. "It is my intention to visit China in the near future to discuss future initiatives," Kaye said in a statement.

"New Zealand's infant formula exports are estimated at about 600 million NZ dollars (469.67 million US-dollars) a year, with approximately 170 million NZ dollars of that going to China," said Kaye.

The Infant Nutrition Council (INC) of New Zealand and Australia, which earlier this month warned that "inexperienced companies" were endangering the reputation of New Zealand infant formula in China, welcomed the move.

"Infant formula is a very delicate product, and for consumers to have confidence in the safety of the product and New Zealand's reputation, they must be aware of the tight rules that the government has in place around its manufacture and marketing," INC chief executive Jan Carey said in a statement.

INC members, which include global food giants such as Bayer, HJ Heinz, Nestle, Nutricia and Fonterra, have already met strict standards, many of them self-imposed.

"We must ensure everyone complies," she said.

Xinhua

Brewer Asahi Group to acquire PepsiCo's bottler in Indonesia

TOKYO, 28 June—Asahi Group Holdings Ltd said on Thursday it will acquire PepsiCo Inc's exclusive bottler in Indonesia through the Japanese brewer's joint venture with an Indonesian food company.

Asahi Group will buy PT Pepsi-Cola Indobeverages for \$30 million (about 2.94 billion yen) and make the company a consolidated subsidiary. Asahi Group set up the joint venture in Indonesia last year. The lat-

est buyout is part of Asahi's efforts to deploy full-scale beverage operations in the country, Southeast Asia's largest with a population approaching 250 million and one of the region's fastest growing economies.

Pepsi-Cola Indobeverages, based in Jakarta, produces and distributes PepsiCo-brand products in Indonesia. It posted consolidated sales of about 7.1 billion yen last year.

Kyodo News

37th Session of World Heritage Committee ends successfully in Cambodia

SIEM REAP, (Cambodia), 28 June—The 37th Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee came to an end successfully on Thursday after 11 days in action.

Addressing the closing ceremony held in the tourism city of Siem Reap Province on Thursday night, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sok An, chairman of the session, expressed the country's pride to host such an important meeting.

"During the session, our work was intense, constructive, inspiring and enriching in the spirit of solidarity, cooperation and tolerance," Sok An said at the event which was attended by delegates of the 21-member World Heritage Committee. "Now, it comes to an end successfully."

He also congratulated

Qatar for hosting the 38th Session of the World Heritage Committee next year.

Alissandra Cummins, President of the Executive Board of UNESCO, lauded Cambodia for successfully hosting the event.

"From this session, it is evident that Cambodia will continue to play a vital role in advancing the mandate of the organization in the area of cultural heritage," she said.

The 37th Session of the World Heritage Committee was held in capital Phnom Penh on 16 June. Over the period of 11 days, the session had inscribed 19 new heritage properties around the globe on the UNESCO's World Heritage List, bringing the total number of World Heritage Sites in the world to 981.—Xinhua

China to send security force for peacekeeping mission in Mali

BEIJING, 28 June—China will send peacekeepers to Mali and it is the first time that China's armed forces dispatch security forces for peacekeeping mission, a Ministry of National Defence official said on Thursday.

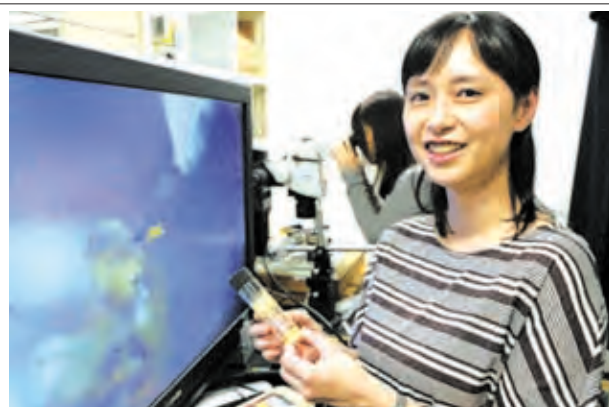
At the request of the UN, the Chinese government will dispatch nearly 400 servicemen to join the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), including engineering, medical and guard teams, Ministry spokesman Yang Yujun said at a monthly press briefing.

Yang said there is no so-called combat forces in UN peacekeeping forces, responding to a reporter's question.

The main purpose of the UN peacekeeping forces is to help relevant countries to restore and maintain peace, prevent wars and monitor ceasefires, Yang said, noting that peacekeeping personnel should not be directly involved in military conflicts in host countries.

"The Chinese security force is actually a guard team that will mainly be responsible for the security of the MINUSMA headquarters and the living areas of peacekeeping forces," he said.

The Chinese peacekeepers will abide by UN peacekeeping regulations and play a constructive role in safeguarding peace and stability in Mali and the region as a whole, Yang added.—Xinhua



Azusa Kamikouchi, a specialist in aural brain function and a professor at Nagoya University, holds a test tube containing a fruit fly at a university laboratory on 30 May, 2013. On the large screen is an enlarged image of the auditory organ of a fly as seen through a microscope.—KYODO NEWS



A model shows a vehicle at the 12th Shenyang International Automobile Industry Expo in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 27 June, 2013.—XINHUA

Indonesia says building criminal cases against eight firms over fires

JAKARTA, 28 June—Indonesian investigators are building criminal cases against eight Southeast Asian companies they suspect of being responsible for raging fires that have blanketed neighbouring Singapore and Malaysia with hazardous smog.

The Environment Ministry last week named the firms for their alleged role in Southeast Asia's worst air pollution crisis in 16 years, which has raised concerns over public health and hurt business and tourism in Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Owners of five of the plantations have denied any wrongdoing. Reuters has not been able to contact the others. A 2009 law carries tough penalties for environmental crimes, although such regulations have rarely been enforced due to Indone-

sia's endemic corruption and sprawling geography.

And investigators could find it hard to pin the blame on specific firms because of the complex ownership of palm oil concessions and pulp and paper holdings on Indonesia's Sumatra island where most of the fires are burning.

But outrage from Singapore as well as environmental groups is putting pressure on Jakarta. Fires are used to clear land on plantations and can burn for weeks because of peat deposits below the surface.

"This is the first major haze since the new law. This is the first big opportunity for the government to use it," said Peter Kanowski, deputy director general of the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), a conservation organization based in Indonesia.—Reuters

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A technician debugs the intelligent control system of China's first intelligent high-speed test train produced by CSR Qingdao Sifang Co, Ltd in Qingdao, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province, on 27 June, 2013. The test train, with China Railway High-Speed (CRH) 380A train as its technical platform, is China's first large transport vehicle applied with the Internet of Things technology and sensor networks technology, through which passengers could enjoy modern information services like e-ticket and Wi-Fi.

XINHUA

Lukashenko eyes to develop cooperation with EU

MINSK, 28 June—Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said on Thursday that his country is interested in expanding cooperation with the European Union, while receiving credentials of the ambassadors of Finland and Switzerland.

Belarus maintains an

unwavering focus on cooperation with European countries, Lukashenko said, adding that Finland is a key trading and economic partner of Belarus in North Europe. "We would like to raise Finnish investments and technologies in promising areas, like power engineering, woodworking,

mechanical engineering, construction and the banking sector."

He also said that Belarus is interested in a full-fledged cooperation with Switzerland.

According to him, business ties between the two countries had been increasingly vibrant in re-

cent years. "A number of Swiss investment projects are being implemented in Belarus. We need to move forward. Promising cooperation avenues include manufacturing, science and innovations, financial ties, culture and tourism," he said.

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One killed, five injured in attack in Egypt's Delta city

CAIRO, 28 June—One was killed and five others were injured in an attack on the headquarters of Muslim Brotherhood (MB) 's Freedom and Justice Party in Egypt's Delta city of Zagazig in Sharqiya governorate, MB's official website reported late on Thursday.

In the attack, one student majoring in pharmacy was shot dead, while the other five were seriously injured, the report said.

Zagazig is the hometown of President Mohamed Morsi, who came to power a year ago but now has to deal with the planned nationwide protests against him on 30 June due to his "poor performance."

Yasser Mehras, media spokesperson of the MB, said the opposition is dragging the country into a pool of blood.

He blamed the soci-

ety's division on Egypt's main opposition bloc, National Salvation Front (NSF), along with the "Rebel" campaign, which has collected over 15 million signatures against Morsi and aims to bring him down. Mehras urged all political factions in Egypt to condemn violence ahead of the 30 June protests.

Supporters of Morsi, for their part, called for one-million-man march on Friday, dubbed "No for Violence," to support the legitimacy of the Islamist-oriented president from the MB camp. But the NSF on Thursday evening urged Morsi "to listen to the voices of the opposition and respond to their demands by holding early presidential election to meet the objectives of 2011 revolution topped by social justice."

Xinhua

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Energy Proposal for Aviation Fuel Business

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Ministry of Energy
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The 2nd World Peace Forum opens at Tsinghua University in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 June, 2013.—XINHUA

New Zealand to bring into effect new anti-money laundering laws

WELLINGTON, 28 June—New laws strengthening New Zealand's financial system to combat money laundering and other serious crimes as part of a global effort to tackle transnational crime will take effect on Sunday, the government said on Friday.

Justice Minister Judith Collins said the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009 (AML/CFT Act) would help law enforcement agencies detect and deter serious crimes such as drug dealing, tax evasion and fraud.

"The new AML/CFT regime will make it easier to recover money gained illegally and help close the loopholes that criminals can use to launder money," Collins said in a statement.

"It also aligns New

Zealand with international laws and best practice and increases our trading partners' confidence in our financial sector."

The Act applied to banks, other financial institutions, some financial advisors and casinos, which had had since 2009 to implement the required changes, which included checking and verifying customers' identities, adopting an AML/CFT programme, appointing a compliance officer and reporting suspicious or unusual transactions.

"Being in step with the rest of the world is crucial to New Zealand as a trading nation, as more authorities around the world are requiring compliance with AML/CFT standards," Collins said.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Rolling Stones agree publishing deal with Bertelsmann's BMG

FRANKFURT, 28 June—Rolling Stones, known for songs such as “(I Can’t Get No) Satisfaction” and “Jumpin’ Jack Flash,” have won a new publishing deal just as a series of shows this summer is set to boost interest in the band’s back catalogue.

BMG, part of German publisher Bertelsmann, has signed to represent the music catalogue of the Stones, who are on tour celebrating 50 years in the music business.

The company gave no

value for the deal, in which BMG’s responsibilities will range from marketing and licensing songs to the film, TV and advertising sectors, to ensuring the writers are paid promptly and accurately for their use on the fast-growing number of digital music services.

It is the first new publishing deal with an outside company in 40 years for Keith Richards and Mick Jagger, who share writing credits on many of the band’s best-known hits.

EMI Music Publish-

ing, which owns the band’s songs from 1971-1983, was the last outside company to sign a deal with the band, before the Stones took control over their own compositions.

BMG will from 1 July take direct responsibility for publishing all of the songs written by Jagger and Richards since 1983. Additionally the company will be responsible for handling the pair’s shares of their pre-1983 copyrights such as “Angie” and “Brown Sugar”. “This deal



Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones performs at a concert during the band’s “50 and Counting” tour in Chicago on 28 May, 2013.—REUTERS

is incredibly important for BMG,” the company’s CEO Hartwig Maus said in a statement. “Keith and

Mick have clearly created one of the most outstanding song collections in rock ‘n’ roll history.”—Reuters

Emma Watson realised her star status after attending college

LOS ANGELES, 28 June—Actress Emma Watson says she never really realized her popularity and stardom until she went to study in the US.

The actress, who became famous after she portrayed young witch Hermione Granger in the hugely successful Harry Potter franchise, enrolled at the Brown University in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, in 2009 to study English literature.



The actress says she lived in a bubble and was unaware about her fame.

“It sounds stupid, or completely unbelievable, but that was when I really realized that I was famous,” the 23-year-old told Teen Vogue, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

She feels she was unaware of her fame because she lived in a bubble when she was shooting the wizard franchise with actors Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint.

“I think, in a way, I was very protected during Harry Potter because I was working all the time. I would get in the car, go to the studio, and go home,” she said.

“There are still days when I deal with (fame) horribly and there are days when I deal with it really well,” added Watson.—PTI

Bullock, McCarthy challenge male buddy comedies in ‘The Heat’

LOS ANGELES, 28 June—Actresses Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy are mounting a challenge to this summer’s male-dominated comedies with their buddy cop comedy “The Heat” opening at movie theatres on Friday.

The R-rated comedic offerings at the summer box office have so far included three guys heading to Las Vegas to hunt down a gangster in “The Hangover 3,” two middle-aged men interning at Google in “The Internship” and a group of male celebrities preparing for the apocalypse in “This is the End.” “The Heat,” by “Bridesmaids” director Paul Feig brings together

an unlikely duo, pairing an uptight FBI agent (Bullock) with a loud and aggressive Boston cop (McCarthy) to bring down a drug lord.

Amid shenanigans that include stake-outs, family drama, a drunken night and explosions, the pair learns how to work together and a friendship develops.

Buddy cop comedies have long been a Hollywood staple, from franchise films like “Beverly Hills Cop,” “Lethal Weapon,” “Bad Boys” and “Rush Hour” to more recent films like “The Other Guys” and last year’s “21 Jump Street” remake. But they have featured male leads.

Starring two women in

such a film required some changes, Feig told Reuters.

The 50-year-old director, who has helped usher in a new wave of female-led R-rated comedies, said he wanted the characters to deal with issues that professional women would face on the job, while also showing women who enjoy being in the work force.

“We wanted to say, ‘If you love your job, that’s what you should be doing and maybe you might need a friend in a similar situation to be your confidante,’” he said. Feig’s 2011 film “Bridesmaids,” about a bride and her friends who suffer a series of unfortunate events ahead of the wedding, was nominated for two Oscars including best supporting actress for McCarthy and made \$288 million worldwide. McCarthy, 42, saw her star rise after the success of “Bridesmaids.” She followed the film up with February’s “The Identity Thief,” which grossed \$174 million largely on the strength of her persona, and a supporting role in “The Hangover 3,” where she held her own opposite the film’s male-led cast.—Reuters



US Film director Paul Feig and actress Sandra Bullock (L)

Miley Cyrus: India, you guys rock

NEW DELHI, 28 June—Singer-actress Miley Cyrus has a huge fan base in India, if one goes by the number of likes on her official Facebook fanpage from the country.

After Mexico and the Philippines, fans from India have liked the international celebrity’s page the most.

Cyrus’ page has received 15,04, 449 likes from Indian fans, while the maximum likes — 18,05,292 — came from

fans in Mexico, followed by 16,76,449 likes from those in the Philippines.

The We Can’t Stop hit-maker has thanked her fans for the support.

“Woohoo! I am happy that fans all over are liking my music and me, its crazy how it is. You can be what you want to be, India you guys rock, it’s awesome!#WeCantStoprite? (sic),” Cyrus said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the artist

has been busy in the studio working on her still untitled RCA Records debut, which will release later this year. She has collaborated with producers and songwriters like Mike Will, Pharrell, Future, and Will.I.Am for this album.

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Britney Spears shared the stage with the late pop legend in 2001.—PTI

Miss you Michael, tweets Britney Spears

LOS ANGELES, 28 June—Singer Britney Spears took to Twitter to remember the late King of Pop Michael Jackson on his fourth death anniversary on 25 June, 2013.

Jackson died on 25 June, 2009 here.

Spears, who performed with MJ in 2001, took to Twitter to express her love

for the legend, reports eonline.com.

“My thoughts are with the Jackson family today. Honoured to have shared a stage with him. Miss you Michael,” the 31-year-old tweeted. The tweet was accompanied by a photo of the singers performing The Way You Make Me Feel.

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Kanye West to unveil menswear line?

LOS ANGELES, 28 June—Rapper Kanye West is reportedly set to launch a men’s fashion line for a French brand in July.

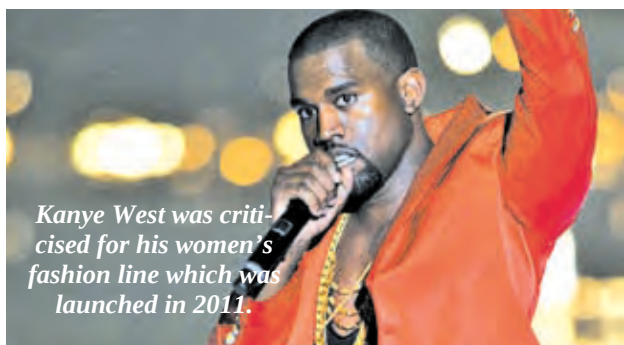
After he received negative reviews for his women’s fashion line which was launched in 2011, he is said to be opting for a safer approach this time.

“Established designers are in a position to go

crazy. I tried to come out of the gate going crazy and it didn’t work. So now I have to somehow put out something that says, ‘I look sensible!’,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted West as saying.

The Black Skinhead star’s new collection is set to feature a range of jeans, T-shirts, and hoodies for men.

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Kanye West was criticised for his women’s fashion line which was launched in 2011.

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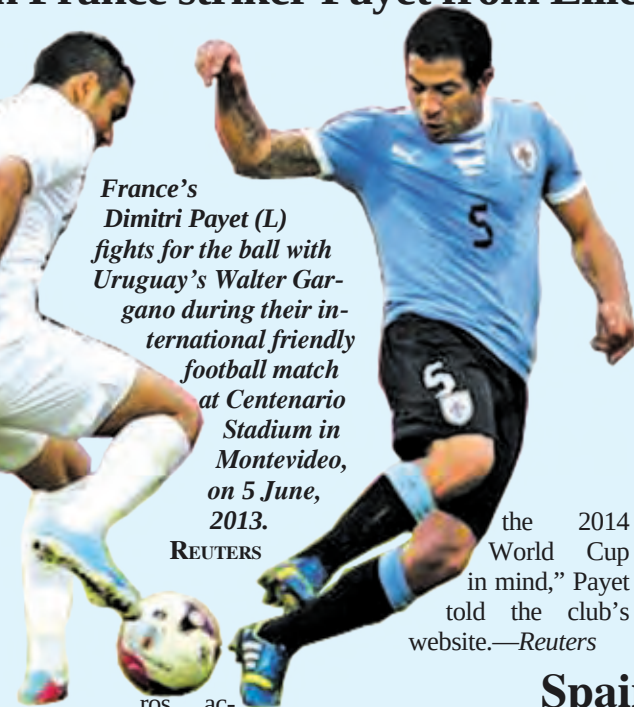
Marseille to sign France striker Payet from Lille

PARIS, 28 June — Olympique Marseille have reached an agreement with Lille to sign France forward Dimitri Payet, the Ligue 1 runners-up said on Thursday.

The 26-year-old Payet, who has five caps for France, will sign next week after a medical, Marseille said on their website (www.om.net).

"Thanks to the agreement found (today), OM will count on one of the major players of last Ligue 1 season," they said about a player who scored 12 goals and set up 12 others last season.

The transfer fee, which Marseille did not disclose, could reach 10 million euros, according to media reports.



France's Dimitri Payet (L) fights for the ball with Uruguay's Walter Gargano during their international friendly football match at Centenario Stadium in Montevideo, on 5 June, 2013.

REUTERS

the 2014 World Cup in mind," Payet told the club's website.—Reuters

According to media reports.

"I wanted to stay in France. Being at Marseille means playing the Champions League. I also have

Swansea sign defender Amat from Espanyol



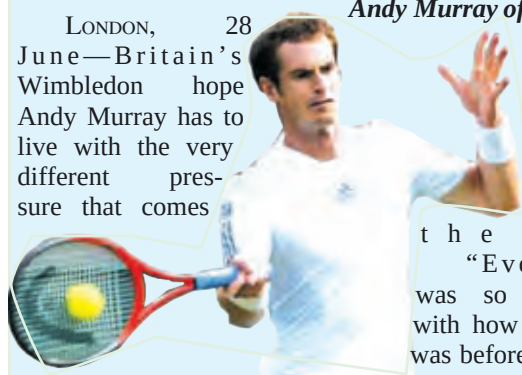
LONDON, 28 June—Swansea City have signed Spanish central defender Jordi Amat from Espanyol for 2.5 million pounds (\$3.80 million), the Premier League club said on Thursday.

The deal is subject to a medical and international clearance, Swansea said. Amat, who has featured for Spain at every age group from Under-16s to Under-21s, spent last season on loan at Rayo Vallecano.—Reuters

Rayo Vallecano's Leo Baptistao (R) celebrates with teammate Jordi Amat after scoring against Atletico Madrid during their Spanish first division football match at Vallecas stadium in Madrid on 10 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

Murray faces new pressure as draw opens in his favour

LONDON, 28 June—Britain's Wimbledon hope Andy Murray has to live with the very different pressure that comes



Andy Murray of Britain

Murray's path to the final.

"Everybody was so obsessed with how the draw was before the tournament started,"

Murray said. Now everybody wants to change their views on it because a few guys have lost... "I'll just concentrate on my next match. I'm playing a tough player, a very experienced guy. (I'll) Worry about that match." The Union Jack flags will be out in force on Centre Court as Murray is joined by the up-and-coming Laura Robson, who plays her rain delayed second round match against Colombia's Mariana Duque-Marino first on the showpiece arena.—Reuters

with being labeled a shoe-in to reach the final after two of his main rivals suffered shock exits in early rounds.

Second-seeded Murray faces Spain's Tommy Robredo in a third round clash on Centre Court on Friday knowing Roger Federer and Rafa Nadal are no longer lying in wait in his half of the draw. Even his mooted quarter-final opponent Jo-Wilfried Tsonga was forced out injured, leaving 15th seed Nicolas Almagro as the highest seed blocking

FORTALEZA, (Brazil), 28 June—Spain reached the Confederations Cup final with a 7-6 penalty shootout win over Italy following a goalless semi-final on Thursday in which both teams were affected by the sapping heat and humidity.

Italian defender Leonardo Bonucci was the only player to miss when he skied the 13th penalty of the contest high over the bar before Jesus Navas converted to send Spain through.

The victory extended Spain's record unbeaten run in competitive matches to 29 and set up the final which almost all neutrals wanted against hosts Brazil in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday.

"It was a very, very tough match today," Spain

goalkeeper Iker Casillas told Telecinco. "Italy set themselves up extremely well. Perhaps we had the clearer chances without really testing (Gianluigi) Buffon."

"We are through to another final which is very im-



Italy's goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon dives as Spain's Jesus Navas (not pictured) scores the winning penalty during the penalty shootout of their Confederations Cup semi-final soccer match at the Estadio Castelao in Fortaleza on 27 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Djokovic and Serena restore calm on Tranquil Thursday

LONDON, 28 June—An air of calm descended at Wimbledon on 'Tranquil Thursday' as Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams avoided the trail of destruction that had decimated the field at the All England Club on day three of the grass-court major. After men's

Serena Williams of the US



champion Roger Federer and Williams' two closest rivals for the Rosewater Dish, Victoria Azarenka and Maria Sharapova, perished during a 'Wednesday Wipeout', it was left to the world number ones to restore a semblance of normality.

Williams did just that by bullying her way past Frenchwoman Caroline Garcia 6-3, 6-2 in the second round and then summed up what a daunting task her rivals face every time they tackle her. "I wouldn't want to play me at 21 or 31!" quipped the 31-year-old, who is looking to draw level with Federer's haul of 17 grand slam titles.

She was declared the overwhelming favourite for the title before a ball had been struck in anger this week and, after Wednesday's chaos, it seems no one will be able to topple her.

At 42, Japan's Kimiko

ing options to stay in Formula One, both with Red Bull and other teams.

"Porsche has written racing history as a manufacturer and stands for outstanding performance and technology at the highest level," the driver said on his website (www.markwebber.com).

"I'm very much looking forward to this new challenge after my time in Formula 1. I can hardly wait to pilot one of the fastest sports cars in the world." Webber had spells at Minardi, Jaguar and Williams, before joining Red Bull for the 2007 season.

He had a testy relationship with the team of late as



Red Bull Formula One driver Mark Webber

he felt he was not offered the same level of support as team mate Sebastian Vettel, including at this season's Malaysian Grand Prix when the German ignored team orders not to overtake Webber to win the race.

Vettel subsequently apologized, but fell short of saying he would not repeat the move.—Reuters

Spain beat Italy on penalties to reach final

"We played a great game, really, really good," he told Italian media. "We were always in the game. Spain are ahead of us because they've been working on their project for years."

"From the point of view of spirit, tactics and character, we are improving."

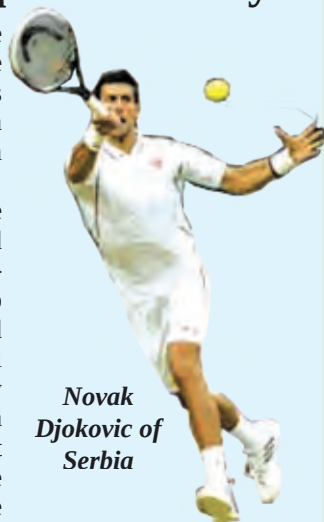
Italy wore black armbands in tribute to former AC Milan and Fiorentina forward Stefano Borgonovo who died earlier on Thursday after a seven-year battle against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), a form of motor neuron disease.

Both teams went close in an excellent first half with Daniele De Rossi, Claudio Marchisio and Christian Maggio all wasting good chances for Italy.—Reuters

Date-Krumm will have nothing to lose when she tries to snap the American's 33-match winning streak in their third round clash on Saturday.

"I just hope I can survive for more than one hour," said the Japanese warrior after becoming the oldest female to reach the Wimbledon third round in the professional era with a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Romanian Alexandra Cadantu. Djokovic was just nine in 1996, the last time Date-Krumm reached the same stage at Wimbledon, and on Thursday the closed Centre Court roof allowed him to dodge the "nuisance rain showers" that crippled the rest of the late afternoon programme as he completed a 7-6,(2) 6-3, 6-1 win over qualifier Bobby Reynolds.

Reynold's exit meant that for the first time since 1912 no American man will play in the third round here. "The game... is tough and no one is entitled because they wear the Stars and Stripes



Novak Djokovic of Serbia

to win a round," four-times major winner Jim Courier told Reuters.

The American men joined a host of others at the exit queue. Along with Azarenka and Sharapova, three other former women's world number ones—Caroline Wozniacki, Ana Ivanovic and Jelena Jankovic - also slipped and skidded out of the tournament on Wednesday with many of them declaring the lush green turf "too dangerous".—Reuters

GENERAL

Korean Inbee takes early control of US Women's Open

NEW YORK, 28 June—South Korea's Park Inbee made an ideal start in pursuit of a third major crown this year as she charged into an early one-shot lead in Thursday's opening round of the US Women's Open in Southampton, New York.

Taking advantage of some favourable tee positions, the in-form world number one birdied four of her last nine holes to fire a superb five-under-par 67 at Sebonack Country Club, finishing a stroke in front of Swede Caroline Hedwall.

"I played very good today," the 24-year-old Korean told reporters after mixing six birdies with a lone bogey and totaling only 25 putts. "I hit the ball very good, didn't miss many fairways or greens." American Natalie Gulbis, England's Jodi Ewart Shadoff, Mariajo Uribe of Colombia, South Korean Yang Je-yoon, Filipino Jennifer Rosales and Frenchwoman Karine Icher were three off the pace after opening with 70s.

However, Inbee will have given every other player in the field plenty to think about after surging to the top of the leaderboard in her bid for a sixth victory on the 2013 LPGA Tour, and



Inbee Park of Korea hits from the 8th fairway during the first round of the 2013 US Women's Open golf championship at the Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton, New York on 27 June, 2013.

REUTERS

the fourth major title of her career.

Tournament organizers had moved several of the tees up due to concerns over a poor weather forecast for Thursday, and Inbee took advantage with some aggressive approach play.

"I was able to attack some pins where the USGA (United States Golf Association) was a little generous on us, a lot of tees were moved up. So instead of hitting like five-irons, we were hitting nine-irons, and that made the course much easier," said Inbee.

"I was actually able to go for some pins and give

myself a lot of opportunities today. I made a lot of putts and didn't leave much out there."

Having already won this year's Kraft Nabisco Championship and LPGA Championship, Inbee is oozing self-belief as she seeks to emulate Babe Zaharias (1950), Mickey Wright (1961) and Pat Bradley (1986) by clinching three major titles in one season.

"I do have a lot of confidence in myself at the moment ... the way I'm playing, the way things have been going, the way I've been getting the luck," said Inbee.

Reuters

Dutch dairy industry to invest 700 mln euros in processing plants

THE HAGUE, 28 June—Dutch dairy companies will invest more than 700 million euros (910 million US dollars) in processing plants in the Netherlands in the next two years, a study carried out by the Dutch Dairy Association (NZO) showed on Thursday.

"The dairy industry is an important economic sector. It guarantees billions in revenue and tens of thousands of jobs," said Minister of Economic Affairs Sharon

Dijkzma, who received the report on Thursday.

According to NZO, most of the money is invested in factories for baby food and cheese, but innovation centres will also be built. It is expected that these investments will create at least 1,000 new jobs.

The Dutch dairy sector accounts for 44,000 jobs. The total production value of dairy farming and the dairy industry is estimated at 4.3 billion euros and 6.4 billion

euros respectively.

The study showed that the dairy sector has become bigger than before the economic crisis, mainly due to exports. The export value of dairy products is growing by an average of 7 percent per year.

In 2012, the total export of goods such as cheese, butter, milk and milk powder was estimated at 5.9 billion euros.

According to NZO, the Dutch dairy industry will

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* Unique and Motivating Chap Char Kut Festival	
* World News	
* Korea and Myanmar Cultural Exchange	
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* The Stories of grat soul (Daw Mar Mar Aye)	
* World News	
* Charity Music Concert	
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* Gold Single Market	
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* Shots and Logs (Ko Taike) (Episode-1)	
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* Try Your Best	
* Local News	
* Ywar Thit Monhingar	
* Myanmar Betels	
* World News	
* Kambawzathardi Golden Palace (A Treasured Legacy of Golden Days)	
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* Pictures Decorated With Seashells And Gemstones	
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* All about Orchid	
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5. Business News	20. Road to 27 th SEA Games (Judo)
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6. News/International News	21. Game for Children
8:25 am	6:00 pm
7. India Drama Series	22. News
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8. Mono Classical Songs	23. Documentary (Fashin)
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9. News	24. News
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10. TV Drama Series	25. TV Drama Series
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11. Games for Children	26. News
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12. News/International News/Weather Report	27. Business News
12:25 pm	8:50 pm
13. Round Up of The Week's TV Local News	28. Hit Songs of Stars
3:00 pm	9:00 pm
14. News	29. News
3:15 pm	30. Myanmar Series
15. TV Drama Series	31. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn



People view Beijing tourism brochures at the "Beijing Tourism" Event debut ceremony at the Grand Central Terminal in New York City, on 27 June, 2013. The "Beijing Tourism" event organized by the Beijing Municipal Commission of Tourism Development, had its grand debut at the Vanderbilt Hall of the Grand Central Terminal in the New York City, the first time for the City of Beijing to organize such a tourism theme-based public event.—XINHUA



Photo taken on 24 June, 2013 shows a cannon on the coastal defence at the island fortress of Suomenlinna in Helsinki, capital of Finland. Fortress of Suomenlinna is a unique historical monument and one of the largest maritime fortresses in the world. Its construction began in 1700s when Finland was part of the Kingdom of Sweden. As an example of European military architecture of its time, Suomenlinna was included in UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1991.—XINHUA

Israeli hospitals treat wounded minors from Syria

JERUSALEM, 28 June—Medical centres across Israel have treated over 100 patients from Syria since the bloody conflict began in the country two years ago and are now providing care for underage Syrians, official sources said on Thursday.

According to medical staff at Ziv Medical Centre in Zfat, where more than 30 Syrian patients have been treated so far, two Syr-

ian underage patients, 9 and 15, were treated with what seemed to be shrapnel from a bomb. Another minor, 16, was also hospitalized a short while ago with the same kind of injuries.

"This is something new, we have been treating young people since the Syrian civil war began, but they were at least in their twenties," Dr Amram Hadari, head of the trauma unit at Ziv Medical

Centre told Xinhua. "This is the first time we are treating minors and it is a very complicated situation because the teenagers crossed the border without any adults and are now suffering from deep anxiety. It is an extremely stressful situation for them, and we are trying to help them with the help of social workers, but they miss their families," Hadari said.—Xinhua



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann at 4th day session of First Pyithu Hluttaw seventh regular meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June — At today's session of the Pyithu Hluttaw, Union Minister at the President Office U Aung Min clarified on peace-making process and Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi on Oslo Forum he had attended.

With regard to their clarifications, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann said that the clarifications of the two ministers contribute a lot to the interest of the State and the people and efforts for peace-making process as aspired by the people, and they are thus to be put on record. He called on Union Ministers U Thein Zaw, U Aung Min, vice-chairmen of the relevant committee and Vice-Senior General Soe Win who are engaged in peace-making process to put an end to armed conflicts.

As to Oslo Forum,

Union Minister U Khin Yi clarified that he member of the Union Peace-making Work Committee and party attended the Oslo Forum held at Losby Golf Club near Oslo, Norway on 18 and 19 June as a government representative. At the meeting, the Myanmar delegation held discussions with foreign minister, two deputy foreign ministers of Norway and officials, foreign minister of Brazil, ICJ Chairman, former Norwegian Christian Federation and member of Noble Prize Presentation Committee, Peace Adviser Minister to the Philippine President, mediator of Philippine MILE Peace Group and former Malaysian Intelligence Chief, Chairman of Ulema and Mashaikh Council based in Pakistan, OIC Chief, heads of HD Centre based in Norway and Singapore, Mr Vijay Nambia of the United Nations, women

Clarifications at Oslo Forum contribute a lot to the State and the people: Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker

affairs organization based in the United States and correspondents of Aljazeera News Agency.

At the forum, the Myanmar delegation presented the Myanmar's peace process under the title of Myanmar's Peace Process at a Critical Juncture as a separate agenda with Dr Than Myint Oo as moderator and Union Minister U Khin Yi, General Secretary of KNU Phado Kwe Htoo Win, In charge of Mon Women's Affairs Mi Kon Chan Mon and Mr Vijay Nambia of the United Nations as panelists and Gen Hla Htay Win as Tatamadaw representative. Altogether about 50 international observers were present on the occasion which was followed by the question and answer section.

In his clarification at the forum, Union Minister U Khin Yi said that the incumbent government since its inception has been inviting relevant ethnic armed groups for ensuring peace as it is giving priority to national

reconciliation. And it has laid down three-step peace process, formed the 11 member Union Peace-making Central Committee led by the President and the 52 member Union Peace-making Work Committee led by the Vice-President. The government has been able to sign a ceasefire agreement with 12 ethnic armed groups out of 13. The Union Minister U Aung Min led-group met with KIA/KIO, the remaining armed group in Myitkyina on 27 May 2013 and progress made, adding information of Myanmar Peace Centre and its tasks and responsibilities and building trust with KNU.

Phado Kwe Htoo Win of KNU elaborated on brief history of KNU, building trust with the government, drafting codes of conduct, teaching of Karen literature and cooperation with the government, and Mon Women Affairs In-charge Mi Kon Chan Mon on participation of women in the peace-making process.

Mr Vijay Nambia of the United Nations touched

upon pragmatic reform process launched in the time of the incumbent government, self-witness of achievement in peace process and encouraging and supportive endeavors of the government.

Asked about participation of Tatmadaw in peace process and its future by Moderator Dr Than Myint Oo, Gen Hla Htay Win replied that the Tatmadaw participated in the peace process in accordance with the guidance of the President and effort being made to turn the Tatmadaw into a standard army.

This was followed by the question and answer session. As regards a question over efforts being not to breach the ceasefire agreement, the minister replied that the two parties had been able to further build trust and understanding after signing the ceasefire agreement between KNU and the government on 12 January 2012. The agreement has brought about more friendship and trust between the two parties with the open-

ing of KNU liaison offices in some regions in order to address the problems on the ground. Meanwhile, codes of conduct to be abided by the two parties and codes of conduct to be followed by local people in conflict areas are being drawn and local monitoring groups were formed to monitor whether those codes of conduct are followed or not.

With regard to the mine clearance, peace-building processes cover ceasefire, mine clearance, resettlement and sustainable development. Plans are under way to continue implementing citizenship after it has reached mine clearance step. The help for mine clearance will be welcomed as being an important step.

Respecting the question of whether or not conflicts between Bengalis and Rakhine people can hamper the peace-making process, this conflict is not a religious discrimination. The 2012-May incident is just a normal crime case and

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Ward administrators from Shan State visit Hluttaw session

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—A group comprising 25 ward administrators from Taunggyi and Nyaungshwe of Shan State and three from BBC

Media Action visited seventh regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw and Hluttaw buildings this morning.

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Earthquake news

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June— A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Nepal) about (980) miles northwest of

Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (18)hrs(10)min(47)sec M.S.T today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Proposal on compilation of analyses of rates submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—Proposed MPs candidature lists of Joint Committee for ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) and Joint Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), which will be formed under Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, was approved at today's Amyotha Hluttaw session.

At today session, President's message to the Hluttaw was put on record. And the deputy ministers replied to queries raised by five MPs. Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Myat Hein explained Ministry's undertakings.

Hluttaw decided to discuss the proposal on compilation of analyses of rates which is submitted by U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No.6.

The proposal stipulates that it needs to have common rates and standards for all organizations. It plays a crucial role in construction of basic infrastructures in the country. It is also crucial for emergence of Cost Gain and Time Game situation in place of Cost Loss and Time Game situation (or) Cost Gain and Time Loss situation.

The fifth day meeting continues on 2 July.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint at 4th day session of First Amyotha Hluttaw seventh regular meeting.—MNA

Statement of the Ministry of Religious Affairs on cover story of Time magazine 1 July issue, Volume 182, No. 1 designing monk U Wirathu's photo on front cover

"Time" magazine features an article "When the Buddhists go bad" under the title of "The Face of Buddhist Terror" designing the front cover with the photo of monk U Wirathu, a member of Sangha from Myanmar.

In Myanmar a great majority of people profess Theravada Buddhism with much reverence. Sadly, we found the article accusing Buddhism which has been internationally acknowledged as pacific and noble and the Sangha the sons of Buddha as religious extremists and terrorists.

Buddhism based on five precepts embraces four cardinal virtues namely, loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic and equanimity and is the practice of pacifism with love towards all living beings. Members of Sangha have practised and handed down the Dharma, the instructions of the Buddha, for years countable

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