

Developments to peace-building process bringing prospect of lasting peace desired by citizens, step by step closer into view

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—*The following is the full text of President U Thein Sein's speech through radio programmes to the entire people the length and breadth of the nation on 2-7-2013.*

My Fellow Citizens,

I would like to inform you all of the developments that have taken place in our country in the month of June just as I have done previously on this radio program.

Out of all the reforms that my government is currently carrying out, all of you are aware that we are working hard to realize what most of you desire—economic development—within a modern national framework. Towards this goal, we hosted the World Economic Forum East Asia Summit at Nay Pyi Taw to reconnect with world markets and to promote Myanmar to international investors. It is the first time Myanmar has hosted a Summit of this nature and caliber. We should all be proud as a nation to be able to successfully host a Summit that was attended by internationally recognized leaders and experts in political and economic realms. I am sure most of you also noticed that those who were in attendance—both the current leaders and the young global leaders who will become important figures in international relations in the future—had lively discussions relating to economic development in Myanmar. This is a strong indication that the international community is watching and is interested in working together with us as we strive to reconnect with the global community. The theme of the Summit—Courageous Transformation for Inclusion and Integration—also conforms with what we are trying to accomplish with regards to the peace process and resource sharing as linked to the overall economic development. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the committee members who were tasked with organizing the Summit, experts, civil servants, university students who volunteered their time, and everyone who took the responsibility to make this Summit a success.

I am, however, saddened to learn about the events in Malaysia where our fellow citizens who are working in that country were attacked. My heart goes out to the relatives and loved ones of the victims of these attacks.

A critical lesson we must draw from these events is that our actions at home have impact on our fellow citizens living and working abroad. Extremist acts by a small group of individuals that uses religion as an excuse to cause fear, spreads hatred between different faiths, and promotes personal political or economic gain from the suffering of others have international impact on the safety and well-being of our fellow citizens. As a nation, we will be resolute in taking action in accordance with our laws against those who spread fear and deepen hatred between groups and communities of different beliefs and we will work hard to prevent future occurrence of such crimes. At the same time, there is a need to strengthen the capacities of our diplomatic missions abroad so that they can better protect and promote the safety and well-being of our fellow citizens who are striving under very hard conditions in foreign lands. However, I am also heartened to see not only our traditional way of people helping people, but local and international civil society and private sector organizations doing what they can to help in these hard times.

To strengthen our efforts to bring about economic development, my government is also working hard for the lifting of economic sanctions imposed on our country. Just this month, the International Labor Organization (ILO) lifted all sanctions and restored full membership to Myanmar. The ILO was impressed with Myanmar's progress on many fronts including peacefully resolving labor disputes and creating mechanisms for discussions among relevant stakeholders, enacting and implementing laws safeguarding labor rights, and tackling forced labor. Full membership of the ILO will aid not only our country's economic development but also strengthen safeguards of labor rights.

I have been made aware that the July 1, 2013 issue of Time Magazine is causing much anguish and conflict among the public. The cover story of the magazine depicting a few individuals who are acting contrary to most Myanmar, is

creating misconceptions of Buddhism, a religion practiced by the majority of Myanmar's population. In connection with this matter, my government accepts that as the country takes its initial steps towards democracy, there may be different points of view expressed by sections of the public and national and international media. Indeed, you will be aware that I have worked to restore freedom of expression, accept plurality of opinions and reinvigorate civil society.

However, like the Myanmar adage "no matter how true a statement, it should not be said if it will not be beneficial and constructive", I strongly believe that the right of freedom of expression should be exercised in light of the prevailing delicate political dynamics and for a constructive purpose.

Therefore, I urge you to use the Time Magazine article as an opportunity to focus on constructive approaches, consensus building, and calming outbreaks of violence. I particularly would like to urge the international media to consider that our reform process must contend with many facets including our multicultural makeup and historical events. I must also stress that the measure of success of the reform process must be one that accounts for the short time of 26 months that we have had to work with. In making these points, my intention is to not ignore internationally accepted democratic norms but rather to invite constructive observations and advice.

Next, I will like to talk briefly about the peace-building work undertaken in June. During this month, I met with a RCSS/SSA delegation led by the group's chairman. We also continue to discuss with the KNU and KNPP, and have increased trust building efforts to aid with peace-building. You will be happy to hear that these developments to our peace-building process are bringing the prospect of lasting peace desired by our citizens, step by step closer into view.

I understand that you all wish to live freely, without any unnecessary burdens, and have a secure livelihood. I will do everything I can to create a better life not only for you all but also for all future generations.

Corruption can hamper development, international recognition and foreign investments of Myanmar with young democracy

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July — Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed a work coordination meeting of the Anti-Corruption Committee at the meeting hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this afternoon.

In his address, the Vice-President said that today's meeting was to coordinate works to be done efficiently and effectively in implementing the task of eradication of corruption and bribery laid down at the second work coordination meeting of the committee; that although bribery and corruption carried different meanings, punitive actions would be taken in accord

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Work coordination meeting of the Anti-Corruption Committee in progress.—MNA

Ministry of Border Affairs honours outstanding offspring of its staff

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—A prize presentation ceremony of the Ministry of Border Affairs was held in conjunction with a stipend-providing ceremony at the assembly hall of the ministry, here, on 28 June.

In his address, Union

Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win said that the ministry was providing assistance to national race youth in rural areas and border regions for their education as well as offspring of the staff to be outstanding youth.



EDUCATION

Next, the Union minister presented prizes and certificates of honour to two six-distinction winners and three five-distinction winners and Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of the Union minister, to five five-distinction winners. Then, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win and officials awarded distinction-winning outstanding students.

The Union minister presented first-second and third prizes to three schools that showed best performance among 29 training schools for development of border region and national youth and handed over stipends for offspring of the staff.

Among the offspring of the staff of the Ministry of Border Affairs, 411 students passed the matriculation examination for 2012-2013. Of them, 102 were distinction-winning student.

MNA



International Co-operatives Day
6th July, 2013 (Saturday)

Sitagu Sayadaw's cash donation for Myanmar workers returning from Malaysia

DONATION

KALAY, 1 July—Sitagu Sayadaw who was in Malaysia donated over US\$ 130,000 to Myanmar workers in Malaysia for their homecomings. "Sitagu Sayadaw visited Malaysia Immigration Department where the Sayadaw spoke words of

encouragement in meeting with Myanmar workers there and paid for visa overdue fees.

The Sayadaw formed Sitagu supportive team to be able to help Myanmar workers in Malaysia," says Thiha Maung Maung who is lending a helping hand for

homecomings of Myanmar workers.

It was learnt that hundreds of Myanmar workers returned home from Malaysia and there will be more homecomings.

Kyemon-Zo Hay Hsa
(Chin Hill)

Mahlaing expects to see sesame output growth

AGRICULTURE

MAHLAING, 1 July—It was learnt that sesame growing was thriving at villages in Mahlaing Township of Meiktila District.

"It can be said that this year is a boom year of sesame growers. Every sesame grower sees thriving sesame plantations. This year's weather goes well with sesame growing. High rainfall is not good for cultivation of sesame as it can make the fall in output. We need a good rainfall to see thriving sesame plantations. We all wish



to fetch high price after harvest," says a sesame grower.

Yaykamoe, Letakaung, Hsedaw, Htanpinkan

and Ywathit villages in Mahlaing Township grow sesame as a middle crop before planting other crops.

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Mandalay organizes variety concert to hail Myanmar Women's Day

MANDALAY, 1 July—Hailing the Myanmar Women's Day that falls on 3 July 2013, Mandalay Region Women's Affairs Organization organized a variety of concert at National Theatre in Aungmyethazan Township at 9 am yesterday.

The variety concert started with a song honouring the youth membership of the organization by students of Basic Education High School No (4) in Aungmyethazan Township.

Next, students of the Dramatic Art Department of the National Culture and Fine

Arts University (Mandalay) performed dances to the accompaniment of a song called "Our Union of Myanmar" sung by Nay Nay and organized and written by Academy Diramo and songwriter Chit Swe. They then entertained audience with performances and a song called "A song for Unity". The song means that all national brethren equipped with the strength of unity are marching towards a new democratic state through thick and thin.

Afterwards, students of Chanayethazan Township

Basic Education High School No (16) performed a play entitled "Youth Scouts", students of Dramatic Art Department Myanmar traditional dances and Wushu athletes of Mandalay Region Wushu subcommittee their skills. Then, a variety of songs and dances followed.

The variety concert was attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and wife, Mandalay Region Women's Affairs Organization Patron Daw Myat Ngwe and members and guests.

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WORLD

Blast in Pakistani city of Quetta kills at least 28

QUETTA, (Pakistan), 1 July—At least 28 people were killed and dozens wounded in the southwestern Pakistani city of Quetta on Sunday when a suicide bomber attacked a largely Shi'ite Muslim neighbourhood, police said.

The blast appeared to be the latest in an escalating campaign of gun and bomb attacks by militants on ethnic Hazaras in Quetta because they belong to Pakistan's Shi'ite minority.

Mir Zubair, Quetta's police chief, said a suicide bomber riding a bicycle had detonated his explosives when he was stopped at a

barrier in the Hazara Town district, a Hazara enclave on the western edge of the city. "The dead included nine women, a girl and a 14-year-old boy," Zubair told reporters.

Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, a militant group which has carried out many gun and bomb attacks on Hazaras in Quetta, said it was behind the bombing. A spokesman for the group called the Express News television channel to make the claim.

The group is aligned with the Takfiri Deobandi school of Islam, which sees Shi'ites as infidels. Lashkar has intensified its campaign



People gather at the blast site in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 30 June, 2013. At least 28 people were killed and over 60 others were injured in a suicide attack that targeted a religious seminary in Pakistan's southwestern provincial capital of Quetta on Sunday night, said police official.—XINHUA

in Quetta this year. Earlier this month, it claimed responsibility for an attack in which a suicide bomber attacked a bus carrying women students in Quetta and then gunmen stormed a

hospital treating survivors. More than 20 people were killed from various ethnic groups. Lashkar said it had carried out the hospital assault in retaliation for a police raid on the outskirts of the city in which several militants had been killed.

Reuters

Egypt locked in standoff after millions rally against Mursi



Members of opposition groups attend an anti-President Mohamed Mursi rally near the Al-Etehadaya Presidential Palace in Cairo, capital of Egypt, on 30 June, 2013. Millions of Egyptians have been flocking on Sunday to major squares across the country to join anti- and pro-President Mohamed Mursi demonstrations.—XINHUA

CAIRO, 1 July—Egypt was locked in a tense standoff on Monday after millions of protesters swarmed

into the streets to demand the resignation of Islamist President Mohamed Mursi and militants set the rul-

ing Muslim Brotherhood's headquarters on fire.

Young revolutionaries united with liberal and leftist opposition parties in a massive show of defiance on the first anniversary of Mursi's inauguration on Sunday, chanting "the people demand the fall of the regime". The demonstrations, which brought half a million people to Cairo's central Tahrir Square and a similar crowd in the second city, Alexandria, were easily the largest since the Arab Spring uprising that ousted Hosni Mubarak in 2011.

Mursi, the most populous Arab state's first freely elected leader, stayed out of sight but acknowledged through a spokesman that he had made mistakes while adding that he was working to fix them and was open to dialogue. He showed no sign of quitting.—Reuters

Croatia becomes 28th member of the EU

BEIJING, 1 July—Croatia has become the 28th member of the European Union. It officially joined the bloc at midnight on Sunday, passing a milestone in its recovery from war.

Croatia's accession into the EU comes just over two decades after it declared independence from federal Yugoslavia. The move triggered four years of war in which an estimated 20-thousand people died.

Some 170 foreign officials, including 15 heads of state and 13 prime ministers, attended the main cer-



emony in the central square of Croatia's capital, Zagreb. However, facing a fifth year of recession and a record

21 percent unemployment, few Croatians may be in the mood to celebrate.

Xinhua

Croatia's President Ivo Josipovic (R) holds a T-shirt with EU signs which he received from Lithuania's President Dalia Grybauskaitė during the celebration of the accession of Croatia to the European Union in Zagreb, Croatia, on 30 June, 2013. Top officials across Europe arrived in Zagreb on Sunday to participate in the ceremony to celebrate Croatia's entry into EU. Croatia joined the European Union as the 28th member state on 1 July, 2013.

XINHUA

Japan, Mekong nations to cooperate in infrastructure development

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 1 July—Foreign ministers from Japan and the five nations along the Mekong River agreed at a meeting on Sunday in Brunei to strengthen ties and jointly tackle challenges to prepare for an ASEAN-wide integration.

Japan's Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida expressed support for bolstering the linkages among the nations by promoting development of basic infrastructure such as roads, according to Japan's Foreign Ministry. Japan pledged about 600 billion yen in official development aid and

2.3 trillion yen for projects to build the infrastructure at the previous meeting among the six nations.

The foreign ministers also agreed to enhance cooperation in disaster prevention measures, the ministry said. Amid China's greater influence over the region, the meeting was aimed at encouraging development and forging stronger ties between Japan and the five nations along the river — Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam — which have lagged behind more advanced members of the ASEAN.

Kyodo News

Ecuador's Correa says Snowden's fate in hands of Russia

PORTOVIEJO, (Ecuador), 1 July—Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa said on Sunday the fate of former US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden is in the hands of the authorities in Russia, where he is holed up in hope of obtaining asylum in the South American nation.

Correa said his government cannot begin considering asylum for Snowden, wanted by Washington for leaking confidential information about a surveillance programme, until he reaches Ecuador or an Ecuadorian embassy.

The 30-year-old former National Security Agency contractor has not been able to leave the Moscow international airport.



Ecuador's President Rafael Correa gestures during an interview with Reuters in Portoviejo on 30 June, 2013.

REUTERS

"It's up to the Russian authorities if he can leave the Moscow airport for an Ecuadorian embassy," Correa said in an interview with Reuters in the coastal city of Portoviejo.

"He will be treated just like any other citizen even though he does not have a passport. We are clear that this is a special situation."

Correa's comments provide further confirmation Ecuador is unlikely to help Snowden escape his current limbo. His passport has been revoked and countries around the world are under pressure not to let him continue his journey.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has rejected US calls to expel Snowden to the United States and says Snowden should choose a destination and leave the Moscow airport as soon as possible.

A presidential spokesman said the issue was not

on Putin's agenda and suggested it was being handled by Russia's domestic intelligence agency.

The asylum request has helped Correa boost his profile within the region and could help him take on the mantle of late Venezuelan socialist leader Hugo Chavez, who for more than a decade was Latin America's loudest critic of Washington.

"This may be the largest espionage case in this history of humanity," Correa said. Correa, who has repeatedly confronted the United States since first being elected in 2006, said on Saturday he had a "cordial" phone conversation with US Vice President Joe Biden, who asked that Ecuador not grant Snowden asylum.

Correa said he would take into account the opinion of the US government when making the decision.

Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Signage for a T-Mobile store is pictured in downtown Los Angeles, California on 31 August, 2011.—REUTERS

T-Mobile buys wireless spectrum from US Cellular for \$308 million

LOS ANGELES, 1 July—T-Mobile US Inc agreed to buy wireless spectrum covering the Mississippi Valley region from US Cellular Corp for about \$308 million in cash.

The fourth-largest US

wireless service provider said the additional spectrum will allow it to expand its 4G LTE network across 29 markets covering 32 million people in several southern states.

Reuters

Judge scrutinizes Facebook deal to end privacy lawsuit over ads

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 July—Child rights advocates tried to convince a US judge on Friday that a Facebook (FB O) legal settlement did not go far enough to keep content created by minors out of the hands of advertisers.

Five plaintiffs filed a proposed class action against Facebook in 2011, saying the social networking giant's "Sponsored Stories" programme shared user's "likes" of certain advertisers without paying them or allowing them to opt out.

The case has highlighted tension between privacy concerns and Facebook's drive to monetize user content.

Under the terms of a proposed settlement, Facebook will pay \$20 million to compensate class mem-

bers, and promised to give users more control over how their content is shared — changes which plaintiff lawyers estimate to be worth up to \$145 million. Facebook charged advertisers nearly \$234 million for Sponsored Stories between January 2011 and August 2012, court filings show.

US District Judge Richard Seeborg in San Francisco preliminarily approved the settlement last year, but he still must give it a final sign-off.

At a hearing on Friday, Children's Advocacy Institute attorney Robert Fellmeth told Seeborg that no minors should have their content shared with advertisers. Seeborg did not say how he would rule, but said his role is only to say if the settlement is fair.

"My function here

Higher cable, satellite prices boost Shaw's profit

TORONTO, 1 July—Canada's Shaw Communications Inc reported stronger-than-expected quarterly results and raised its cash-flow forecast, sending its shares up 3 percent in early trading.

But the company, the dominant cable TV operator in Western Canada, managed only a marginal rise in third-quarter profit as it lost subscribers to its video cable and satellite TV services.

Shaw said the number of subscribers to its video services fell by 26,578, or 1.3 percent, to 2.07 million in the quarter, while the number of those taking its "direct to home" satel-

lite service slipped by 2,930 or 0.3 percent, to about 904,000.

"Subscriber losses in the core cable TV business were pretty much in line, maybe a little worse than anticipated," said David Heger, an analyst at brokerage Edward Jones.

"But they were better than they were in the (second) quarter. Perhaps they're starting an improving trend."

Shaw, which also operates the Global TV network, raised its 2013 cash-flow forecast to C\$590 million-C\$600 million from C\$550 million and said it plans dividend increases of 5 to 10 percent in each of the



Flags fly over the Shaw Communications corporate headquarters in Calgary, Alberta on 3 May, 2010.—REUTERS

next two years as a result of the higher cash flows and favorable market conditions.

The company also has 19 specialty networks including HGTV Canada, Food Network Canada, the History channel and Showcase.

Shaw's net income rose to C\$250 million, or 52

Canadian cents per share, from C\$248 million, or 53 Canadian cents per share, a year earlier. Revenue rose 4 percent to C\$1.33 billion.

Analysts on average had expected a profit of 45 Canadian cents per share, on revenue of C\$1.30 billion (\$1.24 billion), according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.—Reuters

Samsung plans to invest Rs 500 crore to ramp up mobile production

NEW DELHI, 1 July—South Korean electronics major Samsung is planning to invest over Rs 500 crore to ramp up its mobile production capacity in India, industry sources said.

"Samsung is working to invest Rs 500 crore in its mobile production facility in India. It had approached government in this regard to take benefit of policy announcements and other incentives. The investment proposals have been cleared at Department of Electronics and IT (DEITY) level," a source told PTI.

When contacted, Samsung India spokesperson said "We are looking at strengthening our manufacturing presence in the country, to fulfil our growing needs in the market. However we are not able to provide further details at this stage."

The company in April had said that it will manu-

facture its latest high-end smartphone Samsung Galaxy S4 in its Noida facility, but had not disclosed the investment that it would make in the manufacturing facility.

Noida facility manufactures about 3.5 to 4 crore phones annually, including 12 smartphones models such as Galaxy S3.

Samsung had last announced investment of USD 70 million (around Rs. 315 crore) in September 2011 to ramp up its mobile production capacity from 1.2 crore per annum to 3.6 crore per annum.

As per latest report by market research firm IDC, Samsung led the Indian smartphone market with shipment of around 20 lakh smartphones accounting for 32.7 percent of the total smartphones shipped in January-March 2013 period.

PTI



The loading screen of the Facebook application on a mobile phone is seen in this photo illustration taken in Lavigny on 16 May, 2012.—REUTERS

is not to craft the perfect policy for minors," Seeborg said.

Earlier this month, Facebook announced a retooling of its advertising product offerings and eliminated the term "Sponsored Stories," though the company can still share its members likes of different products. Facebook attorney Michael Rhodes said in court on Friday that the legal settlement would still cover those types of advertising practices. Under the deal, impacted Facebook

users can claim a cash payment of around \$10 each to be paid from the settlement fund, and plaintiff lawyers are seeking \$7.5 million in fees. Any money remaining would then go to charity.

Seeborg called the \$145 million valuation of changes to Facebook's site "highly speculative." However, plaintiff lawyer Robert Arns said the changes were very significant. "We think it sets a new standard for all social media sites in the US," Arns said.

Reuters

BlackBerry hits bump in turnaround road, shares plunge

TORONTO, 1 July—BlackBerry's total market value plunged by more than one-fourth on Friday after the smartphone maker reported dismal quarterly results, prompting ever-deeper skepticism about a long-promised turnaround.

BlackBerry, which has struggled to claw back market share from the likes of Apple Inc's iPhone, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd's Galaxy phones and other

devices powered by Google Inc's Android operating system, reported a loss in the fiscal first quarter ended on 1 June, and sales of its make-or-break new line of devices were softer than expected.

The company also said it will not make an operating profit in the current quarter.

Shares of BlackBerry, which changed its name from Research in Motion, closed 27.8 percent lower at \$10.46 on the Nasdaq on

Friday. The stock touched levels last seen in November 2012, before the early 2013 launch of the new range of smartphones.

Some analysts believe that potential buyers may take a look at BlackBerry, given assets that include a wealth of valuable patents, as well as hardware and service businesses.

"If you look at the asset base that they have at their disposal, it's formidable,"

said John Jackson, research vice president for IDC, in response to a question on Reuters Television. "So there are any number of companies that might have an interest in RIM's assets if indeed it's in play."

Macquarie analyst Kevin Smith cut his rating on BlackBerry to "underperform" from "neutral" and said he sees a breakup or sale of the company as a likely end game.—Reuters



BUSINESS & HEALTH

S Korea's consumer price inflation stays at 14-year low for 2 months

SEOUL, 1 July—South Korea's consumer price inflation stayed at the lowest level in nearly 14 years for two straight months due to the persistently stable picture of farm goods and oil prices, a government report showed on Monday.

Consumer prices rose 1 percent in June from a year earlier, stayed at the level for the second consecutive month, according to a report by Statistics Korea. From a month before, the prices fell 0.1 percent.

The on-year figure was the lowest since September 1999 when the prices gained

0.8 percent, and remained in the 1-percent range for eight straight months.

The trend of stable prices was attributed to a continued fall in farm goods and petroleum product prices coming from good weathers and stable crude oil prices. Prices for agricultural and oil products declined 4.7 percent and 0.1 percent each in June from the prior month.

The so-called "livelihood price" index, which reflects the costs of key daily necessities, rose 0.3 percent on-year in June. From a month before, the index

fell 0.2 percent.

Fresh food prices, which include vegetable and fruit, declined 2.2 percent in June from a year earlier due to a drop in vegetable prices that sank 10.9 percent on-month last month.

Core consumer prices, which exclude agricultural and oil products, increased 1.4 percent last month after rising 1.6 percent in the prior month.

"Good weather conditions and global oil price fall caused favourable conditions on the supply-side inflation," the Ministry of



Strategy and Finance said in a report.

Consumer prices gained merely 1.3 percent on-year in the first half due to the favorable supply-side conditions, the ministry said, noting that policy effects such as free childcare also contributed to stable prices.

The ministry, how-

ever, noted that risk factors remained such as the potential supply disruption in farm goods amid bad weather conditions and the possible hike in global oil and grain prices, forecasting that the inflation in the second half would stay at a higher level than the one in the first half.

Xinhua

Brazil's primary surplus drastically down in first five months

BRASILIA, 1 July—Brazil's primary budget surplus significantly dropped for the first five months of 2013, worsening the worry that the government would most likely fall short of its annual target of fiscal savings, the Central Bank said on Friday.

The primary surplus was 46.7 billion Brazilian reais (some 21 billion US dollars), or 2.45 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), down 26 percent compared with the same period of last year, the bank said in a report.

The primary budget balance, which represents the public sector's excess revenue over expenditures before interest payments on the debt, is a gauge closely watched by investors as it measures a country's ability to service its debt.

From January to May, the payment of the public debt's interests was 100.4 billion reais (some 45.1 billion dollars), resulting in a nominal deficit of 53.7 billion reais (some 24.1 billion dollars), or 2.82 percent of GDP, the report added.

The data aggravated the prospect that the government would fail to meet its target of fiscal savings for the whole year. The government had set 155.9 billion reais (about 70 billion dollars) as its primary surplus target for 2013, equivalent to 3.1 percent of the GDP, but last week Finance Minister Guido Mantega lowered it to 2.3 percent, compared with 2.38 percent in 2012.—Xinhua



An employee welds a water turbine at a factory in Jinhua, Zhejiang province on 23 May, 2013.

REUTERS

Asian factory blues deepen in June, exports drop

BEIJING/BANGA, 1 July—Asian factories were buffeted by stronger growth headwinds in June, as crumbling foreign and domestic demand knocked activity in China to multi-month lows and shrank orders for Indian producers for the first time in more than four years.

China's official purchasing managers' index (PMI) showed factory growth stall-

ing last month, while a similar private survey offered a bleaker picture and showed manufacturing activity tumbling to a nine-month low.

The cheerless outlook for the world's factory floor was repeated across Asia as manufacturers, facing belt-tightening by consumers in Europe, the United States and at home, struggled to increase sales.

"The Chinese economy is far from out of the woods yet," said Xianfang Ren, an economist at IHS.

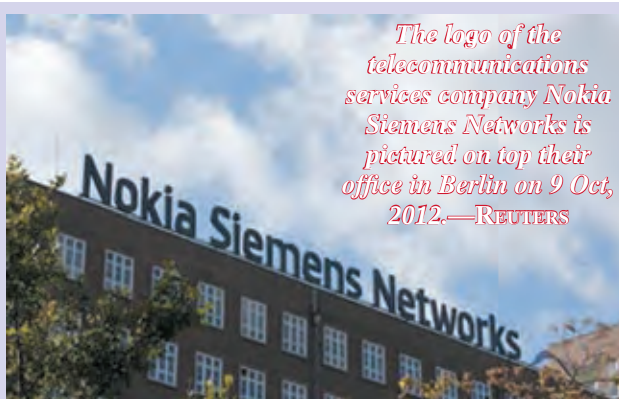
"A few sub-indicators of the PMI have long indicated that the economy is in sharp distress," Ren said, referring to input prices and stocks of purchases, which have both contracted for at least three months in a sign of anemic demand.—Reuters

Nokia to take full control of network venture for \$2.2 billion

HELSINKI, 1 July—Nokia will pay \$2.2 billion to buy out partner Siemens AG in their network equipment joint venture, a deal that is likely to bring some stability to the company after it stumbled in smartphones.

Loss-making Nokia also gained full control of the profitable venture, Nokia Siemens Networks (NSN), at a cheaper than-expected price, analysts said.

"With this transaction, Nokia buys itself a future, whatever happens in smartphones and feature



The logo of the telecommunications services company Nokia Siemens Networks is pictured on top their office in Berlin on 9 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

phones," Bernstein analyst Pierre Ferragu wrote in a note to clients.

But he noted that the acquisition could put pressure on Nokia's balance sheet. Nokia fell behind

rivals Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd in the smartphone race, making the controversial decision to switch to Microsoft's untried Windows software in 2011.

In contrast to Nokia's phone business, NSN turned profitable in the second quarter of 2012 after slashing costs and as its focus on fourth-generation Long Term Evolution (LTE) networks began to pay off.

NSN's adjusted earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) amounted to 196 million euros in the first quarter of this year.

Nokia will pay 1.2 billion euros in cash and the other 0.5 billion euros will take the form of a secured loan from Siemens that will be repaid later.—Reuters

Want to have good teeth? Eat these!

Brushing regularly is not the only way to maintain healthy teeth. The following foods can also help give you a cleaner and whiter smile!

1. Shitake mushrooms

Mushrooms are great for a healthy immune system, and they are also good for our teeth. Lentinans in shitake mushrooms can suppress the formation of plaque.

2. Water

The easiest way to protect our teeth is to drink plenty of water. Drinking water helps to moistur-

ize our gums and promote salivation. It can also wash away food residue on the surface of our teeth and help create an oral environment unsuitable for the spread of bacteria.

3. Celery

Celery is rich in fiber, and chewing on celery roots can help clean your teeth. Chewing also enhances salivation, which helps balance pH levels inside your mouth and prevents tooth decay.

4. Fruits that are rich in vitamin C

Vitamin C is an im-

portant nutrient that helps maintain healthy gums. Those who do not consume enough vitamin C on a daily basis may experience swelling and bleeding of the gums, and can also cause teeth to become looser and weaker.

5. Yogurt

Calcium and phosphates in yogurt can help balance the pH levels in your mouth to prevent cavities. Yogurt is also a rich source of calcium, which helps maintain healthy bones and teeth.

6. Black tea



(Fruits that are rich in vitamin C)

Polyphenols in black tea can suppress the activity of bacteria in oral cavities

and help prevent tooth decay and other oral diseases.

Xinhua



(Yogurt)

WORLD

Kerry plans return to Middle East after visit yields no deal

TEL AVIV, 1 July—US Secretary of State John Kerry ended a shuttle diplomacy mission on Sunday without an agreement on resuming Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, but said gaps had been narrowed and he would return to the region soon.

“I’m pleased to tell you that we have made real progress on this trip. And I believe that with a little more work, the start of final status negotiations could be within

reach,” he told a news conference before his departure from Tel Aviv’s airport.

“We started out with very wide gaps and we have narrowed those considerably,” he said, without elaborating. “We are making progress. That’s what’s important and that’s what will bring me back here.”

Over four busy days, Kerry met Israeli and Palestinian leaders repeatedly and separately to try to find

a compromise for reviving direct talks, stalled since late 2010 in a dispute over Jewish settlements on occupied land Palestinians want for a state. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has said negotiations cannot resume until Israel halts settlement-building, which most countries deem illegal, in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, areas it captured in a 1967 Middle East war.

Reuters



US Secretary of State John Kerry (L) attends his third meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank town of Ramallah on 30 June, 2013.

REUTERS

Japan’s power-saving period begins ahead of summer

TOKYO, 1 July—A government-requested three-month period of electricity saving began on Monday in large parts of Japan ahead of the high demand season, the fifth of its kind since the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami and Fukushima nuclear crisis left most of the nation’s nuclear reactors offline.

For the first time, however, the government refrained from setting numerical power-saving targets in all areas of Japan served by utilities with nuclear plants as companies and households have become accustomed to conserving electricity even in hot and cold seasons, leaving utilities with extra supply capacity in case of unexpected surges in demand.

The power-saving request through the end of September, due to an expected rise in power usage for air conditioning, was made to areas served by nine utilities, excluding Okinawa Electric Power Co which does not own a nuclear power plant.

Power conservation efforts are sought from 9 am to 8 pm on weekdays, excluding the period 13-15 August during Japan’s Bon holiday.—Kyodo News



A Free Syrian Army fighter walks with his weapon through the damaged Khalid bin al Walid Mosque in Homs on 30 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Assad’s forces battle to tighten control of central Syria

AMMAN, 1 July—President Bashar al-Assad’s forces pounded Sunni Muslim rebels in the city of Homs with artillery and from the air on Sunday, the second day of their offensive in central Syria, activists said.

They said rebels defending the old centre of Homs and five adjacent Sunni districts had largely repelled a ground attack on Saturday by Assad’s forces, backed by guerrillas from the Lebanese Shi’ite group Hezbollah, but reported clashes and deaths within the city on Sunday.

Mohammad Mroueh, a member of the opposition “Homs Crisis Cell” said at least 25 loyalist troops including four Hezbollah fighters had been killed in Homs in the previous 24 hours. Such reports are difficult to verify in Syria, where independent media cannot usually report freely.

The opposition Syrian National Coalition said in a statement that it feared that Assad’s forces will use chemical weapons on the city “after the regime’s campaign on Homs failed to achieve any important results.”

The offensive follows steady military gains by Assad’s forces, backed by

Hezbollah, in villages in Homs Province and towns close to the Lebanese border.

Opposition sources and diplomats said the loyalist advance had tightened the siege of Homs and secured a main road link to Hezbollah strongholds in Lebanon and to army bases in Alawite-held territory near the Syrian coast, the main entry point for Russian arms that have given Assad an advantage in firepower.

At least 100,000 people have been killed since the Syrian revolt against four decades of rule by Assad and his late father erupted in March 2011, making the uprising the bloodiest of the Arab Spring revolutions against entrenched autocrats.

Reuters

At least 30 killed by fuel truck explosion in Uganda

KAMPALA, 1 July—At least 30 people were killed and scores more injured when a fuel tanker exploded on a highway in Uganda, a major transit route for fuel heading from Kenya to landlocked east African states, a police spokesman said on Sunday. The truck exploded late on Saturday a few miles north of the capital Kampala after it had stopped when

PHOENIX, 1 July—A gas leak at Intel Corp’s second-biggest manufacturing plant, located in Chandler, Arizona, sickened up to 43 people, including 11 who were taken to a local hospital, company and local fire officials said on Saturday.

One of the buildings at the sprawling processing plant was evacuated after the leak of gas, which was identified as nitrogen trifluoride, said Battalion

Chief Tom Dwiggins, a fire department spokesman.

A spokesman for Intel (INTC.O), the world’s biggest chipmaker, said the source of the leak was a single manufacturing tool in one of the company’s silicon wafer fabrication facilities.

Intel spokesman Chuck Mulloy said the tool that caused the leak has been taken offline and operations at the plant have resumed as

the company tries to determine the cause of the malfunction.

“There is no ongoing danger,” Mulloy said.

Dwiggins said there was no threat to nearby neighbourhoods.

“They monitored the air inside and outside the structure and in all cases the air was clean,” he said.

The plant manufactures silicon wafers used to make semiconductors for computers. The components are made on 12 inch (30.5 cm) silicon wafers that are later sliced into individual components, according to the spokesman. Each component can contain more than a billion transistors.

Mulloy and Dwiggins said 43 people were treated at the scene, and as many as 11 individuals were taken to a hospital for further evaluation.—Reuters



14 killed, 26 wounded in separate attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 July—At least 14 people were killed and 26 others wounded in separate attacks in Iraq on Sunday, the Interior Ministry and police sources said.

An improvised explosive device went off near a football field in the Nahrawan District in eastern Baghdad, killing 10 people and wounding 24 others, an interior ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Many of the casualties were teenagers who had been playing football in the field, he said, adding that security force rushed to the bombing site to help take the wounded people to nearby hospitals.

Also on Sunday, three people were killed and another was injured in separate attacks in Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, a local police source told Xinhua anonymously.

A roadside bomb targeting an army patrol exploded in the Algeria area in eastern Mosul, killing a civilian and wounding his brother, the police source said.

Unidentified gunmen stormed a power station in the al-Arbajiah area in eastern Mosul, killing one of the employees, while another armed attack on a checkpoint killed one soldier in the al-Najjar area west of the city, he said. In the city of Hilla,

some 100 km south of Baghdad, a sticky bomb placed in a car exploded in the Jamiah district, killing the driver and wounding another person, a local police source said.

No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attacks, but the al-Qaeda front in Iraq, in most cases, was responsible for such violent acts in the country, raising fears that the terrorist group could return to widespread violence.—Xinhua



Uganda firefighters clean a road with water at the scene of a fatal road accident that led to a fuel tanker catching fire that killed and injured many people in the outskirts of the capital Kampala on 30 June, 2013.—REUTERS

it was involved in an accident with another vehicle and people nearby crowded round trying to take fuel from the tanker, the spokesman said. The practice of taking fuel from stricken trucks is not uncommon, although what caused the blast was not immediately clear.

The leaders of Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda, who met in Kampala this month,

agreed that a fuel line that already runs inside Kenya from its Mombasa port would be extended to Uganda and Rwanda. That would reduce transport costs and improve safety. Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, who is on a visit to nearby Tanzania, sent condolences and said he was monitoring the work of police and medical workers.—Reuters

LOCAL NEWS



“Myanmar Women’s Day” 3rd July

Local authorities build four more roads in Laukkai



LAUKKAI, 1 July—Laukkai District Deputy Commissioner U Aung Cho Oo visited construction sites of roads being undertaken by the State Government in Laukkai District in Kokang Self-Administered Zone on 28 June.

The deputy commissioner inspected the progress in construction

of Kunlong-Singai-Tashwehtan-Sonkan road being implemented by Public Works.

He then visited the construction site of Tashwehtan-Kyasishu road section.

District Senior Engineer U Ye Naung reported to the deputy commissioner on the

Some private hospitals in Monywa dumping sewage in ghettos

MONYWA, 1 July—Some private hospitals in Monywa are dumping wastes in wards silently in night time, according to an witness.

“A white light truck comes and dumps hospital wastes. These include blood and pus inviting stray dogs. We are more

worried about infections than sleep interruption,” said a resident of Inywa ghetto east of Pizzawtaton monastery.

Specialist clinics and hospitals in Monywa have now sewage system. They solved the problem by storing the sewage in the tanks and discharging them in

Inyathit, Monywataung, Sagyin, Myananda and Htandaw wards with light trucks equipped with plastic tanks.

“When I woke up (in the middle of the night) by continuous dog barks in my ward and looked around with torch, I found

out that a private hospital was discharging sewage,” a Monywataung ward resident said. According to townselders, residents in the ghettos are demanding the official action as regards the issue.

MMAL-Awzar
(Monywa)

Social development seminar held in Chin State

KALAY, 1 July—Chin State Social Development Seminar was held in Nginthae village in Tiddim of northern Chin State on 21-22 June.

The seminar focused on community-based development projects, conventional land ownership and management, ongoing development projects and reforms.

“The major purpose of the meeting is to let the people of the ward know of SWOT of community-based development project, to continue the community-based development project, to preserve inherited farmlands and to inform them of Myanmar’s reform measures,” an organizer said.

“We hope for recognized and inclusive

development. This development would be sustainable if the approach is bottom-up rather than top-down.”

Similar seminars will be organized in villages in central and southern parts of Chin State.—MMAL-Zo Hay Sar (Chin Hill)

Kyaukme District GAD presents stipends to offspring of staff

KYAUKME, 1 July—Kyaukme District General Administration Department provided stipends to offspring of staff members at a ceremony at the district General Administration Department office on 29

June.

The Deputy Commissioner of District General Administration Department and officials presented stipends to students from staff families.

MMAL-District IPRD

NATIONAL SPORTS

Myanmar Cane Ball Federation recruiting traditional players for SEA Games opening



MANDALAY, 1 July—Myanmar Cane Ball Federation has invited 162 male players and 60 female players for exhibition in the opening ceremony of upcoming SEA Games to be hosted for the first time in Myanmar.

The opening ceremony of XXVII SEA Games in coming December will feature the exhibition of Myanmar’s traditional cane ball players.

The federation has invited the players from every nook and corner of the country to participate in the event’s opening ceremony.

Selected players will have to undergo training in Yangon and Mandalay.

Those interested may contact Myanmar Cane Ball Federation and region cane ball associations.

MMAL-Aung Kyaw
Tun (Patheingyi)

BUSINESS

Trade promotion meeting held in Tamu

TAMU, 1 July—Trade and Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce organized a meeting on trade promotion in Tamu Border Trade Camp under the department on 29 June.

The meeting was the third meeting in 2013-2014 fiscal year.

In-charge of the border trade camp Director U Thaung Naing discussed trade situations and trade policies.

Representatives from

the camp’s Customs Department, Immigration and National Registration Department, Myanmar Police Force, Internal Revenue Department and Myanmar Economic Bank discussed progress of sector-wise works. Merchants at the meeting reported on challenges facing the trade.

Officials of respective departments answered queries and made clarifications.

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ACCIDENT

Two pedestrians injured in PyinOoLwin blast



PYINOOLOWIN, 1 July—An explosion on Mandalay-Lashio Road in PyinOoLwin in Mandalay Region injured two pedestrians on 30 June.

Final-year cadet of Defence Services Technological Academy Shine Myint Maung and Sergeant Hla Myo Htut of the same Academy were injured in the roadside motorbike blast.

Brig-Gen Aung Lin Dwe, senior military

officers, district deputy commissioner U Aung Zaw Latt, commander of district police force U Myint Aung, Township Administrator U Maung Maung and officials rushed to the scene to their aids.

The injured persons were admitted to the hospital.

Authorities in the township are trying to expose the cause of the explosion.

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**Beware of Dengue
Haemorrhagic Fever**

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 2 July, 2013

Violence-free environment

We all know that internal peace and stability opens the door and paves the way towards progress and prosperity. Without peace and stability the national development drive could face a lot of difficulties and bigger challenges.

And when it comes to transition from one political system to another or democratization process, peace and stability also is the foundation as it provides security and facilitation for all reform programs large and small.

Generally, the desired goal of a political or economic transition comes only after taking time and much endurance and efforts. It's not an easy task. Without internal peace and stability the way will be much longer and harder calling for greater efforts, unity, tolerance and determination.

Myanmar now is in the process of democratization introducing a lot of reforms with many sectors showing signs of encouragement or even big progress.

As internal disagreements and armed conflicts broke out among our indigenous peoples at the very start of post-independence period, peace and stability was absent in many places for much of the time throughout the past successive years.

This has been the main concern for the government in office which is making much progress in national reconciliation or in other words national integration at present. It has reached peace agreements with almost all the ethnic armed groups in the jungles and doubling or even tripling its development drive in the areas peace and stability has been restored.

Unfortunately, there broke out sectarian violence at the time when national integration is gaining much ground. This violence which has nothing to do with religion is the cause of argument or quarrel between two or three people. Any kind of conflict or violence is a setback of our democratization that needs unity and peace and stability as its energy. In this context, violence-free environment is the best for the flourishing of democracy in our nation.

Myanmar Women's Day billboard set up in Magway

Magway Region Women's Affairs Organization sets up signboard hailing Myanmar Women's Day.

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MAGWAY, 1 July—Magway Region Women's Affairs Organization set up a signboard hailing Myanmar Women's Day

near fire-road junction, here, this morning, in the presence of Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, regional



ministers, departmental heads, Patron of Magway Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw San San Myint, Chairperson

Daw Thin Thin Htwe and members, district/township WAOs chairpersons and members.

At the event, Chairper-

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with the law as both are motives of tarnishing the Rule of Law; and that although step-by-step measures would be taken to take action against corruption informed, on complained cases with reasonable evidence are to be subjected to scrutiny in accord with rules and regulations.

The Vice-President called for cooperation with international community as it is hard to address corruption which is a global concern alone. He stressed the need to cooperate with regional countries, ASEAN countries and international organizations like Transparency International while relying on public complaints in a fight against

corruption. He urged to expose corruption cases and to develop public awareness in cooperation with civil societies and reliable media.

He continued that although corruption was defined as a problem found in government organizations, embezzlements of development funds and international donations had become frequent in conflict-stricken areas and disaster-hit regions at the present time; that such kind of corruption was widespread in the world poorest countries; that it was called stealing from the public purse; that corruption in business world made honest merchants poor.

He added that corruption undermined national dignity and dignity

of each and every person of the country and that corruption could hinder development, international recognition and foreign investments of Myanmar with young democracy. He called on the committee to accomplish its mission with the help effective mechanism, saying that the Ministry of Home Affairs was a suitable mechanism.

As suggested in the previous meeting, places would be designated to inform, he added. He warned that there would arise complaints triggered by personal disputes and complaints which are intended to intervene the court cases while complaints were received to seek the truth.

He stressed the need to find out the root cause of corruption and to heighten the public awareness of

corruption on a wider scale while implementing the task, instead of placing emphasis on inspection and action, thereby contributing towards improvement in a fight against corruption. He invited suggestions of those present for bribery eradication.

Next, committee members Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Thein Nyunt, U Soe Maung, U Soe Thane and U Tin Naing Thein, and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin elaborated on formulation of an anti-corruption draft law, ongoing actions against corruption and organizing anti-corruption education.

Then, the coord meeting ended with concluding remarks by Chairman of Anti-Corruption Committee Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.—MNA

Buddha Tooth Relic Temple monk from PRC visits State Pariyatti Sasana University (Mandalay)

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—The monk of Buddha Tooth Relic Temple from the People's Republic of China and Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint inspected construction of two-storey building for the Sangha in the compound of State Pariyatti Sasana University in Mandalay on 29 June.

Then, members of the Sangha led by Rector of University Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Dr Pantitavarabhivamsa met with Buddha Tooth Relic Temple monk and party at Convocation Hall and



presented Dhamma gifts to them.—MNA

Monk of Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Union Minister U Hsan Hsint inspect construction of two-storey building for the Sangha in the compound of State Pariyatti Sasana University in Mandalay.—MNA

Correction

Please read *Kala Mulqueeny, Principal Counsel, Asian Development Bank, World Economic Forum, Young Global Leader and William Schaedla, Regional Director, TRAFFIC Southeast Asia* as authors instead of Moe Thuzar Soe in the article under the heading of "Myanmar's Leadership Needed on ASEAN Illegal Wildlife Trade" that appeared on page 8 of this daily issued on 1-7-2013.

NLM

son Daw Thin Thin Htwe cut the ribbon and Patron of Magway Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw San San Myint pressed the button to open the board.

Patron of Magway Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw San San Myint formally opened the Myanmar Traditional Food Selling.

Hailing Myanmar Women's Day, Magway Region Women's Affairs Organization staged their performance with traditional songs and dances.

Kyemon-U Tin Tun
Oo-Minbu IPRD

NATIONAL

Lawmakers to fulfill wishes...

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parliamentarians and begetting misunderstandings between the parliament and the people and the government and the parliament, and the chief editor would be the most responsible person if it was a case of defamation.

According to Khin Maung Nyo (Bawgabayda), he is the one who downloaded the online article of Dr Seik Phwar and emailed it to the journal office. He accepted responsibility for it. Being the chief editor of the journal with no editorial staff, he has to do everything including administrative and money matters.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker with regard to the report said that the decision was made in accord with subpara (c) of Duties and Powers of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker shown at No (8) in Chapter (3) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Bylaw.

It can be said that the article is intended to instigate a misunderstanding between legislative body and executive body. As the majority was in favour of the proposal to form a commission, a 17-member commission including Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw was formed on 7 February 2013. According to the commission's report, Dr Seik Phwar may be a member of a propagation group. It is apparent that his article has a bias, strongly criticizing the tasks of the parliament instead of pointing out it in good faith. As Dr Seik Phwar did not have a sense of duty to

claim responsibility for it, it is not required to explain the Constitution, laws, bylaws and nature of respective hluttaws by the Hluttaw.

According to the statements of those who were interviewed by the commission, his writing style revealed who was Dr Seik Phwar. Although some evidence showed who was Dr Seik Phwar, no one was identified himself as Dr Seik Phwar while the parliament was investigating the case. So it can be predicted that Dr Seik Phwar may have an excellent capacity or he may be given a respect.

Although the parliament had not exposed Dr Seik Phwar, his action would remain for a long time.

A statement of a chief editor of a journal who downloaded the article and emailed it to the journal house is assumed to have made the trace of Dr Seik Phwar vanished. In his statement, he replied that he did not know whether or not Dr Seik Phwar who wrote the online article and the man with the pen name called Dr Seik Phwar who wrote an article which was nothing to do with the parliament are the same person.

It is clear that he as an editor claimed responsibility for it as he worried that the trace would be discovered.

A letter of apology uploaded at Dr Seik Phwar website on 20-1-2013 was accepted, but a journalist dare to write the truth and must have a sense of responsibility and accountability. The

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker meets Chairman of China-Myanmar Economic and Cultural Exchange Association



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Chairman of China-Myanmar Economic and Cultural Exchange Association Mr Hu Wei Hsin.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a delegation led by Chairman of China-Myanmar Economic

and Cultural Exchange Association Mr Hu Wei Hsin at Hall-1 of Pyithu Hluttaw, here, on 27 June.

They had a cordial

discussion on further strengthening bilateral ties, economic and cultural matters between the two countries.

Present at the call

together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker were members of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees and officials.

MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker gave him a warning not to do like this later.

Next, Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu clarified ratification of Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property 1970 proposed by the President. He said that Myanmar ratified Hague Convention of the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict 1954 in 1954 but has yet to ratify Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property 1970.

Though the 1970 UNESCO Convention signatories can claim back the illicitly imported, exported items on the national cultural heritage list, they can only do so officially for the cases after their ratification of the conventions. If they want to claim back the things before they have ratified the convention, they need to go through diplomatic channels, notifying the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin of its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation. The committee acts an advocacy and coordinator between convention members to ensure and promote the return of

cultural property to its origin.

The country does not need to pay for ratifying the convention but for costs when own cultural properties and claim back.

The Union Minister added that his report was intended to seek the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for Myanmar to become a signatory to UNESCO's Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, 1970.

Next, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein informed the Hluttaw that Myanmar had been urged to be a member of Multilateral Investment

Guarantee Agency-MIGA by World Bank. He explained that being a membership of MIGA would bring a better cooperation with members of World Bank group, facilitating inflow of foreign investments.

He continued that the President has sent a message to the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on Myanmar's membership to MIGA Convention of World Bank group and share and other prescribed fees Myanmar has to pay in accord with Section 108 (a) of the Constitution and provisions of paragraph 6 of schedule one of Section 61 (a) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Today's session came to an end in the evening.—MNA

CARE MYANMAR handed over items for natural disaster preparedness to SWRR Ministry



NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin attended a ceremony to hand over items for natural disaster preparedness by CARE MYANMAR at Zabuthiri Hotel, here, this morning.

The Union minister said that preparation works for natural disaster were urgently needed to be undertaken as a number of human lives, houses, infrastructural buildings and environs have been

Handing over items for natural disaster preparedness in progress.—MNA

lost due to natural disaster. Union, region and state level central committees and subcommittees have been formed to carry out natural disaster management tasks and relief aid provided by CARE MYANMAR will be distributed to the disaster-hit victims systematically, she added.

Resident Representative Mr. Brian Agland of CARE MYANMAR explained the purpose of donation and handed over 4100 family kits, 180 first aid kits, laptop printer and three fax phones worth K 292.2 million to the Union minister who returned certificate of honour and gift to him.—MNA

Wellwishers donate cash and kind to Taungzalat Youth Pyokhin Training School (Pakokku)

PAKOKKU, 1 June—Taungzalat Youth Pyokhin Training School under the Ministry of Religious Affairs in Pakokku of Magway Region was launched with 50 Chin National Races students in 2005-06 academic year. At present, 67 Chin students are being taught at middle school level by 10 staff and the volunteers gave lectures at the weekend.

The students are Chin nationals from the villages of Mindat and Kanpetlet Townships. The Ministry of Religious Affairs provided K 500 for each student and the wellwishers also added cash and kind to them.



So, the staff family from Pakokku Township General Administration Department

and juicy fruit worth K 160,000 to the students and K 10,000 for Hilly region missionary Sayadaw

Bhaddanta Sujana of the school.

Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)

Health care given to insured workers at worksites

KAMAYUT, 1 July—Social Security Board of Kamayut Township of Yangon Region is providing health care services to the workers who had got registration on insurance, at their worksites.

On 26 June, a medical team comprising Dr Khin Ohnma Than, Dr Thet Su Lwin and senior nurse

Daw Hla Thein Yin of Kamayut Township Social Security Board arrived at Myanmar-Kaido Co Ltd on Bayintnaung Road in Kamayut Township.

The medical team performed medical check-ups at 25 insured workers and gave necessary health care services to them.

Kyemon-SSB



HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES

Preventive measures taken against DHF

KYAUKKYI, 1 July—Kyaukkyi Township Development Affairs Committee of Toungoo District in Bago Region supervised unblocking of drains for proper flow of water in Myitta and Theintan wards of the town as part of

efforts for taking preventive measures against dengue haemorrhagic fever on 28 June.

Workers and staff members of the Township DAC dutifully participated in the sanitation tasks.

Kyemon-Kyaukkyi IPRD



Refresher course for workers from level crossing

SAGAING, 1 July—Division 2 of Myanma Railways controls Ywahtaung-Monywa-YeU-KhinU section,

ChaungU-Tawkyanggyi section, Naba-Katha section and Sagaing Bridge-Ywahtaung-Shwebbo-Kanbalu-Kawlin-Indaw-

Naba-Nantsiaung section from Mandalay-Myitkyina Railroad stretching 417.619 miles. The division has 47 level-crossings.

As three traffic accidents occurred at the level crossing in 2011-2012 FY and two cases in 2012-2013 FY, the refresher course for workers at level crossings so as to prevent traffic accidents.

Senior Engineer (Division) U Min Chan Mon and Assistant Engineer U Aye Cho gave lectures to 16 workers on rules and procedures.

Kyemon-Min Chan Mon



Sunday, 14th July, 2013

School Environment Day

Let all basic education schools participate in activity

Ministry of Education

One killed in motorbike head-on collision in Thayet

THAYET, 1 July—An unlicensed motorbike driven by Aung Hsan Lwin, 38, son of U Thaung Win, of Thayet Township, collided with a motorbike driven by Htet Thu Aung, 23, son of U Kyaw Soe, PAT of Basic Education Primary School in Meelaung Village, Thayet Township near mile post No.0/5 on

Thayet-Mindon road at 9:30 pm on 28 June.

Both sides sustained injuries in the accident and Htet Thu Aung died at the Hospital at 1:15 am on 29 June.

Thayet Police Station has lodged a lawsuit against the drivers.—Kyemon-Ko Ko Aung (Thayet)

Elephant dancing under preservation in Lekaing Village of Pwintbyu Tsp

PWINTBYU, 1 June—A young men group established a traditional elephant dancing troupe in Lekaing Village of Pwintbyu Township in Magway Region to be able to preserve Myanmar traditional elephant dancing.

As Lekaing Village was an ancient city in the past, ancient walls, moats and pagodas can be seen there and its surrounding areas till today. Yokson Monastery and Phawat Monastery in Lekaing Village are recognized as cultural heritages by

Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department.

Elephant dances are performed at the ceremonies in the village.

Leader of the troupe Ko Maung Tu said, "Our troupe is formed with 14 members. We perform elephant dancing at the religious celebrations such as hoisting umbrellas atop the pagodas and meritorious deeds free of charge. We accept prizes if awarded. If we have been extended invitation to other towns and villages, we perform entertainments there. I hand down the art of elephant dance to new generations. We bought Elephant dancing suits from Kyaukse. At harvesting time, we perform the dancing one after another."

Till today, elephant dances are presented at the meritorious ceremonies.

Kyemon-Magway Hla Myint

Students happily enjoying elephant dance in front of the school.

CULTURE



REGIONAL

Some 400 Bangladesh garment workers sick after drinking factory supplied water

DHAKA, 1 July—Some 400 garment workers fell sick at their factory in Ashulia on the outskirts of Bangladesh capital Dhaka on Sunday morning after drinking water there, police said.

Md Badrul Alam, officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station, told *Xinhua* over phone that “Some 400 workers were treated at various hospitals after the incident.”

He said “The workers of The Rose Dresses Limited, owned by Bangladesh

Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) President Atiqul Islam, were sickened at their factory after drinking water.”

A spokesman of The Rose Dresses Limited was not available for comment immediately. Health officials reportedly said most of the workers suffered from vomiting tendency while some of them complained of upset stomach.

Alam said the causes of contamination of water at the factory where there

is about 6,000 workers, was not known immediately.

He said steps have already been taken to investigate the cause.

Alam said almost all the sickened workers are out of danger and many have already left hospitals.

“We have collected water samples and sent the same for laboratory test to know the causes of the contamination.”

After a similar incident early this month, BGMEA termed it “sabotage by vested quarters”.—*Xinhua*



A car runs on the flooded street in Ordos of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 30 June, 2013.—*XINHUA*

Downpours kill at least 14 in China

BEIJING, 1 July — Downpours and consequent flooding and landslide that hit various regions across China have left at least 14 people dead and several others missing, local authorities said on Sunday.

Torrential rains and hail that suddenly lashed Erdos City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on Sunday afternoon killed at least eight people and left another missing, sources with the local government said.

The severe convective weather started around 3:10 pm in Dongsheng District, where some residential houses have been inundated and road traffic affected severely.

In east China's Anhui Province, four people have died and four others are

buried under houses that collapsed due to flooding triggered by downpours on Sunday, local authorities said.

The floods that hit Huangshan City have also left two people missing, according to a statement from the city's flood control centre.

Also on Sunday, flooding and landslides triggered by torrential rain have killed two people and left five others missing in southwestern Sichuan Province.

Search and rescue efforts are under way to reach those who are missing.

China's meteorological authority forecast on Sunday that heavy rain will hit some regions in the north and Sichuan Province from Sunday to Tuesday.

Xinhua

Japan, E Timor agree on deeper cooperation in nation-building

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 1 July—The foreign ministers of Japan and East Timor agreed to deepen bilateral cooperation in developing basic infrastructure in the violence-wracked Southeast Asian nation, during talks on Sunday on the sidelines of Association of Southeast

Asian Nations-related meetings in Brunei, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said.

Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and East Timor Foreign Minister Jose Luis Guterres also agreed to make preparations for President Taur Matan Ruak to visit Japan by next March,

according to the ministry. After gaining independence in 2002, East Timor sought international assistance as it faced a full-scale collapse of civil order in 2006. The nation occupies the eastern half of the island of Timor, whose western half is part of Indonesia.—*Kyodo News*

China urges more cooperation between ASEAN, China, Japan, S Korea

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, (Brunei), 1 July—Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Sunday asked for efforts to make cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China, Japan, South Korea the main cooperation channel in East Asia.

The ASEAN+3 (10+3) framework has served as a solid pillar of economic integration in East Asia, said Wang, who was attending an ASEAN+3 ministerial meeting here.

Cooperation between the 13 countries should be taken as a means to protect regional peace and prosperity and to better serve the purpose of regional development, he added.

Wang asked for efforts to take full advantage of the 10+3 framework as the main cooperation channel in East Asia. Further cooperation should be promoted to enhance the leadership of the



Students attend the flag-giving ceremony of the 2013 university science camp in Hong Kong, south China, on 29 June, 2013. A total of 1,000 university students from Hong Kong accompanied by 100 teachers will head for 20 universities in Mainland China during the science camp which will be held from July to August this year.—*XINHUA*

10+3 framework in regional cooperation, he said.

He also asked for faster pace of East Asian integration. All sides should work toward the direction of East Asian integration and the establishment of an East Asian economic community.

Wang said efforts are needed to coordinate the 10+3 cooperation framework and cooperation between China, Japan and

South Korea. China, Japan and South Korea should attach more importance to their cooperation with ASEAN countries and to the 10+3 cooperation framework, said Wang. At the same time, ASEAN countries should also pay more attention to 10+3 cooperation.

Wang urged efforts to chart a future for the 10+3 framework. The 13

countries should promote cooperation in fiscal and monetary areas and in food security, he said. At the moment, coordination of macroeconomic policies should be taken as a priority to help the region fend off financial risks, said Wang.

On specific policy areas, he asked to promote the effectiveness of the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization, the construction of the 10+3 Emergency Rice Reserve, the overall planning for regional interconnectivity, and the establishment of a regional financing platform. China has played an active role in 10+3 cooperation, said Wang. China is willing to work with its partners to push 10+3 cooperation to a higher level so as to make more contributions to regional peace, stability and development. At present, the 10+3 framework is at its crucial stage of development, he noted.—*Xinhua*



Photo taken on 30 June, 2013 shows a scene of an ASEAN+3 ministerial meeting in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei.—*XINHUA*

Over 3,000 in E Philippines displaced by storm

The affected people, in 686 families, came from five municipalities in five provinces along the country's east coast, the state agency said.

Of the total displaced families, 324 families or 1,704 people, were housed inside 10 evacuation cen-

tres, it said. In the 6:00 pm update, NDRRMC reported no casualty from the storm, which has maximum sustained winds of 75 kilometres per hour near the centre and gustiness of up to 90 kph.

Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Abigail Valte

expressed hope that “zero casualty” would be maintained. The state weather agency said it expects Rumbia to be at 430 km southwest of Laoag City in the northern Province of Ilocos Norte and out of the Philippines by Monday morning.

Xinhua

People eat ice creams and drink cold drinks in Taipei, southeast China's Taipei, on 30 June, 2013. Taipei's weather bureau announced on Sunday that the average temperature in this June has reached 29 Celsius degree, a record high since Taipei weather station was established in 1896.

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Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB -001(2013-2014)	9 5/8" Seamless Casing	(1) Lot	US \$
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(3)	1FB -003(2013-2014)	20" & 13 3/8" Seamless Casing	(1) Lot	US \$
(4)	1FB -004(2013-2014)	Skit Mounted Three l Phase Separator	(1) Lot	US \$
(5)	IFB -005(2013-2014)	Steel Wire Rope	(1) Lot	US \$
(6)	IFB -006(2013-2014)	2 7/8" & 2 3/8" Tubings	(1) Lot	US \$
(7)	IFB -007(2013-2014)	HPZ 820 Work Station	(1) Lot	US \$
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(9)	IFB -009(2013-2014)	Windows CE GPS With ARCPAD	(1) Lot	US \$
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-Tender Closing Date & Time - 31-7-2013, 1300 Hrs

Tender Document shall be available during office hours Commencing from 1st July 2013 at the Material Planning Department, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Natural Gas

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Thermal Power Department,
Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise,
Ministry of Electric Power,
Office No. (38), Nay Pyi Taw,
Myanmar Phone: 95 67 411070, 411180
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Yangon City Electricity Supply
Board, Ministry of Electric Power,
No, 197/ 199, Lower Kyeemyindine
Road, Ahlone Township, Yangon,
Myanmar Phone: 95 1214641

Ministry of Electric Power

Hamas deploys more forces along border with Egypt

GAZA, 1 July—Islamic Hamas movement on Sunday deployed more forces along the Gaza Strip's southern borders with Egypt to tighten security with the neighboring country that is witnessing mass anti-president protests.

The troops were deployed to prevent any illegal smuggling or crossing of elements from both sides of the borders, said Tareq Abu Hashem, the head of the National Security Forces in southern Gaza.

He added that the deployment comes to refute accusations of Egyptian media report that Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, sent militants to fight on the side of President Mohamed Morsi, whose Muslim Brotherhood group is the historic mother of Hamas.

A network of smuggling tunnels lies underneath the border between Gaza and Egypt which Hamas says is used to bring in materials and goods that Israel bans their entry.—Xinhua

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Ministry of Information Myanma Radio and Television (Yangon)

Invitation to open tender for selling of machinery

1. Open tenders are invited for selling of machinery at Yegu re-transmission station of Myanma Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information.

(a) Radio-related accessories 54 items

(b) TV-related accessories 47 items

2. Tender form and disciplines are available K2000 per copy at Myanma Radio and Television (Yangon), from 8-7-2013 to 12-7-2013 during office hours from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

3. Open tenders are to be submitted in the presence of members of tender committee at Myanma Radio and Television (Yangon), not later than 16:00 hrs on 15-7-2013. Overdue forms will not be considered.

4. Tender disciplines, list of machinery and detailed information are available at the following address.

Tender Committee

Myanma Radio and Television (Yangon),

Pyay Road

Ph-01-535980,01-660301



Mick Jagger (2nd L) performs with Ronnie Wood (rear L-R), Keith Richards and Charlie Watts of the Rolling Stones at a concert during the band's '50 and Counting' tour in Chicago May 28, 2013.—REUTERS

Rolling Stones set stage alight in Glastonbury debut

PILTON, 1 July—The Rolling Stones lived up to their reputation as one of the greatest rock'n'roll bands when they played to more than 100,000 revellers on Saturday during their first performance at Glastonbury, the world's best-known music festival.

Despite an average age of 69, the four band members strutted, strummed and shrieked their way through a set lasting over two hours that began with "Jumpin' Jack Flash" and ended with fireworks exploding off the stage during "Satisfaction".

The crowd cheered and sang along as the band that celebrated 50 years in the music business last year rocked through a playlist of old and new hits while security staff tried to block entry to the overcrowded field.

"It's great to be here doing this festival. After all these years they have fi-

nally gotten around to asking us," said rubber-lipped frontman Mick Jagger, who turns 70 next month.

Glastonbury began as a hippie retreat in 1970 and has become known for its megastars over the years with Beyonce, U2, Bruce Springsteen and David Bowie among the headline acts. The Rolling Stones were the most notable absence from the lineup.

Festival founder Michael Eavis, who holds the festival on his 900-acre (365-hectare) farm in south-west England, has publicly delighted in finally persuading the band to play at the three-day event that drew 150,000-plus music fans by Saturday. From the outset, the Rolling Stones showed there was no generation gap, as they got the crowd cheering to "Honky Tonk Woman" and then singing along to "Miss You".

Reuters

Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Jennifer Lopez new members of The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

LOS ANGELES, 1 July—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has unveiled 276 names including Grammy winner Prince, Jennifer Lopez, The Hangover helmer Todd Phillips, who have been invited to join the organization this year.

In the Actors category, Don Jon star and director Joseph Gordon-Levitt has been invited to vote for the Oscars next year.

Danny Trejo, Milla Jovovich, Jason Bateman, Chris Tucker, Lucy Liu, Sandra Oh, Rebecca Hall and Paula Patton are some other stars that are on the list, reported Ace Showbiz.

Another interesting selection of invitees is the Directors category, which includes Nikolaj Arcel, whose 2012 movie A

Royal Affair earned Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Language Film, and duo Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg, the men behind Oscar and Golden Globe-nominated Kon-Tiki.

The Heat helmer Paul

Feig is added to it as well.

Additionally, Tiny Furniture writer/director/actress Lena Dunham, The Simpsons creator Matt Groening and Paranormal Activity producer Jason Blum are among other new members.—Reuters



Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Jennifer Lopez

Hugh Jackman trades brawn for vulnerability in The Wolverine

LOS ANGELES, 1 July—Actor Hugh Jackman says his character Wolverine in the upcoming X Men franchise is vulnerable in every way.

The 44-year-old's character faces loneliness in The Wolverine and is

anguished over the death of close friends and his love Jean Grey, reported Contactmusic.

"In this story, he becomes literally vulnerable in every way. Not just emotionally, but physically vulnerable, and those impli-

cations were fun to play," said Jackman.

"You see Logan at his lowest point at the beginning of this movie; the tragedy of his wasted life. For the sake of not only himself but everyone around him, he thinks it's better to be away because when he comes back to the world, there's destruction and pain," added Jackman.

The Wolverine is set post the events of the movie X Men: The Last Stand, which was released in 2006.

"I have a hero who has lost everything and everyone, some at his own hands. In some cases the casualty of being [nearly] immortal is that you outlast the mortals you love and you have to go on forever without them.

PTI



The Wolverine movie is set post the events of the movie X Men: The Last Stand

Jennifer Lopez to marry Casper Smart?

LOS ANGELES, 1 July—Pop star Jennifer Lopez reportedly wants to exchange vows with her dancer-boyfriend Casper Smart without a prenuptial agreement.

The 43-year-old Dance Again hitmaker, who has been married thrice, and has twins Max and Emme with her ex-husband Marc Anthony, has only been dating Smart for 18 months, reported Contactmusic.

"Jennifer insists that

their love is real, just like she did with the first three husbands and to prove to herself she's refusing to have her lawyers draft a prenup," said a source.

"It sounds silly but it's her way of convincing herself, her exes and the world that Casper is not just a rebound like some critics claim. Making their love about love, not money, is Jennifer's only way to say to herself that Casper is a



Jennifer Lopez has been dating Casper Smart for the past 18 months.

'till death do us part' kind of guy," the source added.

The latina beauty is re-



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Al Pacino: I couldn't cope with fame

LOS ANGELES, 1 July—The Godfather star Al Pacino has at last learned to laugh at himself and enjoy his celebrity.

The 73-year-old actor, who became an overnight star after The Godfather, said he was not ready for the glamour, reported Daily Express.

"To get to this stage has taken too long. I was not prepared for fame. It hit me hard and I did not have the capacity to cope. I've never liked the recognition, the questions, the publicity. I have often felt like running away and hiding. There has been a lot of self-doubt and unwelcome events in my life," he said.

Pacino produced some of his most telling work in one of his least-known and most criticised films, Bobby Deerfield, by revisiting his grief to play a self-obsessed loner.

"I might have been closer to that character and what he was going through than any I have played. The loneliness and isolation - I felt it every day," he added.

Pacino is currently dating young Argentinian actress Lucila Sola, 33.—PTI

SPORTS

South Korean Park wins third consecutive major

NEW YORK, 1 July—South Korean Park Inbee became only the second LPGA player to win the first three majors in a season when she roared to a four-stroke victory at the US Women's Open on Sunday.

The world number one held steady with a final-round two-over-par 74 to finish at eight-under 280 at Sebonack Golf Club in New York.

"I just hope this is not a dream," Park, who earlier this year won the Kraft Nabisco and LPGA championships, told reporters. "I don't want to wake up tomorrow and play the final

round again."

Only Mildred (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias has previously won the first three women's majors in a season. She did it in 1950, winning the Titleholders Championship, the Women's Western Open and the US Women's Open.

Fellow South Korean IK Kim matched Parks' 74 and took second at four-under 284 but was never able to really challenge Park.

Ryu So-Yeon was third at one-under 287 with Americans Paula Creamer and Angela Stanford and England's Jodi Ewart-Shadoff tied for fourth at one-over 289.

Entering the day with a four-stroke advantage, Park's lead was briefly trimmed to three when Kim birdied the second hole but the runner-up gave a shot right back with a bogey on No 4.

After bogeying holes No 6 and No 7, Park ran off birdies at the ninth and 10th holes to swell her cushion to six shots.

Park has won five times overall this year and three in a row. She took over the top ranking after claiming the Kraft Nabisco Championship in April, then added the LPGA Championship earlier this month.

Reuters



Park of South Korea holds the 2013 Harton S Semple Trophy after winning the 2013 US Women's Open golf championship at the Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton, New York on 30 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Confederations Cup final facts and figures



Brazil's players celebrate on the podium with the trophy after winning the Confederations Cup final soccer match against Spain at the Estadio Maracana in Rio de Janeiro on 30 June, 2013.—REUTERS

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 July —Facts and figures following Brazil's 3-0 victory over Spain in the Confederations Cup final at the Maracana Stadium on Sunday:

— Brazil won the Confederations Cup for the third successive tournament following their previous wins over Argentina in 2005 and the United States in 2009. They also won it in 1997 and their four wins in the competition are a record. They

are also unbeaten in it for 13 matches since losing a group game to Mexico in Germany in 2005.

— Brazil stretched their unbeaten run in competitive matches at the Maracana Stadium to 23 games since losing the 1950 World Cup decider 2-1 to Uruguay. In all they have played 28 competitive matches at the stadium, won 21, drawn six and lost one.

— In all, Brazil have played 57 home competi-

tive matches in various cities since last losing. Their last home competitive defeat was to Peru in Belo Horizonte in a Copa America qualifier in February 1975.

— Spain's record unbeaten run of 29 competitive matches ended. Their previous loss was to Switzerland, who beat them 1-0 in their opening match at the 2010 World Cup.

— It was Spain's heaviest defeat in a competitive match since Wales beat them 3-0 in a World Cup qualifier in April 1985.

— Fred's second minute goal was the fastest Spain had conceded since Joe Jordan of Scotland scored against them in the first minute of a European qualifier in Valencia in February 1975.—Reuters



Brazil's Hulk (R) controls the ball during their Confederations Cup final soccer match against Spain at the Estadio Maracana in Rio de Janeiro on 30 June, 2013.

REUTERS

Reprimanded Rosberg keeps Silverstone win

SILVERSTONE, 1 July—British Grand Prix winner Nico Rosberg breathed a sigh of relief on Sunday after Formula One stewards decided not to punish him for an alleged flag infringement that might have cost him the victory.

The German reported to them after the race with a team representative but was seen sprinting down the paddock afterwards, televi-

sion crews in close pursuit, with a smile on his face.

A spokesman for the governing FIA said later that Rosberg had been reprimanded for failing to slow for yellow flags through turns three to five.

Rosberg, who celebrated his second win of the season, finished the chaotic race 0.7 seconds ahead of Red Bull's Australian Mark Webber.—Reuters

Buffon shootout saves give Italy third place

SALVADOR, 1 July—Gianluigi Buffon saved three out of five Uruguayan attempts in the shootout as Italy beat the South Americans 3-2 on penalties to finish third in the Confederations Cup on Sunday after the two sides defied energy-sapping heat in a 2-2 draw.

Italy, who had Riccardo Montolivo sent off 10 minutes from the end of extra time for a second bookable offence, twice led only for Edinson Cavani to pull Uruguay level each time.

Cavani missed two chances to complete a hat-trick and win the match for the Copa America champions deep into extra time.

Italy finished the match utterly exhausted after playing extra time in tropical conditions for the second time in four days, following their semi-final defeat by Spain on penalties in Fortaleza on Thursday.

To make matters worse, Sunday's match kicked off

at 1300 local time with most of the pitch bathed in sun. It was so hot that most of the seats in the sun were left empty with fans only taking their places after they had moved into the shade.

"It wasn't easy to give all they had when they were running on empty," Italy coach Cesare Prandelli said in a touchline interview.

Several matches at next year's World Cup will also be played at 1300 in tropical venues, although governing body FIFA has rejected criticism and said that conditions are suitable for football.

Buffon, who saved penalties from Diego Forlan, Martin Caceres and Walter Gargano, added: "We have shown great character because today it's been really tough."

Ironically, Italy and Uruguay may have inadvertently lent weight to FIFA's argument by serving up an attractive, attacking game.

Reuters



Italy's goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon saves a penalty by Uruguay's Walter Gargano (not in picture) to win the penalty shootout of their Confederations Cup third-place playoff soccer match at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador on 30 June, 2013.—REUTERS



Mercedes Formula One driver Nico Rosberg (L) of Germany celebrates after winning the British Grand Prix with third placed Ferrari driver Fernando Alonso of Spain at the Silverstone Race circuit, central England, on 30 June, 2013.—REUTERS

GENERAL

In fond remembrance of Dr. Maung Maung (Departed on 2nd July 1994)

To be a peacemaker—
one must first be at peace with oneself,
one must first achieve inner peace.

This involves getting to know oneself,
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between groups and between individuals.

Daw Khin Myint & family



Local residents dance on the Bharkor Street square to celebrate the ending of a maintenance project in the old town of Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 30 June, 2013. The local government started a maintenance project of the old town of Lhasa, which is centered by the Bharkor Street and covers about 1.3 square kilometers, in December 2012. The whole maintenance project was finished on Sunday.—XINHUA

Fire erupts in Texas fireworks warehouse, no one injured

HOUSTON, 1 July—A major fire engulfed a fireworks wholesale business in the US state of Texas Sunday without injuring anyone, local media reported.

The blaze broke out around 11 am (1600 GMT) at a fireworks shop in Bastrop, a central Texas city 50 km away from its capital city Austin, local TV ABC13 reported.

The fire started from a small warehouse in the back of the building and quickly consumed the whole structure. After several employees at the warehouse reported hearing fireworks detonating inside the building, everyone was evacuated in time, the report said. No one was injured in the incident, local fire department officials confirmed. It took three and a half hours for some 70 firefighters from 10 fire departments to put out the fire, according to the report.

The cause of the fire remains unclear, and an investigation is underway.

Xinhua

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Guess who? Djokovic, Murray and Serena lead unfamiliar cast

LONDON, 1 July—Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Serena Williams will head a cast of fresh-faced hopefuls on Monday as Wimbledon heads into the second week which will be a Federer-free zone for the first time in 11 years.

A second week which had promised back-to-back blockbuster matches after Murray, seven-times champion Roger Federer and 2008 and 2010 winner Rafa

Nadal had been thrown together in the same half of the draw, will instead have a distinctly unfamiliar look to it following an unforgettable week of shocks.

Gone are Federer, Nadal, Maria Sharapova and Victoria Azarenka - all former world number ones, all grand slam champions and who between them own 35 major trophies.

Instead, the second week line-up includes an array of characters who had

turned up at the All England Club expecting to play a supporting role but have been thrust into the lime-light of a last-16 appearance.

French duo Kenny de Schepper and Adrian Mannarino, Poland's Jerzy Janowicz, Italy's Karin Knapp and Puerto Rican Monica Puig are ranked outside the world's top 20, have never won a main-tour title and had never previously reached the fourth round of a major.

Yet they all stand to pocket the biggest cheques of their lives — at least \$159,000 — after a trail of destruction decimated the field at the grasscourt major.

"It's good for change in a way because top players are always expected to reach the final stages of major events. When it doesn't happen, it's a big surprise," Djokovic told reporters.

"It's a bit (of a) strange feeling not to have Federer

or Nadal at the second week of a major. In the last 10 years, it was always one of them. But there's some (other) players who have been playing great tennis. I think it's interesting also to see new faces for the crowd, for (the) tennis world in general."

Nowhere is that more evident than in the bottom half of the draw where the highest seed world number two Murray can face before a hotly anticipated final against top-ranked Djokovic is his next opponent - Russian oddball and 20th seed Mikhail Youzhny.

The Russian is not averse to seeking outside help when things are not going his way as 12 months ago while he was being thrashed by Federer he went over to Centre Court's Royal Box and asked American great Andre Agassi how to beat the Swiss.

If he was to repeat the cheeky request to any of the 15,000 fans who will be



Serena Williams

packed into Centre Court on Monday, it will fall on deaf ears as he will be playing the man Britain expects to end the host nation's 77-year search for a men's champion.

In fact, Britmania will reach a 15-year peak as for the first time since 1998, home interest will still be alive in both singles draws on the second Monday.

Laura Robson has finally started to live up to the promise she showed five summers ago when she won the junior Wimbledon title and will be backed to reach her first major quarter-final as she will be taking on Es-

tonia's Kaia Kanepi, an opponent ranked eight places below the British number one.

While Robson's odds of winning the title are being slashed on a daily basis by excited British bookmakers, Djokovic remains the man to beat in the men's draw.

He has yet to drop a set and has surrendered a miserly 29 games, two fewer than Murray, in his three matches to date.

In the pick of the fourth-round showdowns, he is facing renaissance man Tommy Haas.

Reuters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia

Lawmakers to fulfill wishes and aspirations more of the people through utilization of knowledge and experiences

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—The first day of the seventh regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held today with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker's call for legislators to accelerate efforts for strengthening democracy with due respect to the Constitution and existing laws including Hluttaw law and bylaws.

To do so is a must for the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to increase the fruits of democratic practice for citizens and to set good example to the next generation, stressed the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

He called on lawmakers to fulfill the wishes and



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein makes clarification.—MNA

the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw prescribe procedures for submitting proposals and bills with regard to operational interaction among different Union level agencies.



Union Minister U Win Shein makes clarification.—MNA

aspirations more of the people through utilization of their knowledge and experience.

He then clarified his decision about the proposal by the Union Election Commission Chairman asking him to determine whether or not the election system shall be shifted and his announcement. He said the laws and bylaws of



Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu makes clarification.—MNA

The proposal of the UEC Chairman is the case to be proceeded after a Union level agency concerned or a particular lawmaker has asked permission to put forward proposal at Hluttaw session in line with Hluttaw laws and bylaws according to the Hluttaw procedures. The Section 60 of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Bylaw prescribes

as follows:

60. Proposal—Either a Union level agency or a lawmaker shall submit proposal to the Hluttaw if the resolution of the Hluttaw is to be sought regarding the following cases:

- (a) Matters concerned with interests of the nation and citizens;
- (b) Matters concerned with government departments, government agencies or other entities;
- (c) Other matters permitted by the Speaker

The Union Election Commission is a Union level organization formed under the Constitution.



U Zaw Myint Pe reads the report.

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Therefore, proposal must be submitted in line with Hluttaw laws and bylaws if a resolution is to be sought from the Hluttaw for a particular matter concerned with Union level agency. Sending letter to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and making announcement cannot override the Hluttaw procedures and

MWAF's tree planting ceremony hails Myanmar Women's Day



Patron of MWAF Daw Khin Khin Win plants a tree on Udayayanthi Hill.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 1 July—As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, the monsoon tree planting ceremony, organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, was held at the ring road of the lake on Udayayanthi Hill where Thatta Thattaha Maha Bodi Pagoda was built, here, this morning.

It was attended by Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of

President U Thein Sein, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Daw Khin Aye Myint, wife of Vice-President U Nyan Tun, patrons, the president and CEC members of MWAF, the president, secretary and members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and officials.

At first, Daw Khin Khin Win, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon and Daw Khin Aye Myint

planted Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) saplings.

The patrons, the president and officials of MWAF, the president, secretary and officials of MMCWA cultivated saplings at the designated places.

At today's ceremony, they planted 280 saplings of various species including teak, Mahogany, star-flower and others.

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it is inappropriate for the Hluttaw to accept the announcement as a proposal and take actions.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker shall take no steps to proceed with the proposal and announcement of the UEC Chairman as it is not in compliance with Hluttaw laws and bylaws.

However, considering that election system is concerned with the State and all citizens as well as the constitution and thus

it should be the part of Hluttaw function, the joint Constitution assessment committee, when formed, shall take necessary steps, said the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

The report of the investigation commission on online criticism of Dr Seik Phwa under the title of "Above The Law" It was a stage of trying hard to expose Dr Seik Phwa technically after making explanations on findings in accord with summaries of individual statements of

those who were interviewed by the commission, Hluttaw law and bylaws.

While investigating the case based on flow of information, responsible persons of Eleven Media Group gave a helping hand in conducting the search for Dr Seik Phwar. Officials of the Ministry of Information testified that they had nothing to do with the case. Dr Khin Maung Nyo and U Kyaw Min Swesaid that online articles of Dr Seik Phwar are a breach of law, tarnishing the dignity of (See page 9)

Change of number plates for vehicles in Regions, States

Stickers in English alphabet for respective regions and states will be issued as of 8 July (Monday) for ensuring correct lists of vehicles registered in regions and states, controlling number of vehicles and effectively undertaking economic and social tasks.

The alphabets of stickers will be KCN for Kachin State, KYH for Kayah State, KYN for Kayin State, CHN for Chin State, SGG for Sagaing Region, TNI for Taninthayi Region, BGO for Bago Region, MGY for Magway Region, MDY for Mandalay Region, MON for Mon State,

RKE for Rakhine State, YGN for Yangon Region, SHN for Shan State and AYY for Ayeyawady Region.

Fixed alphabets number of the plate will start from 4F-8000 and taxis, from CC-2500.

Moreover, open tenders will be invited to workshops

for production of embossed prints in respective regions and states. The fixed alphabet plates in English will be issued by respective offices when the vehicles renew the licences.

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Imported vehicles registration fees to be paid in Kyats

The Directorate of Road Administration Department under the Ministry of Rail Transportation introduced Deposit Only Account as of 24 June for public convenience in paying imported vehicles registration fees not only at Myanma Economic Bank (Thingangyun Branch) but also at the following banks:-

- (a) Myanma Economic Bank Branch (5), Yangon,
- (b) Myanma Economic Bank, (North Dagon Branch) and
- (c) Myanma Economic Bank, (South Dagon Branch).

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Type of present number plate



Type of 2nd phase number plate starting from 4F/8000



Type of present number plate



Type of 2nd phase number plate starting from CC/2500

