

Investing in education and health sectors is key to building a nation

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — In his address at an opening ceremony of U Kyi Maung self-reliant library held in conjunction with a ceremony to upgrade the basic education middle school into the basic education high school (branch) at West Hlyawpyukon village in Pyawbwe Township in Mandalay Region this morning, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint said that investing in education and health sectors is key to building a nation; that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw allocated billion of kyats to education sector year after year, resulting in upgrading and construction of schools.

He stressed the need to instill democratic practices into school children who will be tomorrow's citizens and to create a democratic school environment as promotion

of education standards of children is needed for democratization. He called on parents and teachers to nurture their children to be educated citizens.

Next, Union Minister U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu and Pyawbwe Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Myint Soe spoke on the occasion.

Then, Director-General U Ye Tint of Information and Public Relations Department donated publications to the newly-opened library.

A ceremony to upgrade Taung Nyaungkon village basic education high school (branch) into basic education high school took place at the village in Pyawbwe Township.

The Speaker unveiled the signboard and officials formally opened the ceremony.

In his speech, the



Speaker praised teachers for their role played in preparing today's children for tomorrow's democratic society, disclosing that educational staff is so

noble.

Next, wellwishers handed over cash donations and documents related to their donations to officials.

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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint addresses the opening ceremony of U Kyi Maung self-reliant library upgrading Basic Education Middle School into Basic Education High School (branch).—MNA



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin accepts cash donation of a wellwisher.—MNA

Cash and kind donated to Day Care Center for the Aged

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—The cash donation ceremony for Day Care Center for the Aged, to be run by Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement took place at Social Welfare Training School on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township, this morning.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin clarified matters on opening of Day Care Center for the Aged in Yangon Region for the

first time and follow-up programmes to open the center in Mandalay Region.

The wellwishers then made cash donations for the fund of the center through Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin who

returned certificates of honour to them.

At today's cash donation ceremony, the wellwishers donated K 20.2 million, US\$ 100, one refrigerator, three sets of settee and 12 sleeping bags.—MNA

Moderate earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (6.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Southern Sumatra, Indonesia) about (1750) miles south-southeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (11) hrs (40) min (12) sec MST today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

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The sacred Museum of the Sixth Great Buddhist Council

With a view to perpetuating and propagating the Theravada Buddhism, a Sacred Museum commemorating the Sixth Great Buddhist Council of 1954 has been already built with support of multifarious Buddhist people and the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar in the year 2000.

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Clarification of Myanmar Go for Gold



NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Only 158 days are remaining for the countdown to the 27th SEA Games which will be held in Myanmar as of today. A press meet to clarify the commitment of 100 Plus

to SEA Games was held at Wunna Theikdhi Stadium in Zabuthiri Township, here, on 4 July.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htaik spoke words of thanks on the occasion, wishing 100 Plus to have huge success. Next, a responsible person of the company elaborated on its ongoing works and answered the queries raised by media persons.

100 Plus is providing sports athletes with 1500 cans per day and it is planned to donate 500,000 cans to the SEA Games, it is learnt. Moreover, the company is taking part in Go for Gold program

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with the aim of helping Myanmar sports and athletes win international recognition. Plans are underway to develop public awareness of SEA Games before and during the tournament through Go for Gold program and to honour outstanding Myanmar athletes who achieved success in the tournament.

While companies are contributing their commitments to the SEA Games and sports athletes are under intensive training, active participation of the entire people is needed.

*Kyemon-Zeyar
(Maing Yar)*

Transport

Strict adherence to road signs needed to reduce road fatality on Dawnataung-Thingan Nyinaung road



YANGON, 6 July — Dawnataung-Thingan Nyinaung road linking between Myawady and Kawkareik is one of the major roads contributing to smooth and speedy flow of commodities in Myanmar.

The road linking with Myawady, a border exit of Myanmar-Thai trade relations, serves as an important route in transportation of goods and passengers. It was learnt that road works were being implemented to repair damage on the road caused by heavy rainfall and a number of traffic volume. Moreover, road signs

calling on road users not to overtake at narrow places had already been set up along the road by the Ministry of Construction. Up and down vehicles shuttling between Myawady and Kawkareik are allowed to use the road on alternate days.

It was learnt that traffic came to a halt when some vehicles broke down on the road and mechanical failures of some vehicle and due to small vehicles trying to overtake the 12-wheeled trucks. Although the road allowed vehicles to be parked for repair at wide turns, even regular drivers have to take

special attention to drive at narrow turns. It is usual to take three and half or four hours for the journey from Myawady to Kawkareik, but vehicle crashes or broken-down cars make traffic halt for long hours and drivers annoyed, resulting in road fatalities while overtaking each other.

That's why, it is required for road users to have a strict adherence to traffic measures written on road signs so that loss of life and injuries caused by road accidents will be reduced.

*Kyemon-Htet Khaing
(Sangyoung)*

Myanmar exports rice (Hsinthwelatt) to Japan for first time in 45 years

YANGON, 6 July — Myanmar's Hsinthwelatt and Hmawby (2) paddy strains have access to the rice market of Japan that needs to import over 600 tons of rice from foreign countries including the US and Thailand, it is learnt.

A Myanmar-Japan business meet took place at the hall of Myanmar Rice Federation on 13 December 2012. Those present held talks on the Japanese invitation of rice tender at the meeting.

shortly after winning the tender. Then, raw rice, packed rice and sample of rice were under scrutiny at the every stage to meet Japanese standards and they were allowed to transport to warehouses in Japan after passing a final check before unloading them from the ship.

Sample of Myanmar rice was subject to a thorough examination at a laboratory of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and passed through series

made to export rice to Japan for long time as one ton of rice fetched US\$ 510.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint visited Japan on 22 June and looked into unloading 5000 tons of Myanmar's Hsinthwelatt at Nagoya port.

He held discussions on shipment of 50000 tons of rice to Japan with the Japanese ministry concerned and officials of Mitsui Company.

MAPCO and Mitsui Co., Ltd signed agreement on 23 January, 2013 and Myanmar



Photo shows unloading of bags of Myanmar rice (Hsinthwelatt) from MV Musashi at Nagoya Port in Japan.

The meeting focused on shipment of fungus-free rice with no excessive chemical fertilizers to Japan if Myanmar wins the tender and other general matters.

Japan purchases processed broken rice of Myanmar to distil Sake and traditional Japanese soup (MESO soup).

Storage and disinfection of rice prior to shipment in May were carried out step by step

of inspections of chemical residues and non-GMO test. As Myanmar rice passed tighten controls on rice import of Japan, Myanmar rice will be able to have access to EU market.

Before rice shipment to Japan, rice were ground and processed at the mills of MAPCO and Golden Delta, Ayeyar Hinthar, Shwe Wah Yaung and Shwe Zarchi rice mills. MAPCO Managing Director U Ye Min Aung said that more efforts would be

rice (Hsinthwelatt) was shipped to Japan from Asia World port on 18 May for the first time in 45 years.

As Myanmar rice wins international market share, it will be of great benefit to rice producers and agriculture sector on which livelihood of 60 per cent of the total population of Myanmar rely to see an increase in foreign earnings from rice exports.

*Kyemon-Myo Min
Thura & Ye Min
Aung (MAPCO)*

Business

Only billboards in Myanmar Railways' yard allowed to continue standing

YANGON, 6 July — According to an official of Engineering Department (Building) of Yangon City Development Committee, only billboards set up in the compound of Myanmar Railways will be allowed to continue while no permission for setting up of departmental signboards in the municipal area of YCDC.

"Permission has not been given for signboards of departments to set up except Myanmar Railways.

Orders have been given to stop putting signboards up in the compounds of Myanmar Port Authority, an area near U Htaung Bo roundabout, police stations, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Ministry of Sports. According to Yangon Region Government, giant billboards measuring 300 square feet are no longer allowed to erect. Departments concerned replied us removal of signboards is in progress," says an official.

He added that the management department of YCDC deals with billboards on the roads. Billboards hanging at the private property would be allowed to continue standing, but billboards of other companies excluded. Twenty-four wall-mounted billboards were granted permission last year and 22 this year totaling 44. There are thousands of small billboards in each township.

Kyemon-Soe Win-MLA



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Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera (L) holds talks with Lt. Gen. Kenneth Glueck Jr (R) of the US Marine Corps, at the ministry in Tokyo on 5 July, 2013. The two agreed to hold a joint antidisaster drill between Japan's Self-Defence Forces and US forces in Japan as early as the fall 2013. —KYODO NEWS

Two Koreas open talks on suspended industrial zone

SEOUL, 6 July—North and South Korea began working-level talks Saturday at the truce village of Panmunjeom to discuss issues related to a joint industrial complex in the North's border city of Kaesong, at which operations have been suspended for three months.

Each side has sent a three-member delegation to the talks, which are being held on the North Korean side of Panmunjeom, located in the middle of the Demilitarized Zone between the two Koreas.

The South had proposed the meeting on Thursday after North Ko-

rea said the previous day it would allow South Korean businessmen and government officials to visit the Kaesong industrial zone.

Operations at the zone, which has long been a symbol of inter-Korean cooperation, came to a halt on 9 April after Pyongyang, amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, withdrew its 53,000 workers employed by more than 100 South Korean companies there. Pyongyang had cut off communication links with Seoul in March in response to joint South Korea-US military exercises and the South's condemnation of the North's third nuclear test in February in defiance of UN Security

Council resolutions.

On Friday, South Korea's Unification Ministry spokesman Kim Hyung Seok said Seoul wants to discuss "constructive normalization" of the Kaesong complex at the Panmunjeom talks.

"The government has pointed out on numerous occasions that Kaesong must be developed as an area that follows international standards and where common sense prevails," he was quoted as saying by Yonhap News Agency, suggesting Seoul seeks safeguards to prevent work stoppages caused by arbitrary actions taken by Pyongyang.

Kyodo News

Venezuela offers asylum to US fugitive Snowden

CARACAS, 6 July—Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro offered asylum to former US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden on Friday in defiance of Washington, which is demanding his arrest for divulging details of secret US spy programmes.

"In the name of America's dignity ... I have decided to offer humanitarian asylum to Edward Snowden," Maduro told a military parade marking Venezuela's independence day. "He is a young man who has told the truth, in the spirit of rebellion, about the United States spying on the whole world." The 30-year-old former National Security Agency contractor is believed to be holed up in the transit area of Moscow's Sheremetyevo international Airport.

Russian officials have kept Snowden at arm's length since he landed from Hong Kong on June

23, saying the transit area where passengers stay between flights is neutral territory and he will be on Russian soil only if he goes through passport control.

It was not immediately clear how Snowden would react to Maduro's offer, nor reach Venezuela if he accepted. There are no direct commercial flights between Moscow and Caracas, and the usual route involves changing planes in Havana. It is not clear if the Cuban authorities would let him transit. Given the dramatic grounding in Vienna of the Bolivian president's plane this week over suspicions that Snowden was onboard, using European airspace could prove problematic.

One alternative flight plan would involve an aircraft taking off from Moscow, refuelling in Vladivostok, and then continuing east over the Pacific to South America.

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A television screen shows former US spy agency contractor Edward Snowden during a news bulletin at a cafe at the Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport on 26 June, 2013. —REUTERS

Highly radioactive water found in another well at Fukushima plant

TOKYO, 6 July—Tokyo Electric Power Co said on Friday it has detected highly radioactive water in a well newly built to check the spread of underground contamination at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

The well is only several metres from a pit from which highly radioactive

water was found seeping into the adjacent sea in April 2011, shortly after the nuclear crisis commenced at the plant. According to TEPCO, a water sample collected Monday from the well, around 25 meters from the sea, contained about 900,000 becquerels per liter of radioactive substances such as strontium

that emit beta rays.

TEPCO spokesman Masayuki Ono told a Press conference that the company will check whether the water leak more than two years ago has affected the contamination level of water inside the well.

Meanwhile, to improve the reliability of the cooling system for the crippled

Nos. 1 to 3 reactors, TEPCO started using a 3-kilometer-long water circulation route that is 1 km shorter than previously.

Water once used to cool the damaged reactors is currently recycled as coolant after the level of radioactivity has been lowered in a water-processing facility. —Kyodo News

Islamist protests hit cities across Egypt, at least 24 dead

CAIRO, 6 July—At least 24 people died across Egypt on Friday as Islamists opposed to the overthrow of President Mohamed Mursi took to the streets to vent their fury at what they say was a military coup.

Fierce clashes in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria left 12 dead and 200 injured, while in Cairo, five people were killed as pro- and anti-Mursi protesters ran amok in central areas and armoured personnel carriers rumbled among them to restore calm.

Five police officers were gunned down in separate incidents in the North Sinai town of El Arish, and while it was not clear whether the attacks were linked to Mursi's ouster, hardline Islamists there have warned they would fight back. Tens of thousands of people marched across the country in what Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood movement called a "Friday of Rage" to demonstrate against his over-

throw and the army-backed interim government being set up to prepare for new elections.

A new prime minister could be named as early as Saturday. Egypt's first freely elected president was toppled on Wednesday, the latest twist in a tumultuous two years since the fall of Hosni Mubarak in the Arab Spring uprisings that swept the region in 2011.

The events of the last week have aroused concern among Egypt's allies in the West, including key donors the United States and the European Union, and in neighbouring Israel, with which Egypt has had a US-backed peace treaty since 1979.

Friday's fatalities added to the dozens of deaths in a month of unrest. Last Sunday, huge rallies in Cairo and other cities called for Mursi's resignation, venting anger over economic stagnation and perceptions of a Brotherhood power grab. His overthrow was



Anti-Mursi protesters are pictured during clashes with members of the Muslim Brotherhood and supporters of deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi near Maspero, Egypt's state TV and radio station.

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greeted with wild scenes of celebration but infuriated supporters who fear a return to the suppression of Islamists they endured under generations of military rule.

It has deepened Egypt's crisis. With its supporters enraged by Mursi's removal from power, the Brotherhood says it wants nothing to do with what the army has billed as an inclusive transition plan, culminating in fresh elections. The military has given scarce details — its road map gave no timeframe for a new ballot — adding to political uncertainty at a time when many Egyptians fear violence could polarise society even further.

Leftist former presiden-

tial candidate Hamdeen Sabahi told Reuters he hoped the transition could last only six months. And, in common with allies on the liberal left, he insisted there had been no military coup. He called the idea an insult to Egypt. In an early incident that raised tensions in Cairo, three protesters were shot dead outside the Republican Guard barracks where deposed Mursi is being held, security sources said.

The army denied blame for the shootings. An army spokesman said troops did not open fire on the demonstrators and soldiers used blank rounds and teargas to control the crowd.

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Myanmar History in Decisive Dates

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The earliest civilisations were those of the Pyu people, who flourished after the 3rd century BCE, and the Rakhine, whose kingdom was established in the 4th century BCE. The Pyu kingdoms were destroyed in the 9th century by invading Nan Ch'ao forces from China's present-day Yunnan province and the remainder of the race

century Bagan fell to the invading hordes of Kublai Khan. Of the four thousand temples of the time, only over two thousands remain as living places of worship. Smaller kingdoms were founded by descendants of the Bagan kings.

They include the 16th century kingdom of Taunggyi. King Tabin Shwe Hti,

The Third Myanmar Empire was founded by King Alaungpaya in 1752 in upper Myanmar. His Konbaung dynasty the last of Myanmar's monarchies, ended with the invasion of British colonialists in 1885. The last monarch, King Thibaw, was sent into exile in India with his family.

After mounting nationalist fervour against the British that began in the 1920s, a harsh period of war and Japanese occupation, Myanmar finally regained its independence in 1948. A short and chaotic period of democratic government followed, during which insurgencies broke out throughout the country.

In 1962, the military seized power in a coup and introduced austere socialist policies that doomed what had been one of the richest countries in the region to the status of one of the poorest. As insurgencies raged throughout the country, economic mismanagement — including demonetisations that rendered peoples' savings worthless — led to a mass uprising in 1988, with an initial demand for greater economic opportunity being overtaken

by calls for a return to multi-party democracy.

The military took power the same year and ruled first as the State Law and Order Restoration Council and then as the State Peace and Development Council. During its tenure the military government made peace with most of the insurgent groups, a development that brought law and order to vast areas of the country and provided opportunities for Myanmar and foreigners to visit areas containing historical and natural wonders to which access had previously been restricted.

General elections were held in November 2010 and the State Peace and Development Council handed over power on 30 March 2011 to the elected government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, under President U Thein Sein. History has much impact on the present and this is never truer than for Myanmar, a country strongly rooted in traditions, culture and proud memories of a centuries-old civilisation.

Over 30,000 Tibetan antelopes give birth in Hoh Xil

XINING, 6 July—About 35,000 pregnant Tibetan antelopes have given birth or are expecting on the Hoh Xil National Nature Reserve on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. Marching across grasslands and mountains, the pregnant antelopes finished a long journey from their habitats in northwest China's Qinghai Province and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and the Ngari prefecture and Changtang area of Tibet Autonomous Region, southwest China, to arrive at the bank of Zonag Lake in Hoh Xil to give birth.

Xiao Penghu, deputy chief of the reserve's management bureau, said the bureau has sent special teams out to prevent the antelopes from being poached.

Five conservation stations have been set up to monitor the antelopes' migration and ensure their safety while traveling across the Qinghai-Tibet

Railway and Qinghai-Tibet Highway, Xiao said.

Songamge, a ranger at the reserve, said they have asked passing vehicles to slow down so that the antelopes can cross the highway smoothly. When pregnant antelopes come over in large groups, rangers close some sections of the road temporarily to make way for the antelopes, Songamge added. Over 60 percent of the 35,000 antelopes have already given birth, said Zhao Xinlu, Director of Zonag Lake's conservation station.

The number of Tibetan antelopes in or near the reserve has increased from about 20,000 in 1998, when the reserve was established, to 60,000 at present, according to Xiao.

The antelopes have been targeted by poachers since the 1980s. Armed poaching led to a sharp decline in the antelope population in the 1990s.

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assimilated with the Bamar. After the fall of the Pyu, the first Myanmar Empire was founded in the 11th century by the great King Anawrahta of Bagan.

It was due to his efforts that Theravada Buddhism flourishes in the country today, and the temple-studded plain around Bagan is his legacy. Under the reign of weak rulers of the late 13th

who was at the age of fourteen was already an experienced military commander, ascended the throne in 1531. He founded the Second Myanmar Empire and was succeeded by his brother-in-law, King Bayint Naung, whose feats of conquest raised the empire to even higher greatness.

The empire fell 1599 during the reign of his son.

Japan's DoCoMo holds out to iPhone mania, but at what cost?

TOKYO, 6 July—NTT DoCoMo Inc, Japan's largest mobile provider and a pioneer of the mobile Internet, is one of just a few holdouts among the world's big mobile carriers not offering Apple Inc's iPhone to its 60 million customers. It is paying heavily for that obstinacy—with a net 3.2 million users jumping ship to its two domestic rivals over the last 4-1/2 years—but is determined to protect the walled garden of services it has built around its own smartphones.

"We're trying to devel-

op a lifestyle system," NTT DoCoMo CEO Kaoru Kato told *Reuters* in an interview this week. While customers and even some executives increasingly clamor for it to relent and sign an iPhone deal, DoCoMo is showing no signs of softening towards Apple. "The biggest problem is the impact on the services that we offer," Kato said.

DoCoMo's broad offering of exclusive features, however, is no longer attracting what has become the iPhone generation. It is expected eventually to either

reach a deal with Apple or risk losing its crown at the top of its industry. "Unit sales are doing quite well this year but they're still losing customers to other networks," said Hiroshi Yamashina, senior telecoms analyst at BNP Paribas. "If that's the case then they really have no choice but to go for the iPhone."

Japanese consumers favoured DoCoMo's mode of integrated system back when it launched the world's first large-scale mobile web access service and introduced streamed TV to cellphone users. But its wide array of features — while retaining its share of fans — is not considered sufficient to counter the appeal of the iPhone. "Its photo service, for example, is very difficult to use and I'm not sure anyone still bothers in the age of Instagram and Flickr," said Yamashina.

DoCoMo's resistance contrasts with holdouts in other markets that are giving in this year to the demand for iPhones. —Reuters

Rivals to loom large over HTC sales, third-quarter growth seen flat



HTC smartphones are displayed in a mobile phone shop in Taipei on 8 April, 2013. —REUTERS

TAIPEI, 6 July—HTC Corp may not sustain sales growth into the third-quarter as the glow around the Taiwanese smartphone maker's flagship model is likely to be eclipsed by new products from bigger rivals Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd. Strong sales of the latest version of the HTC One, as well as the colourful Butterfly range, boosted HTC's second-quarter net profit surged to T\$1.25 billion (\$41.63 million) from a record low in the previous quarter when a shortage of camera components delayed its product launch.

The profit figure, however, lagged forecasts and

analysts said the sales growth was likely to be short-lived. Sales for the July-September quarter are expected to remain little changed from the previous quarter and few new products are in the pipeline. The company has also cut back on component orders for the quarter, which traditionally sees higher sales, several analysts said. BNP Paribas, in a recent research note, said it expected overall third-quarter orders to remain flat from the second-quarter.

"HTC may have new products in Q3, but competition from Apple and other Chinese brands are fierce," said Taipei-based analyst

Peter Liao of Nomura Securities. "It'll be hard to keep the growth." Analysts said the almost 25 percent drop in HTC's June sales compared to the same year-ago period also boded ill for the next quarter. "The big drop on June sales likely proves the HTC One sales momentum slowdown and 3Q may be only flattish as is the market expectation," Goldman Sachs analyst Michael Shieh said.

Growth in sales for smartphone market leader Samsung Electronics has also started to wane. The South Korean firm missed already modest expectations for its quarterly earnings guidance, deepening worries that its smartphone business may have peaked. HTC has embarked on a marketing campaign to boost its brand image, a strategy it said in May would squeeze operating margins for the rest of the year. The company is expected to launch the One Mini phone, which features a 4.3-inch screen and is targeted at the mid-market, in August, a month before both heavyweights Samsung and Apple are likely to release new and upgraded offerings. —Reuters



The logo of Japan's biggest mobile phone operator NTT DoCoMo is seen at its shop in Tokyo on 3 July, 2013.

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BUSINESS & HEALTH

Dell shares fall as investors bet against higher buyout bid



A man pushes a trolley full of Dell computers through a company factory in Sriperumbudur Taluk, in the Kancheepuram district of the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, in this 2 June, 2011 file photograph.

REUTERS

NEW YORK, 6 July—Shares of Dell Inc fell more than 3 percent on Friday, as investors grew skeptical that founder Michael Dell and Silver Lake Partners

will raise their \$24.4 billion buyout bid in order to overcome growing opposition. A deteriorating outlook for the PC industry has made a deal more challenging, and

the buyout group is currently not planning to increase its \$13.65 per share offer to take Dell private, people familiar with the matter said on Wednesday. Bloomberg separately reported on Friday morning that Michael Dell and Silver Lake ruled out raising their bid, citing people with direct knowledge of the matter.

Shares of Dell were trading 3.1 percent lower at \$12.89 on Nasdaq. Dell's board has grown skeptical of the prospects of Michael Dell's bid after recent meetings with major investors, and has advised Dell to raise the bid if he wanted the deal to go through, sources familiar with the matter previously said. Michael Dell did not commit to a new course of action

and so far has not communicated his decision to the board one way or another, one of the sources said on Friday.

Several large Dell shareholders told the board that the bidders would need to increase the price or offer shareholders a chance to continue to own a piece of the company for them to approve the deal. Failing that, the investors said, they want the board to come up with a 'Plan B' for Dell. The shareholder pressure on Dell comes ahead of a key report expected next week by investment advisory firm Institutional Shareholder Services, and a July 18 shareholder meeting, when investors will vote on the Michael Dell-Silver Lake deal.—Reuters

Morningstar says clients' credit card data may have been leaked

BOSTON, 6 July—Investment research firm Morningstar Inc (MORN.O) said personal information, including credit card details, of about 2,300 users of its Morningstar Document Research service may have been compromised due to a security breach last year. The incident on 3 April, 2012 may also have led to the leakage of names, addresses, email addresses and passwords, the com-

pany said in a filing on Friday. Morningstar Document Research, formerly 10-K Wizard, provides a global database and search tool for company filings.

An additional 182,000 clients who had email addresses and user-generated passwords on the system may also have been affected, Morningstar added. "We have encouraged clients whose credit cards may have been compromised to monitor their credit reports

and credit card accounts," the research firm said. The company has also sent notices to its clients asking them to reset their passwords.

Morningstar spokeswoman Margaret Cohen said the company became aware of the breach in late May and began informing clients in June. The matter became public on Friday when Morningstar released its 8K filing, which it does on the first Friday of every

month, and uses as an opportunity to answer questions that have been posed to the company.—Reuters

WHO sets up emergency committee on MERS virus

GENEVA, 6 July—The World Health Organization is forming an emergency committee of international experts to prepare for a possible worsening of the Middle East coronavirus (MERS), which has killed 40 people, WHO flu expert Keiji Fukuda said on Friday. Fukuda said there was currently no emergency or pandemic but the experts would advise on how

to tackle the disease if the number of cases suddenly grows. Most of the cases of MERS so far have been in Saudi Arabia, which hosts millions of Muslim visitors every year for the annual haj pilgrimage. "We want to make sure we can move as quickly as possible if we need to," Fukuda told a news conference.

"If in the future we do see some kind of explosion

or if there is some big outbreak or we think the situation has really changed, we will already have a group of emergency committee experts who are already up to speed so we don't have to go through a steep learning curve."

The emergency committee is the second to be set up under WHO rules that came into force in 2007, years after the 2002 SARS outbreak. The previous emergency committee was set up to respond to the 2009 H1N1 pandemic.

Fukuda said MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) remained a patchwork of infections that had not yet swept through countries or communities as influenza can. The committee was partly being formed to consider big gaps in knowledge about the disease, he added.—Reuters

Minorities, poor receive fewer strong painkillers

NEW YORK, 6 July—People who are poor, African American or both are less likely to be prescribed opioids for pain than well-off white patients, according to a new study. The powerful painkillers, which include codeine and oxycodone, have been in the spotlight recently as deaths from overdoses rise and more drugs end up in the hands of people taking them for non-medical purposes. Past studies have found that blacks in pain don't receive opioids as often as whites, but the new study suggests economic differences matter in addition to racial ones. The disparities are concerning and definitely warrant further investigation," said Dr. Michael Joynt, who led the study at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in New York.

However, he added, there's probably not "any one single factor" that explains those disparities. The researcher not involved in

the study said cultural differences between doctors and patients and a lack of time to closely evaluate each person in the emergency room may encourage unconscious stereotypes that affect doctors' treatment decisions. Lack of standardized guidelines on how to treat pain may also be a factor, Joynt told Reuters Health. He and his colleagues analyzed data from about 1,400 hospital ERs between 2006 and 2009. During that span, the ERs prescribed opioids to just over 50,000 people reporting moderate or severe pain.

Both race and income were linked to a patient's chance of being prescribed an opioid. For example, 46 percent of white patients with moderate or severe pain were given opioids, compared to 39 percent of black patients. And 45 percent of non-Hispanic people received the drugs, versus 40 percent of Hispanics.

Reuters

WHO calls for action against obesity, excess weight



VIENNA, 6 July—The World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday urged member states to take stronger action against obesity and excess weight to lessen obesity-related diseases.

Representatives from 48 states at the European ministerial conference on nutrition and noncommunicable diseases signed the Viennese Declaration at the two-day meeting. "We reaffirm our commitment in the

context of European and global initiatives to combat the major risk factors for non-communicable diseases, especially an unhealthy diet and physical inactivity," the declaration said.

Measures recommended include less fat, sugar, and salt consumption in diets along with an increase in physical activity, through which it is hoped to bring about a 25 percent reduction in premature mortality from

related noncommunicable diseases by 2025.

Austrian Health Minister Alois Stoger said he was happy with the conference, APA reported. "The WHO has come up with a common nutrition strategy in the European region for the first time and that it was now up to individual countries to implement them, something Austria has already achieved," he said.

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WORLD

Murdoch belittled British police in secret recording by staff

LONDON, 6 July—Rupert Murdoch belittled a British police inquiry into bribes allegedly paid by his journalists in a secret recording made by his staff, in sharp contrast to the profuse public apologies he made to defuse anger at news gathering practices.

Murdoch told staff at his *Sun* tabloid in a private meeting in March that he had been wrong to help the police investigation into tactics he said reporters had used for decades, and promised unspecified support to reporters snared by the inquiry.

A News Corp spokeswoman defended Murdoch and the firm but did not question the accuracy of the recording, which was made by a member of staff at the meeting in London and obtained by the Exaro investigation website.

Murdoch, the head of News Corp and 21st Century Fox, had described himself as humbled and appalled by the revelations of illegality and phone hacking that forced the closure of his prized *News of the World* tabloid two years ago. But in the private meeting with staff the media mogul railed



Chairman and CEO of News Corporation Rupert Murdoch arrives at the 85th Academy Awards in Hollywood, California on 24 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

against police and said he had cooperated too closely with them when an internal committee he set up supplied thousands of internal emails at the height of the scandal.

"I will do everything in my power to give you total

support, even if you're convicted and get six months or whatever," he told a room full of *Sun* journalists, including some of the 23 who have been arrested for making payments to public officials.—Reuters

Cameron wins symbolic vote on EU referendum

LONDON, 6 July—Prime Minister David Cameron won a parliamentary vote on Friday on making a referendum on Britain's European Union membership legally binding, but his victory is largely symbolic as it will not tie the hands of a future government.

Trailing in the polls before a 2015 election, Cameron hopes his support for the bill will end his Conservative Party's feuds over Europe, win back voters lost to anti-EU rivals and expose the opposition Labour Party's refusal to back a referendum.

MPs backed the bill, which legislates for an EU referendum by the end of 2017, by 304 votes to zero, in an exercise seen as a way to convince eurosceptic Britons that Cameron is serious about giving them an "in/out" EU vote.

Cameron's pro-EU coalition partner, the Lib

Dems, and most opposition Labour MPs abstained after dismissing the vote as a parliamentary "stunt" that wasted lawmakers' time.

Unable to put forward a referendum bill as a government due to Liberal Democrat opposition, Cameron threw his support behind the bill proposed by his party's youngest lawmaker, 29-year-old James Wharton. "It is about time we gave those millions of British people who want a say the chance to do so," Wharton told a charged session of the Commons.

Cameron, who wants Britain to stay inside a reformed EU, says upheaval in the EU since the euro zone crisis makes it the right time to give voters their first say on Europe since they opted to stay in the bloc in a 1975 referendum.

The bill could still be defeated as it passes through parliament. Even

if it becomes law a future government could repeal it.

The Lib Dems pointed out that Britain already has a law guaranteeing a referendum if the 28-nation bloc seeks treaty changes that would transfer more powers to Brussels.

Labour leader Ed Miliband refuses to back an EU vote, though media reports suggest the party might soon change tack, perhaps even seeking an early referendum.—Reuters

Pakistan approves two nuclear power plants

ISLAMABAD, 6 July — Pakistan's Cabinet Executive Committee approved on Thursday setting up two 1,100 megawatt nuclear power plants at the Karachi coast, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said. He told a Press conference the two power plants would be set up by Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, which is already operating a 137 megawatt nuclear power plant at Karachi known as K-1.

Budget documents had revealed the setting up of only one 1,100 megawatt coastal power plant at Karachi, with Chinese assistance.—Kyodo News

Top Chinese universities to enroll student pilots

BEIJING, 6 July — A total of 87 student pilots from military colleges will be able to study in public universities in China, the first of its kind in the country.

According to an official military news website, chinamil.com.cn, the new practice, which starts from 2013, will enable Peking University, Tsinghua University and The Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics to enroll 25, 32, and 30 student pilots respectively this year.

The website says Peking and Tsinghua Univer-

sities, the two most prestigious ones in China, will lower entry requirements for the young pilots.

Under the joint education program, the public universities will be responsible for the student pilots' cultural and rudimentary courses while the military colleges for professional training and flight-related practice.

The student pilots will get diplomas from the two partner institutions upon their graduation after 4-year study.

Xinhua

South American leftist leaders rally to Bolivia's side in Snowden saga



Bolivian riot policemen stand guard at the entrance of the French Embassy in La Paz, during a protest against the French government's ban of Bolivian President Evo Morales' plane in its airspace.—REUTERS

COCHABAMBA, (Bolivia), 6 July—South America's most outspoken leftist leaders gathered on Thursday to rally behind Bolivian President Evo Morales, whose plane was diverted in Europe this week on suspicions that fugitive US spy agency contractor Edward Snowden was aboard.

The summit in Cochabamba, Bolivia—where Morales began his political career as a leader of coca leaf farmers—is aimed at expressing outrage over his "virtual kidnapping" and the US pressure they believe spurred it.

"Europe broke all the rules of the game," Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro said shortly after arriving at the Cochabamba Airport. "We're here to tell President Evo Morales that he can count on us. Whoever picks a fight with

Bolivia, picks a fight with Venezuela."

Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa said earlier that if any country had denied airspace to a US or European president, it "probably would've been grounds for war." Despite the rhetoric, no Latin American country has offered asylum yet to Snowden, who is wanted by Washington for disclosure of intelligence secrets. Two radical leftist governments—Venezuela and Cuba—are in a cautious rapprochement with the United States that would be jeopardized if they gave him sanctuary. Russia is growing impatient over Snowden's stay in a Moscow airport and officials have urged him to leave.

Bolivia said Morales was returning from Moscow on Tuesday when France and Portugal abruptly banned his plane from entering their

airspace, and it was forced to land in Vienna. Austrian officials said they inspected his plane there, but Bolivia's defence minister denied this.

US State Department spokesman Jen Psaki, said: "We've broadly asked for Mr Snowden to be returned from any country where he may be, where he may land, where he may transit."

To allay the anger of allies over reported US spying that came to light in the Snowden scandal, US President Barack Obama has agreed to talks with the European Union, and also agreed to bilateral talks with Germany after speaking on Wednesday night with Chancellor Angela Merkel. "I made clear spying on institutions within the European Union is not how we would expect those we consider friends to treat us," Merkel said.—Reuters



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron departs Westminster Abbey after celebrating the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's coronation in London on 4 June 2013.—REUTERS

LOCAL NEWS

MIGRANT WORKERS

159 Myanmar migrant workers return from Malaysia

YANGON, 6 July—Sitagu Support Group established by the Sitagu Sayadaw, Myanmar Airways International and Kanbawza Bank Ltd provided free fare to 159 Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia with the Kuala Lumpur-Yangon charter flight for the second time yesterday.

A total of 7827 Myanmar migrant workers have returned to Myanmar from Malaysia so far.

U Han, secretary of Sitagu International Buddhist Academy, said, "Those who have returned today are from Myingyan, Monywa, Magway, Rakhine State, Ponnagyun, Seikkyi-Khanaungto, Sittway and anywhere else. Another 3500 Myanmar migrant workers have contacted us to take next flights. Sitagu group, Kanbawza and MAI have joined hands to enable their return."

A total of 175 Myanmar workers took the first free-

of-charge charter flight jointly offered by MAI and Air Kanbawza on 29 June.

MAI would continue to offer free charter flights to the Myanmar migrant workers in trouble, Marketing and Public Relations Manager of MAI Daw Aye Mra Tha.

Head of the Region Labour Department under the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security said, "We organize a face-to-face meeting between the workers returning from Malaysia and willing to explore employment here and employers at proficiency training school in Myananda street in Yankin Township."

Employers offer jobs for garment factories, restaurants, electronics and related fields, construction sites, automobile assembling, hotels and driving.

MMAL-Nanda Win (MNA)



ASEAN dialogue on 12-13 July

YANGON, 6 July—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Hanns Siedel Foundation will jointly organize a dialogue on ASEAN on 12-13 July.

Challenges in assuming ASEAN chairmanship in 2014 and impacts of Myanmar's reforms on regional and global affairs will be on the agenda.

Experts from relevant

fields will give lectures at the dialogue.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will host the event.

Those interested are to contact the foundation at myanmar@hss.de and 01-667225.

MMAL-Myat Sandi Thin Zaw



Exercise books with cover of traffic rules are being distributed to schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Sesame farmers "unpleasant" due to lack of rainfall



LANGHKIO, 6 July—Despite hopeful showers in early June, lack of rainfall since 6 June has given sesame farmers in Langhkio a splitting headache.

Under intense heat on

these days, the sesame plants are being withered, leading to the depression of the farmers. They said it is unpleasant to see plants withering in their farms.

"We are concerned

about potential high price of sesame oil as it does not rain in sesame harvest. Lack of rainfall in monsoon sesame season causes loss of labour of sesame farmers and reduces incomes of the farmers," a farmer said.

MMAL-Sai Zaw Latt (Langhkio)

Food supply in Kyaukkyi Tsp inspected

KYAUKKYI, 6 JULY—Authorities in Kyaukkyi Township in Toungoo District in Bago Region inspected meat in the market to ensure healthy supply of food on 3 July.

The group formed with executive officers of Township Development Affairs Committee and party,

Dr Naw Ba So Wah of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, ward administrator and town selders inspected pork, meat, chicken and other food in the Nat Than Kwin market.

The effort is aimed at ensuring safety of food in the area.

MMAL-Naw Law Mu



according to an official of Township General Administration Department.

Due to violence broke out on 20 May, Islam families were allocated at relief camps in Sulegon ward

in Kyaukse and Yindaw ward in Pyawbwe.

A total of five relief camps now hold only 800 victims.

MMAL-Pyo Maung Maung

Traffic Police Corps donate exercise books

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Myanmar Traffic Police Corps donated 300 dozens of exercises with the cover of traffic rules at Basic Education High School-3 (Branch) in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Commander of the Traffic Police Corps Police Col Kyaw Htway and gave educative talks on traffic rules. The exercise books are donated to BEHSs and middle schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

MMAL-145



Tatkon Myoma Market Cooperative Society Ltd held annual general meeting and prize presentation ceremony to outstanding students at the market in Tatkon in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 5 July. Loans were disbursed to members at the ceremony.

MMAL-021

Anti-DHF measures carried out in Monywa

MONYWA, 6 July—Anti-Dengue Fever measures were carried out in Thalla youth philanthropic school in Monywa of Sagaing Region on 1 July morning.

Head of Township Regional Health Department and staff participated in the efforts.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Nyunt Sein, his assistant Dr Myint Myint Aye, Township Health in-charge U Myint Swe, health staff gave talks on DHF.

The water sources in the school yard were sterilized.

MMAL-District IPRD

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Meiktila victims return home from Pyawbwe relief camps

MEIKTILA, 6 July—Victims of recent conflicts in Meiktila who had taken refuge in Pyawbwe Payintaw temporary relief camp returned to their native town Meiktila of Mandalay Region on 4 July.

A total of 135 residents of Aung Zeya ward were allowed to return home.

They are expected to be followed by victims in Sulegon relief camps in

Kyaukse.

Despite extension of two months of state of emergency, the area has returned to normalcy.

Families from Aung Zeya, Yan Myo Aung, Myoma, Nandawgon, Aung Hsan, Wunzin, Thiri Mingala, Pyithaya (South), Pyithaya (North) and Yadana Mahn Aung wards where homes were not damaged are being allowed to return home,

PERSPECTIVES

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Zero-tolerance to corruption

Corruption is an enormous obstacle to a nation's realization of politically, economically and administratively sweeping reforms to build a clean government in good governance. No matter what it comes in various forms, corruption is a breach of the Rule of Law. Any countries with young democracy and poorly-corrupted administrative mechanism have to face its crippling blows of a similar magnitude to genuine democracy and sustainable development.

Corruption and poverty can create a vicious circle. Developing countries with illicit financial flows, prolonged armed conflicts or fears of natural disasters are afflicted with the cancer of corruption. Stealing public money for private gain and siphoning foreign aid into private bank accounts have been called modern-day corruption.

When corruption takes root in the countries, only marginalized people suffer first and worst. Then infrastructure projects and financial resources needed to bolster economic growth and address social needs are paralyzed. Moreover, corruption can ruin reputation of a certain country, a race and a person, hamper foreign investment and international recognition of being a democracy and create public dissatisfaction with the incumbent government.

It is an excerpt from a speech by former Indian President Abdul Kalam that "if a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three keys societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and teachers". So, schools and homes are to serve as a good basis for good governance. A great responsibility rests with parents and teachers to instill good morals into their children to be deeply ashamed of committing corruption and firmly equipped with a culture that values ethical behaviors.

Being a global concern, cooperation with not international community but civil societies and media forces at home is needed in a fight against corruption. Officials with great determination to go after the big fish, prosecutors who embrace justice to expose frauds, whistleblowers who dare to speak out about embezzlements and the media with high credibility to probe into bribery and corruption are necessary as a drive to build a least corrupt country, showing a zero-tolerance to corruption. The most important force is public strength. Only with participation of all, will a certain nation with young democracy be built as a corruption-free country.

The sacred Museum of the Sixth Great Buddhist Council

With a view to perpetuating and propagating the Theravada Buddhism, a Sacred Museum commemorating the Sixth Great Buddhist Council of 1954 has been already built with support of multifarious Buddhist people and the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar in the year 2000. The Sacred Museum is grandly situated on Sirimangala Kaba Aye Hillock close to the east of the Mahapasana Cave (Great Cave) in which the Sixth Great Buddhist Council was successfully held in the year 2498 of the Buddhist Era, 1954 AD. The Sixth Great Buddhist Council was attended by an assembly of (2500) venerable elders (Bhikkhus) and heads of states from five Theravada Buddhist nations, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. At the Sixth Great Buddhist Council, an assembly of (2500) venerable elders (Bhikkhus) led by the most Venerable Revata recited and verified the scriptures which were later put into print.

We all Buddhists throughout the world know that altogether Six Great Buddhist Councils were held in order to recite and give authenticity of the whole body of the teachings of the Buddha and to preserve and propagate those sacred teachings after the noble demise of the Buddha in 544 BC.

Just three months and four days (in 544 BC) after the noble demise of the Buddha, the First Great Buddhist Council were held in the city of Rajagaha (India). The whole body of the teachings of the Buddha was recited and given authenticity by an assembly of five hundred Arahats presided over by the Venerable Mahakassapa at the First Great Buddhist

Council which was held with the support of King Ajatasattu.

In the year (100) of the Buddhist Era, 443 BC, the second Great Buddhist Council was held in the city of Vesali (India). The ten indulgences that a sect of heretical monks were trying to add to the original teachings of the Buddha were dismissed by an assembly of seven hundreds Arahats led by the Venerable Yasa at the Second Great Buddhist Council which held with support of King Kalasoka.

In the year (235) of the Buddhist Era, 308 BC, the Third Great Buddhist Council was held in the city of Pataliputta (India). The doctrines of unlawful extraneous elements that some had tried to insinuate into it were cleared by an assembly of one thousand Arahats needed by the Venerable Mahamoggallaputtatissa at the Third Great Buddhist Council which was held with the support of Emperor Asoka.

In the year (450) of the Buddhist Era, the Fourth Great Buddhist Council was held in Ma-la-ya, Sri Lanka (Ceylon). An assembly of five hundred venerable elders (Bhikkhus) led by the Venerable Mahadhammarakkhita wrote the entire words of the Buddha's teachings on palm leaves at the Fourth Great Buddhist Council. The Fourth Great Buddhist Council was held with the support of King Vattagamini of Ceylon.

In the year (2415) of the Buddhist Era, 1871 AD, the Fifth Great Buddhist Council was held in Mandalay, Myanmar. An assembly of two thousand and four hundred venerable elders (Bhikkhus) led the Venerable Jagarabhivamsa recited and approved the scriptures at the Fifth Great

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

Buddhist Council, and then the scriptures were inscribed on 729 stone slabs. The Fifth Great Buddhist Council was held with the support of His Majesty, King Mindon of Myanmar.

The Sixth Great Buddhist Council

In the year (2498) of the Buddhist Era, 1954 AD, the Sixth Great Buddhist Council was held in the Mahapasana Cave (Great Cave) on the Sirimangala Kaba Aye Hillock, Yangon, Myanmar. The Sixth Great Buddhist Council had the collaboration and participation of the learned monks (Mathatheras) from Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal, India and Pakistan. Five hundred Buddhist monks in Myanmar who were well-versed in the study and practice of the teachings of the Buddha took the responsibility of re-examining the Texts. The Sixth Great Buddhist Council was held by an assembly of twenty-five thousand venerable elders from five Theravada Buddhist nations (Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Sri Lanka and Myanmar) led by Adhidhammaratthaguru, Nyaungyan Sayadaw, the Most Venerable Buaddanta Revata to recite and verify the scriptures (Pali texts, Athakatha and Tika) which were later put into print.

Aggamahapandita Mahasi Sayadaw, the Most Venerable Buddhanta Sobhana acted as a questioner and Tipitakadharadhamma-bhandagarika, Mingun Sayadaw, the Most Venerable Buddanta Viccitasarabhivamsa as an examiner on recitation and verification of the scriptures at the Sixth Great Buddhist Council from the

very beginning to the end. The Sixth Great Buddhist Council lasted two years from 2498 to 2500 Buddhist Era, (1954 to 1956 AD).

The Sixth Great Buddhist Council was held with the support of generous Buddhist peoples and the Five Theravada Buddhist nations, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos and other 25 nations.

The Theravada Buddhism consists of Tri-pitaka canons and five Nikaya treatises which have been verified and approved by the Six Great Buddhist Councils which were successfully held by the successive Mahatheras after the noble demise of the Buddha over 2557 years ago.

The Sacred Museum of the Sixth Great Buddhist Council

Members of Sangha, Buddhist people and successive Governments of the Union of Myanmar realized that a Sacred Museum commemorating the Sixth Great Buddhist Council should be established in which the significant and remarkable records, artifacts, religious objects, photographs, pictures and others related to the Sixth Great Buddhist Council are to be preserved and displayed at this Sacred Museum. According to the strong wish of members of Sangha, Buddhist people and successive Governments of the Union of Myanmar, the Sacred Museum commemorating the Sixth Great Buddhist Council of 1954, has been successfully already built. This Sacred Museum will stand forever as a significant and sacred symbol of Theravada Buddhism in the world so long as the Buddha Sasana exists.

YCDC plants saplings in Hlawga watershed area

YANGON, 6 July—Yangon City Development Committee held the tree growing ceremony at teak plantation near Hlawga watershed area of Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region this morning.

Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Mayor U Hla Myint, region ministers and YCDC members planted star-flower plants and viewed growing of saplings by staff. They grew 4480 saplings. This rainy season,

a plan is underway to cultivate 158,851 saplings on 200 acres of teak plantation in Hlawga Watershed Area. So far, the committee has grown 62566 saplings on 147 acres of land.

MNA

New gas deposit discovered at Mottama M-3 offshore block

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe inspected PTTEPI Co's test drilling of oil and gas well at M-3 offshore block this morning.

PTTEPI Co which is making joint venture with

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) started test drilling at 26-3-2011 and drilled test oil and gas well for three times.

Since 1983, MOGE had drilled four wells at Mottama M-3 offshore block. PTTEPI Co found

a new gas deposit there. The Ministry of Energy is carrying out oil and gas explorations with local and foreign companies. The ministry has set policy to use these oil and gas so as to satisfy local power demand.

MNA

LOCAL NEWS

RULE OF LAW

Four-District Police Forces meeting held in Bago



BAGO, 6 July—A meeting of Four-District Police Forces in Bago Region organized by the Bago Region Police Force Commander was held at the police Yeiktha of Bago Region Police Force on 4 July morning. At the meeting, Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Thet Tun provided 250 dozens of exercise book to the children of police families and presented cash awards to police members for their excellent performance in June through Region Police Commander Police Col Mya Win.—*Kyemon-San Wai (Hanthamyay)*

WFP, Save The Children carry out survey in Kanma

KANMA, 6 July—WFP and Save The Children led by Mrs Victoria Lousie Sibson and U Thein Tun Naing in cooperation with Department of Rural Region

Development under the Ministry of Border Affairs conducted a survey of tropical area's foodstuff and nutritious sufficiency on 3 July.

They chose 12 households in Htangauk Village where they carried out survey on health, body weight, height and daily consumption of food nourishment of 12 children under five and an acre per yield of crops.

They also carried out survey in Pyaung Village on 4 July.

Both Htangauk and Pyaung Villages are located in Kanma Township.

Kyemon Kyaw Kyaw (IPRD)

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

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

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

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

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

Chin State eyes on regional development

REZWA, 6 July—Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai together with officials of the state government gave instructions to departmental officials and local people on regional development at the meeting hall of Rezwa Sub-Township General Administration Department

on 3 June morning with the aim of fulfilling the requirements of social, health, education and economic sectors of the local people.

Deputy Speaker of the State Hluttaw U Ohn Lwin reported on Hluttaw affairs, State Minister for Transport U Ngun Hsan Aung on road

and bridge matters and State Minister for Development Affairs U Nein Naine on development tasks.

Townseller U Thong Ling presented a report on requirements of the state.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks.

Kyemon-Hla Thurein (West Yoma)

Monsoon Palethwe hybrid paddy strains under cultivation in Mawlu Area

MAWLU, 6 July—With the aim of enhancing socioeconomic status and doubling income of farmers, high-yield Palethwe hybrid paddy strains have been cultivated across the nation.

Palethwe hybrid paddy strains were cultivated at Field No 535 of 10-acre farmland owned by Village Administrator U Ohn Kyaw in Phaungton Village in Mawlu Area of Indaw Township, Sagaing Region on 2 July.

"Indaw Township Agriculture Department distributes high-yield Palethwe hybrid paddy



strains to the farmers at a reasonable price. It can yield 100-200 baskets per acre. We cultivated Chin-3 paddy strain and it produced from 70 to 95 baskets per acre. This year,

we expect to produce from 100 to 150 baskets per acre due to high-yield Palethwe hybrid paddy strains," said Village Administrator U Ohn Kyaw.

Kyemon-Ni Toe

IPRD

People get easy access to Internet through district public library

SAGAING, 6 July—Sagaing District Information and Public Relations Department of Sagaing Region has made arrangements for enabling the people to have easy access to Internet through WiFi facility at its office.

Therefore, the number of Internet users is growing day by day.

"We are convenient in applying Internet at the

district Information and Public Relations Department. The library is quiet. We can enjoy Internet at the tea shops but these venues are noisy. I do not intend to put blame on others. In fact, any Internet users prefer to enjoy the websites quiet. The staff of the department switch on fans and lightings as giving services to the users," said U Thant Zin Kyaw who is applying WiFi daily.

Ma Zin Zin Win of the urban ward explained, "I am convenient in applying Internet. At first, I did not catch such information. After browsing up-date information daily through Internet at the library of the IPRD, I pass the information to my friends and local people."

Kyemon-Zaw Myint Naing (Sagaing District IPRD)

Pedigree species of pig distributed in Mohnyin Tsp

MOHNYIN, 6 July—Mohnyin District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in cooperation with Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise distributed DYL pig species and feedstuffs from 17 to 20 June, with the aim of increasing numbers of pedigree pigs in local area, developing meat production and enabling the local people to earn increased income.

A total of 286 species

of pig and 7279 viss of feedstuffs were distributed to 76 livestock breeding entrepreneurs from Mohnyin and Mogaung townships and Hopin sub-township.

The DYL pig species got from pig breeding farms of Htonbo of Mandalay Region and Daik U of Bago Region. Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the entrepreneurs can buy pigs through six-month loan system.—*NLM-001*

LIVESTOCK BREEDING



Portugal PM says found formula for government stability

LISBON, 6 July—Portugal's Prime Minister has found a way to maintain government stability with the junior partner in the ruling coalition, but the full details still need to be agreed to end a political crisis that has threatened Lisbon's adjustment under a bailout.

Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho said a formula had been found after meeting with the leader of the rightist CDS-PP party three times in the past 24 hours to heal the most damaging political rift since the country received a bailout in 2011. "A formula was found to maintain govern-

ment stability," Passos Coelho told journalists after a crisis meeting with the president to discuss the political situation.

The resignations this week of Finance Minister Vitor Gaspar and Foreign Minister Paulo Portas, who also heads the CDS-PP, have threatened to deprive the government of a majority in parliament as the country goes through its deepest slump since the 1970s.

Passos Coelho said the solution would involve a "way to guarantee the political support of the CDS-PP of the government," adding that the resignation of



Portugal's Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho arrives for a news conference in Berlin on 3 July, 2013.

REUTERS

Portas had been a personal decision. Still, the prime minister gave no details of the agreement and the final outcome still depends on further negotiations with Portas in coming days. It is likely to include more ministerial positions for the CDS-PP, analysts said.

Any final agreement will also have to be ap-

proved by President Anibal Cavaco Silva, who will meet with all political parties starting on Monday.

Portuguese assets were highly volatile on the day but by the afternoon bond yields fell and stocks recovered most of their sharp losses from a day earlier as agreement appeared closer.

Reuters

Mexican generals accused of ties with drug cartel set free

MEXICO CITY, 6 July A Mexican federal judge on Thursday ordered the release of three generals and two other officers accused of collaborating with a drug cartel after investigators determined there was insufficient evidence against them. The generals, Roberto Dawe, Ricardo Escorcia and Ruben Perez, were accused of working with the Beltran Leyva cartel, a violent gang that has smuggled tons of cocaine, heroine, crystal meth and marijuana across the US border.

The three had been senior figures in former President Felipe Calderon's crackdown on organized crime, which pitted the Mexican armed forces against powerful cartels.—Reuters

Syria's Assad says only foreign invasion can threaten him

BEIRUT, 6 July—Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said he and his government would survive the civil war having endured everything his opponents could do to topple him and only the distant prospect of direct foreign military intervention could change that.

After steady rebel gains in the first two years of civil war, Syria became stuck in a bloody stalemate lasting months until a June government offensive that led to the capture of a strategic border town. Momentum now looks to be behind Assad.

"This was their goal in hitting our infrastructure, hitting our economy, and creating complete chaos in society so that we would become a failed state," Assad said in an interview with Syria's official *Thawra* newspaper published on Thursday. "So far we have not reached that stage."

The only factor that could undermine the resilience of the government, he said, was direct foreign intervention. But he said that was a unlikely due to foreign powers' conflict—ing views of an opposition

movement increasingly overtaken by radical Islamist militants.

"They have used every material, emotional and psychological means available to them. The only option they have is direct foreign intervention," he said.

"But there is hesitation and rejection (of intervention) from most countries so if we can overcome this stage with resoluteness and awareness, we have nothing more to fear."

Syria's two-year uprising against Assad, whose family has ruled Syria for more than four decades, began as peaceful protests but became militarised after an army crackdown.

The rebels remain strong in the north of Syria, but Assad has been slowly reinforcing his forces there in the hope of retaking territory. Fierce fighting is raging around several cities in central Syria and near the capital. Assad's counter-offensive led the United States to announce last month military support for the opposition, a move it said would restore the balance of power ahead of any peace talks.—Reuters



Syria's President Bashar al-Assad (C) is seen during an interview with the al-Thawra newspaper in Damascus in this handout photograph distributed by Syria's national news agency SANA, on 3 July, 2013.

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Cuba to launch 8th national audit in anti-corruption efforts

HAVANA, 6 July—Cuba will launch its Eighth Internal Control National Audit on 21 October as part of the government's fight against corruption, a senior official of the Comptroller General Office announced on Thursday.

The one-month audit campaign will look into programs including building materials sales in the

provinces of Santiago de Cuba and Guantanamo, which were hit hard by Hurricane Sandy last October.

Other programmes to be audited involve export subsidies, the granting of land use permits, direct trade between farmers and tourism entities, the implementation of the 17 recently-adopted measures on agricultural coopera-

tives and state payments to private entities. The Comptroller General Office was created by the government of Cuban leader Raul Castro in 2009 to fight corruption and strengthen law enforcement in the country. The last general audit was held six months ago, when 34 percent of the surveyed state-run entities showed deficiencies.—Xinhua

Qinghai-Tibet Railway expands its reach

XINING, 6 July —Seven years after the Qinghai-Tibet Railway went into operation, the "roof of the world" is about to see more railways connecting it to other parts of China.

Several new railway lines are either under construction or being planned to form a rail network in the sparsely populated Qinghai-Tibet Plateau in western China, according to the Qinghai-Tibet Railway Company, the operator of the world's highest railway.

During China's 12th Five Year Plan (2011-2015) period, the Qinghai-Tibet Railway will branch out in all directions, ending the history of no railways in the southern part of Tibet Autonomous Region and strengthening its ties with neighbouring provinces.

The Qinghai-Tibet Railway, which spans 1,956 km from Xining, Qinghai Province, to Lhasa, regional capital of Tibet, carried

10.76 million people and 56.06 million tonnes of cargo in 2012. With these new extension lines in place, the company estimates that its passenger and cargo loads will increase to 14 million and 90 tonnes, respectively, in 2015.

The railway has led to a boom in tourism in Tibet. In 2012, more than 10 million tourists visited the autonomous region, up 21.7 percent year on year, and tourism revenue surged 30.3 percent to 12.64 billion yuan (2.06 billion U.S. dollars).

According to Zhu Jianping, the company's vice general manager, the railway network will bring major cities in western China closer.

One of the first extensions to be completed will be a 253-km line linking Lhasa to Xigaze, a historical city in southwestern Tibet. Construction of the line began in September 2010,

and is expected to finish at the end of this year, Losang Jamcan, chairman of the Tibet regional government, said during China's annual parliamentary session in March. The company is also considering a line between Lhasa to Nyingchi, a prefecture in the southeastern part of the autonomous region famous for its virgin forests.

Meanwhile, two new lines will extend from Golmud, a city in Qinghai that serves as an important junction on the Qinghai-Tibet Railway. One will run toward Dunhuang in northwest China's Gansu Province and the other to Korla, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. With 12.9 billion yuan in investment, construction on the Golmud-Dunhuang line was kicked off last October and is expected to be completed in five years, company spokesperson Wang Tao told *Xinhua*.—Xinhua

Bolivian President Evo Morales (C) takes part in the ceremony to celebrate the 4th anniversary of Shinahota Township, Cochabamba, Bolivia, on 4 July, 2013. XINHUA



REGIONAL

Indonesian president meets with Australian PM



Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd (L front) walks with Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (R front) after a press conference at the Presidential Palace in Bogor, Indonesia, on 5 July, 2013. —XINHUA

JAKARTA, 6 July—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd met in Bogor town on Friday, discussing asylum seeker, trade issues and regional issues.

President Yudhoyono said that Indonesia and Australia in the near future would discuss the boat people issue involving all the countries where the people come from and the countries where the asylum seekers transit.

"We agreed that all parties have responsibility on the boat people, it is not only the responsibility of Indonesia or Australia, but also the other countries such as the origin countries," Yudhoyono said after meeting the Australian Prime Minister at the Bogor Presidential Palace in West Java Province.

In recent years, asylum seekers from Afghanistan, Iran, Myanmar and other Middle East countries have transited to Indonesia,

Malaysia and Thailand to continue to a long sea journey to Christmas island of Australia.

Indonesia and Australia have cooperated in handling the asylum seekers and have set up a deal so called "the Lombok Treaty." On trade, President Yudhoyono said both leaders agreed to boost cattle trade.

Indonesia is Australia major cattle export destination. Indonesia's suspension of cattle import from Australia in recent years has aroused complaints from cattle racers in Australia. Both leaders also discussed the latest developments in the region and the world as a whole, said Yudhoyono.

"Prime Minister Rudd and I have a commitment to look for new opportunities to step up this cooperation," he said, quoted by Kontan online.

President Yudhoyono expressed congratulations to Rudd for his reelection days ago.

Xinhua

Abe still facing challenges regardless of election outcome

TOKYO, 6 July—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is likely to face challenges in pushing ahead with his economic policies dubbed "Abenomics," even if his ruling Liberal Democratic Party wins control of the House of Councillors in the 21 July election.

Abe has been promoting his "three arrows" of drastic monetary easing, massive fiscal spending and a growth strategy to tackle Japan's

prolonged deflation, but a final decision on whether to implement a sales tax hike as well as a possible spike in long-term interest rates could prove to be significant obstacles, some analysts said.

As public support for Abe's Cabinet has been relatively high since it was formed on 26 December, the election "is highly likely to put an end to the divided Diet," where opposition parties control the upper chamber, said Tatsuhiko

Yoshizaki, executive vice president of the Sojitz Research Institute.

"No national election will be held for the next three years," he said, "so unless there is a very big political blunder, Mr. Abe can stay in office" throughout that period.

Yoshizaki said that even though Abe's growth strategy has caused disappointment due to its lack of detail on structural reform and deregulation, keys to boosting private-

sector investment, his government "can accelerate economic reforms over the next three years."

Abe's administration has promised to draw up a medium-term fiscal reform plan in August, aiming to achieve its international pledge to halve the ratio of the primary balance deficit to the country's gross domestic product by fiscal 2015 from the level in fiscal 2010 and turn the balance into a surplus by fiscal 2020.—Kyodo News

Japanese expats start voting in upper house election

NEW YORK, 6 July — Japanese expatriates on Friday began visiting embassies and consulates around the world to cast their ballots for the upcoming House of Councillors election set for 21 July in Japan.

Jun Makihara, 55, who cast his vote at the Consulate General in New York, said he supports Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and said, "If the Liberal Democratic Party scores a major victory and makes the Abe government a long-term administration, it will probably be a good thing." In London, a 35-year-old male company employee, who has lived in the British capital for two years, said at the Japanese Embassy that he is not yet sure how much the prime minister's economic policies, widely referred to as Abenomics, are having an impact.

At the Japanese Embassy in Seoul, a 33-year-old Japanese man who works for a South Korean company said, "I will feel relieved if Japan's relations with neighboring countries will normalize and stabilize through this election."

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 4 June, 2013 shows giant panda Rauhini (R) and her female cub, Yuhin, at the Adventure World park in Shirahama, Wakayama Prefecture. Rauhini gave birth to Yuhin last August at the park, which has celebrated the birth of panda cubs on eight occasions, resulting in 12 cubs, all of which have survived.—KYODO NEWS

Singapore must get politics right first to remain competitive

SINGAPORE, 6 July—It is important for Singapore to get the politics right in order to remain economically competitive, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on Friday.

"If the politics is wrong, you can't get the economics right," he said at a dialogue with bankers.

Singapore has been known for its achievements over the past decades to jump from being a third-world to a first-world economy and its rule of law, clean government and good environment. The government has given high salaries to attract talent to join politics to govern the

city state, and the country has opened its doors to qualified immigrants.

Lee said the right politics will allow the government to implement policies to share the wealth broadly, and continue to attract the talent to join politics.

Xinhua

Several shots fired in clash during Cambodia's election campaign

PHNOM PENH, 6 July — Several shots have been fired inside a luxury villa during an altercation between several hundred supporters of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) and residents in the villa, military police spokesman said on Saturday.

The dispute occurred at 8 pm on Friday when the CNRP election campaigners passed the villa and triggered verbal attacks and violent action on the residents having tendency to the ruling Cambodian People's Party.

"We have checked security cameras installed at the villa already and found that opposition supporters triggered the violence and people in the villa, who are military

police officer, fired into the air in order to defend themselves," spokesman for the National Military Police Kheng Tito told Xinhua.

There were no reports of injuries.

He said after the incident, four people in the villa, including two military police officers, were detained for enquiries about the fire. But they were released later on Friday night after the prosecutor at the Phnom Penh Municipal Court found them not guilty for the shooting. "One of the military officers holds the rank of colonel, so he has rights to use weapons and his shooting was to defend himself only when rivals besieged the villa," Kheng Tito said.

However, the CNRP

issued a statement on Saturday, claiming that the violence was triggered by people in the villa. "They threw stones at the CNRP election campaigners and fired between five and 10 shots," said the statement. "The CNRP condemned the violence on the party's peaceful election campaigning and appealed to the authority to investigate the case in order to arrest wrong-doers for legal punishment."

Cambodia set to hold a general election for the 123-seat parliament on July 28 with eight political parties joining the contest.

The month-long election campaign kicked off Thursday last week and will complete on 26 July.

Xinhua

The 2013 Beijing Summer Jewelry Show kicked off at the Beijing Exhibition Center in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 July, 2013. The five-day exhibition is attended by more than 200 jewelry suppliers from home and abroad. XINHUA





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Bomb targets police patrol in Yemen's capital, kills three

SANAA, 6 July — An explosive device planted in a police patrol car near the Yemeni interior ministry's headquarters on Saturday killed three soldiers, the country's defence ministry said.

The ministry said on its website that several others

were wounded as the police forces cordoned off the scene and began preliminary investigations into the attack.

Witnesses and residents told *Xinhua* that the blast was powerful.

Yemeni security services have repeatedly

blamed militants of the Yemen-based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula for a series of assassination attacks against security personnel across the country.

The government has been waging crackdown on the militants since 2011.

Xinhua

Portugal's coalition partners strike deal to heal rift

LISBON, 6 July — Portugal's Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho has reached a deal with his junior coalition partner, the CDS-PP party, to end a rift that had threatened the country's bailout programme, a government spokesman said on Friday. "The prime minister presented to President Anibal Cavaco Silva a political deal reached with the leader of CDS-PP," the spokesman said. Any deal will have to be approved by Cavaco Silva, who is due to meet political parties on Monday and Tuesday.

The spokesman did not provide details of the agreement but said the two parties would hold a meeting

on Saturday, to be followed by a statement.

The political crisis began this week after a resignation request by Foreign Minister Paulo Portas, who heads the rightist CDS-PP. The political uncertainty has threatened to upset progress on Lisbon's 78-billion-euro bailout programme.

Portas said he disagreed with the appointment of Maria Luis de Albuquerque as finance minister to succeed Vitor Gaspar, who resigned from his post on Tuesday. The CDS-PP leader said the new minister was too close to the policies of her predecessor which have led to Portugal's big-



Portugal's Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho arrives for a news conference in Berlin on 3 July, 2013.—REUTERS

gest economic slump since the 1970's.

Ratings agency Standard & Poor's revised down Lisbon's sovereign credit outlook on Friday, changing the outlook to negative from stable, citing the impact of political uncertainty. Its BB rating for Portugal is

Hollande pledges to rebuild Tunisian-French ties on "new bases"

TUNIS, 6 July — During an address delivered at the Tunisia's Constituent Assembly on Friday, French President Francois Hollande pledged to "rebuild Tunisian-French relations on new bases." France is ready to cooperate with all Tunisian parties, he said, adding that France "knows that Islam and democracy are compatible."

Hollande also announced that France would transform Tunisia's debt into development projects and urge French businessmen to further invest in the country.

The French head of State also paid tribute to the slain political opposition leader, Chokri Belaid, calling for the capture of his as-

sassins. He also apologized to the widow of Farhat Hached, a trade union leader allegedly killed by a French paramilitary group in 1952, adding that he will help uncover the truth behind the assassination, by promising to open up

French classified archives on the subject.

Hollande, who will wrap up his two-day visit to Tunisia later on Friday, met on Thursday with the country's president Moncef Marzouki and Prime Minister Ali Laarayedh.—*Xinhua*



Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif shakes hands with Xinhuanet CEO Tian Shubin in Beijing, July 5, 2013.

XINHUA

River polluted in S China

GUANGZHOU, 6 July — Government authorities of Fengkai County, south China's Guangdong Province, on Saturday warned that water in a section of the Hejiang River has been tainted by pollution upstream.

Around 6 am Saturday,

dead fish were found in a section of the river in Fengkai County after hazardous substances had been detected upstream in neighboring Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the county government said.

The county govern-

ment has warned the local tap water plant and residents against taking water or eating aquatic products from the Hejiang River.

Investigation is under way to determine the pollutants and their source.

Xinhua

14 militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 July — Fourteen Taliban militants have been killed in Afghanistan within the last 24 hours, said the country's Interior Ministry on Saturday morning. "Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) conducted a series of clean-up operations in Kunar, Baghlan, Faryab, Ghazni and Paktiya provinces. As a result, nine armed Taliban were killed, two wounded and six other armed Taliban were arrested by the ANSF over the last 24 hours," the ministry said in a statement.

In addition, two suicide attackers were shot dead by police in eastern Paktika province Friday, leading to one explosion. Two policemen were slightly wounded

in the blast, the statement added. Three other militants were killed when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) they were planting along a main road in eastern Nangarhar province went off prematurely Friday evening, it said.

The ANSF and the NATO-led coalition troops have intensified operations against Taleban and other militants recently. But the insurgent groups responded by bombings. On Friday, up to nine police cops and three civilians were killed and 17 others wounded in two separate suicide bombings in southern Kandahar and neighbouring Uruzgan province.

Xinhua

16 killed as train hits rickshaw in Pakistan's Punjab province

ISLAMABAD, 6 July — At least 16 people including women and children were killed Saturday afternoon when a train smashed a rickshaw in Pakistan's eastern Province of Punjab, local media reported.

According to reports, the incident took place when a train hit a rickshaw in Khanpur area of Sheikhpura District of Punjab Province that killed all the 16 passengers on-board.

Twelve out of total 16 persons, who were riding in the rickshaw, were killed on spot as the rickshaw was shattered into pieces after train hit while four of them sustained serious injuries. Rescue teams and local people rushed to the site and shifted the bodies and the injured to the hospital where all the injured also succumbed to their injuries during treatment with death toll rising to 16. District civil administration

said that the rickshaw was overloaded and its driver tried to cross the railways-crossing carelessly but the vehicle's engine was jammed in the middle of the track.

The fast train could not stop and rammed into the rickshaw and pushed it up to 1 kilometer distance. Parts of rickshaw and human limbs were scattered on both sides of the railway track.

Xinhua



A severe thunderstorm in large area of East China has disrupted all flights, leaving a lot of passengers stranded in the Shanghai Pudong International Airport and the Shanghai Hongqiao Airport on Friday evening. *XINHUA*

ENTERTAINMENT

Superman Henry Cavill dating Big Bang girl Kaley Cuoco?



Henry and Kaley have not made any official announcement about their relationship yet.

LONDON, 6 July—Man of Steel actor Henry Cavill is reportedly dating Big Bang Theory actress Kaley Cuoco.

“They were both single

and started dating recently,” people.com quoted a source as saying.

Though Cuoco, 27, and Cavill, 30, have not made any official announcements

yet, the couple is getting to know each other. “It’s just the beginning stages of a relationship and they’re having a great time,” the source said.—PTI

Rapper Wale knocks Kanye West from atop Billboard album chart

LOS ANGELES, 6 July—American rapper Wale grabbed the top spot on Wednesday on the US Billboard 200 album chart for the first time with his record “The Gifted,” while fellow rapper Kanye West’s “Yeezus,” last week’s No 1, fell to third place.

“The Gifted” sold 158,000 copies in its first week, according to figures compiled by Nielsen SoundScan.

Wale’s previous album, 2011’s “Ambition,” sold 164,000 copies in its first week but only reached No 2 on the weekly album chart.

West’s “Yeezus” fell to No 3 with 65,000 in sales during the week, an 80 percent decline from its debut total of 327,000 albums sold last week.

Rapper J Cole’s album “Born Sinner” was No 2 on the chart for the second consecutive week.



Rapper Wale attends the re-opening of 40/40 Club in New York on 18 Jan, 2012.

REUTERS

Christian rock band Skillet’s “Rise” placed fourth while French electronic duo Daft Punk’s “Random Access Memories” rose one spot to No 5.

Other top 10 new albums this week include US singer-songwriter India Arie’s “Songversation” at No 7 and metal group Au-

gust Burns Red’s “Rescue & Restore” at No 9.

Albums sales for the week totalled 5 million, a 13 percent decrease from the same period last year. Albums sales so far in 2013 have totalled 142 million, a 6 percent decline over the same time last year.

Reuters

‘Lone Ranger’ ambushed at box office, Disney may face loss



Cast member Johnny Depp poses at the world premiere of “The Lone Ranger” at Disney California Adventure Park in Anaheim, California on 22 June, 2013.

REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 6 July—“The Lone Ranger,” Walt Disney Co’s (DIS.N) big-budget western starring Johnny Depp, performed below expectations on Wednesday night, raising the possibility that the movie could saddle the media giant with a loss on the film.

The film, which cost an estimated \$225 million to produce, generated \$9.7 million during Wednesday showings, falling well behind “Despicable Me 2” from Comcast’s (CMCSA.O) Universal Pictures, which sold \$34.3 million at the domestic box office, according to studio estimates.

Both films opened

with limited showings on Tuesday. For the two-day period, “Despicable Me 2” generated \$39 million and “The Lone Ranger” saw \$11.7 million.

Disney estimates “The Lone Ranger” will sell \$45 million for the Wednesday through Sunday July Fourth holiday weekend, below industry experts’ initial forecasts of \$60 million to \$70 million over the five days.

“If it does end up grossing less than \$50 million over the five-day stretch, it will most certainly go down as a misfire,” said Jeff Bock, senior box office analyst for Exhibitor Relations, which tracks movie box office prospects.

The film’s poor opening is a black eye for producer Jerry Bruckheimer, director Gore Verbinski and star Depp, the trio behind Disney’s ultra-successful “Pirates of the Caribbean” series.

Disney made their prior success a key part of marketing the current film, and Depp’s international appeal still could help the film’s overseas box office.

“The Lone Ranger” is an action remake of a 1930s radio show and television series in the 1950s. Armie Hammer plays John Reid, the lawman who dons a mask to fight injustice in the Old West. This time, though, it is the Lone Ranger’s Native American sidekick Tonto, played by Depp, who takes center stage.

Critics have not embraced the movie. Among 110 reviews compiled on the Rotten Tomatoes website on Wednesday, just 25 percent recommended the film.

Gitesh Pandya, editor of the website Box Office Guru, estimates the film will generate \$100 million in domestic ticket sales.

A \$60 million opening over its first days would have generated a modest profit, according to Tony Wible, a managing director of Janney Montgomery Scott who follows Disney.

With that opening, he estimated the film would generate \$180 million in domestic ticket sales and give Disney total revenues of \$370 million from foreign, video and other sales.

Reuters

‘Sugar Man’ Rodriguez opens Montreux Jazz Festival

American folk singer Sixto Rodriguez



MONTREUX, (Switzerland), 6 July—American singer-songwriter Sixto “Sugar Man” Rodriguez, virtually unknown a few years ago, opened the Montreux Jazz Festival on Thursday, which American producer and its former co-director Quincy Jones calls the “Rolls Royce of music festivals.”

Fresh from the Glastonbury festival

in Britain last weekend, Rodriguez gave a Fourth of July concert in the Swiss resort, mixing songs from his two albums that never made the charts with borrowed tunes including the classic rock’n’roll hit “Fever.”

The Detroit-based singer, whose lyrics evoke the folksy sound of Bob Dylan, is the shy subject of “Searching for Sugar Man,” a film by Swedish director Malik Bendjelloul that tells the in-

credible story of his fame late in life. It won the Oscar for best documentary this year.

“I am a solid 70. I just received a doctorate from Wayne State University. I hear that I am going to receive the Legion of Honour from France,” Rodriguez told the sell-out crowd at the prestigious 47th edition, the first since the death of founder Claude Nobs in January.

Reuters

Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner celebrate anniversary by baptising son



The couple got married on 29 June, 2005.

LOS ANGELES, 6 July—Actor-filmmaker Ben Affleck and his wife Jennifer Garner celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary by baptising their son.

The Hollywood stars married on 29 June, 2005. They celebrated their wedding anniversary weekend by baptising their 15-month-old Samuel in

Garner’s hometown in West Virginia. The religious ceremony took place at the Christ Church United Methodist on 30 June, 2013, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Samuel’s elder sisters, Violet, 7, and Seraphina, 4, were also present at the ceremony along with Garner’s family members.

PTI

SPORTS

Moyes says Rooney to stay at United

MANCHESTER, 6 July—New Manchester United manager David Moyes was adamant on Friday that striker Wayne Rooney was not for sale but stopped short of saying the player had changed his mind about wanting leave.

The issue dominated the Scot's first news conference since he took over from the retired Alex Ferguson. His predecessor said in May that the England international had asked for a transfer.

"I've had a chance to speak to Wayne ... the fact of the matter is Wayne is not for sale," Moyes said at Old Trafford, home of the Premier League champions.

"He is a Manchester United player and will re-

Manchester United's
Wayne Rooney



main a Manchester United player. I've known Wayne since he was 16 ... he's training very well, he's come back in good shape and I really look forward to working with him."

Moyes was repeatedly asked about Rooney, including direct questions such as: "Has he told you he would like to stay at Manchester United?" but each time failed to give a 'yes' or 'no' answer.

"What we are doing at the moment is we are looking to see how we can get Wayne Rooney getting those goals which are going to challenge the likes of Bobby Charlton and Denis Law's (total) number," said the former Everton manager. "As far as I'm concerned, the way he's working I'm more than happy to work with him and make sure we get success."

Rooney has scored 197 goals in 402 United appearances, winning five Premier League titles, the Cham-

pions League in 2008 and two League Cups.

Charlton holds the club's all-time record of 249 with Law second on 237. Moyes's answers will have done little to extinguish the media speculation over the future of Rooney who suffered a dip in form following the arrival of Robin van Persie as United's leading striker last season. Often played out wide or in midfield, Rooney was left out of the United team for their biggest match of the season - the Champions League last-16 second-leg defeat by Real Madrid in March.

Rooney is no stranger to Moyes, with the striker having begun his career at Everton under the Scot.

The two then fell out over an account in one of the player's autobiographies about how he came to join United.—Reuters



Queens Park Rangers Christopher Samba (L) challenges Norwich City's Wes Hoolahan during their English Premier League soccer match at Loftus Road, London on 2 February, 2013.—REUTERS

Defender Samba returns to Russia from QPR

LONDON, 6 July—Defender Christopher Samba has rejoined Russia's Anzhi Makhachkala from relegated Queens Park Rangers for a club record fee, the Championship side said on Friday.

"Christopher Samba has returned to Anzhi Makhachkala for an undisclosed fee (club record,

thought to be approx 12 million pounds," QPR tweeted.

The 29-year-old Congo international moved to QPR on a 4-1/2-year contract from Russia in January. He made 10 appearances for the London club but could not help them avoid the drop from the Premier League.

Reuters

From pets to Ryan Gosling, Lisicki and Bartoli uncovered



Sabine Lisicki of Germany

LONDON, 6 July—Sabine Lisicki laughs a lot, is allergic to grass, adores her Yorkshire terrier Happy and carries animal-shaped charms in her tennis bag.

Marion Bartoli hit rock bottom recently, enjoys painting, loves her two cats, and is rather partial to actors Pierce Brosnan and Ryan Gosling. The likes and dislikes of the two women who will battle it out in Wimbledon's women's final on Saturday have the media scrambling to find tidbits on the players who started the tournament as outsiders.

Both Germany's fair-haired Lisicki and Bartoli, a dark-haired Frenchwoman, were coached by their fathers and both will rev up with music by French DJs ahead of the match with Lisicki listening to David Guetta's "Play Hard" and Bartoli opting for Bob Sinclar's "Sum-

mer Moonlight". But differences between the two have emerged as the public decide who to support in the absence of tournament favourites including Serena Williams, who left Wimbledon after her shock defeat to Lisicki and headed to Disneyland Paris for a break.

Lisicki, 23, nicknamed "Boom Boom" for her powerful serve, has won over the crowds at Wimbledon with her easy laugh, displays of emotion on the court and tears of joy at winning.

The 28-year-old Bartoli, meanwhile, known as "The Genius" after once saying she had an IQ of 175, has come across as more of a lone wolf who is intensely focused on success after admitting she hit rock bottom recently. "It is going to be interesting to see how these two players cope with this opportunity. There will be a lot of emotion in this," Tracy Austin, a former world number one, told Reuters.—Reuters

Murray holds nerve to tame big-serving Janowicz



Andy Murray celebrates after defeating Jerzy Janowicz of Poland in their men's semi-final tennis match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London on 5 July, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 6 July—Andy Murray found himself in the crosshairs of a bullet-serving, net-smashing giant on Friday, but held his nerve to reach a second Wimbledon final and set up another meeting with great rival Novak Djokovic.

The second seed was a set down to the 6-foot-8

Jerzy Janowicz, but tamed the 140 mph serves that came hurtling out of the sky to move into Sunday's showpiece with a 6-7(2), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 win that began in the afternoon sun and finished under the Centre Court lights.

Janowicz turned Wimbledon's hallowed turf into the scene of a naval battle

as he launched a barrage of heavy duty cannon fire in his first grand slam semi-final.

Murray, however, showed why he is considered among the very best returners in the game and was not going to be bullied by the lofty Pole.

He subdued his fiery opponent with a forehand winner after two hours and 52 minutes of heated combat in which Janowicz had transformed himself into a comedy villain after taking his anger out on the net in the third set.

Murray was calm and collected.

There was none of the emotion that greeted his victory over Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at the same point 12 months ago, just a hefty fist pump and swift salute to the crowd.

The Briton is now a player who expects to be competing on the biggest stages.—Reuters

Nearly man Zanotti leads French Open as favourites struggle

PARIS, 6 July—Paraguay's Fabrizio Zanotti, one of the nearly men of the European Tour, grabbed a one-stroke lead in the second round of the French Open near Paris on Friday while overnight leader Anders Hansen had a day to forget.

Zanotti, three times a runner-up on tour, the last time at the 2012 Irish Open, shot his second 68

to finish six-under-par and ahead of a group that included 42-year-old Dane Thomas Bjorn.

Overnight leader Hansen, another 42-year-old Dane, dropped four shots in his first 11 holes, following up his 66 with a 78 and was two over along with former world number one Martin Kaymer of Germany, who carded a 76. Zanotti, 30, ranked 391st in the world,

had four birdies and a single bogey in his round at the testing Le Golf National course, venue for the 2018 Ryder Cup.

Defending champion Marcel Siem of Germany missed the cut and others who struggled were Luke Donald and Ian Poulter, the Britons both on two over. American Matt Kuchar was three over after a 75.

After fog delayed the

start for an hour, one man in early contention was Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell. The former US Open champion fired a second 69 to be four under. McDowell, like many of the leading contenders warming up for the British Open at Muirfield this month, had missed the cut in five of his last six stroke-play events before this week.—Reuters



Paraguay's Fabrizio
Zanotti

GENERAL

Djokovic wins another epic to set up Murray finale



Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates after defeating Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina in their men's semi-final tennis match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London on 5 July, 2013. —REUTERS

LONDON, 6 July—The Wimbledon that just keeps on giving reached new levels of generosity on Friday as Novak Djokovic added another episode to the box-set of tennis epics and Andy Murray survived a fright to co-star in Sunday's series finale.

World number one Djokovic needed all his dexterity and self-belief to fend off the brutal groundstrokes of eighth seed Juan Martin del Potro, winning the longest ever Wimbledon semi-final 7-5, 4-6, 7-6(2), 6-7(6), 6-3 in front of a spellbound Centre Court crowd.

Djokovic, whose career is littered with blockbusters

against the likes of Murray, Rafa Nadal and Roger Federer, soaked up everything the burly Argentine threw at him for four hours and 43 minutes before coolly dispatching a backhand winner to reach his second Wimbledon final.

Home favourite Murray also reached his second final at the All England Club but put his legions of fans through the wringer again as fiery Pole Jerzy Janowicz threatened to incinerate his dream of becoming Britain's first male champion here since 1936. From the moment 6ft 8ins Janowicz, Poland's first ever grand slam semi-finalist, launched his first 140 mph grass-charring

serve Murray knew he was in for a hairy evening.

Ultimately the experience of 12 previous grand slam semi-finals helped him stay calm under fire to win 6-7(2), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 in a match that concluded under the Centre Court roof.

With Del Potro playing his best tennis since winning the US Open in 2009 and precocious 22-year-old Janowicz jumping the queue as the next big thing in men's tennis, the coming months look full of intrigue.

For now, though, it is all about Djokovic and Murray who, as predicted by many before a tournament laden with shocks and bizarre twists began, will face off for the 19th time on Sunday in their fourth grand slam final showdown. The 26-year-old Djokovic had not been seriously tested en route to his 13th consecutive grand slam semi-final but against Del Potro he was stretched to breaking point.

Even before the incredible sinew-stretching 25-stroke rally that Del Potro won to save the first of two match points in the fourth set tiebreak the match had already transcended anything seen at the tournament.

Reuters

Aceh villagers still afraid to return to houses after strong quake

BLANG MANCUNG, (Indonesia), 6 July—Villagers that sought shelter in tents erected outside their houses and in wide open spaces in areas devastated by a strong earthquake in the center of Indonesia's province of Aceh are still worried about possible aftershocks as of Friday night.

The villagers have no option except to stay in the open after their houses collapsed or tumbled down from the impact of a 6.2 magnitude earthquake that hit their area on Tuesday.

Some villagers recounted to *Xinhua* their horrible experience when the earthquake struck in the afternoon.

Irwansyah, chief of Lorong Ayu neighborhood in Pondok Bale village located in Bener Meriah regency, said that people were on their way home after they buried a fellow villager when the earthquake struck.

"We frantically ran to get our children out of our houses and bring them outside. It was a school holiday, thank to Allah, that we have our children with us," the 38-year-old Irwansyah said.

He said that in their neighborhood, one person died and 10 others were injured.

The village chief said that it was the first powerful earthquake that hit their place since the strongest one in December 2004 that triggered a deadly tsunami. "But this time, the tremor was unusual because it seemed that the ground shook vertically, not horizontally like in the previous earthquakes in our area," Irwansyah said.

He said that the earthquake made the roof tiles of houses bounced back and forth before falling. "We had a strange feeling," Irwansyah added.

Irwansyah said that af-

ter the earthquake struck, some of the houses collapsed right away while the others fell during the aftershocks.

The villagers put up makeshift tents in front of their houses where they placed their belongings. They decided to stay in the open during the next few days.

In villages of Blang Mancung and Serempah in the regency of Aceh Tengah located about two kilometers from Pondok Bale, the condition was worse since most of the villagers' houses were flattened. Many people were injured when their houses collapsed at the height of the earthquake.

As of Friday afternoon, police and rescue teams have discovered 40 bodies and continued the search for seven villagers in Serempah village located in the valley area in the regency.

Those missing were

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Tourists watch water gushing out from the Xiaolangdi Reservoir on the Yellow River during a sand-washing operation in Luoyang, central China's Henan Province, on 5 July, 2013. The on-going operation, conducted on Friday, works by discharging water at a volume of 2,600 cubic meters per second from the reservoir to clear up the sediment in the Yellow River, the country's second-longest waterway. Speeding currents would carry tons of sand into the sea. The Yellow River has been plagued by an increasing amount of mud and sand. Each year, the river bed rises as silt deposits build up, slowing the water flow in the lower reaches.

XINHUA

Pyu BEHS No (1) holds prize presentation ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July— Together with Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Transport, Communications and Construction Committee U Thein Swe, Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win, Bago Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Tin and Hluttaw representatives, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee U Khin Maung Tun and departmental officials, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet attended a prize presentation ceremony of Basic Education High School No (1) in Pyu Township of Bago Region this morning.

First, the Pyithu

Hluttaw Speaker delivered an opening address.

Next, Hluttaw Hluttaw committee Chairman U Thein Swe, the Bago region chief minister, the region Hluttaw speaker and officials awarded outstanding students in Pyu Township for 2012-2013 academic year.

On behalf of school heads in Pyu Township and distinction-winning students, Headmistress Daw Tin Hsint and Maung Yay Gan, five-distinction winner spoke words of thanks.

Next, Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win spoke on the occasion.

The ceremony came to an end with concluding remarks by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker. — MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attends prize presentation ceremony of Basic Education High School No (1) in Pyu Township of Bago Region. —MNA



Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan awards outstanding offspring of the staff of the ministry. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July— Ministry of Cooperatives celebrated the International Co-operative Day at the ministry here today.

In his speech, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan said the ministry has a plan to disburse loans to people in over 60000 villages across the country at the end of

Cooperative remains strong in time of crisis

2015 and the project would need from K600 billion to K 3000 billion.

The minister also invited international cooperation to assist in implementing the project.

He also called on UN, International Cooperative Alliance, United Nation Development Programme-UNDP and Food and Agriculture Organization-FAO for further participation and assisting in promoting the cooperative activities.

During the ceremony, Union Minister U Kyaw

Hsan awarded outstanding children of the employees of the ministry who passed the matriculation examination of the 2012-13 academic year with distinctions and presented cash assistance to 2521 students of the ministry.

Union Ministers U Tin Naing Thein, U Myint Hlaing, U Win Myint, Dr Pe Thet Khin and U Win Shein and officials presented prizes to outstanding students of universities and colleges under the ministry.

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Stake driven for shopping mall, hotel

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—A ceremony to drive stake for construction of Shopping Mall of Dawei Development Public Co was held on Seikkantha Street in Dawei yesterday.

Similar ceremony was held for Budget Hotel at Maungmagan Beach in Launglon Township.

Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko and officials drove stakes for construction of the buildings.

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Homeless old man brought to Home for the Aged

An aged and homeless muslim man who slept at night under a shrine in Mingala Taungnyunt Township has been sent to "Hsi-sar-yeik" Home for the Aged on 2 July.

The 88-year-old man had taken shelter at night under the shrine in Kandawgalay (South)

Ward since one month ago and it seems that he is deaf as he can't reply to answer and his left eye is swollen and closed.

Residents of the ward donated food and water to him when he arrived at the shrine.

As he was not able to stand or move about one

week ago and he could not clean and wash himself, residents contacted the Home for the Aged in Ward-12 in Dagon Myothit (East) Township to bring the helpless to the home.

"He will die from cold in this rainy season if he stays under the shrine," said U Than Lynn Kywe who

Local people conveying homeless old man to the vehicle bound for Home for the Aged.



Byline & Photo: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Local people help homeless old man exchange clothes before going to Home for the Aged.



contacted the Home for the Aged on 1 July.

"We heard that he was a carpenter and mason. He does not beg money but some people donate money to him. We contacted the Home for the Aged as we found that he does not move these days," said U Khin Maung Maung, head of

ward ten-households.

They found his citizenship scrutiny card in his pocket. It is found that the card number is 12/Da-Pa-Na (Naing) 042682 and it includes Name: Mohmed Karsin; Father Name: U Nu Larkin, Religion : Islam, Date of Birth: 1287.

"We will have him

cleaned at the Home for the Aged first, and will provide medical check-up and treatment at Thukha Clinic of the Free Funeral Service Society," said Treasurer Daw Htway Myint of the Home for the Aged.

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