

Higher education standards, better management of universities discussed

YANGON, 1 June—The government is making efforts to draft and adopt the higher education law and the private school and university law by the time the national education law has been adopted, says Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein at the coordination meeting for higher education standards

and better management of universities held in Yangon on Sunday.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers U Soe Thane, (See page 3)

Beware of cancer

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

Cancer is a class of diseases characterized by out-of-control cell growth. There are more than 100 different types of cancer in which lung cancer is the most common around the world, because of smoking and air pollution.

“According to a recent survey, about 25 mil-

lion people are living with cancer all over the world. Of them, 75 per cent of men above 80 years old live with prostate cancer,” said Professor U Ye Mya, patron of the Shwe Yaung Hnin Si Cancer Foundation, at a seminar oncancer to mark the Cancer Survivors Day 2014 on Sunday.

He also said world specialists face difficulties to know the sources of some cancers but they surely can say that older people have more cancers than the younger ones. Smokers, drinkers and obese people may be most prone to cancers. Chemical items and pigment in food also can cause cancer in the body and researchers found that cancer can also live in animals.

Cancer Survivors Day is annually celebrated on the first Sunday in June, aimed at raising awareness that many people do survive cancers. The day is also meant to “demonstrate that life after a can-

cer diagnosis can be a reality.”

“In the US alone there are more than 14 million survivors. In Myanmar, there are no definite data of survivors. We only count the 70 cancer survivors who attended the celebration,” said the general secretary of the foundation.

President of the foundation Professor Daw Yin Yin Tun said: “The foundation now focus-



Patron of Shwe Yaung Hnin Si Cancer Foundation Professor Daw Malar Than speaking at a seminar to mark the Cancer Survivors Day.

ease but patients who get treatment early often can survive much longer.

“I want to give encouragement to other cancer patients not to be disappointed and to exactly follow the instructions of the doctors,” said breast cancer survivor Daw Aye Aye Maw, 53, of Sangyoung Township in Yangon.

Before the seminar, more than 200 attendees took medical treatment such as B.P and HBsAg provided by Parkway Health Cancer Centre.



Photo shows staff from cancer centre provide health care services to attendees.

PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN

Slight earthquake hits inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.7 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 10 miles southwest of Twantay) about 27 miles southwest of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 00 hr, 01 min 46 sec on Sunday, announced the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

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Myanmar-Bangladesh border accident comes to peaceful end

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—After being tipped off that those believed to be RSO's insurgents were active on Myanmar-Bangladesh border, the local security squad was engaged in a clash with two RSO insurgents on 28 May, killing one and seizing a gun and some ammunition.

On 29 May, the Bangladeshi military attaché office in Yangon informed Myanmar that one member of their patrol team was reported missing while on duty, demanding the handover of the man if captured or the return of his remains if killed. The Myanmar side replied that a body in yellow camouflage uniform was found near Boundary Pillar 52 on its territory and promised the handover if it was

their missing patrol team member.

On 31 May, the Border Guard of Bangladesh identified the dead body as their man, expressing their understanding of the incident and appreciating Myanmar's help with the return of the body. They also promised their return of help in case Myanmar needed.

Regarding the incident that occurred on the border between Myanmar and Bangladesh, a coordination meeting is expected to follow, with focuses on the continuity of relations, trust and friendship between the two countries, measures to make sure that insurgent groups cannot be stationed on the border, and non-repetition of unwanted border problems.—MYAWADY

Myanmar and Bangladeshi military officers pose for documentary photo near bountary pillar between two countries after Myanmar-Bangladesh border incident peacefully ended.—MYAWADY





Nay Pyi Taw Council arranged allotment of mobile phone SIM cards to pony cart drivers, vendors and trishaw drivers for improvement of their living standard. Trishaw drivers were waiting for taking out 152 GSM SIM cards from township authorities at Township Development Affairs Committee in Pyinmana of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Saturday.
Ko Ko NAY

400 stimulant tablets seized in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 1 June—Acting on a tip-off, a squad of Myoma police station from Thakayta Township of Yangon Region searched Maung Hla, 58, son of U Hla Maung of Dala Township at the bus stop at the corner of Minnanda and Tatphwe roads in Ward 1 of Thakayta Township, Yangon Region, at 5.30 pm on Friday.

The police members seized 400 WY brand stimulant tablets in two packets weighing 40 grams from his plastic bag.

Thakayta Myoma police station opened a file of lawsuit against the drug possessor under Sections 15/19(A) of the Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Soe Win (MLA)

Seintalone mango fetches good price in foreign market



MONYWA, 1 June—Although most of the rural people in the nation are engaged in agriculture and farming works, the people from Dabayinkwe Village of Myinmu Township in Sagaing Region are growing Seintalone mango strain as main business.

A local grower said, “We export the mango to China, Thailand and Sin-

gapore. We fetch K1.2 million per ton of mango at maximum price. Prices of mango are different level for export. The best quality of fruit is sent to foreign market and the others to the domestic market.”

The fruits were bought by the brokers through contracts before ripening of fruits. “When we observed the fruit shows in Yan-

gon, we got technology for mango and market. Many villages in Myinmu Township grow a large number of sawn acreage for mango. I grow about 3,000 acres of mango. This year, my farm produces about 4,000 tons of mango. Seintalone mango is sold as of early May,” the grower explained. Seintalone mango plants are cultivated in Kanbalu, Kyun-

KYUNSU, 1 June—The School Enrollment Week was designated for the whole nation from 25 to 31 May for 2014-15 academic year. Kyunsu Township launched the township level school enrollment activity at the hall of Kyunsu Basic Education High School on Friday, attended by Taninthayi Region ministers and officials.

Region Ministers U Thein Lwin and U Tin Soe explained assignments of educational personnel in the region and enrollment of school-aged children.

Deputy Township Education Officer U Hsan Oo

hla, Sagaing, Monywa, Kani, Myinmu, Shwebo and Wetlet townships of the region on a commercial scale. A box of mango containing 150 fruits is sold at K 25,000 in the market of Monywa.

Po Chan (IPRD)

Kyunsu Township launches school enrollment week



reported to the ministers on undertaking for enrollment of school-aged children in the township.

Next, wellwishers

donated exercise books, school uniforms, stationery and cash assistance to the needy students.

Kyunsu Township IPRD

School enrollment activities launched in Loilem Tsp



LOILEM, 1 June—No 1 Basic Education High School in Loilem of southern Shan State held the school enrollment activity recently.

Township Education Officer Daw May Nwe Yi reported on future plan of the education department.

District and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations and Women's Affairs Organi-

zations provided assistance and Township Education Committee, exercise books, school bags and K2 million assistance to the needy students.

Chairman of the Township Education Committee and Township Administrator U Nay Myo Zaw and officials viewed enrollment of the students at the school.

Win Min Than (IPRD)

Rural people to get concrete bridge for better transport in Kyunsu Tsp

KYUNSU, 1 June—Township authorities of Kyunsu plan to build a bridge linking Kabinchaung village and Mawtongyi village for smooth transport of locals.

Taninthayi Region Minister for Forestry and Mining U Tin Soe and officials inspected the wooden bridge to be replaced with a concrete bridge on Saturday.

The concrete bridge will be 25 feet long and 18 feet wide. The construction will be funded by the border region development fund. On completion, the bridge will give smooth transport service to the



local people all the year round.

Kyunsu Township IPRD

Township authorities inspect the site for construction of concrete bridge in Kyunsu Township.

NATIONAL

Government unable to go solo for regional development: Union Minister



Union Ministers U Hla Tun poses for documentary photo with officials and students at opening of new school building.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—It is impossible for the government to bring about regional development all by itself without public participation at a time when poverty reduction and rural development are now at the top of the national agenda, Union Minister for the President Office U Hla Tun on Friday told local people and Commissions on Sustainable Development (CSD) at No.6 Textile Factory in Sagaing Region.

He mentioned projects being undertaken in accord with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), which include potable water, electricity, transportation networks, education, health, and job opportunities.

He stressed the need for cooperation between CSR representatives local people have elected and officials of the Joint Management Committee, adding that the swift implementation of projects will speed up the development pace, thereby enabling investors to benefit the region.

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President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to Italian President, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Dr. Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Republic of Italy and His Excellency Mr. Matteo Renzi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2014.

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Union FM felicitates Italian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms. Federica Mogherini, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2014.—MNA

Upgrading of Htantabin Workers' Hospital inspected



Union Minister U Aye Myint comforts patients at Workers' Hospital in Tamway Township.—NLM

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Deputy Minister Daw Win Maw Tun viewed round upgrading tasks of Htantabin Workers' Hospital and

construction of new operation theatre on Saturday.

Sunday, he inspected the hospital equipment donated to Workers' Hospital in Tamway Township and comforted patients at the hospital.—NLM



Union Ministers U Tin Naing Thein, Dr Daw Khin San Yi and U Soe Thane seen at meeting for higher education standards.—MNA

Higher education standards, ...

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U Tin Naing Thein and Dr Daw Khin San Yi and rectors form 54 universities.

Union Minister for Education Dr Daw Khin San Yi said that universities are required to develop their own objectives, strategies and tactics so that they, as independent universities, can nurture

scholars required for the development of the country. U Tin Naing Thein urged the veteran rectors to find out the ways and means to enhance the education standards and to take measures to stand as independent universities starting from the coming year. In an interview with Union Minister U Soe

Thane at the meeting, he said he had visited Yangon University the day before and pointed out that it was important to renovate the university without damaging its original architecture. He said the government had plans to further provide financial supports for universities.

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Union Minister explains city/township development plans

YANGON, 1 June — Development plans for cities and townships are being drawn by taking into consideration public complaints and suggestions arranged in order of priority, Union Minister at the President's Office U Tin Naing Thein told a meeting at Yangon Region Government's office here on Sunday afternoon.

In his meeting with development committees at district and township levels, he stressed the need to further cooperate with committees at region and state levels for better results.

Union Minister U Soe Thane, also a union minister at the same ministry, called for a swift implementation of prioritized issues and financial assistance in accord with rules and regulations, noting that national development is only possible through the earnest participation by citizens and supporting groups comprising experts. Committees from townships reported on needs to be fulfilled. The meeting drew regional parliaments and departmental officials, including Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.—MNA

US, Myanmar discuss legal affairs, further scholarship programmes



Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin meets Professor Tabias Wolff of the US and Ms Erin Webster-Main from the US Embassy.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin held a

meeting with Professor Tabias Wolff of the US and a delegation led by Ms Erin

Webster-Main, the diplomat from the US Embassy on Thursday to discuss le-

gal affairs between the two countries.

During the meeting in Nay Pyi Taw, the Attorney-General of the Union elaborated on the functions and duties of the Union Attorney-General Office, sending the scholarships and improvement of the International Law, the Constitution Law, the Commercial Law and the Civil Law.

The US Professor exchanged views on legal affairs of both countries and further giving trainings and scholarships to Myanmar.—MNA

The prize presentation was held for the winners in the Buddhist culture course for students from Pyinmana and its rural areas in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Saturday.

Upper House MP U Hmat Kyi of Pyinmana Township and Township Administrator U Myo Naing present prizes to 125 outstanding students in culture, Myanmar and Abhdiamma subjects.

Ko Ko NAY



Over 2,000 acres of farmlands handed over to farmers in Taninthayi Region

DAWEI, 1 June—A ceremony to hand over the temporary farming rights certificates to local farmers



ers was held at the hall of Dawei, city of Taninthayi Region, on Saturday.

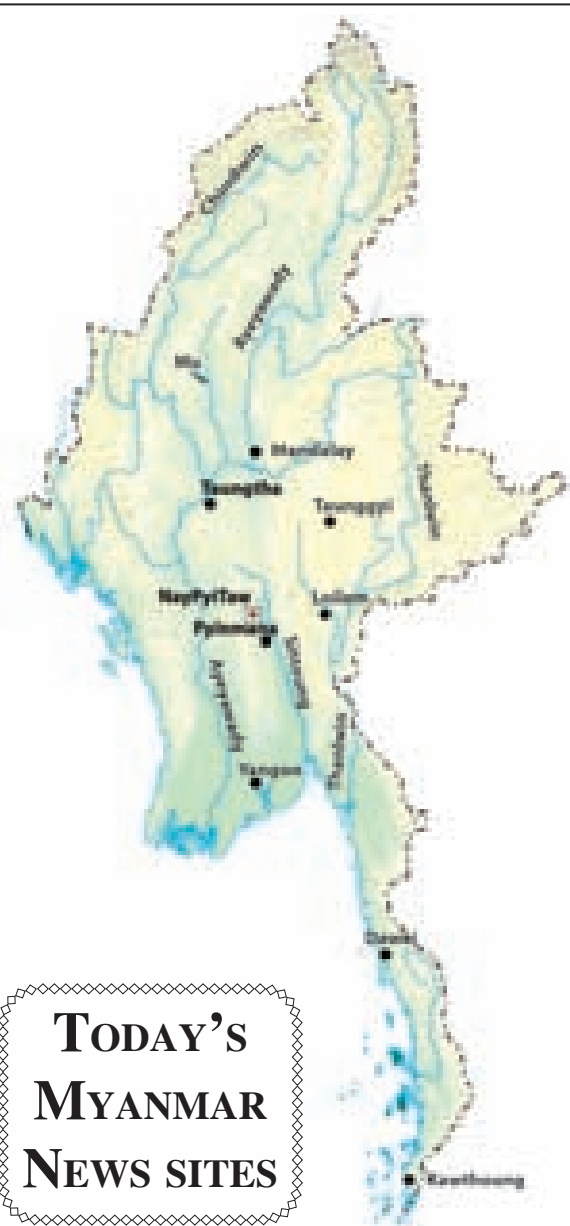
Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko said that according to the temporary statistics, three districts of the region have handed over 2,376.51 acres of farmlands to the local farmers. After scrutinizing the statistics, he disclosed that a total of 28.38 acres of farmlands will be temporarily handed over to six farmers in Dawei Township, 37.46 acres to eight farmers in Launglon

Township, 136.72 acres to 17 farmers in Thayetchaung Township and 321.42 acres to 59 farmers in Yebyu Township.

He continued that a plan is underway to present temporary farming rights certificates to 90 farmers for 523.98 acres of farmlands in Dawei District.

The Chief Minister and officials handed over documents related to the confiscated farmlands to the local farmers.

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Applied computer course given to trainees

LOILEM, 1 June—Under the programme of Human Resources Development, the University of Computer Studies (Panglong) in southern Shan State conducts the applied computer course from 31 May to 10 August at

the university.

The training is being provided to the trainees from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Five faculty members of the university are giving training to the trainees.—*Win Min Than (IPRD)*

Security police unit branch commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—A ceremony to commission the No 20 Security Police Unit Branch of Myanmar Police Force into service was held at

the parade ground of the unit branch in Nyaunglu Village of Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Saturday morning.

Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win delivered an address and unveiled the stone plaque of the unit.

The opening ceremony was attended by Vice Chief of MPF Police Brig-Gen Thein Oo and senior police officers.

Police Formation



World No Tobacco Day talks given in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 1 June—An educative talk to mark the World No Tobacco Day 2014 was held at the city hall in Taunggyi of southern Shan State on Saturday.

Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat explained the motto of this year's World No Tobacco Day—Raise tobacco tax; lower death and disease.

Shan State Minister

for Social Affairs Dr Myo Tun read the message sent by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin. Shan State Law Officer U Myint Lwin explained the law prevention against tobacco use. Later, the attendees viewed round the exhibition that showcased diseases the tobacco users face and the ways to avoid the use of tobacco.

Than Wai (Taunggyi)

MPF Chief speaking at opening of No 20 Security Police Unit branch.

Basic traditional music, singing and dancing course wraps up

PYINMANA, 1 June—The basic Myanmar traditional music, singing and dancing course, conducted by the Pyinmana Township Music Organization, concluded at the hall in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on

Saturday.

At the ceremony, trainees sang the song composed by composer Pianist Nyein Htet.

The trainees presented practical works as music and songs.—*Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)*

Mobile phone tower starts to run in August

BAMAUK, 1 June—The Union government is focusing on development of communication sector across the nation.

Construction of the GSM mobile phone tower started on 22 May. The 42 feet high tower was completed on 30 May. Asia Megar Link Co built the

tower in the compound of the post office in Bamauk Township of Sagaing Region.

On completion of all installation, the tower will give services to the GSM mobile phone users of the township with easy access in coming August.

Township IPRD

Laws on taxation clarified in Taungtha

TAUNGTHA, 1 June—A ceremony to clarify the tax law of the Union was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Taungtha Township of Mandalay Region on Friday.

Head of Township IRD U Maung Maung Thant explained ease pro-

cess for taxpayers, promulgation of the Union Tax Law, the law amending income tax law, the commercial tax law and other amendment for the laws related to the taxation, and matters related to the exemption for taxpayers.

Kyaw Myo Naing (Taungtha)

REGIONAL

Thai forces descend on central Bangkok to stifle coup protests

BANGKOK, 1 June — Thailand's military government has readied thousands of troops and police to stop any protests on Sunday against its seizure of power, with shopping malls and some train stations closing in central Bangkok areas where protesters may congregate.

The military took over on 22 May after months of protests that had undermined the government of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, forcing ministries to close for weeks on end, hurting business confidence and causing the economy to shrink.

Protests against the coup have taken place in Bangkok most days since then although they have been small and brief.

On Sunday the authorities are anticipating that protesters will gather at several spots in the capital including an area in the center where big malls are located. The military has banned political gatherings of five people or more.

Deputy police chief Somyot Poompanmoung told *Reuters* that 5,700 police and soldiers were being sent to these areas and rapid deployment units were ready to stop protests that spring up elsewhere.



Police hold a briefing as they take position in anticipation of possible further protests against a military coup, in Bangkok's shopping district on 1 June, 2014.—REUTERS

Some top-end malls around the Ratchaprasong area have chosen to close or have reduced opening hours, and the operator of the Skytrain overhead rail network has shut several stations in the central area.

"It's a business center and we need to protectively avoid any damage if authorities need to break up a gathering," Somyot

said, adding mall owners could also find themselves in trouble with the authorities if protests took place on their premises.

On Saturday, as on the two previous days, the authorities effectively closed down the normally busy roads around Victory Monument, which was becoming a focal point for opposition to the coup. The

area was flooded with police and troops but no protesters turned up.

"RECONCILIATION"

In a televised address late on Friday, army chief and coup leader General Prayuth Chan-ocha said the military would need time to reconcile Thailand's antagonistic political forces and push through reforms.

He outlined a process beginning with three months of "reconciliation". A temporary constitution would be drawn up and an interim prime minister and cabinet chosen in a second phase, taking about a year, he said. An election would come at an unspecified time after that.

The United States, European Union countries

and others have called for rapid restoration of democracy.

At a conference in Singapore on Saturday, US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel urged the Thai armed forces to release detainees, end censorship and "move immediately to restore power to the people of Thailand, through free and fair elections".

Australia scaled back relations with the Thai military on Saturday and banned coup leaders from traveling there.

At the heart of nearly a decade of political turmoil in Southeast Asia's second-biggest economy is conflict between the Bangkok-based royalist establishment dominated by the military, old-money families and the bureaucracy, and supporters of former telecommunications mogul Thaksin Shinawatra, who is adored by the poor in the north and northeast.

Thaksin, who was ousted as premier in a 2006 coup, is the brother of Yingluck and was considered the real power behind her government.

He has chosen to live in exile since fleeing a 2008 conviction for abuse of power.

Reuters

Chinese military ready to make further contribution to peace, development: army general

SINGAPORE, 1 June — The People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China is ready to work with other militaries to make further contribution to regional and global peace and development, Wang Guanzhong, a senior PLA officer, said on Sunday.

"We will continue to work with regional countries to carry out in-depth bilateral and multilateral security dialogues and exchanges," Wang, deputy chief of the general staff of the PLA, said in a speech at the 13th Shangri-La Dialogue.

Wang said that China will continue to step up dialogue, communication and coordination with countries of the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the defence and security areas and support the development of the ASEAN Community.

Wang said in his speech that China has proposed to work with regional countries to build a Silk Road Economic Belt and a 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. The two major cooperation initiatives offer new opportunities for China and regional countries to achieve common development.

The senior PLA officer said that the building of the two major cooperation initiatives has to be driven by two wheels — the development and the security.

"The PLA is ready to work with regional countries to strengthen practical cooperation in counter-terrorism, disaster relief, protection of sea lines of communication and other fields, thus ensuring common prosperity of countries along the Economic Belt and the new Silk Road," Wang noted.

Over the issue of promoting disaster relief cooperation, he said that this plays an important role in jointly tackle challenges in this region.

"The Asia-Pacific is prone to various disasters. The importance of regional disaster relief cooperation is further highlighted by the recent search and rescue operations for the missing Malaysian Airliner MH370," Wang said.

He noted that in order to improve regional capacity building, China this year has arranged five bilateral and multilateral joint disaster relief exercises and drill of all services with regional countries. Moreover, China and Malaysia will co-host the 4th ASEAN Regional Forum Disaster Relief Exercises, Wang added.

According to him, it is the shared responsibility of all to strengthen maritime

cooperation and maintain maritime security because the ocean serves the common interests of all Asia-Pacific countries.

Wang also mentioned in his speech that in order to maintain regional security and stability, it is crucial to properly manage differences, ensure timely communication, and dispel misperceptions and miscalculations. "China has established defence telephone links with Russia and the United States and we are exploring the possibility of establishing similar telephone links with ASEAN countries," he added. The Shangri-La Dialogue, organized by the London-based think tank International Institute for Strategic Studies, has been one of the key events for defence professionals in the region to exchange views on security issues.—*Xinhua*

Israel to boycott Palestinian unity government: Abbas

RAMALLAH, 1 June — Israel has officially informed the Palestinian side that it will boycott the new Palestinian unity government, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said on Saturday.

"Israel is punishing us because we agreed with Hamas movement to achieve internal reconciliation and end internal division that we have always been looking forward," Abbas said when he was receiving 73 French peace activists at his office in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Saturday.

"We deal with the whole issue step-by-step. We won't respond to the Israeli decision because we don't want to be the first to respond, but we will react to any Israeli action and we will respond to it." Abbas

added.

The Palestinian president said that he will never regret the reconciliation with Hamas, and that the new government will see the light on Monday.

"The new government will include technocrats' ministers, who have no ties with Fatah, Hamas or any other political factions," Abbas said. He clarified that his policy is "recognizing Israel, condemning terrorism and recognizing the international conventions and resolutions."

On Thursday Abbas designated Ramai Hamdallah to form the unity government, which was agreed upon with Hamas in Gaza last month, despite differences on the portfolios of foreign affairs and the prisoners.—*Xinhua*

US and China square off at Asia security forum

SINGAPORE, 1 June — The United States and China squared off at an Asian security forum on Saturday, with the US defence secretary accusing Beijing of destabilizing the region and a top Chinese general retorting that his comments were “threat and intimidation”. Using unusually strong language, US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel took aim at Beijing’s handling of territorial disputes with its Asian neighbours.

“In recent months, China has undertaken destabilizing, unilateral actions asserting its claims in the South China Sea,” Hagel said. He warned Beijing that the United States was committed to its geopolitical rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region and “will not look the other way when fundamental principles of the international order are being challenged”.

Hagel said the United States took no position on the merits of rival territorial claims in the region, but added: “We firmly oppose any nation’s use of intimidation, coercion, or the threat of force to assert these claims.”

His speech at Singapore’s Shangri-La Dialogue, Asia biggest security forum, provoked an angry reaction from the deputy chief of staff of the Chinese Army, Lieutenant-General Wang Guanzhong.

“I felt that Secretary Hagel’s speech is full of



US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel (L), South Korea’s Defence Minister Kim Kwan-jin and Japan’s Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera (C) shake hands before the start of their group meeting in Singapore, on 31 May, 2014.—REUTERS

hegemonism, threat and intimidation,” he told reporters just after the speech.

Wang said the speech was aimed at causing trouble in the Asia-Pacific.

Hagel’s comments followed the keynote address by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the same forum on Friday evening, who pledged “utmost support” to Southeast Asian countries, several of which are locked in maritime disputes with China.

“I felt that they were just trying to echo each other,” Wang said. Hagel later held a bilateral meeting with Wang, where the Chinese military leader expressed his surprise at the US defence secretary’s

speech.

“You were very candid this morning, and to be frank, more than our expectations,” he said. “Although I do think those criticisms are groundless, I do appreciate your candor ... likewise we will also share our candor.” A senior US defence official said that, despite Wang’s opening remarks, the tone of the meeting had been “businesslike and fairly amicable”.

While Hagel went over ground he covered in his speech, Wang spent most of the meeting talking about US-China military-to-military contacts, including Chinese participation in forthcoming military exercises, the official

said. The US official said Hagel’s speech had been well received by other Asian delegations with the exception of China.

In Beijing, President Xi Jinping said China would not initiate aggressive action in the South China Sea but would respond if others did, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

“We will never stir up trouble, but will react in the necessary way to the provocations of countries involved,” Xinhua quoted Xi as saying in a meeting on Friday with Prime Minister Najib Razak of Malaysia.

China claims almost the entire oil-and gas-rich South China Seas, and dis-

misses competing claims from Taiwan, Brunei, Vietnam, the Philippines and Malaysia. Japan also has a territorial row with China over islands in the East China Sea. Tensions have surged in recent weeks after China placed an oil rig in waters claimed by Vietnam, and the Philippines said Beijing could be building an airstrip on a disputed island. Japan’s defence ministry said Chinese SU-27 fighters came as close as 50 meters (170 ft) to a Japanese OP-3C surveillance plane near disputed islets last week and within 30 metres of a YS-11EB electronic intelligence aircraft. Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera said Tokyo perceived an “increasingly severe regional security environment”.

“It is unfortunate that there are security concerns in the East and South China Seas,” he said. “Japan as well as all concerned parties must uphold the rule of law and never attempt to unilaterally change the status quo by force.”

On Friday, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe pitched his plan for Japan to take on a bigger international security role and told the Singapore forum that Tokyo would offer its “utmost support” to Southeast Asian countries in their efforts to protect their seas and airspace.

In a pointed dig at China, he said Japan would provide coastguard patrol boats to the Philippines and

Vietnam.

Wang, China’s deputy chief of staff, also snubbed an offer for talks with Japan made by Defence Minister Onodera, the semi-official China News Service said.

“This will hinge on whether the Japanese side is willing to amend the erroneous policy towards China and improve relations between China and Japan,” he said. “Japan should correct its mistakes as soon as possible to improve China-Japan ties.” The strong comments at the Shangri-La Dialogue come as Abe pursues a controversial push to ease restrictions of the post-war, pacifist constitution that has kept Japan’s military from fighting overseas since World War Two.

Despite memories of Japan’s harsh wartime occupation of much of Southeast Asia, several countries in the region may view Abe’s message favorably because of China’s increasing assertiveness.

Hagel repeatedly stressed Obama’s commitment to the Asia-Pacific rebalance and said the strong US military presence in the region would endure.

“To ensure that the rebalance is fully implemented, both President Obama and I remain committed to ensuring that any reductions in US defense spending do not come at the expense of America’s commitments in the Asia-Pacific,” he said.

Reuters

Japan, Britain agree to step up joint development of defence equipment

SINGAPORE, 1 June — Japan and Britain will accelerate working-level talks on expanding joint development of defence equipment, their defence chiefs agreed on Saturday.

Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera and British Defence Secretary Philip Hammond reached the agreement during talks on the sidelines of the Asia Security Summit in Singapore.

The two countries have already agreed to jointly develop protective suits against chemicals.

Onodera and Hammond also confirmed that Japan and Britain will work to soon sign an ac-

quisition and cross-servicing agreement, allowing Japan’s Self-Defence Forces and the British military to share supplies and transportation services.

Earlier this month, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his British counterpart David Cameron agreed in London to boost bilateral security co-operation.

In Singapore, Onodera also held one-on-one meetings with Australian Defence Minister David Johnston, Singaporean Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen and Lord Tuivakano, Tonga’s prime minister and defence minister.

Kyodo News

Six Ukrainian separatists killed around Donetsk airport

DONETSK, 1 June — Ukrainian separatist leader Denis Pushilin said on Saturday six rebels had been killed while trying to collect the bodies of comrades who had died under Ukrainian army fire earlier this week close to Donetsk airport. Ukrainian forces regained control of the airport in the east of the country on

Monday, killing at least 50 separatists, after a Sunday presidential election which gave billionaire Petro Poroshenko an overwhelming victory. It was the first time the Ukrainian side had unleashed its full force on the pro-Russian two-month rebellion, caused partly by the ouster of a Moscow-friendly president and the annexa-

tion of the Crimean peninsula by Russian troops. “They died trying to take back the Ukrainian airport, and our boys were trying to get their bodies out,” Pushilin said over the telephone, without giving further details of the violence. He said the six had died during the day on Friday. Though fighting has died down for now in Donetsk, the stand-off over the city airport remained unresolved on Saturday with amateur video footage showing a cargo plane taking off and releasing decoy flares as it was fired at from the ground. Regional newsagency Interfax cited the prime minister of the self-styled Donetsk People’s Republic as saying the separatists will ask the International Red Cross to remove corpses by the airport. It was unclear how many remained. A spokesman for

the Kiev-led “Anti-terrorist operation” or ATO said earlier in the day two new attacks on the airport had been repelled by Ukrainian forces with no injuries to their side, Interfax reported. It was not clear whether the attacks were in fact attempts by separatists to clear bodies.

In Donetsk itself, 2,000 people gathered in the city’s central Lenin Square on Saturday, waving Russian flags and chanting “Russia! Russia!” in support of the self-proclaimed republic, which has sought help from Moscow. “I have no other objective but to make Donbass a part of Russia,” said Alexander Boroday, the self-styled prime minister of the republic, referring to a wider eastern Ukrainian region containing heavy industry, coalmining and steel works.—Reuters



A pro-Russian rebel sniper of the Battalion Vostok takes cover behind a tree near the local administration building in the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk on 29 May, 2014. — REUTERS

WORLD

In Europe, Obama gets second chance to explain his Russia policy

WASHINGTON, 1 June — President Barack Obama heads to Warsaw, Brussels, Paris and Normandy this week where he is expected to elaborate on the US commitment to counter Russian moves against Ukraine and reassure nervous allies the United States has their backs.

In Poland, Ukraine's western neighbour, Obama meets with Eastern European leaders — including Ukraine's president-elect, Petro Poroshenko, on Wednesday — and is expected to address criticism he has not done enough to push back against Moscow after it annexed Crimea in March. The president's trip follows a speech at the US Military Academy last week in which he argued that American leadership in the world should be exercised mainly by diplomacy, multilateral action and economic pressure, as in Ukraine, rather than through military might.

"Our ability to shape world opinion helped isolate Russia right away. Because of American leadership, the world immediately condemned Russian actions," Obama said.

But when Obama meets in Warsaw with leaders from 10 nations from Central and Eastern Europe, analysts say he will be



US President Barack Obama announces the resignation of US Secretary of Veteran Affairs Eric Shinseki after meeting with Shinseki at the White House in Washington, on 30 May, 2014. — REUTERS

urged to articulate a clearer plan to help prevent more instability in the region.

"There's a concern that we will disappear, we will fade, when the next crisis hits us," said Heather Conley of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Obama has long faced calls from Eastern European statesmen to be more forceful, including from Lech Walesa, who led Poland's Solidarity trade union movement that played a critical role in the overthrow of communism in the 1980s.

Walesa, a former Polish president, said in an interview on Poland's TVN24 television network

last week that he was disappointed in what he considered Obama's insufficiently robust approach to the Ukraine crisis.

"The superpower has not been up to the job, and therefore the world is at a dangerous point and maybe it really is the case that lots of bad things are happening in the world because there is no leadership," Walesa said.

SYMBOLISM

Americans supported pro-democracy activists during martial law that was imposed in Poland in 1981, and backed their struggle for the first free elections 25 years ago, recalled Ryszard Schnepf, who was part of the Solidarity movement.

Obama's visit is "kind of a sentimental treat to Poland" on the "Freedom Day" anniversary of those elections, Schnepf, now Poland's ambassador to the United States, said in an interview.

Poland is grateful for US support in the current crisis, but leaders want more, he said. "We are supporting the idea of more engagement of the United States in the region," he said. Obama is slated to give an address on US-European relations on Wednesday at the "Freedom Day" celebration.

The White House is considering ideas for more military "rotational deployments" or additional personnel in the region, Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security adviser, told reporters.

But Obama is not expected to make major announcements on the trip. Rather, his mission is one of reassurance.

"What you've got with each stop is a lot of symbolism," said James Goldgeier of American University's School of International Service.

G7, NOT G8

After Poland, Obama heads to Brussels to meet with the G7. The summit of the major economic powers had originally been planned for Sochi in Russia until

Moscow was suspended from the group — then the G8 — over the Ukraine crisis.

Russia has since taken steps to pull back troops it deployed at the border earlier this year and Ukraine's presidential election went ahead without major problems, so it appeared unlikely the G7 would push for further economic sanctions against Moscow.

"At present, all partners are agreed that the goal is to move toward a de-escalation and no new sanctions are envisaged at this time," an official in French President Francois Hollande's office told Reuters. "The idea is more to do all that we can to restore dialogue," the official said.

Obama then heads to France on Friday to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied troops stormed the Normandy beaches in the invasion that led to the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War Two.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who will attend the ceremonies, is due to meet with Hollande in Paris on Thursday. Obama is also slated to dine with Hollande that evening, but the White House said Obama and Putin had no formal meetings scheduled.

Reuters

China raps Japan, US for jointly staging "provocative actions"

SINGAPORE, 1 June — China accused Japan and the United States on Sunday of jointly engaging in "provocative actions" against it at a regional security summit after Tokyo and Beijing earlier traded barbs.

Lt Gen Wang Guanzhong, deputy chief of staff of China's People's Liberation Army, said that earlier speeches by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel were not "constructive" but instead "assertive."

"They coordinated with each other. They supported each other."

They encouraged each other," Wang told a plenary session of the three-day Shangri-La Dialogue ending the same day in Singapore.

"They took the advantage of speaking first at the Shangri-La Dialogue and staged provocative actions and challenges against China," Wang said.

He also took issue with Abe for what was perceived as thinly veiled criticism of China, saying, "It is better to be more direct."

Kyodo News

Turkish police fire teargas at protesters on anniversary of unrest

ISTANBUL, 1 June — Turkish police fired teargas and water cannon on Saturday to disperse protesters in central Istanbul who sought to mark the one-year anniversary of the country's biggest anti-government demonstrations in decades.

Authorities closed roads and stopped public transport to deny access to Taksim Square and the adjoining Gezi Park where government plans to raze the green space and build a shopping mall sparked last year's unrest.

Police lines kept back activists who had hoped to read a statement at Taksim Square and lay flowers at the park to commemorate the deaths of at least six people in the protests against Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's rule.

Another half-dozen people died in sporadic unrest in the ensuing months as anger at Erdogan and his AK Party simmered.



Plainclothes police officers detain a demonstrator during a protest in Istanbul on 31 May, 2014. — REUTERS

Street protests could be a recurring feature in the run-up to an August presidential election in which Erdogan is expected to

stand, but few expect this to cause the three-time premier serious political damage.

A senior AK Party of-

ficial said on Saturday that Erdogan would run for the presidency and rule Turkey until 2023.

Near Taksim, hun-

dreds of people chanted "Resign, murderer AKP" and "Everywhere is Taksim, everywhere is resistance" before police fired

teargas at the crowd, forcing it to retreat.

Eighty people were detained and 13 were injured in clashes with police, Turkey's Human Rights Association said, but no official figures were immediately available. Police helicopters circled overhead.

Tourists lugging suitcases were forced to turn back to escape the stinging gas. A few hundred protesters carrying political banners ran away from police down a hill towards the Bosphorus Strait, the waterway bisecting Istanbul, Europe's biggest city with about 14 million residents.

Police also broke up protests in the capital Ankara and the southern city of Adana, CNN Turk reported. In neighbourhoods across Istanbul, residents opened their windows and banged pots and pans, a traditional form of dissent that was employed throughout the Gezi protest. — Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 2 June, 2014

Dengue fever is too often a fatal disease in Myanmar*By Aung Khin*

Dengue fever is endemic in many tropical and subtropical areas of Africa, Central and South America, the Caribbean, the Eastern Mediterranean, South and Southeast Asia, and Oceania.

The mosquito-borne viral infection is a life-threatening disease for children from rural, urban and suburban areas of Myanmar where the hospitals lack medical equipment and expe-

rienced staff to respond effectively to this disease.

Severe dengue, known as Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever, was first recognized in the 1950s during dengue epidemics in the Philippines and Thailand.

Severe dengue epidemics reportedly occurred in only nine countries across the world before 1970. The disease has now spread to more than 100 countries affected by rainy seasons. Among them, the American, Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific regions have the most serious impacts, and dengue has become a leading cause of hospitalization and death among children.

Malaysia and Singapore have already reported more dengue fever cases in 2014 than last year. The incidence has grown dramatically around the world in recent decades.

The UN World Health Organization (WHO) has estimated there may be 50 to 100 million den-

gue infections worldwide every year, and more than 2.5 billion people, over 40 per cent of the world's population, are now at risk from dengue.

As rainy season has started in Myanmar, the cases of dengue fever are now happening in the country.

While some state-owned hospitals in suburban areas cannot fully take action against this too-often fatal disease, local and international NGOs are responsible for carrying out preventive measures for this seasonal infection to save the lives of children.

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Language, Literature, development of reading habit among youths and Appreciation of Literary Works

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Culture, customs and traditions, art, music, language and literature are a country's own characteristics. These can be categorized into one group collectively under the name, "Culture". Some were our own creations and some were adopted or adapted from alien ones. Socially unacceptable ideas used to and disappear from our memories and enduring cultures became deep-rooted in us, and these distinguish one nation from another. These cultures give us a variety of pleasures and enjoyments. Like and appreciate differ. I like some music but I cannot appreciate it. Some 10 years ago, I visited my native town, Tada-U. There one day, accompanied by my friend, I visited my brother-in-law living at Inwa. They both are teachers and they love music. While talking of one thing and another, they happened to sing, playing the mandolin. Much as I like music, musical instruments had never been touched with my fingers throughout my life. So I had no alternative but to listen to their singing. After enjoying ourselves at the music for a few hours, I had a chance to ask about classical old songs. During our conversation, I came to know the full meanings of some yesterday-songs I like best, whereupon I felt that the classical music became more familiar with and attracted to me. There was one thing I

became aware of, on their faces. As small town-dwellers, most of them lead their peaceful lives. What is more, music seemed to have soothed the two. Their manners and speech were calm, relaxed and cheerful.

Here we need to know a slight difference between the two words—love and appreciation. In dictionaries, love is defined as the strong feelings of enjoyment that something gives you, and appreciation as pleasure that you have when you recognize and enjoy the good qualities of someone or something. Since my childhood days, habits of reading books and listening to songs conceived in me. To put it simply, my father did not encourage us to listen to songs. Instead, he always let our reading habits grow bigger. From then on, I loved reading novels and poems. But my dad never allowed us to read novels. He seldom failed to put various kinds of cartoons and newspapers on the book-shelf. The then newspapers included stories written by the famous writers such as Duwon and U Yan Aung, etc. Thus, these stories planted the seeds of reading habits in us, before we recognized it. Being unable to be satisfied with perusing them only, we managed to buy novels with our own pocket money from our piggy banks, without the knowledge of our father. And I became very fond of committing poems to memory. Simultaneously, an aspiration to know English occurred to me as I wished to be able to read

books written in English. Ridiculously enough, sometimes I recall my younger days when the books I borrowed from the school library returned to their original shelves, with pages unturned. Whatever it is, I was well convinced that reading could give us much pleasure and knowledge we need. There seems to be an element of hyperbole in such a claim that nothing I have ever done has given me half the pleasure I have found from reading books I wanted to read. In fact, the message I want to convey to our readers is that we need to make our younger minds develop reading habits in them. I want them to get pleasure from reading.

Perhaps someone will find it difficult to decide to make reading habits at first. The most important thing is to create a daily private hour for reading, and then to accomplish your plan through sheer determination. Once a habit develops in us for a month or so, I think we cannot get around the way we do now. Today's youths are blessed to have an access to the knowledge bank and literary treasures into which we want to delve by using the Net. Much information is available in a few minutes, and we can search for reading materials from the digital library. One may ask which kinds of books we should choose. My stock reply will be like this, "All kinds are OK". All these literary writings are literature. In dictionaries, pieces of writing that are valued as works of art, especially

novels, plays, and poems are defined as literature. And, it is also defined that pieces of writing and printed information on a particular subject is literature. The former gives us pleasure and enjoyment while the latter gives knowledge to the reader. Literature is, in reality, born out of a language. A language is the system of communication in speech or writing that is used by people of a particular country or area. At the advent of the emergence of a writing system, men might record only their findings and experiences in writing. With developing civilizations, they might try to create literature to express and share their feelings and desires. All these literary works are powerful weapons, which not only can give us moral lessons, strength, sense of humor, righteous ethics and many others, but also can bring us to a ruined state, simultaneously. That is to say, poisonous literary works are surrounding us, either. But we only need to guide them not to choose these indecent writings. Some people say that anyone, as a beginner, can read anything available nearby, and later they will be able to know which one is suitable or not, by themselves. It is heartening for us to see frequent literary talks with the literati in the readers' channel of the MRTV-4 Channel 7. They all urge youths to cultivate reading habits, to read all kinds of books and especially not to neglect Myanmar literature. Because in these days when most are eager to learn

English and other languages like Chinese, Japanese and Korean languages as top priorities, our mother tongue is desperately being set aside.

The other week, a girl student came to ask me a few questions. They are as follows:

1/ Is it appropriate to put excessive use of euphemistic language and idiomatic styles in writing?

2/ Can a language change into a new form? And, if so, will its literature in use today disappear and become an abstruse one?

First of all, I explained to her about histories of languages—English and our mother tongue, Myanmar, as far as I know from a layman's perspective, admitting that I had a scanty knowledge about them. As known by all, English is said to have originated from Proto-Indo-European. According to the researches made by many linguists, it took ages to reach the modern English, the present day's English we are using. To put it simply, I had never studied the English literature under the excellent guidance of learned teachers at the university. I had to give much time to study the story of English language as an extramural learning to satisfy my burning desire. I ever heard that even our savants sometimes found it difficult to render into our own language. Undeniably, all living languages will be changing with passing time. Due to increased literacy, travel and communication among nations, people will adopt foreign words and invent

new words, hence the developing language and the increasing vocabularies in their language evolutionarily. We cannot stop this process. Unless we corrupt a language deliberately or otherwise, its longevity will last for ages, and then its literature will remain in the culturally dignified status. We are responsible to take necessary arrangements for our Myanmar language so as not to deteriorate. We acknowledge that there are well-read youths around us. At the same time, we see many facebook users writing our Myanmarsar by using newly invented nonsensical words. The avant-garde is acceptable, but we should not misuse a poetic license. In other words, we should not besmirch the reputation of our national heritage. Our language's writing system itself is said to have originated from Brahmi, which flourished in India from about 500 B. C. to over 300 A.D. It is said that the earliest Myanmar writing is from the Bagan period of the 11th and 12th centuries. As for the younger generation with great potential, they should make our well-developed language and literature our forefathers cared for ages, develop more and more. Now is the time for us to launch a campaign to promote our language, literature and reading habits. Sometimes we have ironies. At the time when nationwide literary talks are being held and many talk shows are being broadcasted over televisions, regrettably, we found

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Language, Literature,
development of reading habit...

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book-cases of many ward-libraries locked nearly all the time.

It will take me a few lines to answer another question asked by my student. Once, during my student life, there was an English language teacher I admired and emulated. The whole town acknowledged him to be well-versed in the language. He devoted his life to teaching English and reading books, helping us to improve our language

skills. Knowingly that it was impossible for me to know English and to appreciate English literature like my beloved teacher, I had ever attempted to do so. However my attempt, such as it was, was nothing compared to my teacher's. Whatever it was, I only had a smattering of English and the literature. There were, at our childhood Alma Mater, sporadically issued school wall-chart bulletins, of which large portions were occupied by my ide-

al's bilingual writings. These still impressed themselves on my poor memory. Would that the teacher lived to educate and share his lingual knowledge with me. Let me introduce you to several lines of my teacher's writings, which were exemplary sentences for a middle school student.

1/ His name had been written in white ink in the exam result.

2/ I felt as if all the eyes in the world were watching me.

3/ Teacher has been looking at us over his glasses, like throwing the fishing

net over a school of fish.

There can be simple and correct sentences like these found in his essays. At my request, the teacher explained the sentences' meanings to me at length. When I started reading novels, I learnt to notice and love sentences written by using literary techniques/devices. As to journalism, it is said that the most important thing a reporter needs to know about euphemisms is that they don't belong in news stories. As for me, a dilettante of the language and literature, I am fond of all kinds

of writing styles. In our Myanmar literature as well, all these kinds of literary devices have been being used, as in English literature. Just the thought of the fact reminds me of our greatest poets, U Ponnya, Ah Chote Tan Sayar Pe, Ledi Sayadaw, Sayargyi Thakin Kodaw Hmine and many others. Our country abounds with able English-educated scholars who are capable of rendering the invaluable works. When I was a boy, a foolish wish occurred to me, to translate the great poem, "An appealing letter for

sympathy from bovine to carnivorous beings" by Ledi Sayadaw. It would be like an idiot trying to swim across the sea. More and more bi-lingual literati such as Sayargyi U Mya Zin, Sayar U Tha Noe, Saya Moe Hein (Thar Journal Kyaw) and Sayarmagyi Daw Khin Myo Chit are still coming into this field. With their help and other scholars' effort, we will be able to have our good works put on the international literary stage.

May our language and literature develop and live long forever!

Meiktila Lake to be conserved by
foreign aid

MEIKTILA, 1 June—Meiktila Lake will be conserved by foreign aid to improve water supply of the central Myanmar town, said officials on Sunday.

At the workshop organized by the Integrated Water Resources Management Strategy Study Team, and titled 'Work-

shop Meiktila Integrated Water Resources Management, the officials discussed the plan for water treatment, scenery and conservation of the lake by using the foreign fund.

The team leader Paul Van Meel and six members explained the conservation processes at the workshop.

Meiktila Lake is an artificial irrigation and water reservoir, and is located near Meiktila Township. With its 7 miles (11 kilometre) long, and coverage area of 3.5 square mile (9.06 square kilometre), the lake is divided into two parts—north and south—by a bridge across the lake.—NLM-018

Land plot, two buildings donated to
village in Hopin

MOHNYIN, 1 June—U Kyee Myint, 80 years old, of Myothitgale Village of Hopin Sub-Township of Kachin State donated the 0.131 acre of land plot,

one 40 feet by 560 feet two-storey building and one 60 by 30 feet two storey building to the village on Saturday.

The Hopin Sub-

Township Administrator presented a certificate of honour to the wellwisher, a well-off of the village.

NLM-001

Departmental officials urged to politely
relate with people

MYINGYAN, 1 June—Mandalay Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Kyaw Moe held a talk with departmental officials at the hall of Myingyan District General

Administration Department in Myingyan of Mandalay Region on Saturday.

The region minister urged them to relate with local people politely and change their mindsets, to

carry out their tasks in line with the rules and regulations and disseminate the knowledge to the people to know ease process of the departments.—Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)

Buddhist cultural course kicks
off in Tatkon

TATKON, 1 June—Tatkon Township laypersons team conducted the Buddhist cultural course at the religious building in Tatkon on Sunday morning.

Member of Nay Pyi

Taw Council U Myint Shwe presented prizes to five outstanding students who won the distinctions in the Buddhological Knowledge test.

Over 700 students are

attending the Buddhist cultural course. It is aimed at turning out polite youths who will have the capacity to safeguard the lineage, Buddhism and Myanmar culture.—Township IPRD

Protesters chant to construct inter-district road

INDAW, 1 June—A protest for construction of the inter-district road was held in Meza Model Village in Indaw Township of Sagaing Region on Friday.

The protesters started their route from Nantthe Village and walked along Nantthe-Meza village road, chanting the slogan to build Shwebo-Katha District road.

The protesters gathered about 700 participants from Hinu (North),

Nantthe, Meza, Lezin, Hsinging, Paawt, Tatlwint, Hinu (Middle) and Thechaung villages near Meza Model Village.

They demanded development of Meza region, construction of the

inter-district road to Meza village, smooth transport, removal of the self-interest persons and destructionists to development of Meza region as peaceful demonstration.—Township IPRD



UAE to continue aid to Egypt, sees more stability after Sisi win



A woman celebrates Abdel Fattah al-Sisi's victory in the Egyptian presidential elections in Tharir Square, Cairo on 29 May, 2014. —REUTERS

ABUDHABI, 1 June — The United Arab Emirates foresees greater stability in Egypt after former army chief Abdel Fattah al-Sisi won a presidential election last week and will continue to back it financially, the UAE foreign minister said on Saturday.

Since the army ousted Egypt's first freely elected president, the Islamist Mohamed Mursi amid mass protests against his rule last July, the UAE has become a major donor for Egypt, taking a hands-on approach

in its support for Cairo.

The Gulf Arab countries were opposed to Mursi and his Muslim Brotherhood, which they regard as a security threat. In total Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the UAE have pledged over \$12 billion in loans and donations since July.

Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed also told reporters the UAE wanted international partner to join in their efforts to repair Egypt's shattered economy.

"We want to have partners from around the world

involved, whether it be partners like Germany ... or institutions like the World Bank and the IMF," Sheikh Abdullah said at a news conference in Abu Dhabi on the occasion of a visit by his German counterpart.

The minister said the UAE had a plan to revive Egypt's economy and put it back on track.

"The next period will be different.

The previous one was a transitional period and now there will be more stability," he said.

The International Monetary Fund and Egypt have discussed a possible loan worth up to \$4.8 billion to help the economy, embattled since a 2011 uprising that toppled president Hosni Mubarak and drove away tourists and foreign investors, two main sources of foreign currency.

These talks took a backseat when financial aid began flowing from Gulf Arab states following Mursi's ouster last year.

Reuters

Sudanese death sentence woman to be freed soon: government official

KHARTOUM, 1 June — A Sudanese woman sentenced to death for converting to Christianity is expected to be released soon, a government official said on Saturday, after Khartoum came under diplomatic pressure to halt her execution.

"The related authorities in the country are working to release Mariam (Yahya Ibrahim), who was sentenced to death for apostasy, through legal measures," Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Abdelah Al-Azrak told Reuters.

"I expect her to be released soon," he added.

A Sudanese court this month imposed the death sentence on the pregnant 27-year-old woman, who is married to a Christian

American, and ordered her to return to Islam.

The sentence caused a diplomatic incident, with Britain urging Sudan to uphold what it called its international obligations on freedom of religion.

Ibrahim's lawyer, Mohamed Mostafa, said neither he nor the woman's husband had been notified about any release.

"But we do hope she will get released soon," Mostafa told Reuters.

Ibrahim was also sentenced to 100 lashes for what it deemed her adultery for marrying a Christian. Last week she gave birth in prison to a daughter, her second child by her American husband Daniel Wani.

Reuters

Yemeni intelligence officer shot dead by suspected al-Qaeda gunmen

ADEN, 1 June — Suspected al-Qaeda militants shot dead a Yemeni intelligence officer on Saturday in the southern province of Lahaj, a local official told Reuters, in the latest of a series of attacks on military targets.

"The officer was in his car when he was shot by the militants carrying machine guns," said the official, adding that the attack is suspected to be linked with al-Qaeda. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) has carried out several hit-and-run attacks since the Yemeni army drove it from its southern strongholds in Abyan and Shabwa provinces last month. The dead man, Colonel Nasser al-Issai, was the latest in a string of army and intelligence officers to have been killed in Yemen. So far more than 22 other senior officers have died this year. The West is concerned AQAP could use Yemen, which borders major oil producer Saudi Arabia, as a base for international attacks. Apart from the fight against al-Qaeda, the government faces a push by southern separatists for independence and battles with rebels from the Shi'ite Muslim Houthi movement, which is trying to extend its control over the north.—Reuters

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Syria bomber was Florida-born, raised in middle-class family

SEBASTIAN, (FLA), 1 June — The man believed to be the first American suicide bomber in Syria was born in Florida and loved to play basketball. He was an average student who grew up in a well-kept middle-class neighbourhood about 90 minutes south of Orlando.

The family of Moner Mohammad Abu-Salha, 22, on Saturday declined to comment or to open their door as a small group of reporters gathered outside their home in a gated community in Sebastian, on Florida's east coast.

Neighbour Mark Hill, 46, said he knew little about the family across the street, who moved in around 2006 at the same time he did, but they seemed to be "very nice people, always pleasant."

Hill described

Abu-Salha as a "normal boy" who wore T-shirts and walked around the neighbourhood with a basketball looking for someone to join him in a game.

He said the father wore a long white tunic, but no beard, and the mother wore a headscarf, showing only her face.

The family, who have owned a string of local Middle Eastern grocery stores, were a visible presence in the community and often left the garage doors open, Hill added.

The family are of Jordanian-Palestinian origin, according to people familiar with their grocery business.

The US government was aware before the suicide bombing that Abu-Salha had travelled to Syria to join militants, and believe



Florida birth registration card for Moner Mohammad Abu-Salha is seen in this government handout image.

REUTERS

as many as 70 Americans have been to Syria to fight, US officials say.

Using the nom de guerre Abu Hurayra al-Amriki, Abu-Salha carried out one of four bomb attacks on 25 May in Syria's Idlib Province on behalf of Jabhat al-Nusra, an

al-Qaeda affiliate fighting to oust the government of President Bashar al-Assad.

According to a birth certificate obtained by Reuters, "Moner Mohammad Abusalha" was born on 28 Oct, 1991, in Palm Beach County.

In eighth grade he was

an average student, failing two of his midterm exams while earning all Bs and Cs at the school year's midpoint. Teachers said he was "easily distracted" but participated well in some classes and showed good effort.

A school photograph taken in 2006, shows a handsome, smiling, all-American looking boy.

Holly Gorman who managed the Indian River Warriors, the travelling basketball team Abu-Salha played for said he was well liked by coaches and teammates, who nicknamed him "Mo."

Despite only playing in a handful of games and never scoring more than three or four points in the 2007 season, Abu-Salha was "a coachable kid" and "a diligent worker," she

said.

He wore the number 55 and was "short and stocky, built more like a football player," Gorman said. "Everybody liked him and the coach kept him on the team because he was all heart. He was that kind of player."

Photographs posted on social media sites show the bearded suicide bomber purportedly in Syria, smiling and cradling a cat.

The photos appear to match a Facebook profile for Abu-Salha, which portray him as an observant Muslim who liked video games, sports and Dunkin' Donuts. Hassan Shibly, director of the Florida chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), said he knew nothing about Abu-Salha.

Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

A nice, bright smile: Scientists use lasers to regrow teeth

WASHINGTON, 1 June—Scientists have come up with a bright idea — literally — to repair teeth.

And they say their concept — using laser light to entice the body's own stem cells into action — may offer enormous promise beyond just dentistry in the field of regenerative medicine.

The researchers used a low-power laser to coax dental stem cells to form dentin, the hard tissue similar to bone that makes up most of a tooth, demonstrating the process in studies involving rats and mice and using human cells in a laboratory.

They did not regenerate an entire tooth in part because the enamel part was too tricky. But merely getting dentin to grow could help alleviate the need for root canal treatment, the painful procedure to remove dead or dying nerve tissue and bacteria from inside a tooth, they said. "I'm a dentist by training. So I think it has potential for great impact



A dentist extracts a tooth from a patient at a dental clinic in Sabanilla near San Jose in this 1 Nov, 2012 file photo. —REUTERS

in clinical dentistry," researcher Praveen Arany of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, part of the US National Institutes of Health, said on Friday.

Arany expressed hope that human clinical trials could get approval in the near future.

"Our treatment modality does not introduce anything new to the body, and

lasers are routinely used in medicine and dentistry, so the barriers to clinical translation are low," added Harvard University bioengineering professor David Mooney. "It would be a substantial advance in the field if we can regenerate teeth rather than replace them." Using existing regeneration methods, scientists must take stem cells from the body, manipu-

late them in a lab and put them back into the body. This new technique more simply stimulates action in stem cells that are already in place.

Scientists had long noticed that low-level laser therapy can stimulate biological processes like rejuvenating skin and stimulating hair growth but were not sure of the mechanisms. Arany noted the importance of finding the right laser dose, saying: "Too low doesn't work and too high causes damage." High-powered lasers are used for cutting and cauterizing.—Reuters

BBM 2.2 for Android and iOS brings easier sign-up, friending, and more

NEW DELHI, 1 June — It was late last year that Canadian smartphone manufacturer BlackBerry released its BlackBerry Messenger (BBM) on Android and iOS platforms for free. Now the latest version of BBM (version 2.2) is available for download on Google Play, with the iOS version all set to hit the App Store in the coming days.

On the official BlackBerry blog, Inside BlackBerry, Jeff Gadway, head of product and brand marketing writes about the new version which has hit the Google Play store on Wednesday, "This next release (v.2.2) is focused on streamlining key aspects of the BBM experience. Our goal was to make it simpler for new users to join the BBM community and to make it faster and easier to add new BBM contacts."

The new features on BBM v.2.2 for Android include an easier way to add contacts via email, wherein a user who receives a BBM invite by email can just become a contact by clicking on the link provided, rather than sending a PIN invite back, as is the current method. Even signing up



for BBM is easier. All that new users require are an email ID, name and password, and they can start using it.

On the cosmetic side there are 16 new emoticons that will be added to the new version. These include a hotdog, hacker, a pair of hot lips amongst others. The 'Updates' tab has been renamed to 'Feeds', to represent a user better. It will include latest statuses and profile photos from BBM contacts and newer posts from the BBM channels that users follow. The latest version also brings a range of bug fixes and performance improvements.

PTI

Pirate Bay co-founder arrested in Sweden to serve copyright violation sentence

STOCKHOLM, 1 June — File-sharing website Pirate Bay has been arrested in southern Sweden to serve an outstanding sentence for copyright violations after being on the run for nearly two years, Swedish police said on Saturday.

Peter Sunde had been wanted by Interpol since 2012 after being sentenced in Sweden to prison and fined for breaching copyright laws. "We have been looking for him since 2012," said Carolina Ekeus, spokeswoman at the Swedish National Police Board. "He was given eight months in jail so he has to serve his sentence."

Ekeus said Sunde had been arrested on Saturday in the southern Swedish county of Skane but she was not able to provide further details.

Four men linked to Pirate Bay were originally sentenced to one year in prison and a fine of 32 million crowns (\$4.8 million). An appeals court later reduced the prison sentences by varying amounts, but raised the fine to 46 million Swedish crowns (\$6.9 mil-



Fredrik Neij (R) and Peter Sunde (C), two co-founders of the file-sharing website, The Pirate Bay, arrive at the Swedish Appeal Court in Stockholm on 28 Sept, 2010.

REUTERS

lion). In September, 2012, Cambodia arrested and deported another Pirate Bay co-founder at Sweden's request.

Swedish media reported on Saturday that Sunde may have been living in Germany in recent years and that Sweden's Supreme Court had as recently as May rejected an appeal from him.

"He is extremely talented and I still think that the judgment was wrong," Peter Althin, who defended Sunde during the trial, was quoted as saying by Swedish news service TT.

"It's about being on the cutting edge if one is going to be successful... But if one is too far ahead it is not always about success. Peter fought for file-sharing and in 10 years I think it goes without saying that file-sharing for one's own needs will be allowed."

Pirate Bay, launched in 2003, provided links to music and movie files that were stored on other users' computers. Swedish subsidiaries of prominent music and film companies had taken the company to court claiming damages for lost revenue.—Reuters

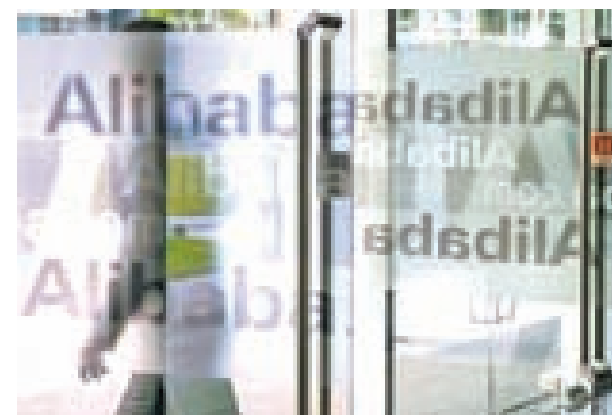
Alibaba among companies looking to invest in AppNexus

NEW YORK, 1 June—Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (IPO-ALIB.N) is one of several companies that are in talks to invest for a stake in US-based advertising technology firm AppNexus, the Wall Street Journal said, citing sources familiar with the matter.

The talks are in an advanced stage but there is no confirmation whether they would result in an investment, the Journal cited sources as saying.

Last week, Technology publication The Information said Alibaba is looking to take stakes in several non-Chinese Web companies, citing an executive who was told about the company's recent US plans.

AppNexus expects to raise about \$100 million and is considering offers that value the company at more than \$1 billion, the



A man walks out of a building at Alibaba's headquarters on the outskirts of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province on 23 April, 2014.—REUTERS

Journal reported.

Alibaba plans to gain competence in advertising through investment in AppNexus, while the latter looks to expand its reach outside the United States, Wall Street Journal reported the sources as saying.

Alibaba, which powers 80 percent of all online commerce in China, is gearing up for what could be the world's biggest

technology initial public offering.

The company's listing has stirred the most excitement in Silicon Valley and Wall Street since Facebook Inc's (FB.O) record IPO.

A spokeswoman for AppNexus declined to comment. No one from Alibaba was available for comment after regular business hours.

Reuters

China, Malaysia celebrate 40th anniversary of diplomatic ties



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (2nd R front) and Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak (2nd L front) meet with representatives of youth from both China and Malaysia before the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Malaysia in Beijing, capital of China, on 31 May, 2014.—XINHUA

MU XUEQUAN, 1 June — China sent a pair of giant pandas to Malaysia on 21 May to strengthen bilateral cooperation on scientific research.

Both sides also agreed to further intensify coop-

eration in agriculture and quarantine inspection, focusing on crops plant tion, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture, animal and plant diseases prevention, said the communique.

China agreed to study

expanded import of Malaysia's jackfruit, pineapple and other tropical fruits, as well as to expedite the inspection and registration of Malaysian dairy producers, it said. The two countries expressed their commit-

ment for closer military exchanges and cooperation in global affairs.

Both sides agreed to work together to deepen China-ASEAN cooperation, and welcomed the initiatives proposed by Chinese and ASEAN leaders including the establishment of the 21st century Maritime Silk Road, said the communique.

They agreed to jointly hold the ASEAN Regional Forum Disaster Relief Exercise in Malaysia from 1-6 February next year.

Concerning the issue regarding the South China Sea, both sides emphasized that all sovereign states directly concerned shall exercise self-restraint and settle their differences by peaceful means and friendly consultations and negotiations, and in accordance with universally recognized principles of international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, said the communique.

Xinhua

Thai tanker believed hijacked on way to Indonesia

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 June — A Thai tanker was believed to have been hijacked on its way to Indonesia, the International Maritime Bureau said on Saturday. The agency's Kuala Lumpur-based Piracy Reporting Center said that the ship lost contact after leaving Singapore on Tuesday, which was on its way to Pontianak on Indo-

nesia's Kalimantan.

There are 14 crew members on board the diesel oil tanker *MT Orapin 4*. The center has urged other vessels to keep a look-out for the missing tanker.

The international maritime agency recorded 23 actual or attempted attacks from January to March, mainly off Indonesia.

Xinhua

China detains ex-key aide to former leader Zhao

HONG KONG, 1 June — Chinese authorities have detained a former key aide to the late Chinese leader Zhao Ziyang who was ousted from power over the handling of pro-democracy protests that led to the bloody crackdown on activists at Beijing's Tiananmen Square in June 1989, Hong Kong media reported on Sunday.

Bao Tong, 81, who lives in Beijing, was picked up by public security personnel on Friday, five days before the 25th anniversary of the military crackdown

at Tiananmen.

Bao's family said authorities have not told them where Bao has been detained.

Bao's associates said they believe Bao was taken from his home so that the foreign media would not be able to speak to him prior to the Tiananmen anniversary. Zhao, who died in 2005, was ousted from his post as general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party following a power struggle with party hard-liners over the protests at Tiananmen.

Kyodo News

US soldier freed in Afghanistan, five Taliban prisoners leave Guantanamo

WASHINGTON, 1 June — The last US prisoner of war held in Afghanistan was handed over to US Special Operations forces on Saturday, in a dramatic swap for five Taliban detainees who were released from Guantanamo Bay prison and flown to Qatar.

Army Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl had been held for nearly five years by Afghan militants and his release, following years of on-and-off negotiations, suddenly became possible after harder-line factions of the Afghan Taliban apparently shifted course and agreed to back it, according to US officials.

Bergdahl, 28, was handed over about 6 pm local time on Saturday, a senior official said. The US forces, who had flown in by helicopter, were on the ground very briefly, said the officials, who would not specify the precise location of the handover.

A US defence official said Bergdahl was able to walk and became emotional on his way to freedom. "Once he was on the helicopter, he wrote on a paper plate, 'SF?'" the official



US Army Private Bowe Bergdahl watches as one of his captors display his identity tag to the camera at an unknown location in Afghanistan in this on 19 July, 2009 file still image taken from video.—REUTERS

said, referring to the abbreviation for special forces. "The operators replied loudly: 'Yes, we've been looking for you for a long time.' And at this point, Sergeant Bergdahl broke down." President Barack Obama hailed the release in a brief appearance with Bergdahl's parents, Bob and Jani, in the White House Rose Garden, saying that "while Bowe was gone, he was never forgotten". Bergdahl was on his way to an American military hospital in Germany, a US defence official said.

Another defence official said it was expected that after treatment in Germany he would be transferred to a military medical facility in San Antonio, Texas.

US special forces took custody of Bergdahl in a non-violent exchange with 18 Taliban members in eastern Afghanistan, senior US officials said, adding that he was believed to be in good condition. Before leaving for Germany, he received medical care at Bagram Air Base, the main US base in Afghanistan.

Reuters

S Korea urges release of its missionary sentenced to life in N Korea

SEOUL, 1 June — The South Korean government urged North Korea on Sunday to release a South Korean missionary, Kim Jong Uk, who was sentenced to life with hard labour by a North Korean court on Friday.

"It is regrettable that North Korea went ahead with perfunctory trial procedures in a unilateral manner and gave our citizen severe punishment. We strongly urge North Korea to release and repatriate our citizen to South Korea as soon as possible," South Korea's Unification Ministry said in a statement.

North Korea sentenced Kim to life with hard labour on Friday after convicting him of espionage and setting up an underground church. North Korea's official KCNA news agency reported that the missionary had admitted his guilt at the court.

"We have demanded North Korea free and repatriate Kim on several occasions, but it has not responded to our and the international community's legitimate demand. This



South Korean missionary, identified by the North as Kim Jong Uk (centre R), attends a news conference under portraits of North Korea's former leaders Kim Jong Il (top R) and Kim Il Sung in Pyongyang in this on 27 Feb, 2014 picture provided by Kyodo.

REUTERS

clearly violates the international norms as well as universal value of humanitarian spirit," the statement added.

In an apparent stage-managed confession, Kim admitted in February to spying for the South Korean intelligence agency as well as trying to topple North Korea's isolated regime.

Pyongyang has rejected calls from Seoul for his release and for his family to visit him.

"We once again urge North Korea to provide him with safety and convenience and allow his family and lawyers to visit him until he is repatriated," the South Korean statement said.

North Korea is still holding Kenneth Bae, a Korean-American missionary sentenced to 15 years of hard labour on charges of trying to use religion to overthrow its political system.

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Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (R) meets with Fu Ying, chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of China's National People's Congress, in Singapore, on 31 May, 2014.

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1. Qualified Contractors and/or Joint Venture are invited to submit Tender Proposals in United State Dollars for the 132 kV Transmission Line and Substation, Shwe Li (3) HPP Contract:

2. Closing Date of Tender Acquisition - 26.6.2014 (16:00) pm
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(11/2014)**

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(3)	IFB -021(14-15)	Mud Agitator Unit with Motor Driven (7.5 KW) (3) Units	US\$
(4)	IFB -022(14-15)	Spares for K-700A Rig Pump & K-280 Mixing Pump (12) Items	US\$
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Eyeing Pakistan and China, Modi bolsters security team



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

NEW DELHI, 1 June, — Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chosen a daring former spy with years of experience in dealing with Pakistan as his national security adviser, a move officials say signals a more muscular approach to New Delhi's traditional enemy.

The choice of Ajit Doval, alongside former army chief General VK Singh as a federal minister for the northeast region, underscores plans to revamp national security that Modi says became weak under the outgoing government.

The two top-level appointments, reporting directly to Modi, point to a desire to address what are arguably India's two most pressing external security concerns — Pakistan and China, both of which, like India, have nuclear arms.

Doval, a highly decorated officer renowned for his role in dangerous counter-insurgency missions, has long advocated tough action against militant groups, although operations he has been involved in suggest a level of pragmatism.

In the 1980s, he smuggled himself into the Golden Temple in the city of Amritsar from where Sikh militants were later flushed out, and he infiltrated a powerful guerrilla group fighting for independence from India in the northeastern state of Mizoram. The group ultimately signed a peace accord. Doval was also on the ground in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when an Indian Airlines plane from Kathmandu was hijacked by Pakistan-based militants on Christmas Eve, 1999. The crisis was resolved when top militants were freed in

exchange for hostages. "Doval is an out-of-the-box thinker," said an Intelligence Bureau officer with long years of service in Kashmir and other Indian hotspots. "Expect him to shake things up."

The official, who did not want to be named, said he expected the new security team to push for a rapid expansion of border infrastructure and a streamlining of intelligence services, which still function in isolation and often impede one other.

Singh has declared his priority is to develop the northeast in order to narrow the gap with Chinese investment in roads and railways on its side of the frontier.

India is also creating a new mountain corps and beefing up border defences, although that initiative has stalled.

A secure India is a long-standing goal of Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and the new prime minister himself wants strong borders so the country can focus fully on giving economic growth a much-needed boost.

He won the election in May in a landslide victory largely on economic pledges that India's 1.2 billion people hope will secure jobs and raise living standards.

But with most foreign troops withdrawing from Afghanistan by the end of this year, India is concerned that Islamist militants fighting there will turn their sights towards the disputed region of Kashmir, which is also claimed by Pakistan. India and Pakistan have fought two of three wars since independence over the Himalayan territory, and their armed forces are separated there by a rugged, mountainous Line of Control which militants have the capability to cross.

Doval, 69, formerly head of the Intelligence Bureau domestic spy agency, will be National Security Adviser, only the second officer from the intelligence community to hold the post.

By contrast, predecessor Shiv Shankar Menon is a member of the elite Indian Foreign Service — an expert on China and nuclear security known for his formidable intellect.

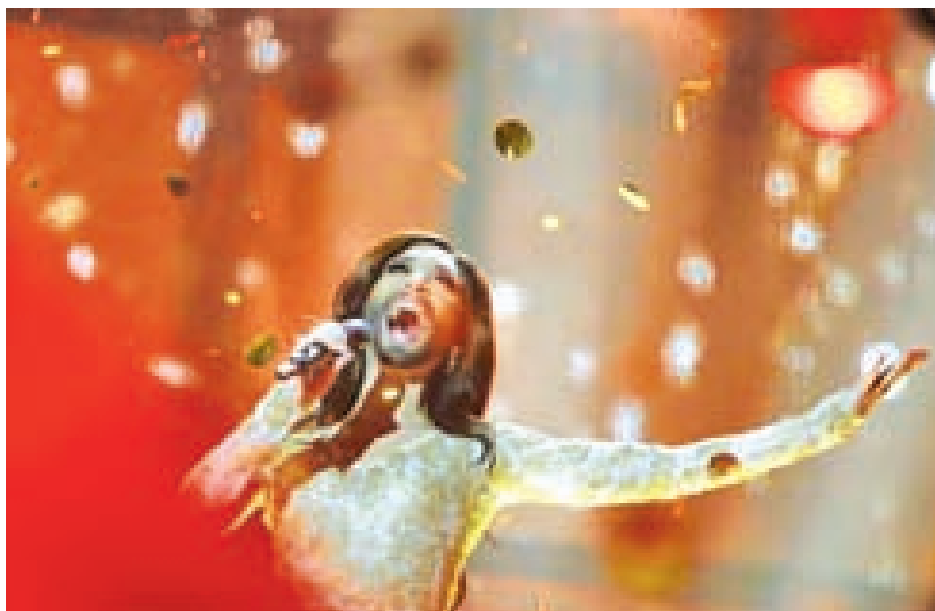
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Vienna rides Conchita wave with AIDS charity ball

VIENNA, 1 June — Eurovision winner Conchita Wurst topped the bill at Vienna's Life Ball on Saturday night, outshining guests such as former US President Bill Clinton, actress Lindsay Lohan and designer Vivienne Westwood at Europe's biggest AIDS charity event.

This year's Life Ball took place as the Austrian capital basked in the victory of the bearded drag queen Wurst earlier this month, which has at least temporarily given it a self-image as a hotbed of tolerance. A partygoer who identified himself as Aaron, covered in glitter and topless but for a pair of nipple pasties, said the victory of Wurst — due to perform her winning power ballad "Rise Like A Phoenix" later in the night — had changed the atmosphere. "I've been here four times before, but this one is



Conchita Wurst representing Austria performs the song "Rise Like a Phoenix" after winning the grand final of the 59th Eurovision Song Contest at the B&W Hallerne in Copenhagen on 10 May, 2014.—REUTERS

by far the best. Usually we hide ourselves before coming to the ball, but this year we can walk openly," he said. Skimpy costumes were de rigueur, and guests wear-

ing outfits the organizers' "style police" judged to be exceptional could win half-price admission to the Vienna ball. Tickets are normally distributed by a lottery

and cost 160 euros (\$220). "I feel so poorly dressed," joked Clinton, sporting conventional evening wear, in opening remarks.

The Life Ball raised

about 2.4 million euros (\$3.3 million) last year, much of it donated to the Clinton Health Access Initiative to treat and reduce HIV infections in children. The event this year is inspired by the 15th-century Hieronymus Bosch triptych "The Garden of Earthly Delights", which depicts hedonistic revellers in its centre panel and the Garden of Eden and hell on either side.

The ball has drawn criticism for using Bosch-like posters featuring a nude transgender model, Carmen Carrera. Photographer David LaChapelle designed two versions, showing Carrera with either male or female genitalia, along with the slogan: "I am Adam — I am Eve — I am me." In response, a vigilante granny has attracted media attention by going around defacing the exposed parts.

Reuters

Sonakshi Sinha gears up for women-oriented film

MUMBAI, 1 June — Actress Sonakshi Sinha who garnered positive reviews for her performance in Looter and is now gearing up for the release of Holiday: A Soldier Is Never Off Duty, says she has recently signed a new project, which is women-oriented.

"I have now signed a new film which has a women-oriented subject. I am quite excited about that project, but I'm not allowed to talk about it till the producers make an official announcement," Sonakshi told IANS.



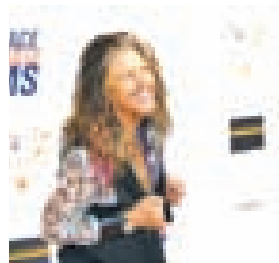
Actress Sonakshi Sinha

Asked if the movie is a remake of a southern film, she said, "Wait till the announcement." The actress says she received varied offers after her strong performance in Looter. "I was approached for many films post Looter, but I didn't feel strongly about them. Looter was written for me, but the other offers that I got post Looter were not convincing," she said.

Her new movie Holiday, directed by A R Murugadoss, features Akshay Kumar as the male lead.

PTI

Aerosmith's Steven Tyler turns street musician in Helsinki



Musician Steven Tyler poses at the 21st annual Race To Erase MS fundraiser in Los Angeles, California on 2 May, 2014.—REUTERS

HELSINKI, 1 June — American rock star Steven Tyler took over a street musician's self-made instrument consisting of water-filled wine bottles to play in the streets of Helsinki on Saturday, performing Aerosmith's 1973 hit "Dream On." Tyler played a glass-bottle xylophone, a concoction made of bamboo, rope and some 20 wine bottles, which belongs to Russian street musician Fedor Grigorev, who regularly performs in the centre of Helsinki.

While the veteran rocker seemed to enjoy his performance - he can be heard laughing during it - the Finns were less impressed. The video Tyler posted on his Facebook site showed only a handful of people stopped to listen to the impromptu show.—Reuters

Director Hari Gopalakrishnan: Rekha couldn't accommodate dates for Poojai

CHENNAI, 1 June — Director Hari Gopalakrishnan has confirmed that he approached yesteryear actress Rekha for a role in his upcoming Tamil actioner Poojai, starring Vishal Krishna. But she wasn't signed on as she couldn't accommodate dates for the project.

"I wanted Rekha madam to play Vishal's mother. We wanted her to shoot with us for a few days but since she was extremely busy with prior commitments, we couldn't sign her on," Hari told IANS.

Instead of Rekha, Hari

has roped in Tamil actress Radhika for the same role.

Rekha, who is a south Indian by birth, is the daughter of late legendary Tamil actor Gemini Ganesan. She made her cinematic debut with Telugu film Rangula Ratnam.

Poojai, which is currently on floors in Coimbatore, features Shruti Haasan as a female lead.

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Rekha made her cinematic debut with Telugu film Rangula Ratnam. PTI

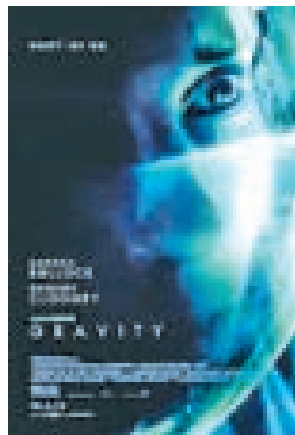


'Gravity' wins trailer of the year award

LOS ANGELES, 1 June — Sandra Bullock-starrer space thriller 'Gravity' has won the best trailer honour at the Golden Trailer Awards.

The Alfonso Cuarón-directed sci-fi film was voted the best trailer out of a wide variety of films nominated for the various Golden Trailer awards. 'Gravity's trailer also won the award for best thriller trailer, reported Variety.

The trailer, entitled Detached, depicts Bullock and George Clooney floating through space, before the actress crucially loses hold of a life line whilst on



a mission outside the space station.

The Golden Trailer Awards took place on 30 May. Other previous winners of the Trailer of the

Year award include 'Star Trek', 'The Dark Knight Rises' and 'The Social Network'. Other winners of this year's awards include 'Godzilla' for Summer Blockbuster, 'Dallas Buyers Club' for Best Independent, and 'Maleficent' for Best Fantasy Adventure. 'The Hunger Games: Catching Fire' and 'Frozen' also won awards, respectively, for Best Action trailer and Best Animation/Family Film trailer.

The Golden Trailer Awards have been awarding and honouring feature film and documentary trailers since 1999.—PTI

Adam driver wanted to make R2-D2 noises on Star Wars set

LOS ANGELES, 1 June — Actor Adam Driver says it was surreal being cast in Star Wars: Episode VII as he grew up watching the series.

The film is directed by JJ Abrams and is slated for a release in December 2015.

The actor is reportedly signed up to play Darth Vader in the upcoming intergalactic adventure, reports contactmusic.com. "You grew up watching something and then suddenly you're in the midst of all those characters with them talking to each other! You want to make R2-D2 noises and light saber whooshes — but nobody actually did," said Adam.

He will be joining cast members Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill, Anthony Daniels, Peter Mayhew and Kenny Baker in the upcoming film.

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Filming for the movie began in Abu Dhabi earlier this month.—PTI

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Indonesia's volcano may impair flight

JAKARTA, 1 June — Rumbling Sangean volcano in central Indonesia has kept rising its seismic activity since Friday's eruption with volcanic ash spread toward east, drawing concern it may halt flights in the areas.

Powerful burst of hot ashes erupted by up to 3,000 meters high from the volcano located in a small island of West Nusatenggara Province on Friday, according to Head of National Volcanology Agency Muhammad Hendrasto.

"By up to 10.42 am local time, the seismic activity has kept rising. The ashes also spread toward Sumba Timur of East Nusa Tenggara Province (east of the volcano)," Sutopo Purwo Nugroho,

spokesman of national disaster agency told *Xinhua* via phone on Sunday.

Sutopo said the eruption forced more than 7,000 people to flee home and incurred the closure of two local airports.

"The number of evacuees so far stands at 7,328," he said.

Sutopo said displaced persons included 135 growers cultivating land in the small island with their plantations located in the slope of the volcano.

"Two airports in West Nusatenggara, the Bima airport and the Tambolaka airport both are closed," said the official. Indonesian transport ministry has yet to issue a warning on flight.

The ministry regularly issues flight warning due



Stunning volcanic ash cloud found in Indonesia

to eruption of volcanoes in the vast archipelago country, including the recent one, when Sinabung volcano in North Sumatra erupted intermittently from September to February.

Sutopo said the ashes from Mount Sangeang also enveloped Bima, a major city in the West Nusatenggara Province, and other ar-

eas passed by the volcanic ashes.

To prevent the impact of the eruption on people's health, the local disaster agency has distributed over 15,000 masks, he said. Mount Sangeang of 1,842 meters has been the third highest alert level since June 14, 2013, said Hendrasto.

"With this eruption we are likely to raise the alert level to the second highest," he said. Mount Sangeang is among 129 active volcanoes in Indonesia, which is prone to seismic upheaval due to its location on the Pacific Ring of Fire, an arc of volcano and fault lines encircling the Pacific Basin.

Xinhua

Australian airlines resume flights as ash cloud dissipates

PERTH, 1 June — Australian airlines forced to cancel flights due to a volcanic ash cloud from Indonesia's Sangeang Api volcano resumed flying on Sunday as the plume cleared.

With the threat to Australian airspace now abating, the continuing low-level eruption of the volcano in the Sunda Islands in southern Indonesia may pose a threat to the airspace around Bali in the coming days, the agency tasked with monitoring ash in that airspace told *Reuters*.

"With the volcano continuing to erupt, we can still see a significant amount of ash around the volcano at the moment," Emile Jansons, manager

of the Darwin Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre told *Reuters*.

"Our biggest concern at the moment is that the boundary of the ash cloud is not very far away from Bali and if there is another larger eruption then the ash could move and affect that airspace."

A large eruption of Sangeang Api on Friday sent an ash cloud high into the atmosphere that moved across northern Australia, causing the cancellation of some flights between Australia and southeast Asia and all domestic flights operating out of Darwin airport on Saturday.

The volcano is sustaining a weak eruption and the ash cloud above it is reaching just 5 kilometres

(3.1 miles) above sea level, compared to 10 kilometres (6.2 miles) on Friday, Jansons said.

Volcanic ash can be extremely dangerous to aircraft and cause engine failure or engine damage. Airlines each apply their own risk assessment criteria in deciding whether to fly.

Operations at Darwin International Airport were getting back to normal on Sunday afternoon with regional carrier Airnorth having resumed flights and the major airlines resuming mid-afternoon, spokeswoman Virginia Sanders said. Qantas Airways Ltd tweeted that its operations in and out of Darwin had resumed and its budget carrier Jetstar also said in a statement that its services to and

from Darwin were set to resume. Jetstar said it had cancelled 19 flights due to the ash cloud.

Virgin Australia Holdings said its first flight would resume at 4:30 pm Darwin time.

"Based on the latest advice we have received and with the forecast expected to clear in affected areas near Darwin and Denpasar, we will resume operations into and out of Darwin later this afternoon. We will also resume operations into and out of Denpasar," Virgin said in a statement. Indonesia's Sunda Islands lie along the collision of two tectonic plates and are among some of the most geologically active regions in the world.—*Reuters*

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- * Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
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- * News/ International News
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- * ASEAN Programme
- 9:00 am
- * News/ International News
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- * Cartoon Series
- 10:00 am
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- 10:15 am
- * Documentary
- 11:05 am
- * Musical Programme
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- * News / International News / Weather Report
- 2:40 pm
- * Songs Programme
- 3:00 pm
- * News
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- * University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Zoology)
- 5:00 pm
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- * Documentary
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- * Local News
- * Myanmar National Poet and Literary Icon; Prolific Writer of Poems & Prose — Min Thu Wun (Episode-1)
- * World News
- * Kid's Home
- * Local News
- * Taste of Myanmar "Fried Flat Noodle"
- * World News
- * Inspiration
- * Local News
- * National Costumes "Trend of Kachin Dress"
- * World News
- * Parents' Day
- * Local News
- * Myanmar Delicate Artistic Handy Creations- Lacquaware Making
- * World News
- * Independent Filmmaker
- * Local News
- * On the River
- * World News
- * Creations of a Designer
- * Local News
- * Cruising to Precious Islands (Part-1)
- * World News
- * A Short Trip to Sagaing (Short Cuts)
- * Local News
- * Director: Kyi Phyu Shin
- * World News
- * A Traditional Doctor

Murray and Kohlschreiber battle suspended due to bad light



Andy Murray of Britain prepares to serve to Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany during their men's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 31 May, 2014.

REUTERS

PARIS, 1 June — Wimbledon champion Andy Murray was locked in a fifth-set fight to the finish against Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany in the third round of the French Open

on Saturday when play was suspended because of bad light. Kohlschreiber won his last service game, as the sun dipped below the Paris horizon, to leave the fifth set at 7-7.

The match will be finished on Sunday on the same Suzanne Lenglen court. After losing the first set, the British seventh seed appeared to be cruising to victory in the fourth when he led 4-2. But suddenly Murray's touch deserted him and the German took full advantage to force the match into a pulsating fifth set. The winner will play either Richard Gasquet of France, the 12th seed, or 24th seed Fernando Verdasco of Spain. Their match was also suspended late on Saturday with Verdasco having won the first two sets.

Reuters



Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia shakes hands with Petra Kvitová of Czech Republic after their Women's Singles third round match on day 7 of the French Open at Roland Garros in Paris on 31 May, 2014.

Kuznetsova won 2-1.—XINHUA

Clinical Froch knocks out Groves to retain titles



Carl Froch of Britain (L) lands a punch on compatriot George Groves during their WBA and IBF Super Middleweight World Championship title fight at Wembley Arena in London on 31 May, 2014.—REUTERS

LONDON, 1 June — Carl Froch landed the punch of his life to knock out George Groves in the eighth round and retain his WBA and IBF super-middleweight titles in front of an 80,000 sell-out crowd at Wembley

Stadium on Saturday.

The grizzled 36-year-old, in his 12th world title fight, exploded his right glove flush on to the chin of fellow Briton Groves late in the round to end the contest in brutal fashion.

“That was a great right-hander. I timed it perfectly,” said the Nottingham

fighter who has struggled throughout his career to earn the plaudits his 33-2 record merits.

“I was trying to close down George, at times the crowd were getting a bit bored but I was not going to force it.

“I was biding my time and I knew as soon as I landed it correctly, on the chin, on the jaw section of

the cranium, it would be all over and it was.

“It must be the best punch I have ever thrown and landed in my life. It is not going to get any better than this.”

Froch’s 24th knockout victory came out of the blue after an often cagey fight that occasionally burst into life before a British record crowd for a boxing match according to local media.

“I think I was ahead on the scorecards until that,” said Groves, who was controversially stopped in the ninth round when he met Froch for the first time in November.

“I’ll be pushing hard to get my world title shot and maybe, if he’s still boxing, that might be against Carl again. Back to the drawing board.”

ELECTRIC ATMOSPHERE

The hype had been building for weeks with both fighters trading insults and the atmosphere before the fight was electric as the two boxers made their way into the stadium which the night before had hosted England’s 3-0 win over Peru in an international soccer warm-up match for the World Cup.—Reuters

AFC, MFF turn out A licence football coaches



YANGON, 1 June—The A licence football coaching course, jointly organized by the Asian Football Confederation and the Myanmar Football Federation, concluded at the office of MFF in Yangon on Sunday.

MFF President U Zaw Zaw, Vice-President U Tin Aung and

coach instructor Mr Jose Caslib (the Philippines) presented completion certificates to the trainees.

The course was conducted from 5 May to 1 June. Altogether 24 trainees who had passed the B licence course attended the A licence course.

By Nyi Myat Thawda; Photo: Soe Nyunt



‘Phil the Thrill’ Mickelson, the people’s champion in golf

LOS ANGELES, 1 June — Throughout his Hall of Fame career, Phil Mickelson has richly entertained fans with his swashbuckling, sometimes high-risk, approach to golf and his dazzling skills around the green.

Nicknamed “Phil the Thrill” by many, the American left-hander is known for being a gambler, both on and off the course, and has long been one of the biggest drawcards in the game. Thrust under a non-sporting spotlight — news late on Friday of a federal probe into possible insider trading involving him, billionaire investor Carl Icahn and Las Vegas gambler William Walters — Mickelson was the picture of composed.

He put out a statement through his manager saying he had done nothing wrong and was cooperating with authorities. Then, after Saturday’s third round play at the Memorial Tournament in Dublin, Ohio,

he politely took questions from reporters, but declined to be drawn out. Such composure marks his game preparations. Always exciting to watch, Mickelson has established a reputation for becoming one of the most meticulous practice club selection in careful fashion. While capable of driving up television ratings almost single-handedly when in contention for one of the sport’s bigger events, Mickelson is also admired for being a committed family man and a generous donor to various charities.—Reuters



Unstoppable Nadal marches on in Paris

PARIS, 1 June — Rafa Nadal once again showed he is the man to beat at the French Open after putting down a brief rebellion from Argentine Leonardo Mayer to win 6-2, 7-5, 6-2 and reach the fourth round despite a sore back on Saturday.

Mayer went for his shots in a tense second set and broke the world No1 back for 4-4, only for the Spaniard to regain control in commanding fashion.

“It is for me very emotional thing when I am on (court Philippe) Chatrier, a lot of memories come to my mind,” said Nadal, who made only 10 unforced errors with just two coming in a masterful opening set.

One moment that may live long in the memory occurred in the second set when the defending champion recovered after being wrongfooted by Mayer to pull off a perfect backhand lob to break decisively for a 6-5 lead. He followed up with a game to love, sealing the set with a jaw-dropping forehand passing shot before steaming through the third and ending the contest with a service winner.

In the aftermath, Nadal revealed he was suffering with back pains, but would not be drawn on the details.

“Well, I’d rather not talk about my back. I’ll play as best as I can. I’ll put up a good fight to try and win,” he said.

Nadal next faces Serbian Dusan Lajovic, who beat American Jack Sock 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 and, like the Spaniard, has yet to drop a set.—Reuters

Bubba Watson powers to third-round Memorial lead

DUBLIN, (Ohio), 1 June — American Bubba Watson surged to the lead as Englishman Paul Casey plunged four strokes behind after the third round of the Memorial tournament in Dublin, Ohio on Saturday. Masters champion Watson used his astonishing power to compile five early birdies on his way to a three-under-par 69 in ideal conditions at Muirfield Village.

He posted a 12-under 204 total, one stroke ahead of compatriot Scott Langley (67) with one round left.

Young Japanese player Hideki Matsuyama (69) was two strokes behind, while world number one Adam Scott of Australia (68) trailed by three despite a bogey at

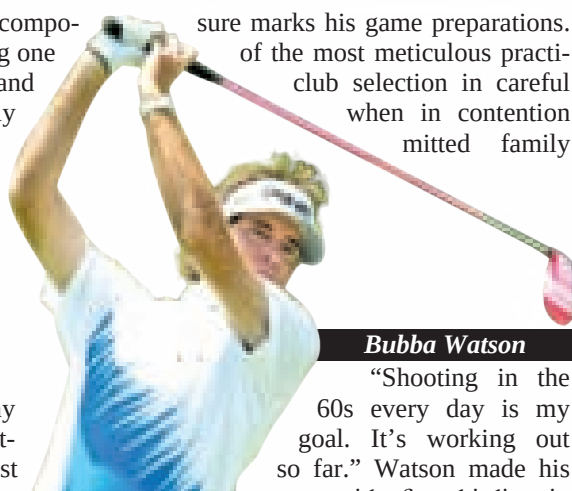
the final hole.

Casey, who started the day with a three-shot lead, had a nightmare round, struggling with almost every facet of his game in a 76.

The former world number three has recently shown glimpses of his old brilliance as he seeks to regain his full playing status on the PGA Tour, but has been unable to string together four good rounds.

Watson, aiming to become the first left-hander to win this prestigious Jack Nicklaus-hosted event, played far more adventurously than his words suggested.

“I just kept my head down, grinding away,” he told CBS television.



Bubba Watson

“Shooting in the 60s every day is my goal. It’s working out so far.” Watson made his move with five birdies in the first seven holes, charging to the turn in four-under. He was not as precise on the back nine, coming home in one-over, including a bogey at the par-four 18th, where he sprayed his second shot right of the green. The 22-year-old Matsuyama, meanwhile, was in contention for the second successive week after sharing the lead going into the final round at the Colonial, where he tied for 10th behind winner Scott.—Reuters