

President: climate change threatens developing countries with extreme weather patterns



President U Thein Sein marks World Environment Day with Union ministers, UN officials and winners of a contest on environmental issues.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—The impact of climate change is leaving developing countries more vulnerable to serious challenges, President U Thein Sein said at a ceremony to mark World Environment Day at Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 here on Thursday morning.

In his address, U Thein Sein said statistics show that the annual carbon dioxide

emission by Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) combined is less than one percent of the world's total emission, adding that these countries suffer most from climate change.

The capital cost of sea-level rise in Caribbean countries alone is estimated to reach US\$ 187 billion by 2080 unless the amount of annual carbon emission drops, the president quoted

the UNDP as saying.

Regarding global action against climate change, U Thein Sein said Paris will host a conference on climate change in 2015, at which world's leaders and scientists will negotiate and adopt a new climate change deal.

The new deal is expected to touch on a global commitment to reducing greenhouse effects rapidly

enough to prevent the temperature from rising more than 2 degrees Celsius, in an attempt to meet the Climate Change World Vision.

"Forty percent of the world population lives within 95 miles of coastal regions which are susceptible to devastating impacts

of extreme weather conditions such as storms and tidal surges", the president said, citing Cyclone Nargis that hit Myanmar on 2 May, 2008.

As an answer to climate change, the Myanmar president mentioned a shift from brown economy to green

economy, saying "If we do business as usual, the carbon emission will go up and accordingly the sea level will rise".

The president called green economy one of the paramount tools in stabilizing climate, reducing (See page 3)

World Environment Day marked with president of FREDa calling for reforestation

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 5 June —As World Environment Day was observed on Thursday, Myanmar experts held a range of meetings to discuss measures to protect the environment, with deforestation and ways to combat it top on the agenda.

According to a survey-

by the Forest Department, the forest area in Myanmar covers 22 per cent of the total land area, with most dense forests located in Kachin and Northern Shan states and Taninthayi Region, said Forestry and Environment Specialist U Sithu Lwin, Chairperson of

Myanmar Environmental Education Team-MEET, on Thursday at Myanmar Media Library in Yangon.

He said enforcing the rule of law plays a crucial role in order to carry out environmental conservation and forestry in the country as illegal forest activities continue in areas not monitored by the body.

He welcomed the body's ban on export of raw teak and hardwood.

U Ohn, the President of the Forest Resource Environment Development and Conservation Association (FREDa), also explained issues related to global warming and climate change to mark World Environment Day 2014. (See page 2)



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Rules enforcement for bus drivers to be tightened

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 5 June —The Yangon Region All-bus Lines Control Committee will tighten its enforcement of rules for bus drivers in

Yangon as part of efforts to prevent more crashes in Yangon.

"We will take effective actions against bus drivers without license in Yangon and if we find bus drivers

without license in accordance with existing laws we will deal with them accordingly," said U Hla Aung, Chairman of Yangon Region All Bus-line Control (See page 3)



Drivers and pedestrians should change their mindset over traffic rules to prevent crashes and traffic congestion.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Myanmar, Korea to open a polytechnic university in Myanmar, deputy minister tells Upper House

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Aung Kyaw Myat said the union government has approved a draft MoU between Myanmar and South

Korea to open a polytechnic university in Myanmar. The Korea Polytechnic University and the Ministry of Science and Technology of Myanmar are conducting a feasibility study, with

further discussions on subjects and curriculums planned, the union deputy minister told the Upper House.

Speaking at the ninth session of the Upper House

in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday, the deputy minister said Myanmar was not only cooperating with South Korea, but also with ASEAN regional countries on technology development.

The ninth session of the Lower House continued in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday, with rainy season flooding in North Okkalapa Township topping the agenda, as well as arrange-

ments for assigning newly graduated medical doctors to hospitals, and formation of a service and complaint center for ADSL internet access.

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Lower House Speaker receives KNU, U.S. and South Korea delegations



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Lower House Thura U Shwe Mann seen with KNU leaders.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Lower House Thura U Shwe Mann received the Karen National Union delegation led by Chairman Saw Mutu Sae Po at Hluttaw Building in

Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday morning.

The speaker said the president was paving the way for peace, while the Tatmadaw was participating in the process with the Hluttaw supporting it.

Thura U Shwe Mann, on behalf of the Hluttaw, greeted the KNU delegation.

Lower House Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann also met with U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker

and South Korea Foreign Minister Mr Yun Byung-se separately in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

Thura U Shwe Mann and the delegation exchanged their views on economic and political reforms and the further strengthening of relations between the countries.

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Myanmar-ROK bilateral investment promotion and protection agreement signed

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received visiting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ko-

rea Mr Yun Byung-se and party at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

They exchanged views on promoting bilateral relations and cooperation be-

tween the two countries.

After the luncheon, they signed the Myanmar-ROK bilateral investment promotion and protection agreement.—MNA

ducted educational talks on environmental conservation to children in schools, with the chairperson urging faculty members to raise environmental awareness among students.

In an interview by DVB, environmentalist Daw Devi Thant Zin, urged people to participate in environmentally sustainable projects as soon as possible to guarantee a future for the next generations. According to the United Nations, there are over 7 billion people in the world and the UN estimates that the world population will exceed more than 9 billion in 2050.

Pyi Taw.

According to the FAO, a forest is defined as a land with tree crown cover of more than 10 percent and an area of more than 0.5 hectares, with the trees reaching a minimum height of 5 meters at maturity.

Forests consist either of closed forest formations where trees of various storey and undergrowth cover a high proportion of the ground or open forest formations with a continuous vegetation cover in which tree crown cover exceeds 10 percent.

The team also con-

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In his speech, he suggested that people should create forests with different types of trees for the balance of nature.

He also pointed out the importance of mangrove forests that can provide protection and shelter against extreme weather, such as storms and floods. Moreover, he said, these forests prevent erosion by stabilizing sediments with their tangled root systems. Planting of mangrove trees was also an issue highlighted by President U Thein Sein during the ASEAN Summit in May in Nay

Myanmar, China take action to mark demarcation line

Myanmar and China jointly conducted a survey from 27 to 31 May in an attempt to mark the line of demarcation between Boundary Pillars S 78-1 and S 79 in Muse and Boundary Pillars S 62-1 and S 63 in Namkham in northern Shan State.

The joint conduct was carried out based on the boundary demarcation agreements made in 1960 and 1995 in an attempt to identify the border line between the two countries, not to redraw it, officials said. In the process, 29 wooden pillars were erected between pillars S 62-1 and S 63 and 33 between pillars S 78-1 and S 79.

The purpose of erecting the pillars is to enable local people of both countries to notice the border line and enable local authorities to perform necessary management.

Many years have passed since the agreement and the map of 1996 and the second verifica-

tion of demarcation of 1993. As a consequence, the marked border line in Shweli River in China is now invisible, which has let to disputes among locals from both side who have been fighting over the right to grow crops there.

Authorities from both sides have agreed to convince their people not to grow crops until the issue is resolved.

In order to avoid dispute and disagreement, both countries have erected temporary wooden pillars on the old border lines.

Through meetings between committees at different levels, the two governments will negotiate the erection of more pillars in the space between pillars already erected. The additional erection of pillars will be approved after the third verification of demarcation lines by both countries is accomplished.

Floating hotel near Botahtaung Pagoda to open

YANGON, 5 June—A floating hotel with the name Vintage Luxury Yacht Hotel is preparing to open its doors at the bank of Yangon River near Botahtaung Pagoda in

Seikkan Township, officials said.

On Tuesday, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Tin Shwe inspected preparations for the inauguration of the hotel

and its services.

The hotel structure was built in Finland, and will have a total of 128 staff, according to a hotel manager.

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Photo shows floating hotel with the name Vintage Luxury Yacht Hotel.—MNA

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President U Thein Sein with Ms Penny Pritzker, Secretary of U.S. Department of Commerce.

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poverty and finally achieving sustainable development in future, emphasizing that his government is taking measures to reduce carbon emission and pollution, enhance energy and resource efficiency, and prevent the loss of biodiversity and ecosystems.

Speaking of sustainable consumption and production, the president urged for disciplined use of natural resources, warning that lavish consumption of natural resources would lead to unsustainable production, thereby hurting not only us but also future generations.

He also talked of Myanmar's attempts in environmental conservation, stating that it is mentioned in the State Constitution that the 'State shall protect and conserve the natural

environment and every citizen has the responsibility to help the State in protection and conservation of natural environment'.

"Seeking social and economic development should not be through a destructive way to natural resources," U Thein Sein warned.

In his explanation of the link between poverty and environment, the president said the poor are more vulnerable to such natural disasters as flood and drought, in part because poverty reduces their capacity to use natural resources in a sustainable manner.

He commented that an improved environment will increase the resilience of the poor to environmental risks and natural disasters as well as sensible management of environmental resources



President U Thein Sein and Mr Yun Byung-se, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

through equitable access and distribution.

At the ceremony, Country Director of UNDP in Myanmar Mr Toily Kurbanov read out UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message for World Environment Day, and FAO Country Representative in Myanmar Ms Bu Thi Lan, the message from Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The ceremony concluded, following awards given to winners of an article competition held in commemoration of World Environment Day.

President U Thein Sein held talks with two delegations led by Ms Penny Pritzker, Secretary of U.S. Department of Commerce and Mr Yun Byung-se, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, on

Thursday at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting with the U.S. delegation, they dis-

cussed further foreign direct investments in Myanmar, cooperation in the energy sector, opening a foreign trade service branch in Yangon and mutual cooperation in the agriculture sector in Myanmar.

With the Korean delegates, they discussed pro-

motion relations between the two countries, trade and investment matters and technical and monetary assistance of the ROK for the development of Myanmar, including the agriculture and rural development sectors.

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Workshop on health care capacity improvement held



Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham greets attendees at workshop on health care capacity enhancement.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham urged officials to improve international level health care centers in Myanmar at the workshop on health care capacity enhancement on Thursday at Royal Kumudra Hotel in

Nay Pyi Taw.

The Vice President talked about arrangements made for providing better health care services to rural people, promotion of the private health sector, giving proficiency training to staff and adopting health policies

to provide treatments.

He also focused on the implementation of an effective patient referral system, professional conduct of staff and the appointment of specialists in private hospitals. The workshop continues on Friday.—MNA

Vice President U Nyan Tun attends working luncheon

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Vice President U Nyan Tun delivered an address at a working luncheon hosted by entrepreneurs from the US-ASEAN Business Council at Hotel Amara in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone

on Thursday afternoon.

On the occasion, Secretary of the US Department of Commerce Ms Penny Pritzker said they visited to discuss investment in Myanmar and co-

operation in the economic sector. They would assist in the economic and political reform processes of the nation, she said.

Vice President U Nyan Tun extended greetings and held talks with the participants.—MNA



Vice President U Nyan Tun delivers address at a working luncheon hosted by entrepreneurs from the US-ASEAN Business Council.—MNA

Rules enforcement for bus ...

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Committee on Wednesday. Forty-one people died and 358 were injured in 122 crashes from January to May 2014, committee officials said.

Currently, 352 bus lines and over 6,600 vehicles are involved in transportation services in Yangon which has a population of around 7.8 million, according to the latest data from the committee.

Over 400 buses are owned by the private Bandoola Transportation Company and the remaining

buses are owned by private owners.

"There is weak coordination in enforcing traffic rules, because the transport services are running based on private-owned vehicles," the chairman of the committee told reporters.

Nine traffic rules enforcement groups are patrolling Yangon to check the vehicles and there are 136 rules for buses and bus drivers, U Hla Aung said.

According to statistics, the number of cars imported for private use under the government's swap pro-

gramme for 40-year old cars in 2011, is higher than the number of vehicles for transport business.

The number of vehicles in Yangon is dramatically increasing and is higher than the number of driving licenses, an official of the committee said.

"Traffic congestions in Yangon are caused by the government's unstable policy," an official of the committee said.

"To decrease the crashes and ease the traffic congestion, both road users and drivers should change their mindset on traffic rules," he added.

Measures against bank erosion taken in Katha Township

KATHA, 5 June—Local people from Motargyi Villate-tract of Katha Township in Sagaing Region have placed 450 acres of farmlands under paddy plantations irrigated from Mintaya creek, with over

one acre of farmland lost due to erosion of the creek.

Local authorities supervised straightening the water course of the creek as part of efforts to prevent bank erosion and to supply sufficient water to the farm-

lands. The task of straightening the water course was conducted with heavy machinery by Sagaing Region government and Township Agricultural Mechanization Department.

District IPRD



Mobile library service given to locals in Pyinmana Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Head of the Pyinmana Township Information and Public Relations Department and other officials on Wednesday conducted mobile library services to the rural people in KanU Village.

The mobile library allowed the residents to borrow over 200 books per week.

The IPRD sets an aim of broadening the horizon



of the people and creating opportunity for people to have easy reading access.—*Shwe Kokko*

Natogyi residents to enjoy sufficient water supply through meter system

NATOGYI, 5 June—Natogyi Township Department of Rural Development and UNICEF are jointly implementing the supply of water through pipelines to the residents in the township.

The project period is designated from 1 Janu-

ary to 31 December 2014, with engineers of the department supervising the construction of the water pipeline networks for villages.

Sibin Village has completed 50 per cent of building the water tank.

The water will be

supplied to the dwellers through a meter system.

Than Aung Zaw (Natogyi)

Capacity enhanced for administrators, staff for land management

NATOGYI, 5 June—A proficiency course for members of ward/village farmlands management committees kicked off at the hall of the General Administration Department in Natogyi, Mandalay Region, on 2 June.

Head of Township Settlement and Land Re-

cords U Tun Tun Hlaing gave lectures on matters related to vacant and virgin land management law and farmlands rules.

The course was attended by ward/village administrators and departmental staff on 2 and 3 June.—*Than Aung Zaw (Natogyi)*

Former rest house at monastery now opened as school in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 5 June—Over 800 students now have access to education at the No 1 Basic Education Middle School in Ward 4 of Meiktila in Mandalay Region, which used to be rest house on the grounds of a monastery.

The school was established at a four-room public rest house by two monks in 1920 and then upgraded by successive governments. In recent years, however, the abbot of Yayle monastery did not allow officials to use the rest house as a school because it is located in the precinct of the monastery.

On Tuesday, the Man-



dalay Region minister and officials requested the abbot to use the rest house as the school temporarily. So, the abbot allowed them to use it as school from 6 June to 4 August.

The authorities plan to construct the two-storey building which will be 170 feet long and 30 feet wide within two months in the compound of No 14 BEPS.—*NLM-018*

Development tasks undertaken on eastern part of Ayeyawady River

KATHA, 5 June—A rural earthen road is under construction to link Inywa Village and a strategic road aimed at improving infrastructure among villages on the eastern bank of Ayeyawady River in Katha Township of Sagaing Region.

The Department of Rural Development allotted K60 million for construction of a 137 feet long bridge on the road.

At present, the approaches on both sides and earthen works for the bridge are being undertak-

en. On Tuesday, the district deputy commissioner and officials of Katha Township inspected progress of construction

tasks. In a meeting with local people in Inywa Village, they discussed electrification for the village.

District IPRD



Village lake dredged to improve storage of water

KYAUKPADAUNG, 5 June—Villagers of Ywalat Village in Kyaukpadaung Township of Mandalay Region have started dredging Nyaunggan Lake.

“Dredging the lake

started on 30 April. The lake benefitted four villages. Residents of Ywalat Village carry out the dredging tasks without participation of residents from other villages and we expect

to complete the dredging work before the rainy season is in full swing,” said a local.

Ywalat villages is four miles from Kyaukpadaung. *Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)*



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Ex-Chinese State Councilor Tang eager to improve ties with Japan

NAGASAKI, 5 June — Former Chinese State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan expressed his willingness on Thursday to improve ties between Beijing and Tokyo at an informal meeting of experts in bilateral diplomacy in southwestern Japan.

“The Japan-China relationship is facing hardship and difficulties...but I came here with a passion to propel its improvement,” Tang said at the two-day meeting of the New Japan-China Friendship Committee for the 21st Century which opened in Nagasaki.

“Persistent efforts are necessary,” said Tang, head of the China-Japan Friendship Association, in his address at the outset of the meeting, in a remark believed to reflect the in-



Tang Jiaxuan, former Chinese state councilor and head of the China-Japan Friendship Association, speaks at a meeting of the New Japan-China Friendship Committee for the 21st Century in Nagasaki, southwestern Japan, on 5 June, 2014. —KYODO NEWS

tentions of President Xi Jinping’s administration.

Tang, who spent much time in charge of Chinese policy toward Japan and

remains an influential figure, was part of the meeting aimed at formally resuming the dialogue of experts from the two countries

that has been suspended due to the strained bilateral ties.

The Chinese delegation to the meeting, led by Tang, includes former Chinese Ambassador to Japan Chen Jian, while sitting envoy Cheng Yonghua, although not a member, also attended. Japan Post Holdings Co President Taizo Nishimuro chaired the Japanese side.

The forum had been held continuously over the years but was postponed since 2012 amid diplomatic tensions following the Japanese government’s purchase of a major part of the Senkaku Islands, which China claims as Diaoyu, from a private Japanese owner in September that year.

Kyodo News

India’s Modi to meet Obama in Washington in September



India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi

NEW DELHI, 5 June — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Washington to meet President Barack Obama in September, two Indian newspapers reported on Thursday, signaling a new start in ties with a leader once denied a visa by the United States.

Modi, who swept to

power in a general election last month, has accepted an invitation from Obama for two-way talks in Washington, the *Times of India* and the *Hindustan Times* said.

No comment was immediately available from the Indian government press office or from the US Embassy.

Both countries are keen to boost security and economic ties — the Obama administration has set a goal of quintupling annual trade to \$500 billion.

Scheduling has still to be finalised, but the summit would represent an upgrade from earlier expectations that Modi, 63, would meet Obama on the sidelines of the annual United Nations general assembly in New York. Modi, a former chief minister of Gujarat, had been refused a US visa over sectarian strife in the western Indian state in 2002, in which more than 1,000 people, mainly Muslims, were killed. He has denied any wrongdoing and an Indian Supreme Court inquiry

found no case to answer.

The US ambassador to India met Modi earlier this year, as opinion polls showed his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on course for an election victory. US officials had said a visa and an invitation to meet would probably be forthcoming if Modi won.

Modi wants to cautiously open up the Indian economy to foreign investment to boost growth and job creation.

His government may announce as soon as next month that it will allow foreign online retailers to sell their own products in India, creating a major business opportunity for players such as Amazon.—*Reuters*

Indonesia presidential candidate Jokowi says he’d have market-friendly policies



Jakarta’s Governor Joko Widodo

JAKARTA, 5 June —The front-runner to become Indonesia’s new president, Joko “Jokowi” Widodo, has told investors that he will pursue market-friendly policies and make bureaucratic reform and infrastructure-building his priorities.

Jokowi presented a pro-reform platform for Southeast Asia’s largest economy as investment cools and the country faces hefty budget and current account deficits.

“Investors should be given enough room to broaden their investments,” Jokowi told a crowd of domestic and foreign investors at an event late on Wednesday in Jakarta’s business district.

The event, held on the day the presidential campaign officially began, was the first time Jokowi presented his economic program in public. He spoke with fund managers at a closed door meeting last month.

On 9 July, Indonesians

will choose either Jokowi, the Jakarta governor, or ex-general Prabowo Subianto as president, to succeed Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who completes the allowed two, five-year terms in October.

Jokowi’s rise to become Jakarta governor and common touch made him an early favourite. But he faces a formidable challenge from Prabowo, who emerged as a serious contender after securing the backing of the country’s second biggest party Golkar last month.

Opinion polls show Jokowi is still ahead, but one recent survey indicated up to 40 percent of voters remain undecided.

Prabowo is seen as presenting a more nationalistic vision of the Indonesian economy. Indonesia’s stock market and the rupiah fell on news that parties backing Prabowo won a slightly bigger share of votes in the 9 April parliamentary poll than pro-Jokowi parties.—*Reuters*

South Korea ruling party strong at polls despite ferry disaster

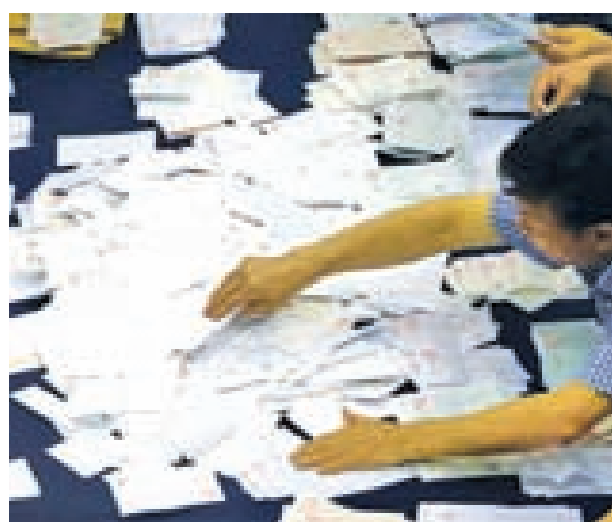
SEOUL, 5 June —South Korean President Park Geun-hye’s conservative party posted a strong showing in mayoral and provincial elections on Wednesday despite sharp criticism for the government’s handling of a ferry disaster that killed more than 300 people in April.

The sinking of the *Seoul* has sidelined traditional regional campaign issues such as jobs, education and welfare and focused attention on the perceived failure by Asia’s fourth-largest economy on such basics as

enforcing safety standards.

But the solid results for Park’s Saenuri Party indicated voters were willing to let her right-of-centre government move on from the country’s deadliest maritime disaster in 20 years and seek a fresh chance to reform bureaucracy and boost the economy.

“I’m giving them my support once again, and given what has happened, it’ll firm things up and continue on with development,” said Hwang Ok-hee after casting her ballot in Seoul. “We need to believe



Election officials count the ballots for local elections in Seoul on 4 June, 2014. —REUTERS

in them.” Park’s Saenuri Party candidates won eight of the 17 offices for major city mayors and provincial governors, including key battleground races in the city of Incheon and in Gyeonggi province near the capital, the National Election Commission said.

Liberal Seoul Mayor Park Won-soon retained his post — seen by some as a springboard to the presidency — by more than 10 percentage points over his conservative rival. Voters also elected other mayors, county officials and local

council members throughout the country.

Park’s approval ratings fell sharply from 61 percent to 46 percent in the days after the 16 April ferry disaster — her lowest approval level since coming to power in February 2013 — and show little sign of improving. But polls by Gallup Korea in late May suggested more than 40 percent of voters still support the Saenuri Party. Only 28 percent said they supported the main opposition New Politics Alliance for Democracy (NPAD).—*Reuters*

Vucic: Ambitious agenda set out for Serbia

VIENNA, 5 June — Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said at the “Business Bridge” business forum in Vienna on Wednesday that the government of Serbia set out an ambitious agenda that includes major reforms crucial for the creation of a more favourable business environment.

Serbia is looking at wholesale structural reforms, Vucic said at the forum organized by the Economic Senate of Austria and Serbia, adding that new laws on labour, privat-

ization, bankruptcy, and permit issuance, vital for a favourable business climate, will be adopted over the next month and a half.

“We made an effort to create the best incentive package for all those who want to invest in Serbia with tax reliefs,” said Vucic.

Under the law coming into effect on 1 July, a company that creates 10 jobs in Serbia will only pay contributions for 3 employees, while the state will be paying for the remaining 7, he explained.



Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic

If 100 jobs are created, the company will only pay 25 percent of the costs, and the rest will be covered by

the state.

This fiscally neutral measure is intended to boost employment, Vucic stressed, adding that Serbia is about to face difficult fiscal consolidation measures in order to reduce the fiscal deficit and public debt.

Serbia is committed to the European path, said Vucic.

“Our goal is to meet the obligations related to the EU accession by 2019, and then we expect the EU to decide whether Serbia will be accepted as a full-fledged EU member,”

Vucic underlined.

He said that Serbia wants a closer cooperation with Austria and expressed his belief that the two countries will belong to the same sphere of influence.

“One hundred years since the outbreak of World War I, the Serbs and the Austrians have rarely been on the same side, but today we have the best possible relations and it is time for us to want to be on the same side with Austria and Germany,” Serbian PM said.

Tanjung

Senators ask Obama for more fund to restore troubled nuke site

HOUSTON, 5 June — Two US Senators from New Mexico have written to President Barack Obama, urging additional funding for the recovery efforts at a nuclear waste plant where a radiation leak was detected in February, local media reported on Wednesday.

In their letter, Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich appealed to Obama to ask Congress for more than the 220.5 million US dollars currently in the president’s budget request for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) during fiscal year 2015 and possibly into the future, the New Mexican reported.

“WIPP is likely to require recovery spending in (fiscal year 2016) and we urge you to give consideration to the extra amounts needed to restore full operations at WIPP,” the senators wrote.

WIPP, an underground nuclear waste dump located in southeastern New Mexico, stores transuranic waste leftover from nuclear weapons research and testing from the nation’s past defense activities. The waste includes clothing, tools, rags and other debris contaminated with radioactive elements, largely plutonium.—Xinhua

Iraq hospital bombing kills 14

HILLA (Iraq), 5 June — A car bomb exploded near a hospital in the southern Iraqi city of Hilla late on Wednesday, killing at least 14 people, police and medical sources said. No-one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but Shi’ites are often a target for Sunni Islamist insurgents who have been regaining ground and momentum in Iraq over the past year.

The blast occurred around 20 meters from the main gate of Hilla General Hospital, outside a busy coffee shop where patients’ relatives often sit to rest and buy food and drinks in the predominantly Shi’ite Muslim city. “I was on my way to buy some juice for my sick uncle who was in the hospital when I saw a big fireball,” said eyewitness Ahmed Shirba.

“I saw many dead bodies on the ground: some were charred, others were still on fire. I saw severed heads and limbs. The bodies of two policemen who had been guarding the area were on the ground, both with their legs ripped off.”

A further 58 people were wounded in the blast, and houses nearby were severely damaged, the sources said. A senior security official who spoke to Reuters on condition of anonymity blamed the attack on the Sunni militant Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), which is also active across the border in Syria.

The official suspected the attack was in retaliation for recent security operations and airstrikes launched by the army against ISIL’s strongholds in northern Hilla and other areas like Jurf al-Sakhar and Iskandariya.

Reuters

Iran awaits IAEA document on its alleged nuke weapon programme

VIENNA, 5 June — At the IAEA board meeting, Reza Najafi said his country is waiting to see IAEA’s documents in regard to the so called “Possible Military Dimensions” of Iran’s nuclear programme.

“It’s one of our concerns ... We haven’t seen any substantiated documents with regard to the so-called PMD, so we are waiting to see to hear from the agency with regard to the information the agency has,” Najafi said.

An IAEA report said that based on the “credible information” the agency got, there might be 12 items of activities in Iran’s nuclear programme relevant to the nuclear bomb research.

Iran has repeatedly said that the information concerning the alleged PMD issues IAEA got was forged and came from western spy agency, asking the agency to provide the documents to Iran, while IAEA demanded Iran to open access to its suspected elements of atomic plan.

“The constraints placed by some Member States on the availability of information to Iran are making it more difficult for the agency to conduct detailed discussions with Iran on this matter,” Iran said in the statement to the board members.

Based on the deal made last November, Iran and IAEA agree to cooperate to resolve all the past



Reza Najafi, Iranian envoy to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

and present issues of Iran’s atomic plan, and Iran has implemented measures to provide greater transparency of its nuclear plan, including the clarification of the first PMD issue.

Both sides also agreed to implement the next five

measures by 15 August, exchanging information about another PMD issue, “initiation of high explosives, including the conduct of large scale high explosives experimentation” in Iran’s nuclear plan.

Xinhua

Italy to grant citizenship to children born to asylum holders

ROME, 5 June — Italy announced plans to give citizenship to children born of refugees who have been granted asylum, as the government faced growing anti-immigrant sentiment over an influx of migrant arrivals by sea.

Under current legislation, children born to immigrants and refugees do not automatically receive citizenship even if they are born on Italian soil, attend Italian schools and spend their whole lives in Italy. They must first turn 18 to apply. Mario Balotelli, the 23-year-old star attacker for Italy’s national soccer team, was born in Italy to Ghanaian parents and was not allowed to play for the national squad before turning 18 because of the law. Former Integration Minister Cecile Kyenge was repeatedly attacked for her proposal to overhaul



Migrants walk after they disembarked from a navy ship in the Sicilian harbour of Augusta on 1 June, 2014.—REUTERS

the law. The Interior Ministry plans to issue an administrative order making citizens of children born on Italian soil to parents who have political asylum,

Domenico Manzione, the ministry’s undersecretary for immigration, said in an interview. Italian citizenship is mostly passed on through ancestry or blood,

not place of birth, and the anti-immigrant Northern League party, whose support has increased over the past year, opposes all legislation that eases citizenship

requirements.

The League boosted its support by more than two percentage points to above 6 percent in last month’s European election, in which anti-immigrant sentiment lifted support for Nigel Farage’s UKIP in Britain and Marine Le Pen’s National Front in France. Currently in Italy, the children of those granted asylum already can receive the same status as their parents, but any children born after the asylum is granted are excluded, Manzione said.

“The move sends a welcoming message (to refugees), addresses a human rights issue and resolves an evident disparity in treatment inherent in the current rules,” Manzione said. It was a matter of weeks at most before the order was endorsed by the ministry.

Reuters

WORLD

G7 willing to step up sanctions on Russia over Ukraine

BRUSSELS, 5 June — The world's leading industrialised nations threatened on Wednesday to impose harder-hitting sanctions on Russia if it does not help restore stability to eastern Ukraine, where pro-Russian militias continue to operate at will.

While Ukraine was able to hold a largely peaceful presidential election last month, the situation in the east near the Russian border remains volatile, with armed groups attacking Ukrainian government forces and occupying state buildings.

"We stand ready to intensify targeted sanctions and to consider significant additional restrictive measures to impose further costs on Russia should events so require," the G7 said in a statement after evening talks in Brussels.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Western powers would check "again and again" to verify that Russia was doing what it could to stabilise the situation, which erupted in March after Russia seized Crimea from Ukraine and annexed it.



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe poses with European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso (L) and European Council President Herman Van Rompuy (R) at the European Council building in Brussels on 4 June, 2014.—REUTERS

"We cannot afford a further destabilisation in Ukraine," Merkel told reporters.

"If we do not have progress in the questions we have to solve there is the possibility of sanctions, even heavy sanctions of

phase 3 on the table," she said, referring to restrictions on trade, finance and energy. So far, the United States and European Union have imposed relatively minor travel bans and asset freezes on dozens of Russian officials in reaction to the sei-

zure of Crimea.

Further steps were threatened if the 25 May elections were affected. However, they went smoothly and new President Petro Poroshenko will be sworn in on Saturday.

Some saw that as an

indication that Russia was being more cooperative, reducing the threat of further sanctions. But Wednesday's statement suggests the West is not yet satisfied that President Vladimir Putin is doing enough to calm the situation.

Russia denies it is behind the revolt in eastern Ukraine, where militias allied to Moscow have seized buildings, attacked Ukrainian troops and declared independence. Putin has also defended his right to protect Russian-speaking people.

While Putin has been cut out of the G7 — this is the first meeting without Russia since it joined the club in 1997 — he will hold face-to-face meetings with Merkel, French President Francois Hollande and Britain's David Cameron at a D-Day anniversary gathering in France later this week. Asked about those bilateral meetings and whether they raised any concerns for President Barack Obama, who has pointedly avoided any contact with Putin, a US official said it wasn't important who Putin met but "what people say in those meetings". Ahead of the G7 summit, Obama met Poroshenko for talks in Warsaw and declared him a "wise choice" to lead Ukraine, part of efforts by the EU and the United States to provide moral and financial support to the new leadership.—Reuters

Fighting rages in eastern Ukraine town, residents flee

NEAR SLAVIANSK, (Ukraine) 5 June — Ukrainian government forces battled separatists with artillery and automatic weapons on Wednesday in a second day of fighting in and around Sloviansk, forcing many residents to flee.

The Kiev government,

trying to break rebellions by pro-Russia militias, said over 300 rebels had been killed in the past 24 hours in the "anti-terrorist operation" centered on the eastern town, a strategically located separatist stronghold.

Rebels denied this, saying losses among the

Ukrainian forces during an offensive begun on Tuesday exceeded theirs.

At an army checkpoint on the edge of town, heavy artillery shelling could be heard while a plume of black smoke rose above the outskirts. Automatic gunfire rattled out from nearby

fields.

Families fled the fighting through a barbed-wire checkpoint with only as much as they could carry. "It's a mess," sobbed a young woman as she clutched her husband's arm. "It's war." Andrei Bander left with his four-year-old daughter. "We are going. We don't even know where. We will head to Russia though because it's clear we need to leave Ukraine," he said, waiting for a taxi in a small no-man's land between the two sides.

In support for the Ukrainian forces, acting President Oleksander Turchinov and Interior Minister Arsen Avakov paid an impromptu visit, clad in flak jackets, to another army roadblock on the far side of the encircled town on Wednesday.

A spokesman for government forces said two soldiers had been killed and 45 wounded since Kiev launched its offensive near Sloviansk with aircraft, helicopters and artillery.

Reuters



Ukrainian servicemen patrol at a checkpoint outside the eastern Ukrainian town of Sloviansk on 4 June, 2014.—REUTERS

Kerry says US to work with, monitor new Palestinian government

BEIRUT, 5 June — Secretary of State John Kerry said on Wednesday the United States would work with the new Palestinian unity government "as we need to" but would be monitoring its commitment to continued cooperation with Israel.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas swore in a government of technocrats on Monday in a reconciliation deal between his Fatah movement and the Islamist Hamas, which advocates Israel's destruction.

"We are going to be watching (the government) very closely, as we said from day one, to absolutely ensure that it upholds each of those things it has talked about, that it doesn't cross the line," Kerry said. Kerry said Abbas had told him that the new government would be committed to principles of non-violence, negotiations with Israel and existing accords including cooperation on security. Kerry, who oversaw peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians that stalled in April, said he had spoken over the last



US Secretary of State John Kerry gestures as he speaks during a news conference after meeting with Lebanon's Prime Minister Tammam Salam at the government palace in Beirut on 4 June, 2014. REUTERS

few days with both Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who warned on Sunday against any international rush to recognise the new Palestinian government. Netanyahu has condemned Washington's decision to work with the unity government. But Kerry stressed that Washington did not recognise the new Palestinian government.

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 6 June, 2014

A better legal framework for workers needed

By Myint Win Thein

Labour strikes are common in industrial zones, although workers' organizations, government officials concerned and activists have been trying to negotiate between employers and employees whenever disputes break out.

Problems in industrial zones are mainly caused by low wages, excessive work and the lack of social security benefits.

According to a study on industrial zones in

Yangon Region, most workers earn from K45,000 to K50,000 (about US\$ 50) per month, including basic salary, overtime pay and bonus. Only 7 percent of them get from K60,000 to K80,000. If absent from work, even for health reasons, they lose their bonuses and salaries are cut substantially.

Work in most factories is from 7:20 a.m. to 9:00 p.m, with some having to work until 11 p.m. In addition, they have to work about 100 hours of overtime every month, but only get K60 per hour for overtime work. Employers hire fewer workers than needed, forcing their workers to work overtime. They cannot have days-off on public holidays, too.

Although they are eligible to social security benefits under the existing labour law, most workers do not get these benefits due to the lack of law enforcement. As some female workers are not allowed to take maternity leave, they are dis-

couraged from having babies. There are no childcare centers in factories, with most workers being female. Similarly, sick workers have to rely on roadside drugstores due to the lack of medical care at factories.

As we have known the root causes of the problems at industrial zones for a long time, we should have come closer by now to finding solutions. Instead of trying to negotiate solutions between employer and employees in one factory after another, a better legal framework should be adopted for all workers in the entire country and law enforcement with regular checks of factories should be conducted.

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Museums and ICH

AYE AYE THINN (MA. Archaeology)

Around the world, so many varieties of museums are now being opened with the various purposes. In the Wikipedia, it is mentioned as "The English "museum" comes from the Latin word, and is pluralized as "museums" (or rarely, "musea"). It is originally from the Ancient Greek Μουσείον (Mouseion), which denotes a place or temple dedicated to the Muses (the patron divinities in Greek mythology of the arts), and hence a building set apart for study and the arts, especially the Musaeum (institute) for philosophy and research at Alexandria by Ptolemy I Soter about 280 BCE. The first museum/library is considered to be the one of Plato in Athens.

Actually, museums come from the houses of the private collectors. The antiquities were really expensive and so only the higher standard like royal families and wealthy persons could afford to collect then. When they got those precious things, they wanted to show and boost to others how much they rich and what kind of antiquities they had collected but not to the public. In Europe, during the Renaissance (17th century AD), most of the monarchies were diminished and the palaces had opened to the public to display the antiquities collected by the royal families. At that time, there were no display and conservation techniques for the antiquities and the purposes of displaying the objects were not to educate

the public but just to show then. The late 19th and early 20th centuries are called as "The Museum Period" or "The Museum Age", people had become to realize that museums should be in both an intellectual and physical sense.

In 1946, International Council of Museums (ICOM) was founded as the organization of museums and the museums of all over the world are getting together to promote and protect the natural and cultural heritage, present and future, tangible and intangible. With approximately 30,000 members in 137 countries, ICOM is a network of museum professionals acting in a wide range of museum—and heritage-related disciplines.

People are now understanding that museums can educate people by displaying not only the tangible cultural heritage (TCH) but also the Intangible cultural heritage (ICH). ICOM therefore adopted during the 21st General Conference in Vienna, Austria, in 2007 as follows; "A museum is a non-profit, permanent institution in the service of society and its development, open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purposes of education, study and enjoyment."

Hence, According to the museum definition of ICOM, every museum should acquire, conserve, exhibit and research the

display objects, communicate and educate the people. Moreover, museums should display both TCH and ICH objects. For Myanmar people, the tangible cultural heritage (TCH) is not so strange but the Intangible cultural heritage (ICH) is not familiar.

Now a day, "the global becomes as a great village" and thus it is so hard to safeguard the own customs and traditions of every country. Some are now in danger stage and it is necessary to safeguard immediately.

Thus, "The convention for the safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)" was founded by UNESCO in Paris on October 2003. The Purposes of the Convention (2003) are;

- To safeguard the intangible cultural heritage
- To ensure respect for the intangible cultural heritage of the communities, groups and individuals concerned;
- levels of the importance of the intangible cultural heritage and of ensuring mutual appreciation thereof;
- To provide for international cooperation and assistance.

The meaning of the Intangible Cultural Heritage mentioned by the convention is; "The practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills- as well as the instruments, objects, artifacts, and cultural spaces associated therewith that communities, groups and in some cases, individ-

uals recognize as part of their cultural heritage.

This intangible cultural heritage, transmitted from generation to generation, is constantly recreated by communities and groups in response to their environment, their interaction with nature and their history and provides them with a sense of identity and continuity, thus promoting respect for cultural diversity and human creativity."

There are (5) domains of ICH;

- Oral traditions and expression, including language as a vehicle of the ICH (Folklore, Manuscripts, traditional games)
- Performing arts (visual art, theater, vocal arts, music and film)
- Social practice, rituals and festive events (Social customs and tradi-

tions, traditional economic systems, systems of social organization, traditional ceremonies)

- Knowledge and practice concerning nature and the universe (Traditional knowledge, local genius, traditional medicine)
- Traditional craftsmanship (painting, sculpture, Architecture, dress, clothing, traditional food and drinks, traditional modes of transportation)

Most of these domains can be displayed in the museums. Every country understands that the people can be educated to safeguard their ICH via the museums. Especially, in the cultural museums and ethnological museums, by displaying the traditions and customs, traditional ceremonies, traditional economic systems, tradi-

tional musical instruments, Manuscripts, traditional games of nationalities, it can be promoted to cherish the traditions and customs of the nationalities and then to safeguard them.

In the conclusion, to educate the people about ICH through the museums, the museums should also be attractive. The museum without attraction cannot educate the people although it has so many TCH, ICH objects and their facts and figures. The museums without visitors are like the dead museums. That's why, every museum should do that mentioned by ICOM as "open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purposes of education, study and enjoyment."

Water supply in Tatkon Township improved



Officials of MWCDF presents stationery to a student in Seinpankhaing Village.

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June— Tatkon Township in the Seinpankhaing Village of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

now has better access to water as one tube-well and two water tanks were put into service, officials said on Tuesday.

A new primary school building was also opened which will accommodate 70 students, with the President of Myanmar Women and Child Development Federation Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha presenting school equipment to school officials.

The school building, tube-well and water tank cost over K9 million.

Kyaw Ye Swe

LOCAL NEWS

Golden umbrella hoisted atop pagoda in Zeyathiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June — A golden umbrella, pennant-shaped vane and diamond orb were hoisted atop Aungmingala Pagoda in the precinct of TatU monastery in Chaungphyu Village in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Wednesday morning. The abbot of Hsinbyukyun Yekiktha monastery of Wegyi Village led the hoisting of three religious objects.

The pagoda is about 20 feet high. The golden umbrella, pennant-shaped vane and diamond orb were donated by U Ba Kywe, wife Daw Ahmar and family of Padeetan Ward in Mahlaingmye Township.

Aye Than



Large trees in Inwa to be preserved to provide protection from heat



INWA, 5 June—As daytime temperature have been reaching above 40 degree centigrade in various parts of central Myanmar, many people have been suffering from heat exhaustion with only trees providing shelter. “Large trees that are over 100 years old can help from the impact of the hot season. Local people understand the importance of preserving forests and trees,” said U Hein Thant, a resident of Inwa.

Tamarind plants and other big trees give shelter to local people in ancient Inwa city in Sagaing Township, as almost none of the residents is in possession of fans or air conditioners.

Inwa was built about 400 years ago, located between the Ayeyawady and Dokhtawady rivers. Although deforestation is a major issue across the nation, people of Inwa said old trees will not be felled.—Nanda Min Lwin

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Zeyathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—The government has given agricultural loans to farmers in time for cultivation of crops in the rainy season, authorities said.

Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Agricultural Development Bank disbursed agricultural loans to local farmers of Maudaw Village-tract in Zeyathiri Township on Wednesday, supervised by Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Shwe and other officials.

The bank plans to disburse K13.8 billion to farmers from eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area by September 2014. The bank has already issued K62.4 million for 624 acres of farmlands to 132 farmers from Maudaw Village-tract in Zeyathiri Township.

Farmers must pay back loans to the bank after harvesting, no later than 31 March 2015, officials said.

Shwe Kokko



14 human trafficking victims sent home

MYAWADY, 5 June—A total of 14 Myanmar citizens fell victims to human trafficking in September 2013.

They were sold for baht30,000 each by Mon national Ko Soe Aung and his wife Daw Hsan Kyi from Mahachiang of Bangkok in Thailand to No 2 Offshore trawler of Indonesia.

After working on board 11 days, they were arrested by the Indonesian naval vessel as the trawler was operating without licence. They were detained at the Fofil naval base over three months.

They were then sent to Mekong port of Thailand where the Thai immigration bureau jailed them in Mekong Prison for about 45 days and then moved them to IDC cells in Bangkok for five more days. On 2 June 2014, they were sent

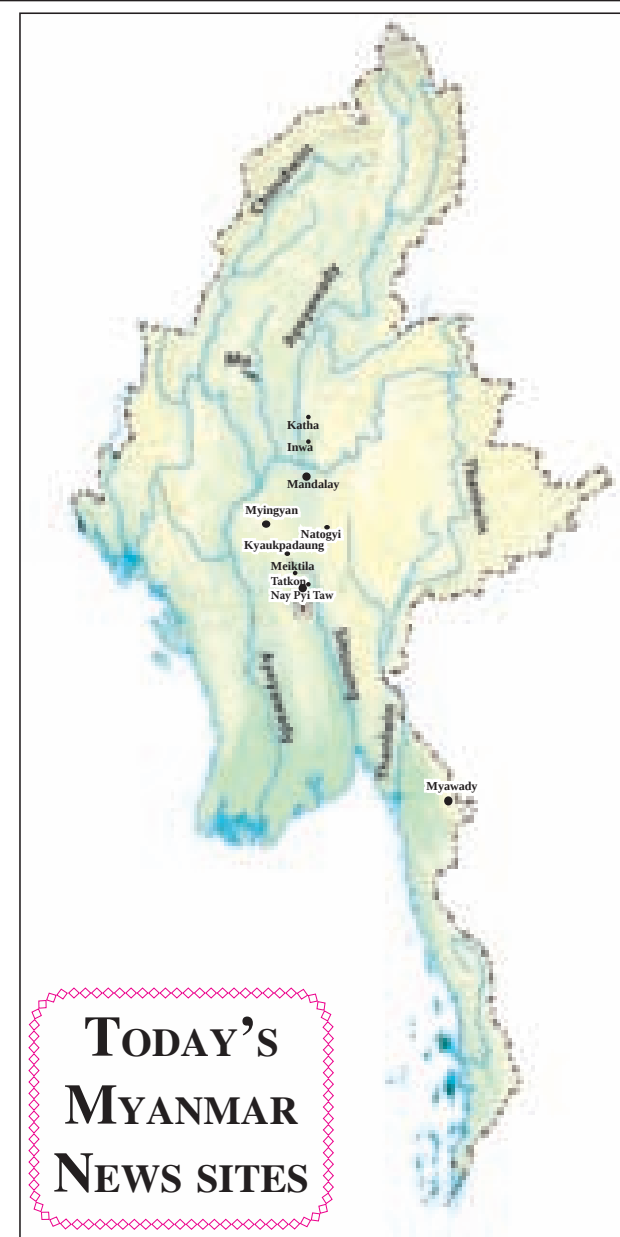
to Mae Sot from Bangkok, with the Thai immigration Bureau extraditing them to No 10 gate of Myanmar. Officials of the Anti-Human Trafficking Squad (Myawady) provided shelter to them, before transporting them back home.

Thuzar (Myawady)

Self-reliant dam commissioned into service



NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—A ceremony to inaugurate Gadinmyo dam has been held in Okshithline



Dengue fever preventive activity undertaken in Tatkon Tsp



TATKON, 5 June—Dengue haemorrhagic fever prevention measures were

taken in houses of Saya San Ward in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Wednesday.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Tun Tun and officials as well as members of social organizations participated in the DHF prevention activity, chlorinating water tanks and wells.

“We thank medical officers and health staff for taking DHF measures in Saya San Ward,” said Daw Tin Aye of Saya San Ward.—Township IPRD

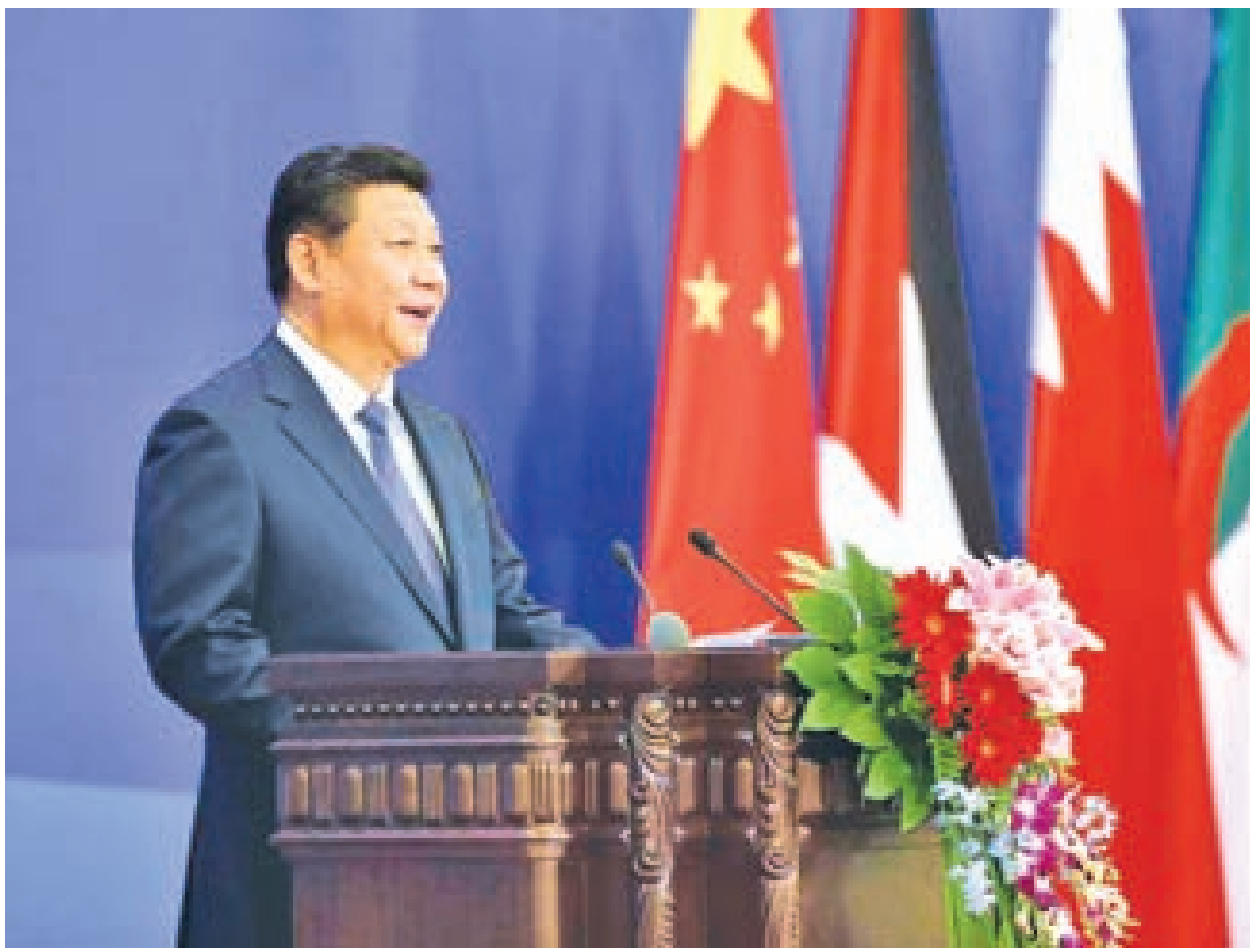
the dam is the gravel-filled and has a 113 feet long drain and will be of benefit to 50 acres of farmlands.

Ko Pauk (Okkar Myay)

Village in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, officials said.

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China's Xi repeats call for political resolution for Syria



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech on the relations and cooperation between China and Arab states at the opening ceremony of the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum (CASCF) in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 June, 2014.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 5 June — Chinese President Xi Jinping repeated on Thursday a call for a political resolution to the Syrian crisis and his country's support for an inclusive political transition on Thursday, and offered to boost aid for Syrian refugees.

China and its ally, Russia, have both vetoed Western efforts to set UN penalties on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, though China has been keen to show it is not taking sides and has urged the Syrian

government to talk to the opposition.

China has also said a transitional government should be formed.

"China respects the reasonable demands of the Syrian people, and supports the early adoption of the Geneva communique and the opening of an inclusive political process to bring about a political resolution to the Syrian issue," Xi told a China-Arab forum in Beijing, in a speech broadcast live on state television.

The first round of Syr-

ia peace talks in Geneva in 2012 stipulated the establishment of a transition government, though subsequent peace talks have floundered.

Assad won a landslide victory in a wartime election on Tuesday that opponents condemned as a sham, but which demonstrated his tenacious hold on power after three years of brutal civil war.

Assad's foes have ridiculed the election, saying the two relatively unknown and state-approved chal-

lengers offered no real alternative to Assad.

The United States and European Union also condemned the election.

Xi made no mention of the vote. China has played host to both opposition and government delegations, though to little apparent effect. China is paying great attention to the humanitarian situation of the Syrian people, and would give further aid to refugees in Lebanon and Jordan, Xi added, but gave no details.

Reuters

UN voices 'grave concern' at persistent South Sudan violence

UNITED NATIONS, 5 June — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Wednesday condemned the continued bloodshed in South Sudan in violation of two ceasefire agreements and urged both sides in the conflict to halt all military operations in keeping with previous pledges.

The remarks came in a readout of a telephone conversation Ban had on Wednesday with South Sudan's President Salva Kiir.

"He (Ban) expressed his grave concern that hostilities have continued in violation of the 23 January Agreement on the Cessation of Hostilities and the 9 May Agreement between President Kiir and former Vice-President Riek Machar to resolve the crisis in South Sudan," the UN press office said.

"He stressed the need for both parties to abide by these agreements and end all military operations immediately," it said, noting that Ban urged Kiir and Machar to meet on 9 June.

The United Nations has already said that maintaining a ceasefire was crucial for efforts to alleviate the worsening humanitarian crisis in the world's youngest country.

Fighting has killed thousands of people and driven more than 1.3 million from their homes.

Government forces and rebels, who have been fighting since mid-December, agreed a second ceasefire deal in May af-



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

ter the first one in January collapsed. South Sudan's army spokesperson reported more clashes on Monday in Unity and Upper Nile states, oil producing areas that have been flash-points in the conflict.

A senior UN official said on Tuesday that South Sudan can only avoid famine if the shaky ceasefire holds and people displaced by more than five months of fighting are able to return home in the next few weeks to plant crops before the rains.

Tens of thousands of civilians have been seeking protection for months at UN peacekeeping bases around the country.

The crisis has stretched the capacity of the blue-helmeted forces, who were originally deployed to help the government stabilize the country after it acquired independence from Sudan in 2011.

As a result, the UN peacekeeping department has had to boost the number of troops and police and alter its mandate to make protecting civilians a top priority for the UN mission in South Sudan, known as UNMISS.

Reuters

Group of Thai politicians plan overseas movement to resist coup

BANGKOK, 5 June — Around 15 Thai political leaders allied to the ousted government plan to establish a movement outside Thailand to lead a campaign of civil disobedience to military rule, two members of the group said on Thursday.

General Prayuth Chan-ocha seized power on May 22 and has since led a crackdown that has stifled dissent and silenced the "red shirt" supporters of former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and her brother, billionaire former premier Thaksin Shinawatra.

The military has detained many politicians and activists and demanded as a condition of release that they sign documents stating they would avoid politics and halt anti-coup activities.

If the plan proceeds,

the group would represent the first attempt to mount organised opposition to military rule. The two activists said they had yet to formulate exactly what measures the group would use, but said they would be peaceful and would aim to fill the leadership vacuum among anti-coup elements.

"We believe democracy in Thailand has been systematically destroyed," said former government minister and red-shirt founding member Jakrapob Penkair in a telephone interview from Phnom Penh, the capital of neighbouring Cambodia.

"People have been chastened, hunted and bullied with no sense of fairness, justice or decency. We aim to create an organisation for all groups protest-



Activists, with their mouths taped up as a form of protest against the ongoing military rule in Thailand, hold placards during a picket in front of the Thai embassy in Manila on 5 June, 2014.—REUTERS

ing the coup inside and outside Thailand. This would be a non-radical group using civil disobedience."

Thaksin, who lives in exile, is not involved in the movement, said both Jakrapob and a second member of the group, fugitive former member of parliament Sunai Julapongsathorn. It is unclear how much momentum the movement would gain among those opposed to the junta without the backing of Thaksin, who revolutionised Thai politics and commands the loyalty of millions in the populous north. The coup was the latest twist in nearly a decade of confrontation between Thaksin and the Bangkok-based royalist establishment, which sees him as a threat to their interests.

Reuters

HEALTH & BUSINESS

Diet and exercise may help maintain weight loss

NEW YORK, 5 June — Programmes focused on both diet and exercise may help people who have lost weight keep the pounds from creeping back on, according to a new analysis of past studies.

Orlistat, an obesity drug, may also be effective when taken at higher doses, researchers found.

More than one third of US adults are obese, and obesity raises the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some types of cancer. Losing weight — and keeping it off — can reduce those risks.

“Long term weight loss through changes in eating and physical activity is possible, even in adults who have already acquired obesity related illness, and effective weight loss programs are now available,” researchers led by Stephan



Clients work out on machines in Arvada, Colorado on 15 June, 2009.—REUTERS

Dombrowski of Newcastle University in the UK write.

They pooled data from 45 studies that included a total of 7,788 adults who had lost at least five percent

of their body weight. The studies looked at people's ability to keep the weight off for a minimum of one year. Forty-two of the studies included an initial phase

meant to produce weight loss. The participants in those studies lost an average of about 24 pounds.

The studies all looked at medication or lifestyle

changes such as diet, physical activity and meal replacements, either alone or in combination, to help with weight loss maintenance. The researchers found that people participating in programs that combined diet and exercise gained back 3.4 fewer pounds after one year compared to people receiving no extra help with weight maintenance or standard treatment only.

They also found that combining Orlistat with behavioral changes resulted in 4 fewer pounds regained after one year compared to participants who took a drug-free placebo.

Orlistat appeared to be more effective at larger doses, according to results published in the *British medical journal BMJ*. But the drug also came with gastrointestinal side effects.

Reuters

Cell discovery key to new drugs for skin diseases

WELLINGTON, 5 June — A New Zealand discovery into how skin cells react to inflammation could provide a breakthrough in treating skin diseases, University of Auckland scientists said on Thursday. Scientists at the university found that skin cells had an appetite for fat during inflammation, with small organelles, known as mitochondria, that take in nutrients and create energy, while controlling the immune response in the cells. “The discovery highlights how mitochondria in the skin can use fatty acids to help drive inflammation associated with infection and wound healing,” researcher Dr Chris Hall said in a statement.

“Excessive inflammation within the skin can be detrimental and contributes to inflammatory skin diseases such as dermatitis,” he said.

“It is hoped that we will be able to develop drugs to block this new metabolic-immunologic connection with the skin cells and treat these diseases.”

The discoveries were made in zebrafish, a tropical fish that is used widely in biomedical research.

“The mechanisms we have found can be both good and bad: good because attracting immune cells to the skin during inflammation can help fight infection, but bad because some immune cells can also destroy host tissues,” he said.

Xinhua

Deadly baby virus hits Australian newborns

SYDNEY, 5 June — An outbreak of a deadly new virus among Australian babies is alarming local health authorities, media reported on Wednesday.

Parechovirus causes fever, irritability, a rash and diarrhea in babies, however in some young infants, the virus can lead to hepatitis or encephalitis, and can be fatal.

Nationally, 46 babies have been confirmed positive with parechovirus infections, the Courier Mail reported on Wednesday.

Queensland Children's Medical Research Institute paediatric infectious diseases director Professor Theo Sloots said the virus affects the brains of young children, and can result in death.

In very young babies the virus can cause infection in the central nervous system, which can lead to long-term damage to brain cells.

“We don't know what the long term affects are, the virus is newly recognized and we don't know enough about it,” Sloots said.

The virus — for which there is currently no vaccine — is spread from person to person through physical contact.

Xinhua

Economy on solid ground despite cooler hiring

WASHINGTON, 5 June — US companies hired far fewer workers than expected in May, but an acceleration in services sector growth supported views the economy was regaining strength after sagging early this year.

While other data on Wednesday suggested a widening trade gap could weigh on growth in the second quarter, a jump in imports pointed to a welcome pick-up in domestic demand.

“May job growth may have been a little less than expected but with imports rising, it looks like the economy is moving forward solidly,” said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors in Holland, Pennsylvania.

Private employers added 179,000 jobs to their payrolls last month after hiring 215,000 workers in April, according to payrolls processor ADP.

Economists had expected a gain of 210,000 private sector jobs in May. Nevertheless, many analysts said the report did not change their expectations for the government's more comprehensive jobs data due on Friday.

Separately, the Institute for Supply Management said its services sector index rose to 56.3 last month from 55.2 in April as new orders, order backlogs and hiring increased. It was the highest reading in nine months.

Following on the heels of data on Tuesday that



Paige Leonard speaks with a recruiter from a jewelry and gem company during the Gemological Institute Of America (GIA)'s Jewelry Career Fair in New York on 30 July, 2012.—REUTERS

showed robust growth in factory activity in May, it underscored the economy's strengthening fundamentals. Any reading above 50 indicates an expansion.

The firming economic

tone was highlighted by the Federal Reserve's anecdotal Beige Book. Reports from the central bank's contacts indicated activity expanded in recent weeks.

Reuters

In Japan, labour crunch pushes businesses to reform

TOKYO, 5 June — Don Quijote and Uniqlo, two of Japan's best-known mass-market retailers, aren't waiting for the government's new growth policies due later this month before implementing their own labour reforms. While many labour-intensive businesses face a shortage of low-wage workers as Japan's economy perks up, discount chain Don Quijote Holdings (7532.T) is drawing five times more job seekers since it bucked tradition and eased application requirements. Fast Retailing (9983.T), operator of Uniqlo casual clothing shops, is making

many of its part-time workers into full-timers, at greater cost, to retain staff and boost productivity.

While some companies are coping by revamping practices established over decades of deflation, and perhaps hiking wages or raising productivity, others are having to curb operations or even shut down as staff become harder to find and to keep. This worsening labour crunch could bring a reckoning for the recovery led by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's reflationary policies, with bottlenecks either forcing a breakthrough to a more efficient economy, or

leaving the country mired in stagflation as companies' costs rise and growth falters.

“The key is whether Japan can stimulate corporate investments to raise productivity,” said Yasuo Yamamoto, a senior economist at Mizuho Research Institute. Growth bottlenecks, he said, could be a necessary step to transform Japan into an inflation-minded economy, weeding out businesses that exploit cheap labor and replacing them with more productive companies.

A draft of the government's new growth plan obtained by Reuters this week includes calls on companies



Shoppers look at items outside the Don Quijote's central branch store in Tokyo on 28 May, 2014.

REUTERS

to offer more flexible options for full-time employment — similar to Uniqlo's measures — to expand opportunities

for women, and would create skill assessment standards to make it easier to change jobs. —Reuters

Brazil homeless group in peaceful march on World Cup arena

SAO PAULO, 5 June — Thousands of homeless workers on Wednesday marched peacefully on Brazil's Arena Corinthians stadium, which is to host the opening game of the soccer World Cup next week, pressing their cause under the spotlight of the global sporting event.

The Workers Without Homes Movement, which police estimated mobilized more than 10,000 people to demand more government spending on transport, health, education and low-income housing, shut down one of Sao Paulo's main highways to the stadium, which is fighting the clock to get ready for the 12 June event.

The notorious transport infrastructure constraints of South America's largest city won't ease soon, as foreigners start to straggle in ahead of the month-long tournament to catch some of the friendly matches now going on between national squads. Brazil's decisive 4-to-nil victory over Panama in a friendly on Tuesday does not seem to have diffused the social tensions ahead of the official Cup. Union



Members of Brazil's Homeless Workers' Movement (MTST) march as they block a road during a protest near Sao Paulo's World Cup stadium on 4 June, 2014.

REUTERS

workers of Sao Paulo's Metro subway system are set to go on strike from midnight. The city's traffic police also plan a strike on Thursday.

The frequency and intensity of protests in Brazil have picked up over the past month but it is still unclear in what direction the tide of civil disobedience is now headed. While Wednesday's protest has been without violence, the 27 May protest

outside the Mané Garrincha National Stadium in Brasilia, the capital, involved clashes between riot police and Indians armed with clubs, spears and bows and arrows. Some 600,000 to 850,000 foreign soccer fans are expected to travel to Brazil for the World Cup. Brazil's next friendly is scheduled for Friday against Serbia at the Morumbi stadium, nestled in one of Sao

Paulo's wealthiest neighborhoods. And the homeless workers' group, also known by its Portuguese acronym MTST, is threatening to crash the event.—Reuters

Assad wins Syria election with 88.7 percent of votes

BEIRUT, 5 June — Bashar al-Assad won 88.7 percent of the vote in Syria's presidential election, parliament speaker Mohammad al-Laham said on Wednesday, securing a third term in office despite a raging civil war which grew out of protests against his rule. Assad's foes had dismissed the election as a charade, saying the two relatively unknown challengers offered no real alternative and that no poll held in the midst of civil war could be considered credible.

"I declare the victory of Dr Bashar Hafez al-Assad as president of the Syrian Arab Republic with an absolute majority of the votes cast in the election," Laham said in a televised address from his office in the Syrian parliament.—Reuters

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Speed, driver's actions caused Spanish train disaster

MADRID, 5 June—Spain's worst train disaster in decades, which killed 79 people last year, was caused by excessive speed and the driver's failure to brake in time, according to a report by the country's Public Works Ministry.

The train derailed and smashed into a wall on the outskirts of the northern city of Santiago de Compostela on 24 July last year, after approaching a curve at

more than twice the speed allowed on that stretch of track.

The ministry's report, published on its website on Wednesday, will be taken into account by the regional court in Galicia which is leading the investigation.

The train's driver, Francisco Garzon, has been charged with 79 counts of homicide, while 11 former high-ranking officials from state railway company Adif

have also been charged in connection with the case, for potentially failing to adequately ensure passengers' safety.

"The accident was caused by the train's excessive speed (...) and because the driving personnel did not respect the rules," the final report by a train accident investigation commission, which is part of the ministry, said.

Reuters



Rescue workers stand amongst the wreckage of a train crash near Santiago de Compostela, northwestern Spain, on 25 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Yunnan police offers reward for terror clues

KUNMING, 5 June—Police in southwest China's Yunnan Province has posted cash rewards for information on terrorism-related crimes as part of a crackdown launched in the wake of a deadly terrorist attack in March.

Yunnan police mounted a one-year crackdown on terrorist activities on Wednesday, saying they will "fully motivate and rely on the public" and encourage citizens to report on terrorist crimes.

Rewards ranging from 5,000 to 200,000 yuan (800 to 32,000 US dollars) will be given to anyone whose clues help police crack cases involving organizing or orchestrating terrorist activities, raising funds or purchasing guns, explosives for that purpose, as well as transporting, hiding or aiding terrorists, police said.

On 1 March, a group of knife-wielding assailants slashed frantically at crowds at a train station in Kunming, capital of Yunnan, killing 29 civilians and injuring 143.

Xinhua

S Korea army to hold 1st military exercise in US next week

SEOUL, 5 June — South Korea's army will hold its first joint war exercise in the mainland United States next week, involving some 170 South Korean soldiers, the country's Defence Ministry said on Thursday.

"The upcoming exercise aims at enhancing capabilities to carry out joint operations through holding joint exercises in a real combat-like environment," the ministry said in a statement. The United States last year requested South Korea's participation in the

exercise, which is scheduled to last from Monday to 1 July at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California.

The statement said the South Korean soldiers, mainly with a mechanized infantry company, will join the exercise, which will also be participated in by special forces units.

The NTC, encompassing some 2,400 square kilometres of isolated land in the High Mojave Desert midway between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, is

a key US military training centre that conducts tough, realistic training aimed at preparing units for combat, focused at the battalion task and brigade levels.

"The coming war exercise is expected to help (our military) attain combined small-unit combat skills and review (the allies') ability to perform joint missions, bringing the joint operation capabilities one step further," an unidentified army official was quoted as saying.

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Dated: 1st June, 2014

**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO
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PROJECTS IN MYANMAR ONSHORE DRILLING
OPERATIONS**

1. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE), under Ministry of Energy, is interested to establish Joint Venture Project(s) for Drilling Service using its own four Drilling Rigs with well experienced international drilling companies for mutual interest to participate in future onshore drilling activities in Myanmar. MOGE hereby invites all interested drilling companies to submit the letter of expression of interest for joint venture project(s) using the following four drilling rigs in single or multiple basis:-

- (1) Continental Emsco (2000 HP Deep Rig)
- (2) USS Oilwell (2000 HP Deep Rig)
- (3) D-3 Type-2 Sr.II (1000 HP Medium Rig) and
- (4) National 55 Sr.I (700 HP Medium Rig).

2. All interested foreign drilling companies are cordially invited to submit the Letter of Expression of Interest, together with the following documents endorsed by Myanmar Embassy in the respective country.
 - (a) Certificate of Incorporation
 - (b) Memorandum of Association
 - (c) Article of Association
 - (d) Latest Annual Report
 - (e) Latest Financial Statements or financial reports for the last five years
 - (f) Detailed Track Record
3. The application letter shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and sent to the following address not later than 16: 30 pm on 30th June, 2014:-

**Managing Director
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
PO Box 1049.
Building No. 44, Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

4. The Potential bidders will be short listed and presented with general overview of each Drilling Rig consisting of representative data and information by teams from Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise. The potential bidders who passed Pre-Qualification process will be invited to submit tender proposal.
5. For more information, please contact the following:-
 - (1) Director (Planning), Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Tel: 95-67 411347
Fax: 95-67 411346, email: thierry.min@gmail.com
 - (2) Director (Drilling), Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Tel: 95-67 411329
Fax: 95-67 411128, email: dd.moge.npt@gmail.com

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
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MINISTRY OF ENERGY**

Dated: 1st June, 2014

**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICE IN
ESTABLISHING JOINT VENTURES**

1. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, under Ministry of Energy, is interested to establish Joint Venture / Alliance projects for the following services with any potential partner who is reputable and internationally recognized in the related field.
 - (a) Drilling Service
 - (b) Seismic Acquisition Service
 - (c) Pipeline Construction and Maintenance Services
2. The scope of this assignment, which is to commence on around 1st day of August 2014, is to help in legal and technical assessment as required in JV processes, tender document preparation, inspection and prequalification of bidders, JV agreement and contract preparation. Duration of the assignment will be 6 months or may be extended.
3. Interested consultants or consultancy firms are invited to express their interest in undertaking the above consultancy not later than 16:30 pm on 30th June, 2014 by

**MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE,
MINISTRY OF ENERGY,
THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
INVITATION FOR JOINT VENTURE OR
ALLIANCE PROJECTS IN
ONSHORE SEISMIC ACQUISITION SERVICES,**

Dated: 1st June, 2014

1. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE), a state-owned Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is planning to establish joint venture OR alliance project between MOGE and interested party for onshore seismic acquisition services.
2. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise primarily intend to conduct as seismic acquisition services contractor for onshore blocks exploration work.
3. Interested parties are cordially invited to submit "the Letter of Expression of Interest" ("LEOI") together with (1) Article of Association (AOA), (2) Memorandum of Association (MOA), (3) Certificate of Incorporation, (4) Latest Annual Report, (5) Latest Financial Statement of Financial Report, (6) Detail Track Record of Seismic Acquisition Work of Company. The LEOI must outline a statement of firm capability to undertake this project, including similar projects undertaken over the past ten years.
4. All documents are to be endorsed for authenticity by the respective Embassy of Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the place of Company's registration OR establishment of nearest, in sealed envelopes superscripted "**Confidential**" "**Myanmar Onshore Seismic Acquisition Services**" to the following address not later than 5:00 p.m., by 30 June 2014.

Managing Director
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ministry of Energy
Building No. 44, Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

5. The potential bidders who passed pre-qualification will be invited to discuss with MOGE and to inspect MOGE's own onshore seismic acquisition unit.
6. Then, the potential bidders must submit final proposal for joint venture or alliance seismic acquisition services project.
7. For further inquiry (and/or) information, please contact the followings.

(1) Managing Director
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ministry of Energy
Building No. 44, Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Tel: 95-67-411055/411056
Fax: 95-67-411125

(2) Director (Exploration/Development)
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ministry of Energy
Building No. 44, Nay Pyi Taw
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Tel: 95-67-411110
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submitting (3) sets of documents containing the following information as a minimum.

- (a) Broad approach to the assignment and appreciation of the requirements
- (b) Job reference for consultancy service of establishing Joint Venture work with similar nature for the last five years.
- (c) Background and organization of the company
- (d) An indication of key staff likely to be employed for the assignment (together with their curriculum vitae)
- (e) An indication of sub-consultants to be employed if any
- (f) Provisional Quotation

4. The letter of expression of interest together with above documents shall be submitted in a sealed envelope to the following address,

**The Managing Director
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Complex 44, Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Tel: 95-67 411055/ 411056
Fax: 95-67 411125/ 411178**

5. For further inquiry for information, please contact the followings:-

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE**

Dated: 1st June, 2014

**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FOR MYANMAR ONSHORE PIPELINE
JOINT VENTURE**

1. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE), a state owned enterprise under the Ministry of Energy, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is planning to establish Joint Venture project between Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and interested party for onshore pipeline construction and maintenance works.

2. All interested foreign pipeline companies are cordially invited to submit "the Letter of Expression of Interest" together with the following documents endorsed by the respective Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the place of Company's registration or establishment for authenticity.

- (a) Article of Association
- (b) Memorandum of Association
- (c) Certificate of Incorporation
- (d) Latest Annual Report
- (e) Financial Statement for the Last Five Years
- (f) Detail Track Records

3. All documents shall be submitted in a sealed envelope superscripted "**Confidential**" "**Myanmar Onshore Pipeline Construction and Maintenance Services**" to the following address not later than 16:30 pm, by 30th June, 2014.

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4. The Potential bidder who passed the Pre-Qualification shall be invited to discuss with MOGE and to inspect MOGE's pipeline construction facilities including machineries and then invited to submit a tender proposal.

5. For more information, please contact the followings:-

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Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
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Fax: 95-67 411125 / 411178

(2) Director Engineering
Tel: 95-67 411111
Fax: 95-67 411341
Email: mokedirengg@energy.gov.mm

(1) Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
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Fax: 95-67 411125/ 411178

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S G LINK EXPRESS PTE LTD

Phone No: 2301191,2301178,2301177

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MV TAN BINH 79 VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV TAN BINH 79 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.6.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S RK SHIPPING & TRADING PTE LTD

Phone No: 2301191,2301178,2301177

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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Tender Document and Background information of the above said works could be obtained from **Deputy General Manager**, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Bo Ta Htaung Township, Yangon, Myanmar, Phone +95 1 291985 or 291994 starting from 6th June,2014.

Enquiries can be made by contacting, **Project Office (Yangon)** +95 1 246939, **(Nay Pyi Taw)** +95 67 77070, +95 67 77155, **(Project Director, Senior General Manager)** +95 9 8300073, **(Deputy Project Director, Assistant General Manager)** +95 9 5066197, **(Project Engineer)** +95 9 5066191.

The Tender in original and duplicate copies shall be submitted to the **Deputy General Manager**, Supply Department, **Myanma Railways**, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Bo Ta Htaung Township, Yangon, Myanmar, Phone +95 1 291985 or 291994 not later than 2.00pm, on Tuesday **5th August 2014**. The Bidder must also submit an electronic copy of the Tender in a CD ROM. No submission by email shall be entertained.

Managing Director

Myanma Railways

Ministry of Rail Transportation

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR

MINISTRY OF ENERGY

MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE

(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)

(11/2014)

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

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Remark
(1)	IFB -019(14-15)	Geological Survey Instrument and Field Equipment (2) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB -020(14-15)	Data Processing Center & Interpretation Work Station (1) Lot	US\$
(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\$
(5)	IFB -023(14-15)	Spares for Triplex Mud Pump (Bentonite Pump) Ex HDD Rig (14) Items	US\$
(6)	IFB -024(14-15)	Spares for HDD Rig (13) Items	US\$
(7)	IFB -025(14-15)	Spares for Cabot Franks Servicing Truck (1) Item	US\$
(8)	IFB -026(14-15)	Fire Fighting Truck (5000 L) (1) Unit	US\$
(9)	IFB -027(14-15)	Stirred Fluid Loss Cell (Model-7120) (1) Set	US\$
(10)	DMP/L-008(14-15)	Transformer Welding Set with Accessories (1) Lot	Kyats

-Tender Closing Date & Time - 23-6-2014, 16:30 Hr.

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 2nd June, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise

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Beastie Boys member Adam Horovitz and his wife punk singer Kathleen Hanna

MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER

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IMPLEMENTATION

INVITATION TO TENDER

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
Tender Submission Date - 24.7.2014 (12:00) pm

3. Tender Invitation Letter and Documents with detail informations shall be available at the following address.

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Beastie Boys seek \$2 million from Monster for copyright infringement

NEW YORK, 5 June — A lawyer for the Beastie Boys on Wednesday urged jurors to make Monster Beverage Corp pay at least \$2 million for copyright infringement, saying the energy drink maker used their songs without a license in an online video.

Kevin Puvalowski, the Brooklyn-born band’s lawyer, said in closing arguments in a trial in Manhattan federal court that Monster’s unauthorized use of its music in a 2012 promotional video was “absolutely egregious.”

Beastie Boys members Michael Diamond, or “Mike D,” and Adam Horovitz, or “Ad-Rock,” sat as spectators in the courtroom as Puvalowski told jurors Monster had hoped to benefit from how “cool” his clients’ had become, without their permission.

“They didn’t care if their employees were stealing from the Beastie Boys,” he said.

Reid Kahn, Monster’s lawyer, acknowledged the energy drink maker had infringed the Beastie Boys’ copyrights but said it was because an employee thought the company had permission to use the music.

Reuters



GENERAL



The 16th Chinese Navy escort fleet and Cameroon navy conduct anti-piracy exercises at Gulf of Guinea on 2 June, 2014 (local time). The exercises, first of its kind between the two countries, aim to improve capabilities of maintaining maritime security and combating maritime threats. —XINHUA

UN aid chief to re-elected Assad: Put Syria's people first



UN humanitarian chief Valerie Amos addresses a donor conference for South Sudan, in Oslo on 20 May, 2014. —REUTERS

UNITED NATIONS, 5 June — The United Nations' aid chief appealed to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad on Wednesday to put his country's people first after the warring parties in the three-year conflict ignored UN Security Council demands for greater humanitarian access.

About 9.3 million people in Syria need help, and 2.5 million have fled, according to the United Nations. Aid chief Valerie Amos told a news conference that some 241,000 people were still trapped in areas besieged mostly by government forces.

As Assad's re-election for a third term with almost 89 percent of the vote was announced on Wednesday, Amos said: "If I were able to speak to him right now, I would say

'Put the people of Syria first.'"

"If you put the people of Syria first, then I think the rest falls from that in terms of our ability to make sure people are properly fed, that they have enough water, that they have proper sanitation, that they have healthcare," Amos said.

Amos said a Security Council resolution adopted in February aimed at obtaining greater aid access had failed. It was legally binding but not under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter, which would have made it enforceable with military action or economic sanctions.

The council members that have a veto — Britain, France, the United States, Russia and China — are considering a follow-up resolution drafted by Aus-

tralia, Luxembourg and Jordan.

However, Russia has made clear it is opposed to a Chapter 7 text.

"The problem has been implementation and making this implementation stick," Amos said of the February resolution. She signaled in April that stronger council action was needed, noting that previous Chapter 7 resolutions had to be adopted to gain aid access in Somalia and Bosnia.

On Wednesday, she cited specific council action taken to gain access for aid in Bosnia and Libya.

"If you look at situations where there have been Chapter 7 resolutions to enable humanitarian aid, they have tended to be resolutions that have been about the establishment of no-fly zones or the use of force to enable humanitarian operations," Amos told reporters.

Reuters

Gervinho and Drogba fire Ivory Coast to friendly win



(L-R) Ivory Coast's Aurier Serge, Gervinho and Didier Drogba celebrate Gervinho's goal against El Salvador in their international friendly soccer match, ahead of the 2014 World Cup, in Frisco, Texas on 4 June, 2014. —REUTERS

FRISCO, (Texas), 5 June — Goals from Gervinho and Didier Drogba gave Ivory Coast a comfortable

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2-1 win over El Salvador in a friendly in Frisco, Texas on Wednesday.

Ivory Coast, who will face Colombia, Greece and Japan in Group C at the World Cup, moved the ball with confidence and purpose and grabbed an early lead in the ninth minute.

Drogba, dropping deep, threaded the ball through to Gervinho who coolly rounded El Salvador keeper Derby Carrillo and slotted home.

The roles reversed for Ivory Coast's second goal, three minutes before the interval, when the impressive Gervinho burst down the left flank and crossed low

to Drogba who slid the ball home. With the game firmly in hand, Sabri Lamouchi's team were content to play possession football while El Salvador struggled to create chances.

It was not until the 73rd minute that Ivory Coast keeper Boubacar Barry was truly tested when Darwin Ceren unleashed a left foot drive which was pushed wide. Two minutes later, El Salvador were awarded a penalty after Kolo Toure recklessly charged into Jonathan Aguilla as they challenged for a header and substitute Arturo Alvarez converted the spot kick.

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Nadal and Murray beat fading light to set up semi-final

PARIS, 5 June — There is not much that spooks Rafa Nadal at the French Open but David Ferrer managed to do just that — for 49 bewitching minutes — before watching in despair as his fellow Spaniard turned into a man possessed to set up a semi-final with Andy Murray.

Facing a rival who had beaten him the

the eight-times champion at Roland Garros, Nadal quickly squashed those dreams into the red dust as he went on a 10-game rampage en route to inflicting a 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, 6-1 defeat on his countryman.

While Nadal improved his mindboggling French Open win-loss record to 64-1, Murray was relieved to silence the pantomime

It was not long before Murray's thoughts turned to the challenge that lies ahead.

"Rafa has good memories on this court so it will be tough to play him," said the British seventh seed, who has not won a title since triumphing at Wimbledon last July.

While celebrations were kept to a minimum among the men who were simply glad to finish their matches under fading light, Andrea Petkovic joyously planted a kiss on her racket frame after she battled through drizzle and swirling winds to

personal with her racket after blowing Italy's Sara Errani off court with a 6-2, 6-2 win. "I never kissed my racket before in my life. I don't know what happened to me. I was just overwhelmed by emotion. I had no boy to kiss, so I kissed my racket," laughed the bubbly 26-year-old after reaching her first grand slam semi-final.

A match featuring 10 breaks and 32 unforced errors was never going to be pretty and a three-hour rain delay left Roland Garros feeling more like a winter wonderland as temperatures dipped to a chilly 10 degrees Celsius. But Petkovic won the points that mattered. A contest that started with spectators huddled under blankets on Philippe Chatrier Court ended with Petkovic beaming in delight as Errani slapped a backhand wide. After becoming the first German woman to reach the last four in Paris since Steffi Graf in 1999, a player who is influenced by the writings of a number of philosophers said she would now "like to call Freud and ask him what he thinks about... my twisted soul." Such a thought is unlikely to trouble Halep, who will be more interested in concentrating on Petkovic's tennis skills after she too reached her first major semi-final with an equally scrappy 6-2, 6-2 win over 2009 champion

Svetlana Kuznetsova.

"It was a perfect day for me," said Halep, who is bidding to become the first Romanian woman to win the claycourt major since her manager Virginia Ruzici achieved the feat in 1978.

on court." Kuznetsova sports a tattoo on her right arm which declares "pain doesn't kill me, I kill the pain" but on Wednesday a left hamstring strain proved to be her undoing as she dropped serve six times be-



Spain's Rafael Nadal returns a shot during the men's quarterfinal match against his compatriot David Ferrer at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, on 4 June, 2014. Nadal won 3-1. —XINHUA

last time they had met, Nadal could barely believe his eyes on Wednesday when he dropped his first set of the tournament at 7:36 pm local time.

If that gave Ferrer hope that he could join Robin Soderling as the only men to have beaten

boos that greeted his arrival on Philippe Chatrier Court. As dusk fell over Paris, his 6-4, 6-1, 4-6, 1-6, 6-0 win over Gael Monfils not only earned him a place in his second semi-final in Paris, but also prolonged France's 31-year wait for a men's champion.

set up an unlikely semi-final showdown with Romanian Simona Halep.

The 28th seeded German came close to turning her back on tennis a year ago after being hobbled by back, ankle and knee injuries but 12 months on she was getting up close and



Andy Murray of Britain reacts during his men's quarter-final match against Gael Monfils of France at the French Open Tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 4 June, 2014. —REUTERS

"I won in two sets and very fast. I'm happy, and I really want to look forward for the next round because it's my first semi-final at grand slam, and I have to be very focused, very calm, and to try to do everything

fore bowing out.

"Maybe it was wasn't her best day today, but for me it was the best," added fourth seed Halep after becoming the only woman to reach the last four without dropping a set.—Reuters

Messi kept scoreless in Argentina warmup win

BUENOS AIRES, 5 June — Lionel Messi, looking to score his first World Cup goals since 2006 in Brazil this month, went scoreless as Argentina cruised to a 3-0 win over Trinidad and Tobago in a World Cup warmup on Friday.

Messi missed several chances in the first half, was repeatedly fouled and hit the post with a free kick from which midfielder Javier Mascherano tapped in Argentina's second goal. Striker Rodrigo Palacio, replacing the injured Gonzalo Higuain, headed the opener in the last action of the first half and substitute Maxi Rodriguez completed the win in the 64th minute. Prolific for Barcelona, Messi has only

one goal to his name at two World Cups, scored in a 6-0 rout of Serbia & Montenegro on his tournament debut at the 2006 finals in Germany.

He went goalless in five matches at the 2010 finals in South Africa.

"We finished strongly, Trinidad and Tobago were opponents who closed up at the back like some teams in the group will do (at the World Cup)," Messi told reporters. Argentina, looking to win their third world title at the 12 June - 13 July finals in Brazil, cruised to victory after squandering a string of first-half chances with Ezequiel Lavezzi, replacing Sergio Aguero who was unwell earlier this week, the biggest



Argentina's Lionel Messi (L) controls the ball in front of Trinidad and Tobago's Yohance Marshall during their friendly soccer match ahead of the World Cup, in Buenos Aires on 4 June, 2014. —REUTERS

culprit. Palacio finally made the breakthrough, heading in an Angel Di Maria corner at the near post in the second minute

of first-half stoppage time after Trinidad gave away the corner preventing Messi from scoring.

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Spain's dominance faces ultimate test in Brazil

MADRID, 5 June — Spain's desire for glory on the international stage is as strong as ever but the champions will need something special if they are to become the first Europeans to win the World Cup in the Americas.

The only nation from the continent to triumph in football's global showpiece outside Europe, thanks to their triumph in South Africa four years ago, La Roja got an indication of the task facing them when they were humbled 3-0 by hosts Brazil in last year's Confederations Cup final.

The pressure of the occasion at an intimidating Maracana Stadium in Rio De Janeiro, where July's World Cup final will be held, was too much for them.

They were unable to match Brazil's intensity as they fell to what is one of only three defeats under coach Vicente Del Bosque in competitive games since he took over nearly six years ago.

That Brazil were able to dominate a Spain team used to having the lion's share of possession was partly due to the absence of the injured Xabi Alonso, whose partnership with Sergio Busquets in midfield creates a stable platform for more creative team mates such as Xavi, Andres Iniesta and Cesc Fabregas to weave their magic.

Del Bosque, who masterminded Spain's campaign in South Africa and led them to a second straight European title two years ago, will have learned from the reverse.

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