

Favourable environment for Rakhine nationals is national concern: soldier representative at Upper House



Tenth regular session of Lower House in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Two questions concerning education and loans by a private bank came under discussion at the Lower

House session on Tuesday, with responses from officials, sources said.

Regarding the inclusion of logic and ethics

as additional disciplines on the curricula at basic and tertiary levels, Deputy Minister for Education U Thant Shin responded

that the existing school curricula include lessons on morals and public morality, which he noted are similar branches of study.

As for better loan systems at the Myanmar Industrial Development Bank, now the Small and

Medium Industrial Development Bank, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung explained that commercial loans and SME loans are available at the bank only on production of required credentials by loanees.

Of three questions the Upper House dealt with on Tuesday, one was concerned with Rakhine na-

tionals. An army officer, a major, urged the union government to create a favourable condition in Rakhine State as a national concern, saying that the availability of electricity, the creation of job opportunities, and higher education all contribute to regional development and economic growth.

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Media registration for 47th ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting AMM and related meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—The 47th ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting-AMM and related meetings will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-1 in Nay Pyi Taw from 8 to 10 August.

Local and foreign correspondents who wish to cover the news of meetings are to click the registration link for the 47th ASEAN

Foreign Ministers Meeting-AMM of Upcoming Events at the Home Page of www.asean2014.gov.mm to fill up the Media Registration Form. The registration must be taken not later than 31 July. The media accreditation cards will be issued at MICC-1 on 8 August morning.

The foreign correspondents are to apply visa

at the respective Myanmar embassies to cover news. Please dial 067-412227 and 067-412360 of ASEAN Affairs Department for further information about the meeting and 067-412126 of News and Periodicals Enterprise about news coverage of local-based foreign news agencies and local media.

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Sign Language Support Service and Second Batch Sign Language Supporters Training launched

YANGON, 1 July—The launching ceremony for Sign Language Support Service and Second Batch Sign Language Supporters Training was held in collaboration with Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) at Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 25 July, attended by Union Minister Dr. Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Deputy Minister Dr. Su Su Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway, Mr. Masahiko TANAKA, Chief Representative of JICA Myanmar Office.

Director General U Soe Kyi, Deputy Director General U Aung Tun Khaing, Department of

Social Welfare and Mr. Masahiko TANAKA, Chief Representative of JICA Myanmar Office awarded certificates to 24 supporters who successfully finished for one and half years training from 1st batch training.

The project for Supporting Social Welfare Administration-Promotion



of the Social Participation of the Deaf Community Phase I & II have been implemented by Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for total six years, three years each for Phase I & II.

Department of Social Welfare is planning to open Sign Language Supporters Service (SLSS) in August 2014. That sign language supporter service is available not only for deaf person but also for other community if needed. Moreover, Department of Social Welfare and Myanmar Radio and Television are practising to include sign language translation on TV programme.

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Appointment of Chief Minister of Rakhine State Government

Under Sub-section (c) of Section 264 and Sub-section (c) of Section 261 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-section (a) of Section 19 of the Union Government Law and Sub-Section (a) of Section 6 of the Region or State Government Law, Rakhine State Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Ohn has been appointed as Chief Minister of the Rakhine State Government.

Sd/Thein Sein
President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Data on child labour to be collected as part of efforts for child labour elimination

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 1 July—UNICEF and the government are planning to collect the data on child labour when they conduct a survey of Myanmar's workforce as part of a four-year plan for elimination of child labour

in the country, an official of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security said.

The four-year plan which started on 1st January and will end on 30th January 2017 includes five steps, focusing on raising awareness of child labour,

promoting efficiency of governmental personnel and stakeholders who will participate in the drive for elimination of child labour and reviewing local laws as to whether they are in conformity with the standard of international laws.

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Government officials believe that child labour can be reduced but not eliminated as the economy of Myanmar is not yet strong enough.

PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Border Affairs Minister meets Nippon Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, Union Minister for Border Affairs, accepted a call by Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Special Envoy of the Japanese Government for National Reconciliation in Myanmar and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, at his office here on Tuesday afternoon.

At the call, they discussed matters related to better cooperation in rural development, the improvement of the capability of youths of national races, measures for national reconciliation, health, education, human resources, and promotion of bilateral ties between the two countries.

In Myanmar, the Nip-



Union Minister Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win holds talks with Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Special Envoy of the Japanese Government for National Reconciliation in Myanmar and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation.—MNA

pon Foundation is currently carrying out 35 projects in cooperation with ministries, regional government bodies and some universities.—MNA

Union Attorney-General attends International Conference on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice System in South Africa

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin took part in International Conference on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice System held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 24 to 26 June.

The Union Attor-

ney-General, who was among 250 attendees from 67 countries who achieved international prominence as legal experts, delivered an address at the conference. He also answered legal queries raised by those present and exchanged views with them.

The conference was jointly organized by the Government of South Africa, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, the University of Pretoria and the University of Witwatersrand.—MNA

Myanmar vs Thailand One On One Big Fighting Event on 6 July

YANGON, 1 July—One On One Big Fighting Event managed by Myanmar Lethwei Asiyone with a title sponsorship of M-150 energy drink will take place at Theinbyu gymnasium at 2 pm on 6 July, according to a press conference on 24 June.

A total of 20 fighters from Myanmar and Thai-

land will take part in the event, said a responsible person of Royal Zarnani that is responsible for organizing the Myanmar-Thailand Lethwei Fight Mega Event.

Seven of ten Thai fighters had met with Myanmar fighters in the ring before, but it will be first opportunity for the remain-

ing three to fight against Myanmar counterparts, he added.

According to the responsible person, tickets for the event are priced at K 15,000, K 30,000 and K50,000 and it is planned to broadcast the event through TV channels.

He continued that it is expected to see local and

foreign fans at the event. Thai fighters will arrive in Yangon on 5 July, he said.

While taking a floor at the press conference, the MLA secretary told the media persons that plans are underway to organize more Lethwei events in Twantay, Yangon and Toungoo including Golden Belt traditional boxing challenges in September with the aim of nurturing a new generation of Myanmar traditional boxers.

Po Thant

Activist beaten after press conference on illegal construction

YANGON, 1 July—An activist who protested the construction of buildings which are not in line with the regulations of the Yangon City Development committee was beaten after organizing a press conference that criticized local authorities for corruption and unlicensed developers for illegal construction.

U Than Naing, aged about 40, was injured on his head, arms and legs and was taken to hospital after he was beaten on Monday with an iron bar by two unidentified men who came out of a building that was under construction, said U Myat Swe, one of the leaders of the protestors and who organized the press conference at the Myanmar Journalists Network in Yangon on Monday.

The victim has opened a file at Thingangyun Township Police Station. The local people in the township who opposed demolition and illegal construction of buildings that will be several stories high have demanded

authorities concerned to supervise the construction of buildings in accordance with the Yangon City Development Committee Law.

After the protest on 31 May against the construction of the buildings, the protestors and authorities held a negotiation over the issue of illegal construction, reaching an agreement to suspend 130 buildings that are under construction Ward 5/Ka Ward in Thingangyun Township.

“Despite the ban, construction of buildings continues and even a five-storey building is being constructed on 8ftx8ft plot of land,” U Myat Swe said. Construction of buildings and major repairing works are to take permission in the municipal area of Yangon City Development Committee.

If not, the buildings without permission are to be dissolved and action will be taken in line with the Yangon City Development Committee Law.

By Aye Min Soe



Workshop on decentralized funding to school project held in Indaw

MAWLU, 1 July—The workshop on decentralized funding to school project organized by No 2 Department of Basic Education under the Ministry of Education was held at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Ohndok Village

of Indaw Township in Sagaing Region on 28 June.

Deputy Township Education Officer U Thein Swe Win discussed matters related to the decentralized funding to school project.

Nyo Min Htet
(Myanmarsar)

Correction

Please read “Upholding Mutual Respect...” in sixth line of the message to His Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China and in seventh line of the message to His Excellency Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, President of the Republic of India, sent by President U Thein Sein on page 2 of this daily issued on 28-6-2014.

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NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein attends Golden Umbrella-Hoisting ceremony of Shwedagon Pagoda-like Maha Cinapabha Pagoda in China

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—President U Thein Sein and party attended a Golden Umbrella-Hoisting ceremony of Maha Cinapabha Pagoda, a replica of Myanmar's Shwedagon Pagoda, held in conjunction with the opening ceremony of religious buildings at the White Horse Temple in Luoyang, Henan Province in China on Monday.

After offering robes and provisions to Buddha Images that will be kept in the cave of the Pagoda, the president and party received nine precepts from State Sangha Maha Naya-ka Committee Chairman Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Suddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa who was among the monks from Myanmar and China at the ceremony.

Next, the president presented a diamond orb, a pennant-shaped vane and religious objects to the SSMNC chairman and

documents related to the Shwedagon Pagoda-like Maha Cinapabha pagoda and religious buildings and cash donations from Myanmar well-wishers to the presiding monk of White Horse Temple.

After sharing merits gained, religious objects were carried around the pagoda clockwise and enshrined into the pagoda before hoisting the diamond orb and the pennant-shaped vane atop the pagoda. The consecration of the pagoda followed.

Based on Sino-Myanmar relations, construction of Maha Cinapabha Pagoda started on an area of 1.73 acres in the compound of White Horse Temple on 10 April, 2012.

The pagoda, with a height of 108 feet, was built by engineers from the two countries, with the use of contributions from well-wishers during the last three days of the sacred Buddha Tooth Relic's 48-day visit to Myanmar in



President U Thein Sein and party at Golden Umbrella-Hoisting ceremony of Maha Cinapabha Pagoda at the White Horse Temple in Luoyang, Henan Province in China.—MNA

2011. The compound of the pagoda is surrounded by walls with four palace wall-like archways and there are replicas of Nagayon and

Kyaik-hti-yoe pagodas and other religious edifices with Myanmar architectural significance in the compound.

The White Horse

Temple was built as the first Buddhist temple of its kind in 68 AD. The main hall of the temple was constructed during the Ming

Dynasty from 1368 to 1644 and Chen Dynasty from 1644 to 1912. The building was renovated in 1950 and 1973.—MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party tour around Manila, the Philippines



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party at Manila Hotel in Manila, Philippines.—MYAWADY

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—A Myanmar military goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife visited Intramuros Walled City in Manila, Philippines on Tuesday.

They also visited Manila Hotel, an office that General Mac Arthur used as headquarters in World War II in the Philippines and National Museum and toured around Manila to see the development of Manila.

On their arrival at Vil-

amor Airbase in Manila, Philippines at 6 pm LST on Monday, the Myanmar delegation was welcomed at the airbase by Lieutenant General Gregorio Pio Catapang, Vice Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Major General Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, Chief of Staff of Philippine Army; Rear Admiral Isabela H Gador, Flag Officer in Command of Philippine Navy, Major General Wilfredo O Ona, Chief of Staff of Philippine Air Force, Myanmar Am-

bassador to Philippines Ye Myint Aung and wife, Vietnam-based Myanmar military attaché (Army, Navy, Air) to Philippines Brig-Gen Nyunt Swe and wife and officials.

The Commander-in-Chief and party left Yangon International Airport on Monday afternoon to pay a goodwill visit to the Philippines at the invitation of General Emmanuel Trinidad Bautista, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Myawady

**Yangon Region
Chief Minister
U Myint Swe
shakes hands
with Canadian
Ambassador to
Myanmar Mr.
Mark McDowell
at Canada Day
reception on 1 July.**

MNA



Favourable environment for...

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"Prosperity comes only with stability as instability is a constant source of worry which makes it hard for local people to do business in peace of mind," the major said.

According to political

analysts, soldier representatives in parliament tend to keep silent most of the time.

Dr Aye Maung of Rakhyne State Constituency 1 spoke in support of the proposal, calling for the union government and the regional government to construct

a bridge over the Kispnadi River in Kyauktaw linking to the plain between Ponna Island and Sittwe, where an industrial zone is to set up.

"The construction of this bridge is necessary because it will be easier to export local oil-bearing crops through the Sittwe Harbour," he said.—MNA

Data on child labour to be...

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As a sample survey, data on more than 3,600 children from 1,000 families will be collected, according to the ministry.

UNICEF also collected data on 198 child labourers from 18 factories, 10 tea shops, two restaurants and one car mechanic workshop in 13 townships from 9

April to 20 June, an official of the ministry said.

The data include work hours, protection, safety, working environment, psychological condition and education of child labourers. The ministry is planning to conduct workshops on promoting knowledge on child labour in seven townships from 7 July and will invite

50 employers and managers from each township to participate in the workshops.

The Child Labour Law allows children aged 13 to 16 to work four hours per day.

Forty-two child labourers from a factory in Hline-thaya Industry Zone were given compensation and stopped for working in 2012, according to the ministry.

Confiscated farmlands handed over to owner farmers in Monywa District

MONYWA, 1 July—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye attended the ceremony to hand over the confiscated farmlands to owner farmers was held at the hall of Basic Education High School in Ayadaw of Sagaing Region on Sunday.

He presented temporary farming rights certificates to local farmers.

At the ceremony, officials presented 440.93 acres of farmlands to 99 farmers of Monywa District.

The region authorities plan to hand over



17,872.88 acres of farmlands of 49,619.14 acres to 2,306 farmers.

Region IPRD

Wushu winners honoured in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 1 July—A ceremony to award winners in the Wushu contest for choosing the selected players was held at Bahtoo Gymnasium in Mandalay on Sunday morning.

Among the spectators, Chairman of Mandalay Re-

gion Wushu Subcommittee Secretary of Mandalay City Development Committee U Khin Maung Tin and officials enjoyed the participation of athletes in the Wushu contest.

The chairman of the subcommittee and officials

presented 30 gold, 30 silver and 30 bronze medals to winners in the respective events.

A total of 140 contestants participated in the various Wushu events at different levels.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Myanmar traditional medicine kits distributed in Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 1 July—The presentation of emergency Myanmar traditional medicine kits for the rural people was held at the hall of General Administration Department in Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region on Monday.

Head of Township Traditional Medicine Department Daw Yi Yi Win explained the purpose of distribution of the medicine kits.

Chairman of Bago Region Traditional Medicine

SAGAING, 1 July—The fourth Shwe Zeyar Cup Sagaing District Men's Open Inter-Club Football Tournament kicked off at the district sports ground in Sagaing on Sunday.

Patron of the organizing committee Thiri Pyanchi U Khin Maung Myint, Chairman of Zeyar Shwemyay FC U Thurein and officials greeted the players.

In the debut, White Pearl thrashed Minkyaung Star 7-0. The first round group matches will be held up to 11 August.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Practitioners Association Branch U Aye Shwe and departmental officials distributed the kits to village administrators.

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

Staff get new quarters

MYINGYAN, 1 July—The three-storey reinforced concrete staff quarter was opened in the compound of Myingyan District Court in Myingyan of Mandalay Region

on Sunday.

The building was constructed through the capital fund for 2013-14. Chief Justice of Mandalay Region U Soe Thein and region ministers opened the

staff quarters.

Myingyan District judge Daw Cho Mar Myint explained the construction of the building to officials.

Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)



Region Chief Minister's Cup Chinlone Contests kick off

MANDALAY, 1 July—The Mandalay Region Chief Minister Cup Monsoon Chinlone Championship and the Skill Demonstration Contest were opened at the Bahtoo Gymnasium in Mandalay on Monday.

On behalf of the re-

gion chief minister, Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing urged the athletes and officials to turn out outstanding athletes in the Chinlone event.

Chinlone clubs from Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Yangon, Sagaing, Mag-

way, Bago, Taninthayi and Ayeyawady Regions in addition to Mon, Rakhine, Shan, Kachin and Kayah states and Defence and Finance teams are taking part in the competition up to 3 July.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Yankin Township WAO hails Myanmar Women's Day

YANKIN, 1 July—Organized by Yankin Township Women's Affairs Organization, a ceremony to pay respects to 30 aged of the township in commemoration of the Myanmar Women's Day was held at

No 1 Basic Education High School in Yankin of Yangon Region on Tuesday.

Chairperson of Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and District WAO Daw Nway

Nway Lin and Chairman of Township WAO Daw Aung Aung Ko presented gifts to the aged. Staff of Township Health Department provided health care services to the aged.

Than Maung (Yankin)

Fourth Shwe Zeyar Cup Sagaing District Football Tournament commences



REGIONAL

China questions Japan's decision to loosen military constraints

BEIJING, 1 July — China on Tuesday questioned Japan's reasoning for loosening restrictions on its military put in place at the end of World War II and warned the administration of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to avoid taking any actions that would threaten stability in the Asia-Pacific region.

"We oppose Japan's move of deliberately fabricating the China threat so as to serve its domestic political purposes," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei told reporters during a daily briefing.

He then warned Tokyo that, regardless of how it interprets the country's Constitution, Japan "must not infringe upon China's sovereignty and national security nor undermine regional peace and regional stability."

Japan's Cabinet approved the reinterpretation of the Constitution on Tuesday afternoon, opening the door to the armed defence of the country's allies, as well as increased participation in UN peacekeeping activities, but also, according to some critics, placing the country on a slippery slope toward allowing its military to participate in full combat operations.

Abe has pushed for the changes since coming into office in December 2012, but his attempts to loosen the shackles placed on Japan's Self Defence Forces by the war-renouncing Article 9 of the Constitution

have met with stiff resistance from within his own coalition government.

In response to these concerns, Abe has pledged that the changes will not undermine the country's commitment to pacifism.

Although Abe's promises seem to have mollified the resistance in the Japanese Diet, China remains skeptical.

"It's only natural for us to wonder if Japan is going to change the path of peaceful development that it has long been pursuing," Hong said.

He also criticized the Abe administration for steamrolling the "strong opposition" to the changes within Japan. According to some polls, over 50 percent of the population oppose the move.

"Japan's national development should be decided by the majority of the Japanese people," he said.

The Abe administration has cited China's increasingly assertive behavior in the region, along with the threat of a nuclear North Korea, as the primary reason for reinterpreting the Constitution to allow the country to use force in defence of its allies and friends.

In particular, Tokyo has expressed concern over China's aggressive sovereignty claims over the Senkaku Islands, known as Diaoyu Islands in China, which are currently administered by Japan.

Kyodo News

DPRK top leader guides military drill



Photo provided by DPRK's official news agency KCNA on 30 June, 2014 shows top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Kim Jong Un overseeing a tactical rocket firing drill of the DPRK military. The DPRK has launched precision guided missiles and fired shells with dispersion effect for striking both individual and group targets of the enemy in the drill, said the KCNA. —XINHUA

PYONGYANG, 1 July — Kim Jong Un, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided an artillery firing drill on the Hwa Islet off the east coast of the Korean Peninsula, the official KCNA news agency reported on Tuesday.

During his inspection

at the defence detachment there, Kim gave an order to conduct an immediate artillery firing and guided the drill. "It is an important task of the defence detachment to turn the islet into an impregnable fortress, unsinkable warship," Kim said, noting the detachment

is "an outpost in the East Sea guarding the gateway to the Central Committee of Workers' Party of Korea."

He underscored the need to wipe out enemies attacking from the sea and gave instructions on "new and unique" combat methods of the detachment, such

as how to effectively deploy fire strike means and use firing positions. Last week, Kim guided the test-firing of "newly developed cutting-edge ultra-precision tactical guided missiles" at the central monitoring post, according to the KCNA.

Xinhua

India introduces new liberal visa policy for Afghans

NEW DELHI, 1 July — India on Tuesday introduced a new liberal visa policy for Afghan nationals to allow them to stay in this country for two year on "humanitarian grounds."

"The government is introducing a new liberal visa policy for Afghan nationals

to stay in India on humanitarian grounds for two years with effect from 1 July, 2014. The new policy further streamlines procedures being implemented in the current visa policy for citizens of Afghanistan," the Home Ministry has said in a release. "There would be

liberal provisions in relation to exemption from the requirement of police reporting under various categories, including for Afghan students, medical patients, short-term visitors, businessmen, scholars, eminent persons etc.," the release added.—*Xinhua*

Hong Kong government calls for stability as mass protest looms



Hong Kong's Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying

HONG KONG, 1 July, — The Hong Kong government urged residents on Tuesday not to undermine the city's stability and prosperity as it braces for its largest protest in more than a decade after nearly 800,000 voted for full democracy in an unofficial referendum.

The annual 1 July rally, marking the day the territory returned to China, will focus on pressuring Beijing's Communist Party leaders for full electoral freedom, organisers said.

The rally could draw the largest turnout since 2003, when half a million people demonstrated

against proposed anti-subversion laws which were later scrapped.

Several groups have indicated they will stage overnight vigils after the march in a possible prelude to a planned campaign to shut down the city's financial district.

Speaking at a flag-raising ceremony to mark the 17th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to Chinese rule, Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying said the government was trying hard to forge a consensus on political reform in the run-up to an election for the city's next leader in 2017.

"Only by maintaining

Hong Kong's stability can we sustain our economic prosperity. Only by sustaining Hong Kong's prosperity can we improve people's livelihood," Leung said at Golden Bauhinia Square, where ceremonies for the handover of Hong Kong were held in 1997.

Security was tight in the Asian financial centre, where banks and companies in the heart of the business district have made contingency plans in case protesters linger and block roads on Wednesday.

"We can see that Beijing is eroding the autonomy of Hong Kong, and we want to show we don't fear

central government oppression," said Johnson Yeung, convener of the Civil Human Rights Front, one of the organizers of the march.

Some 792,000 people, or nearly 10 percent of the city's seven million population, voted in the referendum urging Beijing to allow opposition democrats to run in a 2017 citywide election for a new leader.

The vote was organized by Occupy Central with Love and Peace, which is behind the financial district shut-down plan, and comes at a time when many Hong Kong residents fear civil liberties are being stripped away.—*Reuters*



New police officers attend the graduation ceremony in New York, the United States, on 30 June, 2014. Over 1,000 new police officers graduated from New York Police Academy on Monday.—XINHUA

Top military officers of S Korea, US, Japan to meet for talks on DPRK nuke programme

SEOUL, 1 July — Top military commanders of South Korea, the United States and Japan will hold their first talks in Hawaii this week about the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s nuclear programme, local broadcaster YTN reported on Tuesday.

Three chairmen of their respective Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), including Adm Choi Yun-hee, Gen Martin Dempsey and Gen Shigeru Iwasaki, will meet in Hawaii at 5 am local time on Wednesday on the sidelines of the biannual Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) multinational naval exercises. It will be the first meeting among top military commanders of the three nations. Defence ministers of the three allies meet every year on the sidelines of the Asia security dialogue, called the Shangri-La Dialogue.

The RIMPAC, which will start on 9 July, is the world's largest multinational maritime military exercise, in which the United States and Pacific Rim nations participate.

The trilateral military meeting will be held at the invitation of the United

States to talk about military coordination among the three allies in dealing with the DPRK's nuclear and missile threats, said the report. After the meeting, the three commanders reportedly plan to announce a joint statement.

The meeting was expected to raise controversy here in South Korea as Japan has refused to repent its wartime atrocities.

The Japanese government, headed by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, provoked South Korea recently by unveiling the results of its review on the Kono Statement, which acknowledged and apologized for its wartime sex slavery.

The results said the South Korean government intervened in the wording of the 1993 apology, indicating it was the consequence of political dealings behind the closed doors.

Historians said around 200,000 young women, mostly Koreans, were coerced into sexual slavery for the Japanese Imperial Army during the World War II. Almost all the victims already passed away, with only 54 alive in South Korea.—Xinhua

Colombian Navy seizes big rebel arsenal

BOGOTA, 1 July — Colombia's Navy has seized more than 1.37 tons of explosives and 1,500 anti-personnel mines stockpiled by the country's armed rebels, the navy reported on Monday on its website.

According to the navy, the cache belongs to the 32nd front of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of

Colombia (FARC) and was discovered in the jungles of the country's southern Caqueta department.

"It could be the largest cache of explosives found this year," the navy said, adding it had destroyed the arsenal on site. The FARC, often referred to by Colombian officials as a terrorist group, has been battling the

state for 50 years.

"With information provided by a member of the terrorist organization, naval military intelligence followed up for two months, succeeding in locating the hidden cache in a jungle region," the navy said. "According to authorities, (the leader of the front) is responsible for

explosions of oil wells in southern Caqueta, leading to peasant and military victims," the navy added.

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos has made peace talks with the FARC his priority after being reelected in mid-June, but no cease-fire agreement has been reached to date.

Xinhua

Israel finds bodies of three missing teenagers in West Bank

HEBRON, 1 July — The bodies of three missing Israeli teenagers were found in the occupied West Bank, and Israel vowed to punish Hamas, the Palestinian group it accuses of abducting and killing them.

"They were kidnapped and murdered in cold blood by beasts," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement after the military discovered on Monday the remains of the Jewish seminary students who disappeared on 12 June.

"Hamas is responsible and Hamas will pay," he said.

US President Barack Obama condemned the killings but called on all parties to exercise restraint.

Netanyahu, who earlier on Monday held Hamas responsible for new rocket strikes from Gaza, convened his security cabinet to consider moves against the Islamist group, which has neither confirmed nor denied Israel's



An Israeli woman holds a sign with images of three missing Israeli teenagers, at a rally in Rabin Square in the coastal city of Tel Aviv on 29 June, 2014.—REUTERS

allegations about the kidnapping.

The senior ministers ended their late-night session without taking any final decisions and plan to reconvene later on Tuesday, a government official said.

"Netanyahu's threats against Gaza and against Hamas do not frighten us," the movement's Gaza-based leader, Ismail Haniyeh, was quoted as saying by its Al-Quds television station.

At the square in Tel Aviv where Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

was assassinated in 1995, scores of Israelis lit memorial candles for the teenagers, a day after thousands attended a prayer vigil for them at the same spot.

Hamas has been rocked by the arrest of dozens of its activists in an Israeli military sweep in the West Bank over the past three weeks during a search for the teenagers that Israel said was also aimed at weakening the militant movement.

Up to six Palestinians died as a result of the Is-

raeli operation, local residents said.

The kidnapping, near a settlement in the West Bank, appalled Israelis who rallied behind the youngsters' families in a display of national unity reminiscent of times of war or national crisis in a country with deep political and religious divisions.

"On behalf of the people of Israel, I wish to tell their dear families ... our hearts are bleeding, the entire nation is weeping with you," Netanyahu said in the statement.

Israel bombs Gaza sites hours after bodies of Israeli teens found

Israeli aircraft bombed dozens of sites in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, the military said, and troops opened fire and killed a Palestinian during an arrest raid in the occupied West Bank, Palestinian medics said.

The raid came hours after Israel found the bodies of three Israeli teens in the occupied West Bank who went missing on 12 June. Israel has blamed

the Islamist Hamas group for their abduction near a Jewish settlement and has arrested dozens of the groups members in the past three weeks. The air strikes, however, while numerous, did not depart radically from Israel's usual response to Palestinian rocket fire into its territory and as the Israeli cabinet weighed its actions against Hamas, there was no sign the Jewish state was poised to launch a major assault on the Palestinian enclave.

The military said that its aircraft bombed 34 Gaza sites, most of them belonging to Hamas, in response

to 18 rockets fired into Israel since Sunday. Two people were lightly wounded, Gaza medical officials said.

In the West Bank, an Israeli military spokeswoman said, troops opened fire at a man, identified by Palestinian officials as Yousouf Ibrahim abu Zagha, 19, who threw an explosive device at soldiers who were attempting to arrest a militant in the Jenin refugee camp.

The military added that three Palestinians were detained in the West Bank on Tuesday. Palestinian officials said five were arrested.—Reuters



Israeli soldiers keep guard near the West Bank city of Hebron on 1 July, 2014.—REUTERS

WORLD

Japan OKs collective self-defence, reinterprets Constitution

TOKYO, 1 July — Japan on Tuesday approved reinterpreting the Constitution so the Self-Defence Forces can defend allies under armed attack in collective self-defence, marking a departure from its postwar security policy amid criticism that its pacifist credo would be in danger.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has been pushing for the country to become a “proactive” contributor to global peace and security, and to strengthen the defence capabilities of the SDF as the Asia-Pacific region faces growing security threats.

The Cabinet endorsed the major change hours after the ruling parties secured a coalition agreement on a review of legal constraints on the SDF.

The New Komeito party, the junior coalition partner of Abe’s Liberal Democratic Party, was forced to soften its opposition, as security talks progressed at the urging of the prime minister over the past month.

“Peace is not something people give us. There is no other way than to build it by ourselves,” Abe told a Press conference after the Cabinet decision.

“Making preparations for any contingencies will be instrumental in thwarting attempts (by foreign countries) to wage a war against Japan. And that is deterrence,” he said in an apparent bid to ease public concerns.

Japan will set new conditions on the use of force in self-defence, broadening the notion of “the minimum” allowed under the



Cabinet OKs collective self-defence, reinterprets Constitution Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe meets the press at the prime minister’s office in Tokyo on 1 July, 2014, after his Cabinet approved reinterpreting the Constitution so the Self-Defence Forces can defend allies under armed attack in collective self-defence. The decision marked a departure from Japan’s postwar security policy despite criticism that its pacifist credo would be in danger.

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supreme law to include collective self-defence, or defending allies under armed attack even when Japan itself is not.

Based on the Cabinet decision, Japan would be allowed to use force if “the country’s existence is threatened, and there are clear dangers that the people’s right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness would be overturned” due to an armed attack on Japan or “countries with close ties.” There should exist “no other appropriate means” and the use of force should be kept to the minimum.

According to the Cabinet document, Japan will continue to be a “pacifist state,” but it said the severity of the security situation and the emergence of threats at sea and in space and cyberspace justify Ja-

pan’s move, adding that “no country can protect peace alone anymore.”

Opponents of the drastic change argue that the new rules would leave room for further interpretation of the Constitution and expand the use of force without clear limits.

But Abe dismissed such an argument, saying that Japan will seek Diet approval before exercising the right to collective self-defence, and need a new legal basis to legalize it.

“There is a misperception that Japan would be dragged into a war to defend other countries. That’s not true,” Abe said. “We are not going to send SDF members overseas for combat.”

LDP Vice President Masahiko Komura, who headed the coalition talks,

expressed hope on Tuesday for Japan’s future participation in UN collective security measures. “We may need to discuss the issue at some point,” he said.

Collective self-defence is a sensitive issue in Japan, as Tokyo has long maintained that it possesses the right but cannot exercise it due to the limits of Article 9, which has banned the use of force to settle international disputes since the end of World War II.

New Komeito had been opposed to reinterpreting Article 9 but made a concession to allow the exercise of the right to collective self-defence in a limited manner out of fear of jeopardizing the coalition by maintaining its opposition.

Japan would also speed up the dispatch of the SDF to “gray zone” low-intensity situations that stop short of military attacks, and examine extending logistical and other support in peacekeeping missions overseas.

Approval Tuesday would pave the way for enabling the SDF to rescue foreign troops and other UN personnel engaged in peacekeeping operations in remote areas if they are attacked by an armed group. Japan would expand the use of weapons that have so far been limited to self-defence or defending people nearby.

Tokyo has maintained that it is against the Constitution to use weapons against “a state or quasi-state organization,” such as insurgents, regarding this as the same as Japan using force.—Kyodo News

Abe’s push for collective self-defence faces legal hurdles

TOKYO, 1 July — Despite Japan’s landmark decision on Tuesday to reinterpret its pacifist Constitution and loosen the restrictions on its Self-Defence Forces, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe does not yet have a free hand to deploy them abroad in collective self-defence.

Japan will need to rework the legal basis by revising and creating over 10 relevant laws to implement the kinds of changes sought by Abe, government officials and experts say.

“Without proper laws, the SDF cannot make a single move,” said Liberal Democratic Party Vice President Masahiko Komura after the ruling parties clinched a coalition deal.

The creation of an effective mechanism to impose checks and put the brakes on the use of the right to collective self-defence would also be a priority, and Abe will likely be required to explain how he will steer Japan as a “pacifist state” by abiding by the spirit of war-renouncing Article 9.

The Cabinet decision to allow Japan to exercise the right to collective self-defence — essentially defending allies under armed attack, even if Japan itself is unharmed — defied criticism that Article 9 of the Constitution would be gutted. Under Japan’s law, unanimous approval is required by the Cabinet for a policy decision, and the prime minister can then order government officials to prepare relevant legislation. Tuesday’s Cabinet approval is seen as a major step but would not change that fact his work is still cut out.

Strong opposition comes from legal experts who question the legitimacy of broadening the notion of “the minimum” use of self-defence at the discretion of the Cabinet, a move they say would threaten legal stability.

It is also a “defeat” for the Cabinet Legislation Bureau, a body responsible for Japan’s official interpretation of the Constitution, said Katsuhiko Musashi, a professor at Doshisha University in Kyoto.

“The bureau has traditionally dominated the authority to interpret the Constitution and it’s been seen as a no-go zone. But now, Abe exerting more power over personnel decisions while enjoying high public support makes it difficult for bureaucrats to resist,” said Musashi, who specializes in Diet affairs and civilian control.

The main argument by skeptics is that Abe should amend, rather than reinterpret, the Constitution, and put it to a national vote to see if Japanese people approve a change of this magnitude.

One striking difference between individual and collective self-defence stipulated in the UN Charter lies in whether Japan comes under direct attack or not.

Even if Abe bypasses the harder process of constitutional amendment, how to keep the exercise of the right to collective self-defence under civilian control comes into focus, because Japan, under its exclusively defence-oriented policy, has not allowed its troops to engage in overseas operations that could involve the use of force.—Kyodo News

French ex-president Sarkozy held for questioning — source



Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy

PARIS, 1 July — Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy was being

held on Tuesday for questioning over suspected influence-peddling, a legal source said.

Sarkozy arrived early on Tuesday to be quizzed by investigators at their offices in Nanterre, west of Paris, after his lawyer was held for questioning on Monday.

“Mr Sarkozy has been summoned to Nanterre and is being held for questioning,” the source told Reuters.—Reuters

New Zealand wants Malaysia to act against diplomat over sex charge

WELLINGTON, 1 July — New Zealand pressed the Malaysian government on Tuesday to take action against a diplomat who claimed immunity and left the country after being charged with committing a sexual assault in the capital, Wellington, in May.

The diplomat was named as Mohammed Rizalman Bin Ismail, a Malaysian defence ministry official attached to the high commission in Wellington, after the court-ordered suppression of his identity was

lifted. He was arrested in early May on suspicion of burglary and assault with intent to rape. After one brief court appearance, he returned to Malaysia.

New Zealand Prime Minister John Key said the Malaysian government had been told it was expected Rizalman to answer the charges. “We made it quite clear that we were under no illusion about how seriously New Zealand took the issue, and we expect the person to be held to account,” Key told reporters.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Anifah Aman told reporters in Kuala Lumpur that Malaysia had offered to waive Rizalman’s diplomatic immunity to enable his prosecution in New Zealand, but that New Zealand had “offered an alternative” for him to return to his own country. “With the agreement of the NZ side, the accused person and his family returned to Malaysia on 22 May, 2014,” Anifah said in a statement. Malaysia’s defence ministry had established a board of in-

quiry to investigate the case and would not hesitate to take “stern action” against the accused if he was found guilty, the statement said.

Key said Rizalman could be assured of a fair trial if he was sent back to face the charges, which carry maximum penalties of up to 10 years in jail.

New Zealand Foreign Minister Murray McCully said how Kuala Lumpur dealt with the issue would have “a bearing on how we deal with the country concerned”.—Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

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Effects of migration on developing countries of origin

By Aung Khin

Sending workers abroad has been a popular trend in developing countries to earn state revenues through remittances. Although this income source constitutes a large scale, more than international trade, aid or foreign investment, in some countries, exploitation of migrants is still one of the potential dangers for those going outside their countries to work.

The remittances of an estimated 150 million

migrants across the globe amounted to about US\$300 billion in 2006, while total aid and foreign direct investment (FDI) into developing countries was about \$270 billion in the same year.

However, there are advantages and disadvantages of going to work in a foreign country. While host countries could fill job vacancies and skills gaps, the problems in countries of origin include the loss of young workers, the loss of well-trained people, especially health workers, and social problems for children left behind or growing up without a wider family circle.

Sometimes, migrants face integration difficulties and friction with local people who regard the former as putting extra burdens on public services in their countries. Organized crime and people-trafficking often result in exploitation of migrant workers.

Many developing countries see sending workers abroad as a way to reduce unemployment

rates, and young migrants enhance their life prospects, as well as earning for remittance, learning skills and international contacts. But many unskilled migrant workers do not get effective protection in host countries. More prosperous countries may offer jobs in the countries of higher unemployment rate to sustain their economies.

Therefore, developing countries, such as Myanmar with a lot of natural resources, should find alternative and effective ways to reduce unemployment, to stop the brain drain and to increase state revenues rather than sending “surplus” workers abroad.

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MWAFF holds monsoon tree growing ceremony



Honorary patrons of MWAFF Daw Nan Shwe Hmon and Daw Khin Aye Myint grow saplings in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized the monsoon tree growing ceremony at That-ta Thattaha Maha Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Honorary patrons of MWAFF Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Daw Khin Aye Myint, wife of Vice President U Nyan Tun planted Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) saplings at the designated places. The patrons, the president of the

federation and officials grew saplings.

The honorary patrons and officials viewed round cultivation of saplings by MWAFF members.

At the ceremony, they planted 335 saplings of various species.

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Four suspects are charged with theft of money from passenger's luggage at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Yangon aviation police expose theft of money from flier's baggage

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—The Aviation Police Force arrested four general workers in connection with a spate of thefts from passenger's luggage at Yangon International Airport on Monday.

Police said those arrested are casual labours working at the airport. Investigation revealed that they committed stealing \$4000 from a baggage while baggage handling of a passen-

ger jet was in progress in April. Due to frequent theft reports at the airport, investigations were carried out by aviation police in cooperation with police personnel assigned to monitor CCTVs.

According to Aviation Police Force (Yangon), the suspects had been handed over to Mingaladon police station and further investigation is underway to expose accomplices. —MNA



Haiku for MWAFF

Aye Phyu

“Haiku” is a form of poetry that is said to have its origin in Japan. Although haiku is considered as a kind of poem, it has only three lines in it with a total of seventeen syllables, broken up into (5-7-5) rule. The first line has five syllables, the second line, seven and the third line, five, respectively.

Generally in haiku, the poet uses the senses to describe scenes from nature, often involving vivid images of trees, plants, seasons and other elements of the natural world.

Let me introduce one haiku here written by the Japanese poet “Basho:”-

“An old silent pond
A frog jumped into the pond
Splash! Silence again.”

Here are some Haiku's for MWAFF (Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation) which stands as a true pillar, a source of inspiration and strength for our women folk.

- Beijing conference
The start of MWAFF
Pillar to protect
- Women advancement
For women of all ages
With support and help
- Awareness raising
Microcredit and training
For empowering
- Human trafficking
A challenge to fight and win
A good cause to bring
- For girl-child issue
Nature and train with a view
Betterment all through
- Myanmar Women's Day
A tribute we all must pay
For roles women play

All Myanmar Women, while pay due respect and recognition to the International Women's Day (8th of March every year), should attach great significance to

Myanmar Women's Day of 3 July since it is the date of birth of MWAFF, whose origin could be traced back to the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995.

Beijing Conference ended with a Declaration that highlights the paramount importance of women on empowerment and the proper dispersion of women on the basis of equality in all sphere of society. Agreement was made there for everyone to go home with an assignment to meet the commitment made in the area of women empowerment. For us, Myanmar Women, 3 July poses as a very special day following the Beijing Conference that laid down the foundation for the main concern for the betterment of women and their empowerment.

At present MWAFF has been trying its utmost to successfully implement its grand and noble objectives through its various working groups. Since its formation, MWAFF has been engaged in a variety of tasks in the women's sector for all-round development of Myanmar Women for their protection, for their rights, for their empowerment and betterment in life.

To all Myanmar Women across the nation, let's all hail the auspicious “Myanmar Women's Day!”

LOCAL NEWS

Outstanding teachers honoured at Bago BEHS No 1

BAGO, 1 July—A ceremony to honour the teachers who could teach matriculation students to have the best pass rate in the examination in the eastern part of Bago Region for 2013-14 academic year was held at the hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Bago on Monday.

Old students U Ngwe Shein presented a commemorative pennant to Headmistress Daw Min.

Retired headmistress Daw Aye Bon and Sayagyi U Shein Maung gave spoke of honour for headmistress Daw Min and two retired teachers who managed plans to achieve the best pass rate and other teachers who taught the matriculation examination.



Nine schools in Bago District and one in Toungoo District won the best pass rates in eastern Bago Re-

gion. A total of 355 students of 567 students passed the matriculation examination with 62.61 per cent pass

rate, securing the first position in the eastern region.

Ko Lat (Bago)

Educative talks on morality given to students of UDNR



SAGAING, 1 July—A talk on morality was given to students of 2013-14 academic year at the convocation hall of University for Develop-

ment of National Races on 28 June, attended by faculty members and students.

Lecturer U Mya Hsaung, Deputy Professor

Animal vaccination given to cattle in Tunzang Township



TUNZANG, 1 July—As of April in 2014, some cattle caused dead in the infection of diseases in villages of Tunzang Township in Chin State. Staff Officer Dr San Myint Aung and staff of Tunzang Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department made field trips to the vil-

lages of the township as of 2 May and injected vaccines to cows and buffalos.

They gave vaccinations for haemorrhagic septicaemia disease and black leg disease to over 960 cattle in village-tracts of the township, including Kyikha, Kansauk and Mao-wam.—Zo Hay Hsa

Daw Yin Yi Myint and Lecturer Daw Thi Thi Khaing gave talks on good morale and disciplines.

Head of Department (Training Affairs) U Thein Tint and technician U Khin Maung Win participated in the discussions.

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Cash assistance provided to WVO members in Natogyi Tsp

NATOGYI, 1 July—Natogyi Township War Veterans Organization held the 2014 annual general meeting in conjunction with the cash assistance presentation for its members at the Thiri Aung Hlaing Dhammayon in Natogyi of Mandalay Region on Monday.

Chairman of Township WVO U Myint Tin fulfilled the requirements of welfare tasks and reviewed the discussions on the increase of WVO members, uplift of living standard of families and creation of job opportunities presented by members. Next, officials presented cash assistance to offspring of members and K10,000 each to 40 members.

Than Aung Zaw (Natogyi)



Chu Ei Thwe crowned Miss Myawady

MYAWADY, 1 July—Myawady Township Women's Affairs Organization held the Miss Myawady Contest in commemoration of the Myanmar Women's Day at Thaungyin Hall of Myawady Township General Administration Department on Monday.

A total of 14 pageant participants took part in the contest, showing four postures each. Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Aye Aye Tun presented the first prize to Ma Chu Ei Thwe, the second to Ma Chit Su Nge and the third to Ma Aye Myat Thu.

Thuza (Myawady)



Seleka leaders stepped aside earlier this year under intense international pressure, but tit-for-tat killings continue and the former rebels still occupy pockets of the country, mainly to the north of Bangui.— *Reuters*

HEALTH & BUSINESS

Asian shares stay near highs, dollar hobbled by Fed

Tokyo, 1 July — Asian shares held near three-year highs on Tuesday on upbeat Chinese manufacturing data and expectations that US monetary policy will stay loose for some time, while the dollar was broadly soft.

Japan's Nikkei rose 1.3 percent while the MSCI's broadest index of ex-Japan Asia-Pacific shares was flat, staying just under a three-year high hit three weeks ago. Hong Kong markets were closed for a holiday.

European shares are expected to rise, with Britain's FTSE seen advancing up to 0.2 percent and Germany's DAX 0.1 percent.

China's official Purchasing Managers' Index showed factory growth rose to a six-month high in June, as expected, and a similar private survey also showed

strong activity, reinforcing signs of stabilization in the economy.

A string of fairly upbeat but relatively minor US economic data published on Monday on the other hand did little to weaken expectations, rekindled after surprisingly weak first quarter growth data, that the US Federal Reserve will keep an easy monetary policy for some time.

A leading indicator of US home sales jumped to an eight-month high in May while a gauge of factory activity in the Midwest eased slightly from a seven-month high.

"Fed Chairwoman Janet Yellen has shown concerns about the softness in the labour market. So we expect the Fed to maintain a policy aimed at supporting growth," said Takuro

Nishida, deputy manager of investment planning at Sampo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance.

San Francisco Fed President John Williams said on Monday the US central bank will probably need to keep interest rates near zero for at least another year, even as he expressed optimism the economy is on a recovery path.

While this Thursday's US employment report has potential to change that perception, investors for now are counting on an easy policy stance by the Fed, which undermines the currency's yield attraction and puts pressure on the dollar.

The dollar index hit a seven-week low of 79.759 on Monday and stood barely above that level at 79.840.

As the dollar wilted,



Employees of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) look at a monitor at the bourse at the TSE in Tokyo on 3 March, 2014. — REUTERS

the euro rose to six-week high of \$1.3698 on Monday and last traded at \$1.3687, though the common currency is facing resistance at

\$1.37.

The yen also hit a six-week high of 101.235 to the dollar the previous day before easing slightly to

101.43 yen to the dollar.

It showed no reaction to mixed readings in the Bank of Japan's tankan corporate survey.—Reuters

Chinese tech firm sues Apple for trademark infringement



SHANGHAI, 1 July — A Chinese technology company in Shanghai is suing Apple Inc and another local company for infringement of its trademark and unfair competition, a local court said on Monday.

Representatives of Shanghai Yishijia Network Technology Co, Ltd filed a lawsuit against

Apple and Shanghai Woshang Information technology Co, Ltd over the usage right of a trademark Yishijia owns on Apple's App Store, and are asking for compensation of more than 100 million yuan (about 16 million US dollars), according to the Shanghai No1 Intermediate People's Court.

The court has accepted the lawsuit.

The dispute began in April, when Yishijia applied to upload the mobile application for Homevv, an online shopping platform that it developed, on the App Store, but was rejected by Apple as another app bearing the same trademark by Woshang was already there.

Yishijia, which has owned the trademark of Homevv since 2010, asked Apple to take Woshang's app off the store multiple times but was rejected.

Citing the loss of clients and market share, Yishijia demands that Apple remove Woshang's app from the App Store, and

that Woshang stop using the trademark of Homevv. It also demands a public apology from the two companies.

Apple has faced a spate of lawsuits in China in recent years.

In 2013, Shanghai Zhizhen Network Technology Co, the developer of voice-recognition technology Xiao i Robot, accused the US tech giant of intellectual property right infringement regarding software used in its popular Siri software.

In 2012, Apple stood trial in Beijing for allegedly selling unlicensed electronic versions of books by eight Chinese writers via the App Store.—Xinhua

Study shows more deaths in heat and cold weather conditions

BERLIN, 1 July — If the temperature is extremely high or low, the number of deaths caused by heart failure or stroke increases significantly, a study showed on Monday.

The study published in

diseases, also found the low temperature was also a cause of deaths.

As the results showed, if the temperature increases from 20 celsius to 25 celsius, or drops from 1 celsius to celsius, the number of



the trade journal "Heart" was carried out by the Helmholtz Zentrum Munich and the German Research Centre for Environment and Health.

According to the Helmholtz Zentrum Munich, statistics continued to suggest that the number of deaths rises in the extreme hot weather, as the heat in the summer of 2003 in Western Europe claimed around 22,000 lives.

A team of researchers, after examining in three Bavarian towns the impact of extreme temperatures on the number of deaths caused by cardiovascular

deaths increase significantly by 9.5 percent and 7.9 percent respectively, due to the cardiovascular diseases.

Meanwhile, the study also pointed out that mainly elderly people are affected by the hot or cold weather.

"Our findings confirm results from our previous studies that already gave evidence that older people and people with underlying medical conditions are particularly sensitive to heat and cold," says Alexandra Schneider from the Institute of Epidemiology II at Helmholtz Zentrum Munich.—Xinhua

Mizkan completes purchase of Unilever's US pasta sauce business

NAGOYA, 1 July — Japanese food manufacturer Mizkan Holdings Co on Tuesday said it has completed its purchase of the US pasta sauce brands of Anglo-Dutch consumer goods giant Unilever.

The \$2.15 billion (about 218 billion yen) deal gives Mizkan the Ragu brand, which holds the top US market share, as well as premium brand Bertolli.

Mizkan, based in Handa in central Japan's Aichi Prefecture, said it will operate the brands under a new company called R & B Foods. Mizkan President Kenji Hasegawa told a

news conference in Nagoya his firm will get behind marketing the brands and developing new products.

Hasegawa added that the growing Hispanic population in North American markets is positive for pasta product sales. Mizkan took out a \$2.2 billion (about 220 billion yen) loan last Friday from four major Japanese banks — the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Mizuho Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. and the governmental Development Bank of Japan, in order to complete the purchase.

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Kenji Hasegawa, president of Mizkan Holdings Co, tells a press conference in Nagoya on 1 July, 2014, that the Japanese food manufacturer has completed its purchase of the US pasta sauce brands of Anglo-Dutch consumer goods giant Unilever. — KYODO NEWS

Forbidden City to offer discount admissions

BEIJING, 1 July — It was announced on Monday that the Imperial Palace, also known as the Forbidden City, will offer three discount packages: free open days, an annual pass and a floating price in a bid to reduce the number of visitors hitting the museum during peak tourism seasons.

The annual pass, which costs 300 yuan per adult and 150 yuan for seniors and students, gives the holder 10 admissions per year. The 2015 annual passes go on sale this October. Meanwhile, the palace museum will launch free-admission days during

the off-season on the first Wednesday of each month between November 2014 and April 2015, targeting one specific demographic each time. Free admission applies to teachers, medical staff, volunteers, soldiers, public security officers and college students, respectively.

Additionally, the Imperial Palace will adopt a single-day floating price on a trial basis between September 12 and 14 of this year. Those visiting the Imperial Museum after 2 pm will only be charged 30 yuan to enter, half of the full price of admission.

Xinhua



The architectural style at the Forbidden City is distinctive. Yellow roof tiles were used as yellow was the Imperial colour. Red was used extensively for wooden columns of the buildings, as well as the walls.—XINHUA

Mt Fuji climbing season begins



Mount Fuji

KOFU, 1 July — Mt Fuji opened for the climbing season on Tuesday, with alpinists flocking to the 3,776-metre summit of the mountain designated a UNESCO World Heritage site last year.

More than 100 climbers cheered as the sun broke through the clouds and headed for the summit of

Japan's highest mountain, straddling Shizuoka and Yamanashi prefectures.

Near the halfway points on the Yamanashi side, the prefectural government began to charge a 1,000 yen admission fee to help preserve the environment and fund safety measures.

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Australian gov't offers more options for farmers to prepare for lean years

CANBERRA, 1 July — More Australian farmers will soon be able to use the government Farm Management Deposits Scheme to prepare for the tough times, Minister for Finance Mathias Cormann and Minister for Agriculture Barnaby Joyce said in a joint statement on Tuesday.

This is one of a series of new measures introduced by the coalition government at the beginning of the 2014-15 financial year, which starts on Tuesday.

Farm management deposits (FMDs) are an important financial and risk management tool for farmers, the statement said.

During times of hardship they can face several years of very little income, or in some years, no income at all.

FMDs allow farmers to put income aside in good

years and manage tax obligations over a number of years, reducing unpredictable variations that can cause unnecessary disruption to farming enterprises.

Also, having money set aside in a FMD to draw on in lean years can help farmers bring their businesses back to profitability when conditions improve.

Data on the Farm Management Deposit Scheme shows the total value of FMDs was worth 3.2 billion AU dollars (3.04 billion US dollars) in May 2014. Since the scheme's inception in 1999, the total value of FMDs has regularly fluctuated for example, from 3.7 billion (3.5 billion US dollars) in mid-2013 down to the current 3.2 billion — as farmers made good use of the scheme to cope with recent adverse farming conditions.

With legislative amendments now complete, farmers and other primary producers can earn up to 100,000 (94,500 US dollars) from 1 July, 2014, up from the previous limit of 65,000 AU dollars (61,425 US dollars).

The government will

also consolidate multiple Farm Management Deposit accounts that have been held for more than 12 months without income tax consequences, reducing the administrative burden for both farmers and deposit-taking institutions.

Xinhua

Brazil's Rousseff slams naysayers on "fantastic" World Cup

BRASILIA, 1 July — Buoyed by the initial success of a riveting World Cup, Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff took aim on Monday at critics who said her country would not be able to pull off hosting the world's biggest sports event.

"We are scoring lots of goals against the pessimists who said it would be chaos," Rousseff said after opening a state hospital in Rio de Janeiro.

"Brazilians should feel very proud because, in fact, this country is hosting a fantastic World Cup."

The costliest World Cup to date was plagued by delays in building soccer stadiums, upgrading airports to handle several million fans and improving urban transit.

Critics said Brazil had bitten off more than it could chew by having 12 venues instead of eight.

Rousseff's popularity took a pummeling last year when Brazilians took to the streets in massive street demonstrations to protest the

\$11 billion price tag for hosting the World Cup, money that many said should have gone to improving Brazil's inadequate education, health and public transport services.

But the protests fizzled out as World Cup fever caught on in the soccer-loving nation and Brazilians flocked to stadiums or became glued to television sets to watch thrilling games that have provided plenty of goals as well as unexpected upsets.

While hosting of the World Cup has been far from perfect, it has gone more smoothly than many expected and with no major embarrassments for the government, boosting Rousseff's chances for re-election in October.

Rousseff, who was jeered at the opening game of the tournament on 12 June in Sao Paulo, has seen her approval rating fall in recent months, but she is still favored to win a tough election race.—Reuters

China, Russia to cooperate in satellite navigation

HARBIN, 1 July — China and Russia have signed a memorandum of understanding agreeing to cooperate in developing navigation satellite systems.

The document was signed on Monday by the China Satellite Navigation Office and Russian Federal Space Agency on the sidelines of the on-going China-Russia expo in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province.

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang said he hopes

that the two countries will take this opportunity to establish a working mechanism, make clear the direction of cooperation, select good cooperative programmes and create working plans.

Ran Chengqi, director of the China Satellite Navigation Office, said the two countries plan to build monitoring stations in each other's territory, which will promote the integration of the two satellite navigation systems and improve their

performance. "Our cooperation in the field of satellite navigation never targets a third party," he said, adding that the integration of multiple satellite navigation systems must be the trend ahead internationally.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin said the two systems can complement each other and Russia is also looking forward to cooperating with China in other aerospace fields, such as the exploration of the Moon and Mars.

China's homegrown Beidou Navigation Satellite System began providing initial positioning, navigation and timing operational services to China and its surrounding areas in December 2011.

The Beidou system is compatible and interoperable with the world's other major global navigation satellite systems, including Russia's Global Navigation Satellite System, the US GPS system and the EU's Galileo Positioning System.—Xinhua

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• Bed Room (2)	(232.51 Sqft / 21.60 Sqm)
• Living Room	(624.69 Sqft / 58.04 Sqm)
• Dining Room	(185.45 Sqft / 17.23 Sqm)
• Kitchen	(98.87 Sqft / 9.19 Sqm)
• Common Bath & W/C	(74.38 Sqft / 6.93 Sqm)
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Drought raises concerns over Lao rice production

VIENTIANE, 1 July — Late wet season rain has raised concerns over rice production in several Lao provinces, according to state-run daily *Vientiane Times* on Tuesday.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, drought has forced some farmers to re-seed their properties. Most farmers in Borikhamxay, Khammuan, Xieng Khuang and Huaphan provinces are only now beginning sowing rice seeds.

The setbacks have called into question whether the government's rice production target of 3.2 tons per hectare for this year can be met.

Each year a large amount of rice production is lost due to natural disasters such as drought and floods.

Xinhua

El Nino could hit China's agricultural yields

BEIJING, 1 July — China's agricultural yields could be hit by El Nino, a weather pattern that can bring drought in some parts while causing flooding in others, the agricultural ministry warned on Tuesday.

El Nino of medium to strong magnitude could be experienced, which could trigger low temperatures and rainfall in south China and drought in the north in autumn, and bring earlier frosts to the country's northeast, the ministry cited China Meteorological Administration as saying. El Nino, the Spanish word for boy, is a warming of sea surface in the Pacific that occurs every four to 12 years.—Xinhua

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In 'Tammy,' Melissa McCarthy returns to Midwestern roots

BEVERLY HILLS, (California), 1 July — Melissa McCarthy, a comedian best recognized for her full-throated and dim-witted style, stays close to home and character in "Tammy," a Midwestern road trip that provides comic relief in a summer season largely dominated by apocalyptic action.

Co-written with her husband, Ben Falcone, who also makes his directorial debut, the film tells the story of McCarthy's Tammy, a coarse fast-food worker who loses her job, car and husband in an evening, and rashly takes off on a road trip with her hard-drinking grandmother Pearl, played by Susan Sarandon.

"It's a love letter to the Midwest about someone who wants to leave the Midwest," said Falcone. "But we mean it nicely," McCarthy interjected alongside her husband ahead of the film's Wednesday release. "Tammy," distributed by Warner Bros., plays on the isolation and landscape of rural mid-America that both McCarthy, 43, and Falcone, 40, fled after growing up in small-town Illinois.

"I was ready to go," Falcone said about his home-



Actress Melissa McCarthy arrives at the 19th annual Critics' Choice Movie Awards in Santa Monica, California on 16 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

town of Carbondale. "And then I leave and I'm like, 'We should write a movie about the good old Midwest.'"

Broke, unloved and attention-starved, Tammy reluctantly takes grandma Pearl on her journey because Pearl has the car and enough cash to survive.

The problem is grandma Pearl is nearly as much trouble as what Tammy just fled, boozing and chasing men through Missouri and Kentucky before Tammy decides to hold up a fast-food joint so she can bail Pearl from county jail.

"Tammy" is expected to gross \$25 million in its opening weekend, which would make it the top new release over the US Fourth of July holiday, according to Boxoffice.com.

The idea behind "Tammy" sprang to the husband-and-wife team six years ago, predating McCarthy's Oscar-nominated role in 2011's "Bridesmaids" and last year's buddy cop romp "The Heat."

"Every character I play somehow I grasp and take something from those Midwestern women that I grew up with," McCarthy said. "There's a no nonsense feel to them."—Reuters



Don't know don who allegedly threatened Wadias, says
Preity Zinta

NEW DELHI, 1 July — Actress Preity Zinta has been permitted by the Mumbai police to travel abroad. Last week, she flew to Mumbai from the US and spent two hours at the city's Wankhade Stadium, recounting how she was allegedly harassed at the venue on 30 May by former boyfriend Ness Wadia.

Ms Zinta, 39, has accused Mr Wadia, the scion of the Wadia conglomerate which has interests in real estate and textiles, of abusing and threatening her during a match played by the Indian Premier League cricket team they co-own, the Punjab Kings XI.

Mr Wadia, 44, has denied the charges. His family has been given police security after it alleged that an underworld don who identified himself as Ravi Pujari sent text messages and phone calls to Wadia Group employees warning that Ms Zinta should be left alone.—PTI



Katrina Kaif
calls on former flame
Salman Khan
for help

NEW DELHI, 1 July — Katrina Kaif could write a book on how not to burn bridges. The actress continues to share a warm friendship with rumoured ex-beau Salman Khan and recently called on him for help with a problem she was facing.

The Cine Costume And Make-Up Artists Association apparently landed up at one of Katrina's shoots at Film City to protest against the fact that she was using make-up artist Daniel Bauer who, as a foreigner, was not registered with the association. Mr Bauer, however, insisted that he had Indian grandparents. Since Katrina was keen to carry on working with Mr Bauer, she turned to Salman for advice. The protest reportedly came to a halt after a single call from Salman Khan's team.

Katrina was linked with Salman when she joined the film industry in 2003. Her first major Bollywood film was Salman's Maine Pyar Kyun Kiya in 2005. Their alleged romance reportedly ended in 2010. Salman admitted to being single while promoting his film Dabangg the same year. Katrina told a news daily that they had broken up but were still friends, something she has proved time and again by co-starring with Salman in 2012 blockbuster Ek Tha Tiger, forging a close friendship with his sisters and being a constant presence at Khan family dos.—PTI

Mila Kunis, Ashton Kutcher
don't care who's watching
at baseball game

LOS ANGELES, 1 July — Parents-to-be Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher were spotted kissing and cuddling as they took in a baseball game at Dodger Stadium here.

Their first child is due later this year, so it seemed that Mila and Ashton were trying to relish what little alone time they've got. The couple looked and acted like teenagers in love, reported dailymail.co.uk.

Mila, 30, was seen cosying up and kissing Ashton as they watched the game, although they spent more time with their eyes on each other.

The actress could only partially disguise her prominent bump beneath a Dodger blue T-shirt and another white shirt over that as she leaned into her man.—PTI

Beyonce, LeBron James most powerful celebrities — Forbes

NEW YORK, 1 July — US pop singer Beyonce, basketball player LeBron James and record producer and rapper Dr Dre headed *Forbes'* list of the world's most powerful celebrities released on Monday.

With estimated earnings of \$115 million over the past 12 months and a string of chart hits, Beyonce, 32, nabbed the top spot on the annual list, pushing entertainment mogul Oprah, 60, from first place last year into fourth, while TV talk show host Ellen DeGeneres, 56, jumped from No 10 in 2013 to No 5.

The top 10 spots included five men and five women.

Forbes credited Beyonce's massive concert tour for pushing her into the top spot ahead of her husband, rapper Jay Z, who ranked sixth, and singers Rihanna at No 8 and Katy Perry at No 9.

"The superstar played 95 shows, bringing in an average of \$2.4 million," said *Forbes*, referring to figures from Pollstar, which covered the concert industry.

Along with her latest hit album "Beyonce," which was released late last year, she earned millions from endorsement deals and her clothing line, and last week she kicked off her first world tour with Jay Z.

Although Beyonce was not the highest earner on the list, her presence in the press and on social media assured her the top spot.

James, 29, who last week opted out of his NBA contract with the Miami Heat team, jumped from 16th place last year to No 2. He earned an estimated \$72 million thanks to his performance on the basketball court, endorsement deals and the sale of headphone maker Beats Electronics to iPhone-maker Apple Inc for \$3 billion. James was a small part-owner of the business.

But the most impressive rise on the list was No 3's Dr Dre, born as Andre Romelle Young. He earned \$620 million in 2014, and climbed from the 63rd spot in 2013.

Forbes said the 49-year-old co-founder of Beats with music executive Jimmy Iovine, earned more money in the past 12 months than any other person in the history of its list.—Reuters



US pop singer Beyonce

Mila and Ashton's first child is due later this year.—PTI

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The things I find sweet in life.

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China's female percussion group, Red Poppy Ladies, auditions part of "Mulan the Musical" for media in New York, the United States, on 30 June, 2014.—XINHUA

At least 22 killed in gunfight southwest of Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, 1 July—At least 22 suspected gang members were killed southwest of Mexico City early on Monday, the government said, in one of the bloodiest shootouts with security forces since President Enrique Peña Nieto took power.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said the gunfight took place in Tlatlaya on the southern fringes of the State of Mexico, an area that has been plagued by gang violence in the two neighboring states of Guerrero and Michoacan.

A spokesman for fed-

eral prosecutors said all the dead were believed to be gang members.

According to Mexican media reports, the shooting started after soldiers came under fire from the suspected gang members, resulting in a gunfight lasting several minutes.—Reuters

China's military calls for unity after top level graft bust

BEIJING, 1 July—China's military called on Tuesday for unity and loyalty to the ruling Communist Party after one of its most senior former officers was accused of corruption, the highest-ranking official to date felled in a battle against pervasive graft.

Xu Caihou, who retired as vice chairman of the powerful Central Military Commission last year and from the Communist Party's decision-making Politburo in 2012, was also expelled from the party and will be court-martialled.

President Xi Jinping heads the Central Military Commission, which controls the 2.3 million-strong armed forces, the world's largest, and has repeatedly reminded them to be loyal to the party.

In a front page commentary, the military's official *People's Liberation Army Daily* called on its forces to "resolutely endorse the correct decision of the party's centre ... the Central Military Commission and Chairman Xi".

"Our military is an armed bloc which carries out the ruling party's political mission, and must have high standards when it comes to building a clean party and government," it said, on a day that also marks 93 years since the party was founded.

Reuters

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Kerry chides Iran ahead of Vienna nuclear talks, deadline looms

NEW YORK, 1 July—US Secretary of State John Kerry warned Iran ahead of this week's nuclear talks in Vienna that it has yet to prove that its nuclear ambitions are entirely peaceful in multiple rounds of talks with six world powers as a 20 July deadline nears.

Kerry made these remarks in an op-ed article published on the *Washington Post* website. The article appeared shortly after it emerged that US Deputy Secretary of State Bill Burns is expected to attend the talks, which get under way on Tuesday.

The presence of Burns, who led secret negotiations between Iran and the United States that helped yield a November interim nuclear agreement with Teheran, would open up the possibil-

ity of bilateral talks between the two long-time antagonists.

In his op-ed, Kerry chided Iran by saying its "public optimism about the potential outcome of these negotiations has not been matched, to date, by the positions they have articulated behind closed doors."

"These gaps aren't caused by excessive demands on our part," Kerry wrote, adding that the six powers had "showed flexibility to the extent possible."

The top US diplomat said the 20 July deadline for a deal was "fast approaching".

Teheran, he suggested, can either seize the opportunity to do what is needed to ease concerns about its nuclear programme or "they



US Secretary of State John Kerry speaks during a joint news conference in Cairo on 22 June, 2014. —REUTERS

can squander a historic opportunity to end Iran's economic and diplomatic isolation and improve the lives of their people.

"There remains a discrepancy, however, between Iran's professed intent with respect to its nuclear programme and the

actual content of that programme to date," he said.

Pressuring the Iranian delegation to change its negotiating stance may be one of Burns's goals this week. Western officials close to the talks say Teheran has yet to agree to sufficient curbs on the scale of its enrich-

ment programme, which is among the key sticking points in the negotiations.

Burns has met the Iranians twice in the last month, first in Geneva for bilateral talks, in an apparent effort to break a logjam between Teheran and major powers on the nuclear issue, and then in Vienna, where the wider nuclear talks take place.

During the latter talks, he broached the possibility of US and Iranian cooperation to try to stabilize Iraq against an onslaught by Sunni militants.

The primary disagreement between the United States and Iran is over the Iranian nuclear programme, which Washington and some of its allies suspect is designed to produce atomic weapons. Iran denies this,

saying the programme is for peaceful purposes.

The United States along with Britain, China, France, Russia and Germany, a group collectively known as the P5+1, and Iran reached an interim pact on 24 November under which Iran won some relief from economic sanctions in return for reining in some of its nuclear activities.

Their target is to reach a comprehensive nuclear agreement that would lay to rest Western concerns about the Iranian programme and comprehensively ease sanctions on Teheran by 20 July, but outside analysts and diplomats are deeply skeptical they can achieve this.

The new round of talks starts on 2 July and will continue until at least on 15 July.—Reuters

Germany and France end African hopes, Suarez sorry



Germany's Mesut Ozil kicks the ball to score his team's second goal against Algeria during extra time in their 2014 World Cup round of 16 game at the Beira Rio stadium in Porto Alegre on 30 June, 2014.—REUTERS

BELO HORIZONTE, (Brazil), 1 July — Germany and France snuffed out African hopes and reached the World Cup quarter-finals on Monday with hard-won victories over Algeria and Nigeria, while Uruguay striker Luis Suarez broke his silence to apologize for biting.

Both European powerhouses struggled for their wins, France needing late goals to see off African champions Nigeria 2-0 and Germany only securing their 2-1 victory over Algeria in extra time.

Germany and France will meet in the last eight on Friday, while disappointed Africans have no teams left to support.

It was the first time two African teams had reached the second round, but both went out within hours of each other to leave the continent still struggling to make an impact on the biggest stage.

In Porto Alegre, the sides were deadlocked at 0-0 after 90 minutes in a frantic end-to-end match in which Algeria goalkeeper Rais Mbolhi pulled off some fantastic saves but swift counter-attacks also gave the north Africans chances to win.

With the score 0-0 at full time, German substitute Andre Schuerrle deftly flicked in a low cross, before Mesut Ozil added a second in the last minute.

There was still time for an Algerian consolation goal, by Abdelmoumene Djabou. It was no more than they deserved but not enough to prevent heartbreak at the final whistle.

"The Algerians did a good job, they disrupted us from the start and didn't let us get into our game. But it doesn't matter how we won," Schuerrle said.

The result kept Germany's enviable record of reaching at least the quarter-finals in every World Cup they have played in since 1938. It also denied Algeria revenge for a dark chapter in 1982 when, despite beating then West Germany, they went out after a seemingly contrived result between the Germans and Austria.

"We showed the whole world that Algeria has a great team," defender Madjid Bougherra said. "We fought all the way. At the start of Ramadan, we did a great job representing Algeria."

France strike late

Earlier in Brasilia, France, seeking to make up for a humiliating early exit four years ago, left it late to break down a tough Nigeria, scoring twice in the last 11 minutes.

"Super Eagles" goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama, who had been excellent until then, flapped at a corner in the 79th minute, leaving



France's Paul Pogba (L) scores a goal during their 2014 World Cup round of 16 game against Nigeria at the Brasilia national stadium in Brasilia on 30 June, 2014.—REUTERS

Paul Pogba an open goal to head into after French pressure had built steadily in the second half.

"It's one of the best moments of my life," Pogba said.

'Les Bleus' struck again at the death when Nigeria defender Joseph Yobo skewed a cross into his own goal.

Nigeria, who have never been beyond the last 16, had the better of the first half in a rough game that swung France's way after the Africans' influential midfielder Ogenyi Onazi was carried off following a late studs-up tackle by Blaise Matuidi.

Adding to a miserable day for Africa, Cameroon's football federation said it was to investigate claims of match-fixing at the World Cup, especially their game against Croatia. Cameroon lost all three group matches, including a 4-0 defeat by Croatia.

On a happier note, Monday's goals took the tournament tally to 150, surpassing the 145 scored in the whole 2010 World Cup.

headlines, Dutchman Arjen Robben. All of Mexico was still fuming at Robben's tumble that earned a last-ditch penalty to put the Netherlands through on Sunday.

Mexican fans excoriated and mocked him mercilessly on social media, some depicting an arm-flailing Robben leaping into the sea off rocks at a famous diving spot in Acapulco.

disastrous World Cup continued, with midfielder Kevin-Prince Boateng saying preparations had been a "nightmare". Ghana exited with one point in three games and Boateng was suspended for a row with his coach.

"I would have never thought a World Cup preparation could be organized that badly. Everything was amateurish," he said.

Reuters

Suarez apologises, Robben confesses

Off the pitch, it was again Suarez making the headlines — though this time for the right reasons.

In a contrite statement from Uruguay, the volatile striker said he had time to reflect on his biting of an Italian defender.

"I ask for the forgiveness of Giorgio Chiellini and all the football family," he said, vowing it would never happen again.

Nevertheless, Uruguay's President Jose Mujica upped the ante over the saga, calling FIFA bosses "sons of bitches" for giving a "fascist" punishment of a four-month football ban to Suarez.

Controversy also swirled over another forward seldom out of the

Robben, 30, fanned the controversy further by insisting the tackle from Mexican captain Rafael Marquez was a penalty, but confessing he had dived in another incident.

"In the first half I went to ground without being fouled, without being touched and that was a stupid action," he said.

"I am an honest guy ... I apologize."

FIFA said there was unlikely to be any retrospective action, drawing accusations of hypocrisy given the punishment to Suarez. There was a one-match ban for another miscreant, Brazil's senior Press official Rodrigo Paiva who got into a half-time fracas with Chile striker Mauricio Pinilla in the last-16 clash. The fallout from Ghana's

World Cup 2014 Results

Match 53	France	2 - 0	Nigeria
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