

Hitachi discusses investment in Myanmar industry, infrastructure



President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with President and Chief Operating Officer, Representative Executive Officer and Executive Director Mr. Toshiaki Higashihara of Hitachi Ltd.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — President U Thein Sein received the head of Hitachi Ltd, Mr. Toshiaki Higashihara, at the hall of the Presidential Palace, here, on Monday.

They discussed upgrading of infrastructure such as railroads and airports in Myanmar, and investment for establishment of factories to manufacture electronic products.

Also present at the meeting were union ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane, U Maung Myint and officials.

Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tateshi Higuchi accompanied Mr. Higashihara, who holds the posts of President, Chief

Operating Officer, Representative Executive Officer and Executive Director at the multinational conglomerate.—MNA

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Basic education schools commence new academic year

YANGON 1 June — Schools throughout Myanmar commenced the 2015-2016 academic year on Monday, which also marked the start of the fee-free system across all basic education levels.

While thankful for the

government's free education policy, a mother of schoolchildren said there were many other costs throughout the academic year.

U Maung Aye, a father of a schoolboy, said it was important for teachers

to not only provide academic instruction, but also educate students on proper behaviour.

A teacher said educators will continue to instruct children as best they can despite changes in the education system.

Myanmar has 2,351 basic education high schools, 3,121 basic education middle schools, 6,553 basic education post-primary schools and 28,967 basic education primary Schools, with a total of 273,516 teachers and 8,200,595 students.

Some 21 private schools have already opened for the year.

UNICEF estimates more than 1 million children in Myanmar are still out of the school.

Myanmar's Quality Basic Education Programme is due to run until the end of 2015 with the support of UNICEF, with the aim of improving access to school and the quality of education for all children.

Thirty-four core townships identified as having the greatest level of need have been selected for the QBEP.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Myanmar to return boat people rescued by Navy

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — The Myanmar government will send 727 Bengali boat people recently rescued at sea near Haingyikyun, Ayeyawady Region, to the place where they recently departed, officials said Monday.

A Myanmar Navy patrol found the boat people adrift on 29 May and pro-

vided them with humanitarian aid, including food and drinking water.

Arrangements are under way to return the boat people to the place where they recently departed, in accordance with their wishes, after they were unable to reach their intended target countries, the officials said.—MNA

Rotavirus vaccine set for distribution in Myanmar

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 1 June — The Health Ministry is planning to add rotavirus vaccine to the country's childhood vaccination programme, according to Dr Than Tun Aung, director of the Department of Health's Central Epidemiology Unit.

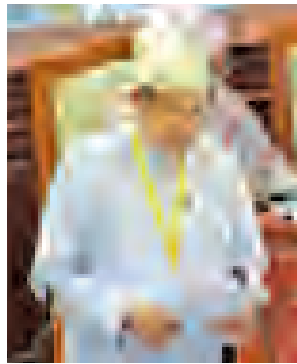
The new oral vaccine is expected to be distributed to infants under one year of age across the country in 2017, he told the local media at a health communication forum Saturday in Yangon.

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Students with fresh and active faces arrive at school to attend respective classes on first school opening day for 2015-16 academic year.

MP suggests more engineering subjects in Rakhine state



Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ba Shwe.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—Daw Khin Saw Wai, MP of Yathedaung



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Htay.—MNA

Township constituency, asked the Union government's plan on Monday to add more engineering

subjects at the technological universities in Rakhine state and possibilities of students to learn some subjects in other universities out of this state.

Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ba Shwe said the four major subjects of civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electronic engineering and electrical power engineering have been conducted at 16 universities of this kind across the country.

Dr Ba Shwe also said conducting more engi-

neering subjects at the universities need to estimate the number of students, the requirement of respective areas and economic plans of these areas.

Daw Tin Tin Ye, MP of Kyunsu constituency in Taninthayi region asked the government's plan to set up a school for labor and delivery nurses and to resume training course on auxiliary nurse midwives in her constituency.

Regarding this, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Htay

said that the ministry has conducted courses on auxiliary nurse midwives in Kyunsu Township beginning 1 October 2014 with the support of GAVI and the Rakhine state's government, turning out 30 trainees.

She also said the Department of Medical Science has established a school in Myeik and Dawei townships for labor and delivery nurses, adding that no plan for this school in Kyunsu Township yet.

MP of Yesagyo Township constituency U Tin Htay Aung asked the substitutions for the trans-

ferred healthcare staff at the villages of his constituency.

The deputy minister answered that the ministry has assigned Dr Linn Htin from Pakokku People's Hospital for additional duty to take over Kyatsukyin village dispensary beginning 1 January 2015.

Pyithu Hluttaw also invited representatives for discussion on the boiler bill.

The Lower House then approved the amendment bill on Amyotha Hluttaw Law 2012 passed by the Upper House together with amendments.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

MP queries witness protection plan of Myanmar Police Force

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—MP of Ayeyawady region constituency asked to Amyotha Hluttaw on Monday about a possible plan of Myanmar Police Force to protect government witnesses on the major crimes.

Regarding the query of U Khin Maung Yi, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs

Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun said MPF will make a special security plan for the government witnesses in serious criminal cases although police force has not adopted the witness protection programme yet.

U Saw Maw Tun, MP of Bago region constituency, urged the Union government to conduct educa-

tive campaign for reduction and elimination of plastic bags to sustain health, environment and ecosystem for the people.

Concerning this suggestion, MP Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon region constituency discussed the discarded plastic items should be managed systematically with rules

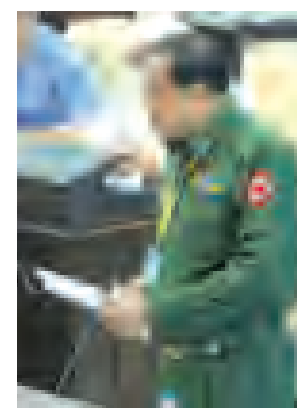
and regulations by the government.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint said educative programmes for people are required before the law on control of waste materials is created.

The Amyotha Hluttaw agreed to take record of this proposal.

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Amyotha Hluttaw



Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun.

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Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint.

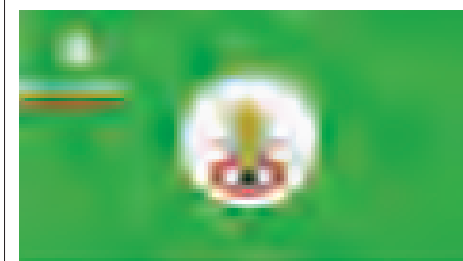
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Information for Public Remonstrations

1. Confederate Farmers Party, headquartered at No 2626 on 4th Inwin Street in Nandawya Ward, Bago Region, has submitted its application for the registration as a political party to the Union Election Commission on 1 June 2015 in accord with Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law, along with the following party's name, flag and emblem.

2. It is hereby announced that those who want to remonstrate with the UEC about the party's name, flag and emblem they may submit a complaint along with the strong evidence within seven days starting from issuance of this announcement in line with the Section 14 (d) of the Political Parties Registration Rules.

Flag of Confederate Farmers Party



Emblem of Confederate Farmers Party



Union Election Commission

Confederate Farmers Party applies for registration as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—The Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing the applications for registration as political parties. Confederate Farmers Party applied for registration as a political party to the UEC on Monday.—MNA

MRTV News Channel to change news broadcasting time on schedules of football matches

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—MRTV News, Entertainment Channel and Myanmar Radio will broadcast the group matches between Myanmar and Indonesia live on 2 June, Myanmar and Singapore on 4 June and Myanmar

and Cambodia on 10 June of the football tournament in the 28th SEA Games.

New Channel of MRTV will change regular broadcasting of news at 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on these days.—MNA

Ayeyawady, Mandalay and Yangon regions.

According to the ministry's data, seven of 1,000 patients suffered from diarrhoea in 2013.

"The Health Department has informed people to receive early treatment of diarrhoea as half of the diarrhoea deaths in the country are due to late hospitalization," Dr Than Tun Aung said.

With late hospitalization having been linked to poverty, "the ministry is ready to provide medical treatment to all people with diarrhoea free of charge," he said.

Since last month, the ministry of health has accelerated its education and treatment programmes nationwide to prevent outbreaks of infectious disease.—GNLM



Myanmar Ambassador to Germany Daw Yin Yin Myint presents her credentials to German President Mr Joachim Gauck on 18 May.—MNA

Rotavirus vaccine set for distribution ..

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Children in the country under 5 currently receive eight kinds of vaccinations for diseases.

Rotavirus is the most common cause of severe diarrhoea among infants aged below five and young children. Diarrhoea re-

mains a major health problem in the country.

"One-fourth of cases in children are caused by the virus," said the director, adding contaminated water was a major cause of outbreaks, common in the rainy season in heavily populated areas such as

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President U Thein Sein sends messages of felicitations to Italy

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Sergio Mattarella, President of the Republic of Italy and His Excellency Mr. Matteo Renzi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2015.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Russian Commander-in-Chief of the Land Forces

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — Myanmar values endeavours of the Russian Federation over peace and stability of the world, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, told Colonel General Oleg L Salyukov, Commander-in-Chief of the Land Forces of the Russian Federation at the Zeyathiri Beikman, here, on Monday.

The senior general said that as Myanmar is upholding the peaceful co-existence principles, Myanmar armed forces is strengthening friendly relations with armed forces of countries across the world as well as Russia.

They discussed further cementing friendly ties between two armed forces of

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — The first meeting of the central leading committee for the 7th Summit of Cambodia, Laos, My-

anmar and Vietnam and the 6th Meeting of the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy, incorporating the four countries and Thailand, commenced Monday at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

The summits will take place jointly at the Myanmar International Convention Centre (1) in Nay Pyi Taw on 22 and 23 June.

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two countries, exchange of delegations and scholarship students to study military and medical sciences, sharing experiences between the armed forces and cooperation in technologies.

the committee, gave the opening speech at the meeting attended by union ministers, deputy ministers, chairmen of subcommittees and officials.

The vice president said CLMV summits are held biannually for cooperation among the four countries in areas including trade and investment, human resources development, agriculture, energy, transport and tourism.

Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, who chairs

Although CLMV and

ACMECS summits were held separately in the past, the two summits have been held together since 2008 in Vietnam, the vice president said.

The vice president concluded by urging officials to do their utmost to ensure successful summits before committee vice chairman and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and officials presented progress reports.

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Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses first coordination meeting of Central Leading Committee for Holding the 7th CLMV Summit and 6th Meeting of ACMECS.—MNA

Civic group trainees visit Union Election Commission office

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — Members of the Union Election Commission including chairman U Tin Aye on Monday met officials and trainees from a Mawlamyine-based civic group who observed the tasks of the UEC here.

UEC members Dr Daw Myint Kyi, U Win Kyi and U Win Ko explained the organizational setup of the UEC, commission-related laws, and completion of

electoral rolls to the five officials and 30 trainees from the National Enlightenment Institute, which aims to “upgrade knowledge” and “social responsibility for state building,” accord-

ing to the group.

The trainees asked questions about establishment and registration of political parties and matters related to the upcoming general election.—MNA

Union FM sends message of felicitations to Italy

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Paolo Gentiloni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy, on the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Italy, which falls on 2 June 2015.—MNA

U Cho Tun Aung presents Credentials to sultan of Brunei

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June — U Cho Tun Aung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Brunei Darussalam, presented his Credentials to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, on 21 May 2015, in Bandar Seri Begawan.—MNA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Colonel General Oleg L Salyukov, Commander-in-Chief of the Land Forces of the Russian Federation.

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Myanmar, Singapore to jointly open vocational training school

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — Myanmar and Singapore will jointly open a vocational training school in Yangon offering a range of course including hospitality and electronics, the Department of Technological and Training Education under the Ministry of Science and Technology announced Monday.

The Singapore Myanmar Vocational Training Institution will be completed at the former building of the No (1) Technological High School on Natmouk Road in September, the department said.

Union ministers U Soe Thane, U Tin Naing Thein and Dr Ko Ko Oo inspected renovation of the school building Monday. The SMVTI will conduct training courses on hospitality and tourism, electronics, facility management and engineering services in accordance with the curricula of the Institute of Technical Education in Singapore.—MNA

Legal English Proficiency Course to improve skills of judicial officers

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — The Legal English Proficiency Course, Supreme Court of the Union and the Ministry of Law in Singapore, kicked off at Royal ACE Hotel, here, on Monday, aimed at enhancing English proficiency skill, studies in legal subjects and legal cooperation.

Altogether 25 judicial officers and judges from township courts and the office of the Supreme Court of the Union are attending the five-day course till 5 June.

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Police distribute stipends to children of officers



NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — Dekkhina District Police Force held a ceremony to present stipends for the 2015-16 academic year to children of servicemen on 30 May.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force Col Ko Ko Aung presented stationery and cash to 146 students ranging from primary school to university.

Also present were Commander of Dekkhina District Police Force Police Lt-Col Win Chun, Commander of Ottara District Police Force Police Lt-Col Hla Win, officers, servicemen and families.—Zaw Myo Naing

Businessmen exchange views on development of SME industries

MANDALAY, 1 June — Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry held its SME Business Networking (B2B) event aboard the ship Pyigyí Dagon on the Ayeyawady River on 31 May.

The meeting brought together entrepreneurs and those wishing to start businesses with representatives of the Ministry of Electricity and Industry, under the Mandalay Region government, and the MRCCI.

Mandalay Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Kyaw Myint spoke about policies of small- and medium-scale enterprises, the Mandalay Region Small-Scale Industry Development Law, and



assistance for development of industries.

Chairman of Mandalay Region CCI U Aung

Than, Vice Chairman U Win Htay and officials also

addressed the meeting.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

German and Mandalay Region CCIs focus on investment opportunities



MANDALAY, 1 June — Business association representatives from Germany met with their counterparts in Mandalay Region on 30 May to discuss investment and economic opportunities in Myanmar.

German Chambers of Commerce and Industry CEO Dr Wolfgang Epp jointly led the meeting with

Chairman of Mandalay Region CCI U Aung Than and Vice Chairman U Kyaw Min, as well as U Swe Tint Kyue, Deputy Director of the Trade Promotion and Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce at the MRC-CI hall in Chanayethazan Township.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



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Myingyan-Yaywun-Mandalay Rd set for expansion

NATOGYI, 1 June — Natogyi Township Public Works is preparing to widen the Myingyan to Mandalay section of Myingyan-Yaywun-Mandalay Road in Natogyi Township from

12 to 18 feet engineer Daw Theint Theint Tun said.

She said Public Works this year will also erect kilometre and mile posts along the 57-mile-long road.

Htay Myint Maung

Road cyclists, mountain bikers race in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 1 June — The Freedom Bicycle Road Race and Mountain Bike Contest took place at Bogyoke Park in Taunggyi, Shan

State, on 30 May.

Shan State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Thu launched the opening of the contest,

organized by the Ministry of Sports, MSP Tractors Ltd and Myanmar Cycling Federation. A total of 38 men and five women par-

ticipated in the contest from Bogyoke Park to Htonpo in Ayethaya, Taunggyi Township.—Maung Maung Than (Taunggyi)





Park hopes Abe's war anniversary statement advances Japan-S Korea ties

SEOUL, 1 June — South Korean President Park Geun-hye expressed hope on Monday that a statement Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is scheduled to deliver on the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II would help advance relations between the two countries.

In her meeting with former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori in Seoul, Park also urged Japan to make prompt efforts to restore the honour of former "comfort women" who were forced to work in Japanese military brothels before and during the war, according to a senior Japanese lawmaker who attended the talks.

The South Korean leader said she will make efforts to improve ties with Japan, but made no mention of a possible meeting with Abe, former Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Takeo Kawamura told reporters.

Amid strained bilateral relations over issues related to differences in historical perception and a territorial dispute, the two leaders have yet to hold formal bilateral summit talks since they took office — Abe in 2012 and Park in 2013.

Regarding Abe's war anniversary statement, countries such as South Korea and China are concerned that Abe may water down Tokyo's past apologies. Mori was in Seoul to attend a two-day meeting



South Korean President Park Geun-hye

of a consultative group of senior political and economic representatives from Japan and South Korea through Monday.

He said during Monday's session, "History has proven that Japan and South Korea must help each other. Political leaders should have the recognition that a new era in which people of young generations interact with each other has come."

From the South Korean side, former Prime Minister Lee Hong-koo expressed hope that the "closest neighbours" will share their experiences on how to deal with the challenges posed in the new era. The consultative group was created this spring to discuss ways to improve ties and met for the second round after its first gathering in late March in Tokyo. Members of the visiting Japanese delegation also met with South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se on Monday.

Kyodo News

Vietnam, US sign Joint Vision Statement on Defence Relations

HANOI, 1 June — The Vietnamese Ministry of National Defence and the US Department of Defence inked a Joint Vision Statement on Defence Relations here on Monday.

The statement was signed by Vietnamese Defence Minister Phung Quang Thanh and the US Secretary of Defence Ashton Carter.

Speaking at the press conference after the signing ceremony, the Vietnamese defence minister said the statement will guide defence relationship on the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding for Advancing Bilateral Defence Cooperation signed by the two parties in 2011, including cooperating in dealing with war legacies, sharing experience in search and rescue, and launching bilateral dialogues and discussions. The joint vision statement will enhance friendship, understanding and confidence building between the two countries, deepen the comprehensive partnership for the interests of the two peoples, and contribute to the maintenance of peace and stability in the South-



Vietnamese Defence Minister Phung Quang Thanh (R Front) and US Defence Secretary Ashton Carter (L Front) attend the signing ceremony of the Joint Vision Statement on Defence Relationship in Hanoi on 1 June, 2015. Ashton Carter started a two-day visit to Vietnam on 31 May.—XINHUA

east Asia and Asia-Pacific region, Phung said.

Carter, for his part, claimed that the statement is to further strengthen the defence relationship between the two countries for the years to come, adding that the US will support the operation of UN peacekeeping center established in Hanoi and the participation of Vietnam in UN

peacekeeping activities. The legacy of war should be dealt with according to the statement, said Carter, while he returned two war remains, a diary and a belt of Vietnamese soldiers to Phung for Vietnam to keep. Echoing his keynote speech to the Shangri-La dialogue held in Singapore Saturday, the US Secretary of Defence stressed that the

US will work with Vietnam to ensure the regional security, peace and prosperity, so that every nation in Asia-Pacific region can win together and all the interested parties can benefit. Carter is on his official visit to Vietnam from 31 May to 1 June, at the invitation of Vietnamese defence minister Phung Quang Thanh.

Xinhua

Thai King admitted to hospital for check ups

BANGKOK, 1 June — Thailand's king was admitted to hospital on Sunday for a health check up and will stay overnight, the palace said.

Examination of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, 87, showed a normal heartbeat and no respiratory infections, according to a statement from the Royal Household Bureau. Blood tests and body temperature measurement also showed no abnormalities.

Bhumibol is widely revered by Thais, most of whom have only experienced his more than six decade reign. The king is seen as a figure above the country's often violent political divisions.—*Reuters*

Two Indian warships reach Indonesia

NEW DELHI, 1 June — Two Indian warships have reached Indonesia as part of their four-day deployment, sources said on Monday.

"INS Ranvir, a guided missile destroyer, and INS

Shakti, a fleet tanker and support ship, have reached Jakarta. During their visit, both the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy will conduct regular coordinated patrols," the sources said.

The visit by the Indian naval ships is aimed at bolstering the naval ties between the two countries, they said, adding that an annual naval exercise is also planned this year.

The ships came to Indonesia from Singapore and will visit Australia, Malaysia, Thailand and Cambodia after the deployment, the sources said.

Xinhua

At least 64 Abu Sayyaf members killed in Philippines this year: military

MANILA, 1 June — A total of 64 Abu Sayyaf members were killed and 104 others were reportedly injured in the continuing military operations against the terrorist group in Sulu province since January this year, Philippine military said on Monday.

"Its due to our relentless operations, we've been looking for their hideouts. We've also gotten good

intelligence (information)," Col Allan Arrojado, commander of Joint Task Group Sulu said when asked to which he attributes their feat during the first five months of the year.

"We have coordinated, focused military operations involving the Marines, Army with the Navy, Air Force and the artillery units. Because of that, we were able to achieve this

feat," he added.

However, 9 soldiers died and 69 others were injured in the campaign against the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) from January to May.

When asked how many Abu Sayyaf men are still operating in Sulu, Arrojado said the number could reach as much as 400. However, he said: "We have identified around

200, based on pictures and revelations of those captured."

Founded in the early 1990s by Islamic extremists, the ASG is a violent Muslim terrorist group operating in the southern Philippines. The ASG is notorious for a series of kidnappings, bombings and even beheadings in southern Philippines over the past decades.—*Xinhua*

Tsipras says Greece not intransigent, urges EU leaders to reach deal



Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras smiles during a meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif (not pictured) in Athens on 28 May, 2015.
REUTERS

PARIS, 1 June — Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said Greece should not be blamed for not yet reaching a deal with its creditors and called on fellow European leaders to bypass technical talks and come to a political solution.

Athens and its creditors were continuing talks on a cash-for-reforms deal but were expected to miss a self-imposed on Sunday deadline for reaching an agreement to unlock aid, sources close to the talks

said.

“If we have not reached an agreement with our partners, it’s not because of our intransigence or incomprehensible positions from the Greek side,” Tsipras said in a column published on French daily Le Monde’s website on Sunday.

“It is rather because of the obsession of some institutional representatives who insist on unreasonable solutions and are being indifferent to the democratic result of recent Greek elections,”

he wrote, adding European and international institutions were ready to be flexible.

He said the Greek government had been ready to make compromises, for instance on privatisations, despite its party’s ideological opposition to them.

Tsipras also responded to criticism that Greece was holding up a deal with the lenders because it resisted pension reforms and insisted on restoring collective bargaining.

He said Greece has committed to integrating pension funds and cutting down on early retirement but opposed any further cuts in pensions which have been slashed by up to 48 percent in the last five years.

“Currently, 44.5 percent of pensioners receive a pension under the fixed threshold of relative poverty while approximately 23.1 percent of pensioners, according to data from Eurostat, live in danger of poverty and social exclusion,” he said.

“These numbers... cannot be tolerated — not simply in Greece but in any civilized country.”

Tsipras said he was against a two-speed euro-zone where the core would impose strict austerity rules via a “super euro zone finance minister” who would have the power to block any national budget not in line with extreme neo-liberal doctrines.

He is expected to have a teleconference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and France’s President Francois Hollande later on Sunday — his second in four days — in a bid to help close the deal, a Greek government official said.

Tsipras has long sought a political push to end negotiations and get aid flowing to his cash-strapped country, though the lenders have insisted that Greece must wrap up talks at the technical level with adequate concessions on reforms so that its budget and debt numbers add up.—Reuters

Abe says SDF could give US forces logistical support in Mideast



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe looks at a document while listening to an opposition party lawmaker’s question during a parliamentary session in Tokyo on 1 June, 2015.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 1 June — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Monday the Japanese Self-Defence Forces could provide US or other foreign troops logistical support in the Middle East and the Indian Ocean under new security bills.

Abe for the first time clarified that the SDF can engage in rear-area support such as provision of ammunition and refueling operation for foreign troops involved in combat activity in these regions far away from Japan and its vicinity under the envisioned bills that would remove geographical restrictions on SDF operations.

“If a serious military

tension or an armed conflict arises in the Middle East or the Indian Ocean with serious impacts expected on Japanese ships carrying goods to Japan and when the United States or any other country moves in response to the event, it may amount (to a situation where the SDF can offer logistic support),” he told the parliament.

Abe’s comments invalidated a 1999 statement by then Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi stating that any situation necessitating such SDF logistical support would be inconceivable in the Middle East or the Indian Ocean.

Kyodo News

Japan, China to hold extradition treaty talks in Beijing from Wednesday

TOKYO, 1 June — Japan and China will hold two-day talks from Wednesday aimed at concluding an extradition treaty in Beijing, resuming the negotiations for the first time in five years, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

The working-level talks would be the second round of discussions since they were held in February 2010 in Tokyo. The treaty, if real-

ized, will make it possible in principle for either country to hand over criminal suspects when requested.

The talks will resume amid a trend of a growing number of suspects in Japan fleeing to China and also at a time China is throwing its weight on catching senior officials embroiled in corruption scandals who escape overseas, Japanese officials said.

Japan’s delegation is set to be led by Makita Shimokawa, deputy director general of the ministry’s Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, and includes officials from the National Police Agency and Justice Ministry.

China is expected to be represented by senior officials, including ones from the Chinese Foreign Ministry’s Department of Treaty

and Law, the Japanese ministry said.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said in a Press conference that Japan hopes to negotiate with China for the “early conclusion” of a bilateral extradition treaty.

Japan has concluded criminal extradition treaties with the United States and South Korea.

Kyodo News

S Korea, Japan preparing talks on sharing military intelligence

SEOUL, 1 June — South Korea and Japan are preparing to hold talks this year on sharing military intelligence, South Korea’s Defence Ministry spokesman said on Monday.

“It’s my understanding that talks on sharing military intelligence between South Korea and Japan are being prepared,” Nah Seung Yong said during a press briefing.

Annual talks between military authorities of Japan and South Korea

could not be held last year “due to various situations,” he said, without providing further details as to when such talks will be held.

His comment was made in response to a news report on Monday that Japan has sent out a feeler to South Korea on the possible visit of Tadashi Miyagawa, chief of the intelligence bureau at the Japanese Defence Ministry, to South Korea in mid-June.

The *Hankook Ilbo* newspaper quoted a South Korean government source as saying, “It will be rare

for a chief of the Japanese military intelligence unit to make a visit to South Korea at a time bilateral military talks remain virtually suspended.”

The report said South Korea sees no particular reason to reject Japan’s such offer as it is deemed necessary to review the process of the trilateral military pact signed along with the United States last December.

In the latest development, Japanese and South Korean defence ministers on Saturday held their first

bilateral talks in four years on the sidelines of a regional security forum in Singapore and agreed to continue dialogue to improve strained relations.

Relations between South Korea and Japan have deteriorated to their lowest level in recent years due to conflicting views on their bitter shared history and a territorial dispute.

Japan ruled the Korean Peninsula from 1910-1945.

Kyodo News

S Korea navy to hold maritime exercise against N Korea’s submarines

SEOUL, 1 June — The South Korean navy plans to hold a three-day maritime exercise from Monday in waters off the south coast to better respond to North Korea’s infiltration by submarines, a Defence Ministry spokesman said on Monday.

Among the military hardware to be deployed for the exercise include a 7,600-ton Aegis-equipped destroyer, about 10 naval vessels, patrol seaplanes and Lynx anti-submarine helicopters, Nah Seung-hong said during a press briefing.

“The exercise will be held in waters east of Jeju Island for the purpose of strengthening capabilities to fight back North Korea’s submarine infiltrations,” he said. In a related development, South Korea’s army will also hold live-firing drills for two days from Monday. “The joint live-firing drills by the army will be held on sea, land and airspace to toughen the strong resolve against the enemy’s provocations,” he said. Tensions on the Korean Peninsula have spiked in recent weeks after North Korea announced that it had successfully test-fired a ballistic missile from a submarine. North Korea also claimed that it already has the capability of miniaturizing nuclear warheads.—Kyodo News

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US Senate lets NSA spy programme lapse, at least for now

WASHINGTON, 1 June — The legal authority for US spy agencies' collection of Americans' phone records and other data expired at midnight on Sunday after the US Senate failed to pass legislation extending the powers.

After debate pitting Americans' distrust of intrusive government against fears of terrorist attacks, the Senate voted to advance reform legislation that would replace the bulk phone records programme revealed two years ago by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden.

Although the Senate did not act in time to keep the program from expiring, the vote was at least a partial victory for Democratic President Barack Obama, who had pushed for the reform measure as a compromise addressing privacy concerns while preserving a tool to help protect the country from attack.

But final Senate passage was delayed until at least Tuesday by objections from Senator Rand Paul, a libertarian Republican presidential hopeful who has fulminated against the NSA programme as illegal and unconstitutional.

As a result, the govern-

ment's collection and search of phone records terminated at midnight (0400 GMT on Monday) when key provisions of a post-11 September, 2001, law known as the USA Patriot Act expired.

In addition, US law enforcement and security agencies will lose authority to conduct other programmes.

Those allow for "roving wiretaps" aimed at terrorism suspects who use multiple disposable cell phones; permit authorities to target "lone wolf" suspects with no connection to specific terrorist groups, and make it easier to seize personal and business records of suspects and their associates.

Still, eventual resumption of the phone records programme in another form, and the other government powers, appeared likely after the Senate voted 77-17 to take up the reform legislation, called the USA Freedom Act.

"This bill will ultimately pass," Paul acknowledged after the procedural vote.

The Senate abruptly reversed course during a rare Sunday session to let the bill go ahead, after Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell reluctantly acknowledged that Paul had stymied his efforts to extend



Sen John McCain (R-AZ), (C), is questioned by reporters as he departs a meeting of GOP senators on a rare working on Sunday, on Capitol Hill, in Washington on 31 May, 2015.—REUTERS

the Patriot Act provisions.

Intelligence experts say a lapse of only a few days would have little immediate effect. The government is allowed to continue collecting information related to any foreign intelligence investigation that began before the deadline.

Obama strongly backed the Freedom Act, as have most Democrats. It passed the House of Representatives on 13 May by 338-88.

After the Senate adjourned, the White House issued a statement calling on the Senate to "put aside partisan motivations and act swiftly."

The measure could face more debate in Congress. Republican Senator Richard

Burr offered several amendments, including one to extend the existing programme for 12 months to provide more time to adopt changes mandated by the Freedom Act.

That could be a problem for some House members, because it doubles the transition period in their version of the bill.

Republicans have been deeply divided on the issue. Security hawks wanted the NSA programme to continue as is, and libertarians like Paul want to kill it altogether. The Senate debate was angry.

Paul said the Patriot Act provisions wasted resources better spent targeting those planning attacks. He even

accused some of his critics of wanting an attack on the United States "so they can blame it on me."

McConnell accused Paul, his fellow Kentucky Republican, and other Patriot Act opponents of waging "a campaign of demagoguery and disinformation" based on revelations from Snowden "who was last seen in Russia."

McConnell has endorsed Paul for president. But he wanted to extend the Patriot Act provisions, unchanged, for five years, and agreed only reluctantly to allow a vote on the Freedom Act despite what he called its "serious flaws."

Several senators accused Paul of using the issue to raise money for his presidential campaign.

"He obviously has a higher priority for his fundraising and political ambitions than for the security of the nation," Senator John McCain, the 2008 Republican presidential nominee, told reporters.

The Senate resumed consideration of the legislation at 4 pm EDT (2000 GMT), just as security officials said they had to begin shutting down the NSA programme to meet the deadline.

The Freedom Act would end spy agencies' bulk collection of domestic telephone "metadata" and replace it with a more targeted system.

The records would be held by telecommunications companies, not the government, and the NSA would have to get court approval to gain access to specific data. Neither the current nor proposed new system gives the government access to the content of phone conversations.

Many civil liberties groups feel the Freedom Act does not go far enough in protecting privacy.

"Congress should take advantage of this sunset to pass far reaching surveillance reform, instead of the weak bill currently under consideration," Michael Macleod-Ball, acting director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Washington Legislative Office, said in a statement. A review panel Obama established in 2013 concluded that the metadata collection programme had not been essential to preventing any terrorist attack.

Security officials counter that it provides important data they can combine with other intelligence to help stop attacks.—Reuters

Vucic: Deficit nearly four times smaller than planned



Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said on Sunday that the budget deficit stood at RSD 5.2 billion in May, instead of the expected RSD 19 billion, which is nearly four times smaller than the amount "that even the IMF would be content with".—TANJUG

VRSAČ, 1 June — Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said on Sunday that the budget deficit stood at RSD 5.2 billion in May, instead of the expected RSD 19 billion, which is nearly four times smaller than the amount "that even the IMF would be content with".

During his visit to the Vrsac-based Hemofarm pharmaceutical company and its new ampoule production plant worth EUR 4.37 million, which is planned to employ 50

people, Vucic said that Serbia's budget deficit totaled RSD 24.5 billion over the first five months of 2015, while the plan was RSD 91 billion.

"I think that this is enough to show how good the results are. We now have more room in the fiscal plan both for capital investment and for an increase in incomes in the coming period, but we will discuss that with our friends in the international financial organizations," said Vucic.—Tanjug

Italy's Renzi faces tight battles in local election — exit poll

ROME, 1 June — Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi faces close races in two key regions at stake in local elections held on Sunday, according to an exit poll, with his centre-left party leading narrowly in one and trailing in the other.

Renzi's Democratic Party (PD) candidate was estimated to win 35.5 percent to 39.5 percent in the southern region of Campania, ahead of the centre-right candidate on 33.5 percent to 37.5 percent, according to the poll conducted by the EMG agency and broadcast on private TV station La 7.

In the north-western region of Liguria the centre-left was seen trailing in third place with 21.5 percent to 25.5 percent, behind the candidate from the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement with 25 to 29 percent and the centre-right candidate with 28 percent to 32 percent.

Exit polls have often



Italy's Prime Minister Matteo Renzi

proved unreliable in previous Italian elections.

Liguria and Campania are seen as the two regions most in doubt among the seven being contested in the election. The centre-left is expected to win the central regions of Tuscany, Marche and Umbria and the southern region of Puglia.

Veneto in the north-east is expected to go to the euro-sceptic, anti-immigrant Northern League.

Reuters

Danish ruling bloc takes poll lead in countdown to vote

COPENHAGEN, 1 June — Centre-left parties backing Denmark's Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt edged into the lead in an opinion poll published on Monday in the countdown to a national election, their first time at the head of the pack in months.

More than half of respondents who had made up their mind, 50.5 percent, said they would vote for Thorning-Schmidt's bloc, in the first survey by polling agency Voxmeter since

she announced a \$5.7 billion spending package and then called the vote for 18 June.

Her group had trailed the centre-right bloc led by The Liberal Party's Lars Løkke Rasmussen in Voxmetre surveys since November 2013. The 'red bloc' only had 45.6 percent of the votes in a poll published on 25 May. But on 26 May, Thorning-Schmidt promised to boost spending on health-care, the elderly, children's day care, the environment and police and declared the



Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt and opposition leader Lars Løkke Rasmussen (not pictured) attend their first one-on-one debate held in a temporary television studio outside the Danish parliament building, in Copenhagen on 31 May, 2015.

REUTERS

country's economic crisis over. The government also increased its 2015 growth forecast. Analysts said the

new poll, issued by Danish news agency Ritzau, suggested a close election race.

Reuters



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Knowing how to reach the top not enough

By Myint Win Thein

Many people say they want to climb to the top of their career ladder, but only a few reach the pinnacle, because most fail to understand the ingredients of success in life. Even those who think they have the map to the top are not going to reach the destination without other prerequi-

sites for career success, namely effort, honesty and sacrifice.

Without effort, one's achievements will only be the result of other people's labour. Without honesty, one's accomplishment will only be things cheated from others. Without sacrifice, one's success will only reflect selfishness and opportunism.

In the absence of these ingredients, one's achievements do not have any admirable qualities for others, and are in fact indicative of failure in life.

Absence of these qualities changes the direction of a person with lofty aims by bringing him or her down to the lowest depth in life instead of lifting them to the heights of their potential.

That is why there are only a few people at the

top of their field, although there are many people who try to ascend the ladder. Knowing where the top is located is not enough for success. Indeed, there may be vital ingredients other than those listed above. Please bring all of them when you climb your career ladder.

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Tit for tat, vendetta and retaliation entrap humans into vicious circle

By: Tommy Pauk

There is no society or place that does not have problem on earth. Problems among human beings originate in temperamental nature. Basically, intolerance, greed, insult, anger, grudge, jealousy and animosity lead to fighting, conflicts and wars in the human society. They do not try to find the root causes and choose the vengeful way only. As a result, there are numerous tensions, conflicts, gun battles, undeclared wars, killings and atrocities happening in various societies in the world. These acts have been handed down from ancient civilizations to modern civilizations known as descending from the monarchy to democracy. We can make the deductions or inference about the wars which ruin the human lives and human settlements. i.e. we, humans hardly ever compromise and find the correct solutions on the issues or the problems among ourselves. Problems occur among different races, different tribes, different groups and different nations. The worst thing is that there are some unsolved problems even within the same race. The clashes between ethnic minorities cause a great concern for the specific nation. Whoever wages the war or battle or military intervention, we should not support or ally them. Neutrality and the policies of non-alignment are the best solution for the issues. There should be more and more pacifists and peace-loving people in the world because they would pacify the hostile nations. Besides, the re-

spective leaders of the world societies must be able to tackle the problems wisely and wittingly.

Tit for tat has been practiced from time immemorial in human society. In human history, genocidal events, massacre, invasions, assassinations of state leaders and holocaust etc. have been recorded. Even among private individuals, tit for tat is practiced. A situation in which you do something is bad to somebody because they have done the same to you. For instance, 'If you hit me, I will hit you back; tit for tat.' Therefore 'tit for tat' means equivalent retribution or having the characteristic of returning of bad for bad. e.g. 'an eye for an eye.' These lawless acts make prolonged retaliation or violence among themselves. However, in some society this act is accepted or practiced as a code or judicial determination. Here, root causes and solutions to the problems are missing. The mindsets of majority of people are based on the practice of tit for tat as they do not hold tolerance and forgiveness in dealing with each other nowadays. Modern people are striving for material gain rather than spiritual gain or enlightenment.

Vendetta is a long and violent disagreement between two families or groups, in which people are murdered in return for previous murders. Justice is absent under these circumstances. Animosity and bitter-feelings push the person or family member concerned to take revenge on the person or the other family member who treated the avenger's family or family

member brutally. Thus, the reciprocal killings take place in human society lawlessly. The violent crimes pertaining to vendetta appear everywhere in the world. No one can stop such practice in the world. Love and reconciliation do not prevail there. Only the bloodshed and destruction are the results or solutions for the certain problem. However, both sides have to pay for their commission of the crimes in accordance with the prescribed laws in the certain society. In the olden days, respective monarchical rulers were cruel, aggressive and arrogant. In addition, they had waged wars for expanding their reign or power as well as occupying new land or soil. They did establish their empire as much as they could. The reigns of terror had been prevalent for many years. Consequently, vendetta was conducted against the hated rulers.

Retaliation between two persons or two groups or two countries is often seen or heard in the world. Assault or insult is the fundamental cause for retaliation indeed. Retaliatory action is derived from human nature. Human nature reacts the equal action towards the initiator of the action. However, we, humans should react calmly and reasonably whenever we encounter any issues. Actually, the act of retaliation occurs everywhere in the world. Aggression, hostility and inequity cause the problem between the initiative actor and the retaliator. Both sides achieve nothing but harm. The person who is very good, kind and patient can control his or her mind to avoid act of retaliation

indeed. The ordinary people cannot escape from this vicious circle. Only those who are pious or saints or spiritual leaders can escape from this vicious circle. Nevertheless, we ought to control or calm down our fury or dislikes or abhorrence so that peace will dominate or prevail in the human society. As we all know that human mind is sometimes very gentle and subtle but when it turns to be harsh or cruel the atrocious acts are done by human body. Thus the main character is human mind and it creates the body to act according to its mood. We need to exercise our minds to be serene and

calm in order not to react recklessly or stupidly. No one can deny that everyone wishes to have peace of mind in human life. We should realize that our mind projects or creates all our feelings, emotions and illusions too. The mental trauma and physical injuries can only be remedied or cured by tolerance or patience.

The Lord Buddha enunciated his Dhamma (Teachings) which includes about the human mind as follows;

"Wonderful, indeed,
It is to subdue the mind,
So difficult to subdue,
ever swift,
And seizing whatever it

desires.

A tamed mind brings happiness."

"Let the discerning man
Guard the mind,
So difficult to detect
and extremely subtle,
Seizing whatever it
desires.

A guarded mind brings happiness."

If we ignore the absolute truth or Dhamma, we cannot escape from the vicious circle in this temporal world indeed. The acts of tit for tat, vendetta and retaliation entrap humans into vicious circle horrendously. Let's try to extinguish the burning world with compassion and wisdom!!!!

Myanmar athletes leave for Singapore to participate in 28th SEA Games

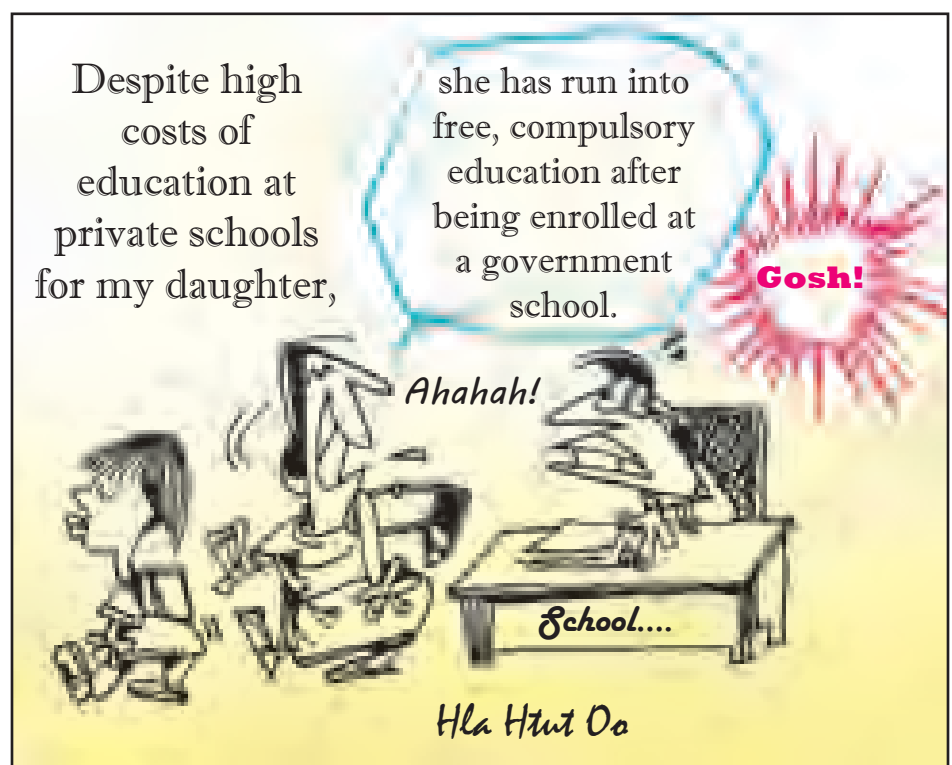
YANGON, 1 June—A Myanmar sport team comprising athletes of traditional rowing, international rowing, canoe/kayak, triathlon and fencing events

left here for Singapore on Monday to take part in the 28th SEA Games.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Principal of Sports

and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) U Soe Aung and officials.

Athletes from remaining sports events will leave for Singapore daily.—SPED



LOCAL NEWS



As part of further strengthening Myanmar-Thai friendly relations, a ceremony to offer rice and provisions to 198 members of the Sangha was held on Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge in Myawady, Kayin State, on 1 June (Fullmoon Day of Nayon). District's deputy commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo and the Tak Province Chief of Thailand and party donated provisions to the Buddhist monks. Peoples of two countries also donated offertories to members of the Sangha.—THUZAR (MYAWADY TOWN)

Dengue fever campaign targets Thanlyin Tsp schools

THANLYIN, 1 June — Health workers sprayed for mosquitoes around schools in Thanlyin Township on 30 May as part of a campaign to prevent the spread of dengue haemorrhagic fever.

They fumigated Basic Education High School Nos. 1-4, Baho Basic Education Post-Primary School in Thanlyin and schools in Aungmyingala Ward.

Thanlyin Township Public Health Department plans to chlorinate water tanks and pots at the schools weekly.

Than Win (Thanlyin)



Mandalay Region MADB to disburse K75 billion in farm loans

MANDALAY, 1 June — Myanma Agriculture Development Bank in Mandalay Region will disburse loans at 5 percent interest to farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops in 2015, Mandalay Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock

Breeding U Myint Than told banking officials on 30 May.

At the coordination meeting among branches of MADB on 63rd Street in Mahlaingmye Township, the region minister said banking staff are to deliver loans to farmers who cultivate mon-

soon paddy in time.

Banking officers Daw Ohnma Kyaw and Daw Khin Pyone Yi reported on a plan set for disbursement of K75.292 billion to farmers from 23 townships of the region in the 2015 cultivation season. Also present at

the meeting were heads of region Agriculture Department, and Farmland Management and Statistics Department, as well as district and township managers of MADB.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Tatkon Tsp IPRD displays wall magazine, photos on activities of combating narcotic drugs

TATKON, 1 June — Tatkon Township Information and Public Relations Department showcased wall magazine and photos on activities of combating narcotic drugs at the hall of Basic Education High School Branch in Taungpohtha Village, Tatkon Township, on 30 May.

Deputy Director Daw Thin Thin Zin of the Nay

Pyi Taw IPRD spoke about activities of combating narcotic drugs with public participation in commemoration of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June while Staff Officer Daw Swe Swe Moe of District IPRD explained dangers of the narcotic drugs and Head of Township IPRD Daw Tint Tint Khaing,

reading in spare time.

It was attended by more than 90 local people who also viewed round the wall magazine and photos.

The deputy director donated books on various subjects to the headmaster of the BEHS branch and distributed pamphlets on danger of narcotic drugs.

Tin Soe Lwin (Tatkon IPRD)

Poultry farming resumes in Monywa

MONYWA, 1 June — Poultry farming resumed in Monywa Poultry Farming Special Zone near Kyauksit-pontaung village, Monywa Township, Sagaing Region, following its suspension due to an outbreak of avian influenza disease that killed chicken and quails in the zone in February.

Officials and skilled workers cleared the area until 3 March, an official of the breeding zone said.

"After that, rehabilitation of the zone was undertaken over two and-a-half

months," the official said.

Quail breeding has not resumed, as a separate zone will be established from the main area, he added. Monywa Poultry Farming Zone is located on a 123.45-acre plot where breeders run 360 chicken farms and 120 quail farms.

Due to loss of breeding farms in the outbreak of bird flu disease in February this year, the government provided K602.335 million to 136 chicken breeders and 52 quail breeders.

Po Chan (Monywa)

Arab air strikes pound Houthi strongholds across Yemen

SANAA, 1 June— Warplanes from a Saudi-led coalition launched air strikes on Monday against Yemen's Houthi militia positions in the north, centre and south of the country, residents said.

Saudi planes and artillery bombed the Iran-allied group's northern stronghold province of Saada, which borders the Kingdom, and air strikes hit suburbs of the southern port of Aden on the Arabian sea.

An Arab alliance has been bombing the fighters

for more than two months in a bid to restore Yemen's exiled president Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, currently in exile in Saudi Arabia, to power.

The Sunni Muslim states are also concerned that the Shi'ite rebels are a proxy for the influence of their arch rival Iran in impoverished Yemen.

The Houthis, who swept into Yemen's capital Sanaa in September and fanned out across the country, say they are winning a revolution against corrupt

officials and hardline Sunni militants. Air strikes pounded military positions aligned with the Houthis in Sanaa on Sunday, and residents reported the sounds of constant explosions and anti-aircraft fire continuing into Monday.

Warplanes dropped bombs on groups of Houthi fighters on the outskirts of Aden, a bastion of support for president Hadi and scene of heavy street fighting between the militiamen and local fighters for over two months.—Reuters



A Houthi militant stands in front of a court building, which was damaged in a Saudi-led air strike in Saada on 31 May, 2015.—REUTERS

African leaders urge Burundi to postpone polls

DAR ES SALAAM, 1 June— African leaders meeting in Tanzania on Sunday to discuss a political crisis in Burundi triggered by the president's plan to run for a third term called for the postponement of elections by at least a month and a half. Protests erupted in Burundi in late April in response to President Pierre Nkurunziza's decision to run for another term in 26 June polls, a move critics say violates the constitution.

The heads of state of Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya, which together with Burundi and Rwanda form the East African Community (EAC) common market, attended the summit. They were joined by South African President Jacob Zuma.

"The summit called

for a longer postponement of elections in Burundi for a period not less than one and a half months," said Richard Sezibera, the secretary general of the EAC. The leaders had previously called for the vote to be postponed, to create the right conditions for voting, but to be held within Nkurunziza's current mandate that ends in August. Nkurunziza, who faced a coup attempt while in Dar es Salaam for the first summit on 13 May, did not attend the meeting. He was represented by the country's foreign minister, Alain Aime Nyamitwe. Rwanda also sent a minister rather than the head of state, a Tanzanian foreign ministry official said. The summit also called for the urgent disarmament of all youth factions allied to

political parties in Burundi.

Nkurunziza's ruling CNDD-FDD party's youthwing, the so-called Imbonerakure, has been accused of carrying out some of the violence that has rocked Burundi for weeks.

"The leaders have been trying to navigate our way so we can help the people of Burundi to land safely under the current circumstances," Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete told a news conference after the summit.

Nkurunziza's decision to run for a third term unleashed Burundi's worst political crisis since an ethnically-driven civil war ended in 2005. The president's supporters say a constitutional court ruling allows him to run again. In the Burundian capital Bujum-

bura, low-key protests took place on Sunday in some suburbs of the city including Cibitoke, Buterere and Mutakura. One person was injured late on Saturday when a grenade exploded in the city centre. Rights groups say at least 20 people have been killed by police since protests began. There are fears violence could lead to renewed ethnic bloodletting between the Hutu and Tutsi communities. More than 90,000 Burundians have fled the country, according to new figures from the UN's refugee agency UNHCR. They have headed to Tanzania, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda, which shares a similar ethnic mix and suffered a genocide in 1994 in which 800,000 people were killed.—Reuters

Islamic State drives back Syria insurgents near Turkey



A convoy of Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) fighters enter the village of Tel Khanzir, after they took control of the area from Islamic State fighters, in the western countryside of Ras al-Ain in this file photo taken on 28 May, 2015.

REUTERS

AMMAN/BEIRUT, 1 June — Islamic State fighters advanced against rival insurgents in northern Syria on Sunday, capturing areas close to a border crossing with Turkey and threatening their supply route to Aleppo city, fighters and a group monitoring the war said.

Islamic State captured the town of Soran Azaz and two nearby villages after clashes with fighters from a northern rebel alliance, which includes both Western-backed rebels and Islamist fighters.

Islamic State will now be able to move along a road leading north to the Bab al-Salam crossing between the Syrian province of Aleppo and the Turkish province of Kilis, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The town's loss is a blow to rebels grouped in the so-called Jabhat al-Shamiyya alliance (Levant Front), because it sits on an important supply

route to bring weapons into eastern Aleppo, two fighters said.

"The main supply line between Turkey and Aleppo will be severely affected," Abu Bakr, an alliance field commander, said in a online message.

The Levant Front was created in Aleppo in an effort to forge unity among factions in Syria that have often fought each other as well as the Syrian army and hardline jihadist groups, undermining the revolt against President Bashar al-Assad.

Rebels said the Islamic State gains had upset plans for a wider offensive that was being prepared ahead of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan to seize government-controlled parts of Aleppo. Residents in eastern Aleppo said convoys of rebel fighters were heading back to areas in the Soran countryside to repel Islamic State. Government forces hold the west of the city.—Reuters

Suicide bombing claimed by Islamic State in western Libyan city kills five

MISRATA, (Libya) 1 June — Five people were killed and eight wounded in a suicide bombing claimed by Islamic State outside the Libyan city of Misrata on Sunday, security officials said. A suicide bomber rammed a car laden with explosives into the main security checkpoint west of Misrata, the officials said. Several cars and nearby shops were damaged by the blast. Islamic State claimed the attack, which it said had been carried out by a Tunisian, according to a statement on Twitter.

Islamic State militants have carried out several attacks in the Misrata area as well as other parts of Libya, exploiting a security vacuum as two rival governments battle for control of the oil-producing nation.

Misrata, located to the



Workers clean the ground after a suicide car bomber blew himself up at a checkpoint in Dafniya outside Misrata, Libya on 31 May, 2015. REUTERS

east of Tripoli, is allied with the unofficial government that controls Tripoli. The internationally recognized government operates out of east Libya since losing control of the capital last August. "We will support all army, police and revolutionary forces to fight and chase those apostates who have come to Libya claim-

ing they are representing Islam," Libya's rival prime minister, Khalifa Ghwell, told Reuters at the scene of the blast.

"Islam disowns them," he said. Separately, a member of a rival parliament in Tripoli, Salim al-Hamali, who had been missing, was found dead south of the capital, Tripoli-based

al-Nabaa television said. Parliament's spokesman could not be reached for comment.

Libya's official government has been based in the east since losing control of the capital in 2014 at the hands of an armed faction which set up a rival administration and parliament.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Jaguar Land Rover appoints new China sales head after Q1 drop



An employee works at the production line inside the Chery Jaguar Land Rover plant before the plant opening ceremony in Changshu, Jiangsu Province, on 21 Oct, 2014.
REUTERS

BEIJING, 1 June — Jaguar Land Rover has appointed a former Porsche executive as its new China head of sales, the automak-

er owned by India's Tata Motors Ltd (TAMO.NS) said on Monday, amid a slowdown in one of its key markets.

Mark Bishop, former managing director of Porsche China, will oversee sales and marketing for Jaguar, Land Rover and cars

made through JLR's joint venture with China's Chery Automobile in the country, the automaker said in a statement.

JLR's sales fell by a fifth year-on-year in China, the world's largest car market, for the first three months of the year as an economic slowdown weighs on the auto industry. Bishop succeeds Yi Lu, who resigned as president in mid-April citing personal reasons after serving in the position for roughly a year. James Hu, a current sales and customer services executive at JLR, will become deputy president of sales and marketing.

Reuters

Japan's May new auto sales down 7.6% as minicar sales sluggish

TOKYO, 1 June — Japan's new auto sales fell 7.6 percent in May from a year earlier to 335,644 units, as April's auto tax increase on minivehicles continued to weigh on demand, industry bodies said on Monday.

Sales of minicars plummeted 19.6 percent to 125,755 units, down for the fifth consecutive month, according to the Japan Light Motor Vehicle and Motorcycle Association.

Minivehicles, which have an engine displacement of up to 660 cc, account for around 40 per-

cent of new car sales in Japan.

Sales of cars other than minicars, meanwhile, rose 1.4 percent to 209,889 units, up for the second straight month, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association said, indicating the negative impact of the consumption tax hike in April last year has waned.

Demand for cars was sluggish in Japan during the previous fiscal year ended 31 March, against a backdrop of the 3-percent-age-point consumption tax increase to 8 percent — the first tax hike in 17 years.—Kyodo News

Survey shows Australian adults experience more hangovers, often pressured to drink

CANBERRA, 1 June — Australia's affliction with alcohol sees its adults spending 91.5 million hours of every month hung-over, according to data released on Monday.

A survey of 1,030 Australian drinkers by fundraiser group Dry July, which encourages Australians to give up alcohol consumption for a month, showed Australians are being pressured to drink, and many considered alcohol integral to social gatherings.

More than half (52 percent) of the survey's respondents admitted they have felt pressure to drink alcohol in social situations, including with friends, at family gatherings and on public holi-

days. Half of drinkers consider it "un-Australian" not to drink at these occasions.

Five in six find it easy to resist peer pressure when they have a legitimate excuse not to drink, such as driving, being pregnant, training for a fitness event or being sick, but those who did pick up the bottle could affect the nation's productivity.

The figures showed Australian adults have 11 hangovers a year and one in five have taken multiple sick days to nurse a sore head. Three in five admitted they have experienced low productivity at work due to being hung-over.

Nearly half (44 percent) have skipped significant social events as a result of being hung over,

including dates, birthday celebrations and even weddings.

Brett Macdonald, co-founder of Dry July, which encourages Australians to give up alcohol consumption for a month, said the research had uncovered some sobering facts about social pressures faced by Australians when it comes to drinking.

"It also found that 21 percent of Australians have not gone for more than a week without drinking in the last five years," he said. "This is why we're encouraging everyone to take the Dry July challenge and see what can be achieved without a hangover."

Xinhua

China HSBC PMI at 49.2 in May, contracts third month, export orders near two-year low

An employee welds the exterior of a vehicle along a production line at a factory in Qingdao, Shandong Province on 1 Dec, 2014.
REUTERS



BEIJING, 1 June — Activity in China vast factory sector shrank for a third consecutive month in May as export orders contracted at the sharpest rate in nearly two years, a private survey showed on Monday, suggesting China remains locked in an economic cooldown.

The final HSBC/Markit Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) stood at 49.2 in May, below the 50-point level that separates an expansion from a contraction in activity on a monthly basis. That is little changed from a preliminary reading of 49.1, and up a touch from April's 48.9.

In a sign that China's sputtering economy could face bigger headwinds in the short-term, a sub-index for new exports skidded to 46.7, a low unseen since June 2013, and well below April's 50.3. Factory output also shrank for the first time this year as the sub-in-

dex slipped under 50.

"A solid fall in new export work contributed to fewer new orders, which in turn led to the first contraction of output in 2015 so far," said Qu Hongbin, an economist at HSBC in Hong Kong. Add to that persistent job losses and reduced factory purchases, Qu said the data called for more stimulus measures to stoke domestic demand and economic growth. HSBC/Markit said companies had reported a broad weakening in overseas demand last month, which reduced factory production and fuelled job cuts among manufacturers. The PMI showed factory employment shrank in May for the 18th straight month, even though the pace of contraction eased from the rates seen in March and April. As the economy softened, deflationary pressure remained stubborn. The sub-indices for input and output prices were a good way under

50 points, though the rate of decline in input prices eased markedly.

China's economy has foundered this year as a cooling housing market and slowing growth in exports, domestic investment and consumption knocked growth to a six-year low of 7 percent in the first three months of the year.

Cooling inflationary pressure is especially problematic for China as it raises the real cost of borrowing for private firms, the biggest employers in the country but which are often denied of credit by banks.

Many analysts expect China's economy to grow 7 percent this year compared to 2014, the weakest rate in a quarter of a century and down from a 7.4 percent expansion last year. That has fuelled speculation that China's central bank, which has cut interest rates three times in six months, is likely to lower rates again this year.—Reuters

Food inspectors file case against Nestle over Maggi noodles

LUCKNOW, 1 June — Food safety inspectors in Uttar Pradesh have filed a criminal complaint against Nestle's Indian arm, after spot checks earlier this year found excess lead in some packets of Maggi instant noodles.

A court hearing has been set for 1 July, an official at the local Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said.

The Uttar Pradesh FDA had ordered a recall of a 200,000-pack batch of noodles at the end of April, after a spot check which said showed elevated levels

of monosodium glutamate (MSG), a flavour enhancer, and lead 17 times above the permissible limit.

Nestle, which says it does not add MSG to the noodles, disputes the order and has said the noodles are safe to eat.

The FDA official confirmed on Monday that the complaint included Nestle India, as well as the manufacturing unit, the retailer selling the tainted packs, two Nestle managers and even Bollywood stars who promoted the 2-minute snack.

Nestle has said the batch in question was man-

ufactured in February 2014, so was already past its sell-by date in April this year, and automatically collected from retailers by the time the recall was announced.

A spokesman for Nestle, which is now carrying out independent tests, said on Monday the company has not yet been notified of the complaint, and had no further comment.

The noodles, which sell at roughly a dozen rupees (\$0.20) per single-serving packet, are a hugely popular "homemade" snack in India, and Maggi has long been the market leader.—Reuters

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT
TAX COLLECTION SUPERVISION DIRECTORATE
NOTICE FOR FILING RETURN OF INCOME**

1. All taxpayers chargeable under the Income Tax Law within the financial year from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015, including companies, partnerships and joint-ventures, cooperative societies, association of collective farming, individuals (excluding salary-earners), associations formed by individuals, organizations or associations registered and formed under any existing law, are required to file their returns of income, properly filled in and signed in accordance with the instructions mentioned in the returns, to the respective Township Revenue Offices or the Companies Circle Tax Office (Medium Taxpayer Offices) or Large Taxpayer Office in person or by registered mail. A receipt will be issued by the respective offices in the case of returns being filed in person.
2. Those taxpayers who earned income from "Salary" within the income year are not required to file a return of income. However, their employers are required to file the Annual Salary Statement to the respective Township Revenue Office.
3. **Requirement For Attachment :**
Taxpayers are also required to submit, together with the return, a financial report prepared in connection with taxpayers' books of account kept in accordance with the Income Tax Regulations for the relevant income year.
4. **Deadline for Filing of Returns-**
30th June 2015, (Tuesday.)
5. **Penalty for late filing and non-filing of returns of income**
A penalty not exceeding 10 % of the tax due may be charged if there is a failure to file a return of income.
6. **Where to get return forms-**
The forms are available free of charge at the respective Township Revenue Offices or Companies Circle Tax Office (Medium Taxpayer Offices) or Large Taxpayer Office or on the IRD website <http://www.ird.myanmar.gov.mm>.
7. **Enquiries**
Enquiries may be made at the respective Township Revenue Offices or Companies Circle Tax Office (Medium Taxpayer Offices) or Large Taxpayer Office or the Tax Service Unit, No. 59/61, Ground Floor, Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon or the Tax Service Unit, 65th Street, between 22nd and 23rd Streets, Mandalay.

Director
Tax Collection Supervision Directorate

**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION
OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
AND FORESTRY
FOREST DEPARTMENT
NAY PYI TAW**

Invitation for Express of Interest (EoI) in Submission of OPEN TENDER to invest in Private Forest Plantation Program

1. Express of Interest is invited to the interested individuals, organizations and companies from both local and abroad for investment in Private Forest Plantation Program in large block with an area of over 1000 acres in the (89,640) acres of Permanent Forest Estates stretching over 6 States and Regions of the country.
2. EoI must be submitted to the Director General's Office (Office No.39), Forest Department, Nay Pyi Taw not later than 16:30 hrs of 16th June 2015.
3. On the date of 17th June 2015 at 09:30 hrs, orientation meeting on submission of OPEN TENDER for Private Forest Plantation Program will be held at the above-mentioned place.
4. EoI Form can be either downloaded at www.fdmocaf.gov.mm or acquired from DG's office, Director's officers at Nay Pyi Taw Council and all States and Regions of the Forest Department.
5. For more information, please contact phones at the DG's office: 067-405111, 067-405119, 067-405399, 067-405019 and Director's office of the Forest Department at Nay Pyi Taw Council and all States and Regions during the office hours.

Forest Department

Undated supplied photo shows plastic waste cast ashore on the Hawaiian coast. Group of Seven leaders gathering in Germany from 7-8 June are set to strengthen joint efforts to tackle plastic pollution in oceans amid concerns about the impact on ecosystems. —KYODO NEWS



Seven dead, one missing after central China gas leak

CHANGSHA, 1 June — Monday. Seven people have died and another is missing after a gas leak at a coal mine in central China's Hunan Province on Saturday, local authorities said on

Monday.

The accident happened at about 2:10 am at Qisi Coal Mine Co Ltd in Xinshao County, Shaoyang City while 11 people were working underground to

improve the mine's productivity. Three managed to escape and seven died, the city government said. Rescuers are still searching for the missing person.

Xinhua

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT
TAX COLLECTION SUPERVISION DIRECTORATE
NOTICE FOR FURNISHING COMMERCIAL TAX ANNUAL
RETURNS FOR 2014-2015 FINANCIAL YEAR**

1. This is to notify that any persons chargeable under the Commercial Tax Law within the financial year from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015, including the economic enterprises of the Union Government, State-owned mills and factories, trading and service enterprises, development committees, cooperative societies, individuals, organizations or associations formed by individuals, companies, partnerships and joint-ventures, carrying out the following economic activities are required to furnish their annual returns of production or services, properly filled in, signed in accordance with the instructions mentioned in the returns to the respective Township Revenue Offices or the Companies Circle Tax Office (Medium Taxpayer Office) or Large Taxpayer Office in person or by registered mail. A receipt will be issued by the respective offices in the case of returns being filed in person.
 - (a) Domestic Production
 - (b) Import
 - (c) Trading
 - (d) Service
2. The total proceeds of sale or the total receipts from service, which are not chargeable to commercial tax, of goods and services in the Cooperative and Private Sectors, other than exempted goods and services under the Union Taxes Law, 2014, are as follows;
 - (a) The total sale proceeds of Kyat 15,000,000 for the domestic production of goods in a financial year.
 - (b) The total receipt from service of Kyat 15,000,000 for the rendering of services in a financial year.
 - (c) The total sale proceeds of Kyat 15,000,000 for the trading business in a financial year.
3. **Deadline for furnishing of returns -**
30th June 2015 (Tuesday.)
4. **Penalty for late filing and non-filing of returns -**
A penalty of 10 % on the tax due shall be charged if there is a failure to furnish the return without a sufficient cause within the stipulated time.
5. **How to get return forms -**
The forms are available free of charge at the respective Township Revenue Offices or Companies Circle Tax Office (Medium Taxpayer Office) or Large Taxpayer Office or on the IRD website <http://www.irdmyanmar.gov.mm>.
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Director
Tax Collection Supervision Directorate

G-7 to strengthen efforts to tackle plastic pollution in oceans

TOKYO, 1 June — Group of Seven leaders gathering in Germany next week are set to strengthen

next Sunday, the sources said. It will be the first time the G-7 has touched on the issue.

The total volume of plastics in the oceans, entering through dumping or insufficient regulation, is estimated to reach 4.8 million to 12.7 million tons a year, with global plastic production growing year by year, according to researchers.

While there have been reports of sea birds and other marine animals entangled in plastic waste, such as fishing lines, more recently researchers have pointed to the harm of microplastics — plastic waste that is broken into pieces measuring less than 5 millimeters by waves or ultraviolet radiation.

Such plastics have reportedly been found ingested by sea birds and fish. Researchers said the

particles are likely to absorb toxic substances in the waters. Their effects on the food chain and on humans are still being studied.

In the run-up to the summit, Germany, current G-7 chair, has been calling on member countries to address the issue of plastic pollution in oceans in the joint statement.

The leaders are set to discuss how to reduce plastic pollution and secure funds to collect the waste.

The G-7 groups Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States.

Also in connection with the marine environment, the G-7 leaders will also address the problem of ocean acidification, where the increase of carbon dioxide at sea is hindering the growth of coral reefs and shells, the sources said.

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(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(9/2015)

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

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(1)	IFB-015(15-16)	Assorted Sizes of Hose Pipes (6) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB-016(15-16)	Mud Pump Valve Seat Puller and Spares (4) Items	US\$
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(4)	IFB-018(15-16)	Spares for 3 NB 1300 C Rig Pump Ex ZJ 50 D Drilling Rigs (25) Items	US\$
(5)	IFB-019(15-16)	Wash Pipe and Packing, for N 69 and N 815 Swivel (2) Items	US\$
(6)	IFB-020(15-16)	Ferrochrome Lignosulphonate (Spersene) (200) Tons	US\$

Tender Closing Date & Time - 29-6-2015, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 1st June, 2015 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 2nd June, 2015:
 Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon Region, Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan and Rakhine States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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MV NEW ENERGY VOY NO (03.2015)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NEW ENERGY VOY NO (03.2015) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.6.2015 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (7) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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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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Vietnam reports 16.7 pct rise in food poisoning cases in 5 months

HO CHI MINH CITY, 1 June — Vietnam registered 42 serious food poisoning cases which affected 1,898 people, of whom 10 died, from January to May, while the respective figures were 36, 1,064 and 10 in the same period last year, the country's General Statistics Office announced on Monday. Last month, 824 people in Vietnam suffered in 10 food poisoning cases which claimed no lives. The country saw 10 food poisoning cases which affected 234 people, including three fatalities in May 2014. Vietnam detected 16,100 foot-and-mouth disease patients, 10,900 dengue fever cases and no new infections of bird flu virus A/H5N1 in the first five months of this year, the General Statistics Office said, noting that the country reported 20,800 cases of foot-and-mouth disease, 9,000 dengue fever and two A/H5N1 infections in the same period last year. Vietnam detected 1,800 HIV carriers in May, raising the total to 225,400, of whom 76,900 have become AIDS patients, the office announced. To date, 78,600 people in the country have died of AIDS-related causes.—Xinhua



Angelia Gabrena Ong crowned as 2015 Miss Philippines Earth

Angelia Gabrena Ong (R) is crowned as the 2015 Miss Philippines Earth during the coronation night in Pasay City, the Philippines, on 31 May, 2015. A total of 38 candidates vied for the crown that will represent the country in the annual 2015 Miss Earth beauty pageant.—XINHUA

Enrique Iglesias fingers sliced by drone during concert



LONDON, 1 June — Singer Enrique Iglesias is recovering after suffering a nasty injury at the hands of a drone during a concert in Tijuana, Mexico.

The 40-year-old “Addicted” hitmaker was playing in front of 12,000 fans at the city’s Plaza de Toros de Playas when the

incident happened, but not even a few sliced fingers could stop him as he continued to play for another 30 minutes, reported Contactmusic.

Iglesias was playing the show as part of his ‘Sex and Love World Tour’, which kicked off last month.

In a statement, a representative for the singer, confirmed he was now on the mend following the accident.

After the concert some audience members shared pictures of the singer continuing to perform on social media, showing him nursing a bleeding, bandaged hand.—PTI

When you’re the best, you get hated the most: Kanye West

LOS ANGELES, 1 June— After earning a degree of his own earlier this month from School of the Art Institute of Chicago, rapper Kanye West returned to school to give an inspiring commencement speech.

West, 37, spoke to graduates at Los Angeles Trade Technical College and dished out some hard-earned advice, reported MTV online.

“When you’re the ab-

solute best, you get hated on the most. It’s a tough world out there. You’re going to prepare yourself for politics, bad bosses, hating employees... Even for me as a successful musician, to make the transition (into fashion), it was really all but impossible. People really try to box you in to what they know you best for,” he said.

The father of one continued by praising the budding designers for following

their lifelong dreams.

“The most successful artists are as close to who they were when they were five years old or four years old or three years old, or when my daughter wakes up and decides to change her career seven times a day,” he said. “So I feel extremely honoured to see new talent fighting for their voice that I can only imagine they’ve been fighting for since age three,” he added.—PTI

‘San Andreas’ Soars to \$53.2 Million Opening

LOS ANGELES, 1 June — Dwayne Johnson’s “San Andreas” has delivered a dominating \$53.2 million opening weekend at 3,777 US locations, soaring past recent forecasts of a \$40 million launch for the Warner Bros.-New Line 3D disaster pic.

“San Andreas” took in more than five times as much as the \$10 million opening of Sony’s romantic comedy “Aloha,” which arrived at 2,815 sites amid extensive negative buzz — despite the stardom of Bradley Cooper, Emma Stone and Rachel McAdams. Sony distribution chief Rory Bruer noted that “Aloha,” launched as a counterprogram to “San Andreas,” received a B+ CinemaScore among adults 25-34; the audience was 64% female with 57% of the audience over 30.

“San Andreas” underlines Johnson’s drawing power in the wake of being a key component of Universal’s “Furious 7” and

its \$1.5 billion worldwide gross. He’s been front and centre in the promotion for “San Andreas,” where he plays a heroic helicopter pilot seeking to rescue his daughter, played by Alexandra Daddario, amid the rubble of a mega-quake.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst at Rentrak, noted that “San Andreas” gained momentum throughout the weekend due to the film delivering what he called “pure popcorn movie excitement.”

“Johnson is clearly one of the most bankable stars working today,” he added. “Johnson’s versatility, charisma, humour and his imposing physical presence on the big screen has made him the go-to guy for filmmakers looking to ratchet up the excitement level and drawing power of their films.”

“San Andreas,” which also stars Carla Gugino and Paul Giamatti, earned an impressive A- Cine-



Director of the movie Brad Peyton poses at the premiere of “San Andreas” in Hollywood, California on 26 May, 2015.—REUTERS

maScore from audiences, with 70% coming from the over-25 demo. Dan Fellman, Warner’s domestic distribution chief, said Johnson deserves much of the credit.

“He’s a four-quadrant, larger-than-life movie star,” Fellman said. “This is going to have great legs.”

Village Roadshow Pictures co-financed and co-produced “San Andreas” with Warners for \$110 million, with most of the

film lensing in Australia to take advantage of government incentives.

Universal’s third weekend of “Pitch Perfect 2” led the rest of the pack, finishing with \$14.8 million at 3,660 locations. The comedy sequel, which carries a modest \$29 million price tag, has outperformed expectations with a total of \$147.5 million in 17 days in the US with another \$80 million-plus internationally.—Reuters

Sony Music denies pulling Beyonce Knowles’ songs from Tidal

LOS ANGELES, 1 June— R&B star Beyonce Knowles’ songs will not be removed from the streaming service, Tidal, Sony Music has said.

The music corporation’s CEO Doug Morris dismissed the rumours that it threatened to remove its artists from the streaming service, via a statement, reported Aceshowbiz.

“Jay-Z is a friend and business associate for many years. I have always admired his business acumen, his entrepreneurship and his passion for music,” he said. “All of our content, including Beyonce, is available through the Tidal service, and we have announced no plans to remove our catalog from Tidal. Like all of our other partners, we are rooting for Jay and Tidal to succeed.”

Sony was allegedly asking for “a large advance” in exchange for their catalogue which includes other Tidal co-owners like Daft Punk, Usher, and Alicia Keys.

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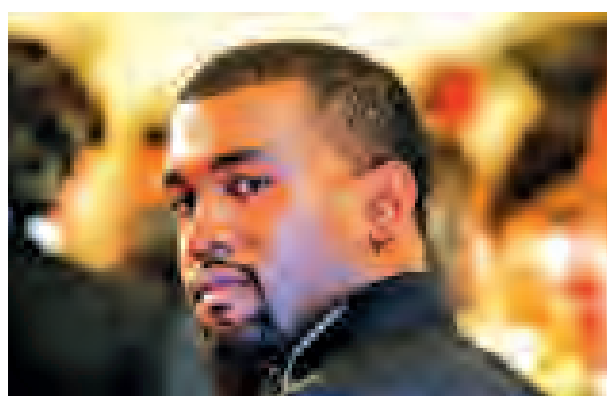
LOS ANGELES, 1 June— Australian rapper Iggy Azalea’s Great Escape Tour, originally scheduled for this fall, has been cancelled.

Azalea, 24, confirmed the news on Twitter, writing, “As you may know, the tour is cancelled. I’m so sad and sorry to let my fans down... we’ll be back out on the road when the next album is done.”

Refunds are available at point of purchase, reported Aceshowbiz.

The tour was originally scheduled to start in April but was pushed back to fall with dates set to start on 18 September in San Diego and wrap on 27 October in Glendale, Arizona.—PTI

Iggy Azalea cancels Great Escape Tour



Kanye West

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Tsonga lights up Paris to reach last eight, Cornet out

PARIS, 1 June — Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga illuminated a grey day in Paris with a thrilling win over Tomas Berdych to reach the French Open quarter-finals on Sunday but Maria's Sharapova's title defence was put on hold by the rain.

Roger Federer, the 2009 men's champion, was another player kept waiting by the weather and although the Swiss did get on court, he walked off in the gathering gloom unsure about his last eight prospects, locked at one-set all with Gael Monfils.

After home favourite Alize Cornet's run petered out in a bitter 6-2, 7-6(9) defeat by Ukraine's 19th seed Elina Svitolina in a match held up for three hours by the rain, home eyes turned to Tsonga on Court Philippe Chatier.

All seemed to be going well when the local favourite led by two sets against bad-tempered Czech fourth seed Berdych, who seemed unhappy to be playing in

on-and-off drizzle, but when he served for the match at 5-4 in the third the dampness seemed to get into his circuitry and he fluffed his chance.

Berdych pounced to take the third set on a tie-break and, as French cheers from fans huddled under colourful umbrellas in the stands turned to near silence, the Czech moved a break ahead in the fourth and looked favourite to go on and win.

Out of nowhere, however, the spring returned to Tsonga's step and with an onslaught of heavy hitting he reeled off five games in a row to win 6-3, 6-2, 6-7(5), 6-3.

The injury-plagued Tsonga sealed victory when Berdych wafted a backhand long and the Frenchman danced for joy before conducting the crowd's "Oles" with his towel.

It was only the third time in nine meetings that 30-year-old Tsonga, seeded 14, had beaten Berdych



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France celebrates after beating Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic during their men's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, on 31 May, 2015.—REUTERS

and his reward is a quarter-final against Japan's Kei Nishikori.

Title tip Nishikori had not struck a ball in anger since his second-round win over Brazil's Thomaz Bellucci on Wednesday after his third-round opponent Benjamin Becker of Germany pulled out with an injury. If there was any rust, however, he soon shook it off to outclass Russian Teymuraz Gabashvili 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 and reach the quar-

ter-finals at Roland Garros for the first time.

He also became the first Japanese man to get this far at the French Open for more than 80 years and he sounded like he had no intention of stopping yet.

"I think quarter-final that's the first goal for this week," the 2014 US Open runner-up said. "I hope it's just the start of my journey, and I hope I can keep going." Eighth seed Stan Wawrinka made up for lost time as he blew away Frenchman Gilles Simon 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 to set up a last eight encounter with either fellow Swiss Federer or Monfils.

Two of the scheduled women's fourth-round matches were postponed — Sharapova's clash against Czech 13th seed Lucie Safarova and Italian Flavia Pennetta's meeting with Spain's Garbine Muguruza. Those matches will be wedged into Monday's schedule when better weather is expected in the French capital.—Reuters

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Lazio survive missed penalty to take Champions League place

ROME, 1 June — Lazio survived a storming Napoli fightback, including a missed penalty, as they won 4-2 on Sunday to finish third in Serie A and qualify for the Champions League playoff round after both teams finished with 10 men.

Gonzalo Higuain scored twice as Napoli, needing to win to pip Lazio to third spot in coach Rafael Benitez's last game in charge, hit back from 2-0 down at halftime to equalise in a game in which both teams finished with 10 men. Argentine Higuain then had a golden chance to send his team into the Champions League when they were awarded a penalty with 15 minutes left but he fired a wild effort over the bar. Lazio took full advantage as Ogenyi Onazi and Mi-



Lazio's players celebrates at the end of the match against Napoli's in their Serie A soccer match at the San Paolo stadium in Naples, Italy, on 31 May, 2015.

REUTERS

roslav Klose scored in the last five minutes before the silenced Stadio San Paolo emptied with astonishing speed.

Lazio finished their campaign on 69 points, with Fiorentina fourth after a 3-0 win over Chievo and

Napoli on 63.

The final weekend produced 47 goals in 10 games, with Cagliari beating Udinese 4-3, Inter Milan overcoming Empoli by the same score and Torino thrashing Cesena 5-0.

Lazio appeared to be

cruising after Marco Parolo scored with a deflected shot and Antonio Candreva pounced on Kalidou Koulibaly's mistake to send the visitors in 2-0 at halftime.

But Napoli suddenly found belief after Higuain tapped in Jose Callejon's low cross 10 minutes after the restart.

As the hosts increased the pressure, Lazio's Stefan de Vrij denied Dries Mertens an equaliser with a goal-line clearance and the visitors then had Parolo sent off for a second bookable offence in the 62nd minute.

When Mertens cleverly set up Higuain to level two minutes later the momentum was clearly with Napoli but they self-destructed in a manner painfully familiar to their fans.—Reuters

Japanese gov't begins "Super Cool Biz" campaign

TOKYO, 1 June — The Japanese government began its annual "Super Cool Biz" campaign on Monday, encouraging employees to dress casually to help reduce use of air conditioners for energy saving.

The campaign, which allows workers to wear polo shirts, sneakers and even Hawaiian aloha shirts in the office, began in 2011 following the 11 March earthquake and tsunami that triggered the Fukushima nuclear crisis and caused power shortage concerns amid the halt of nuclear power generation in the country.

The campaign running through September is an enhanced version of the "Cool Biz" initiative, which started 11 years ago to allow workers at central government ministries and agencies to work without their usual ties and jackets.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his Cabinet members will wear "kariyushi" — a summer shirt, similar to a Hawaiian shirt, from Okinawa, southern Japan — at a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday to promote the campaign.

Kentaro Ogita, an Environment Ministry official, said in a blue aloha shirt that he felt somewhat embarrassed on his commuter train. "But I admit it is very comfortable and cooler. I recommend this style to everyone," he said.

The ministry will also hold "Super Cool Biz" fashion shows and talk shows across the country as part of efforts to promote the initiative.

The mercury has risen in Japan recently, with the Japan Meteorological Agency forecasting usual summer heat this year.

Kyodo News

Wawrinka bulldozes into French Open last eight

PARIS, 1 June — Swiss eighth seed Stan Wawrinka raced into the French Open quarter-finals by hammering Frenchman Gilles Simon 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 on Sunday.

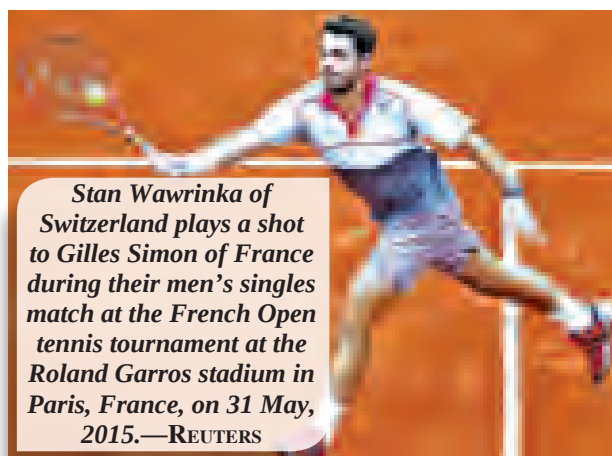
The 12th-seeded Simon was blown away on a windswept court Suzanne Lenglen as 2014 Australian Open champion Wawrinka sprayed the court with winners despite the damp conditions making

the clay court slower.

Wawrinka, who spurred Switzerland to Davis Cup glory with victory over France on clay last November, ended the lopsided contest on his first match point when Simon sent a shot long.

Wawrinka will next face 17-times grand slam champion Roger Federer, or another Frenchman, 13th seed Gael Monfils.

Reuters



Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland plays a shot to Gilles Simon of France during their men's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, on 31 May, 2015.—REUTERS

Enthusiasts to enjoy Myanmar traditional boxing challenges in Kawlin 13-14 June

KAWLIN, 1 June — Min Thiha Kyaw Oo of Min Thiha Club will organize a Myanmar traditional boxing challenges with participa-

tion of renowned boxers from upper and lower Myanmar areas as well as famous boxers from Kawlin Township at the Township Gymnasium in

Kawlin, Sagaing Region, on 13 and 14 June.

Ar Bwa (Min Thiha Club), junior champion Kyaw Swa Win (United), Bo Soe Aung (Swan

Kay Kay), Pa Gyi (Kyaw Ni Oo Club), Shwe Kyar (Sagaing), Min Thiha Star, Moe Lay (Swan Kay), Dana Kyel (Kyaw Moe Oo Club), Min

Thatti (selected boxer at region and state level), Shwe Aung Lan (United), Nyilay Athe Tapwint (Swan Kay Kay), Thein Naing Tun (United), Min Mahar (Min Thiha Club), Min Yar Pyae (Min Thiha), Aung Thu Phyo (Min Thaha Club), Naw Chit

Aung (Swan Kay Kay) and Thet Naing Oo (Kyaw Moe Oo Club) will take part in the challenges.

Tickets for the matches are being sold at K3,000 per head.

Ko Ko Nyein (Kawlin)

Rampant Germany smash eight past Fiji

CHRISTCHURCH, 1 June— Germany cruised to the most comfortable of victories in their FIFA U-20 World Cup opener, beating debutants Fiji 8-1 in Christchurch.

A rampant first-half performance, with Hany Mukhtar and Niklas Stark getting three and two respectively, saw the 1981 winners storm into an unassailable lead, though the Pacific nation's fans did have something to cheer about when Iosefo Verevou claimed an unexpected consolation strike.

Fiji started out in a fashion that they no doubt would have been pretty content with, defending stoutly in the opening stages, though possession was all Germany's. However, with the islanders unable to retain possession, it was little surprise when the deadlock was broken, and those first 18 minutes were not reflective of how the half would continue.

As soon as Stark had converted Marc Kampf's header back across goal the U-19 European champions had a second, with Marc Stendera converting from the penalty spot after Mohammed Khan's handball. Impressive footwork from Grischka Promel saw him fire in at the near post to make it three in five minutes, before Stark headed his second.

Mukhtar opened his account in fine style, curling in from the edge of the area, before he doubled his personal tally following a great burst down the left wing by Julian Brandt. With a half-a-dozen to their name, Frank Wormuth's side were already guaranteed victory, and as a result were lulled into something of a lackadaisical rhythm. They had quite a rude awakening after the break, however.

With only pride to play for, Fiji returned emboldened and following a tortuous first 45 minutes for the Pacific fans, they were given something to cheer. A deep cross saw Verevou peel away from his napping marker, with his header back across goal giving him the title of Fiji's first goal-scorer at a FIFA tournament.

And while the Fijians did all they could to prevent the deficit increasing, with Mukhtar denied his hat-trick thanks to a fine goal-line clearance, substitute Marvin Stefaniak pulled an effort out of the top drawer. After being on for a matter of seconds, he curled a delightful dipping shot over Misiwani Nairube to return some extra shine to the scoreline.

The goals were then rounded off with a second spot-kick, this time handed to Mukhtar so he could finally complete his treble. Germany will expect a sterner test when they face Uzbekistan, while Fiji will hope to pick up their first FIFA points against Honduras.

FIFA



Marc Stendera of Germany scores a goal during the Group E FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015 match between Germany and Fiji at AMI Stadium on 1 June, 2015 in Christchurch, New Zealand.—FIFA

FIFA U-20 World Cup results 31 May, 2015							
Group E	Nigeria	2-4	Brazil	Group F	Germany	8-1	Fiji
	Korea DPR	1-5	Hungary		Uzbekistan	3-4	Honduras

Match Schedules for Tuesday, 2 June 2015 (all times local)									
Group A	Myanmar	-	Ukraine	07:30	Group B	Austria	-	Panama	10:30
	New Zealand	-	USA	13:30		Argentina	-	Ghana	13:30



Musa Yahaya of Nigeria shoots and scores his teams second goal during the FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015 Group E match between Nigeria and Brazil held at Stadium Taranaki on 1 June, 2015 in New Plymouth, New Zealand.—FIFA



Honduras team mates celebrate after scoring a goal during the Group F FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015 match between Uzbekistan and Honduras at AMI Stadium on 1 June, 2015 in Christchurch, New Zealand.—FIFA

Mighty Mervo sinks Korea DPR

NEW PLYMOUTH, 1 June — Hungary shot to the top of FIFA U-20 World Cup Group E thanks to a fabulous showing from hat-trick hero Bence Mervo, seeing his side beat Korea DPR 5-1. The powerful forward was unplayable all night as he tore in the Koreans' back-line, and while An Ye Gun's side briefly drew level they were always second best, with the Europeans pulling out of sight with three second-half goals.

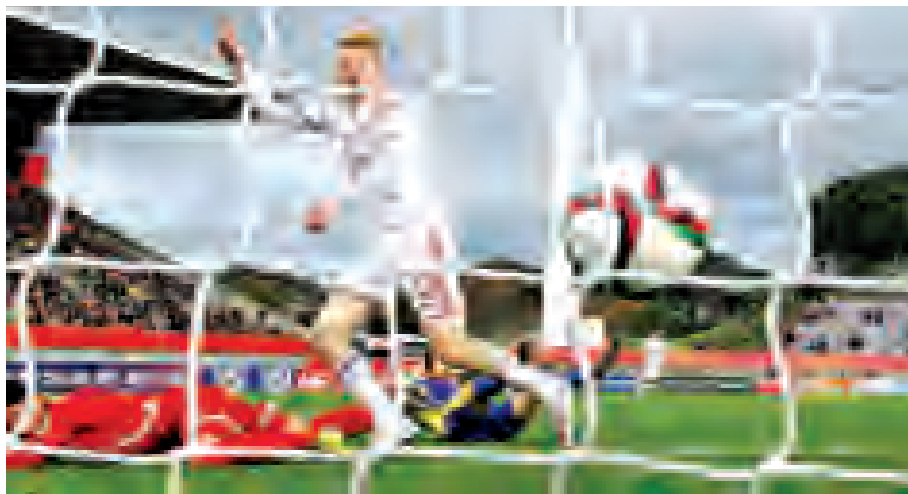
The game began as something of a slow burner, with Hungary in charge but with little penetration. Attila Osvath was first to test Cha Jong Hun in the Korea DPR goal, but the breakthrough came just six minutes later for the Magyars. A poor clearance by captain Kim Kuk Chol allowed Donat Zsoter to swing in a sumptuous cross which Mervo only had to glance into the far corner.

The Koreans were struggling to fashion many chances, but when they did they were invariably from free-kicks launched

into the area, an approach which paid dividends. A high, searching pass found the head of So Jong Hyok. His flick was perfectly into the path of Choe Ju Song who was brave enough to volley beyond the oncoming Gyorgy Szekely. It was parity that held for a matter of seconds, though. Hungary's next foray forward saw Krisztian Tamas charge down the left — where the first goal emanated from —

and Zsolt Kalmar did well to climb highest when surrounded by goalkeeper and defender to reclaim the lead. Korea could have gone in level on terms, with Ju Song spurning a great chance, but after the break the game got away from them. The game was effectively over when the pair who made the first goal combined again superbly. Zsoter plucked the ball out of the air and playing it into the feet of Mervo.

He turned on a sixpence fantastically and slotted it into the corner. An error by Jung Hun made the game safe as he misjudged a bouncing free-kick to allow David Forgacs to head into an empty net, but icing on the cake came as Mervo completed his treble. Picking the ball up in the area he danced around Jong Hun with sublimely quick feet, before curling in from a tight angle.—FIFA



Zsolt Kalmar of Hungary celebrates scoring his teams second goal during the FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015 Group E match between Korea DPR and Hungary held at Stadium Taranaki on 1 June, 2015 in New Plymouth, New Zealand.—FIFA