

Myanmar deploying all diplomatic means with country concerned through diplomatic channel to send boat people back to place of origin

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued a press release on boat people Wednesday. The following is the full text of the press release.

Press Release

1. Myanmar is making serious efforts to prevent human smuggling and illegal migration while Myanmar Navy and Air Force are regularly patrolling its territorial water. On 21 May 2015, during patrolling, Myanmar Navy found a boat with 208 people and rescued them on humanitarian ground. They are given temporally shelters at Taung Pyo (Let Wai), Rakhine State.
2. In order to send them back to their place of origin expeditiously, the findings from the verification process were sent to the Bangladeshi side through diplomatic channel. According to the procedures, consular access was permitted to the Bangladeshi side to make necessary verification based on the verification results of the Myanmar side.
3. Also on 29 May 2015, while Myanmar Navy was on duty patrolling for the safety of territorial water, they spotted a suspicious fishing vessel located at south-

east of Pyapon Township of Ayeyawady Region. On the boat, 734 men, women and children were found. In order for them to return back to their original place, women and children are kept at temporary places near Taung Pyo (Let Wai) and the remaining people are kept at temporary shelters near Boundary Pillar No. 37 from Bangladesh border, north of Taung Pyo (Let Wai) on humanitarian ground.

4. Myanmar is deploying all diplomatic means with the country concerned through diplomatic channel to send the boat people back to their place of origin.

5. On 3 June 2015, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received the Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar, at Nay Pyi Taw. During the discussion, the Union Minister said that Myanmar is providing temporary shelters to the boat people on humanitarian grounds and urged the Bangladeshi side to expeditiously receive back the people who are given temporary shelters after completing the verification process. The Bangladeshi Ambassador said his government has given priority on the

matter and as bilateral relations between the two countries are flourishing, necessary preparations are being carried out expeditiously. He also replied that the repatriation process will begin on 7 June 2015.

6. Officials from the Embassy of People's Republic of Bangladesh in Yangon and Bangladesh Consulate in Sittwe will begin consular access on 4 June 2015 to the above-mentioned rescued people who are given temporary shelters.

7. While the Government of Myanmar is protecting the interests of its people as well as the interests of the country in the international community, arrangements are being made to send the rescued boat people back to their place of origin by taking serious consideration on the matter on humanitarian grounds.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
June 3, 2015

UN special envoy calls on ethnic leaders to get ceasefire, political dialogue started as soon as possible

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 3 June—Real trust and progress in Myanmar can be brought about by ethnic rebel leaders jointly implementing a ceasefire accord with the government and starting a credible political dialogue, Mr. Vijay Nambiar, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's special adviser on Myanmar, said Tuesday.

Calling on the ethnic leaders to negotiate a ceasefire and political dialogue as soon as possible in his speech delivered at the opening of the Ethnic Armed Organizations Summit, Nambiar pointed out that a nationwide ceasefire is only the first step and political dialogue is the only way forward in Myanmar.

"The success of reforms in Myanmar will depend on a sustained peace



Mr. Vijay Nambiar, UNSG's special adviser on Myanmar, addresses opening of a conference of ethnic armed organizations in Law Khee Lar, Kayin State on Tuesday. PHOTO: CREDIT TO KIC

in the country. Every transition is deeply difficult and fraught with setbacks, but we cannot wait until everything is perfect. We

cannot allow the best to become the enemy of the good. If we do that we may get neither peace nor democracy", he said.

"The simple point is that the future of Myanmar rests in your hands", he added.

Nambiar continued,

"The current government has made some promises that have long been asked for by ethnic groups as well as by the international

community. Only by starting the process of a political dialogue can we begin to see if these promises can be delivered."

Nambiar also expressed the view that if the process can be started before the elections and with the support of the international community, there is a greater possibility of ensuring that the post-election government will be willing to commit to it.

With the participation of most ethnic armed groups and observers including from the UN and the People's Republic of China, the five-day summit from 2 June is taking place at Law Khee Lar in Kayin State to seek final approval of a draft peace deal approved by the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team, a coalition of 16 ethnic armed groups, and Union Peace-Making Work Committee, the government's negotiating team, late March in Yangon.

GNLM

MIC refuses to comment on Myakyunthar Park project in Yangon

YANGON, 3 June—Myanmar Investment Commission does make any remark on the Myakyunthar Park project which is under public criticism and media coverage recently.

The Deputy Director General Daw Cho Cho Win of MIC said the commission does not intervene in the land rental prices,

but issue permits for a suitable period.

Daw Cho Cho Win said, in an interview, that land lease permit in Myanmar is now 50 consecutive years and it can be extended by 10 years two times, totally 70 years, depending on the type of business after the two laws of the Foreign Investment Law in 2012 and the Myanmar

Citizens Investment Law in 2013 were enacted.

She also said any proposal was not submitted to MIC for the park development project, adding that it is a lawful option for investor.

The deputy director general noted that any proposal to MIC will be considered on the facts of employment opportunities,

industrial technology and environmental impacts.

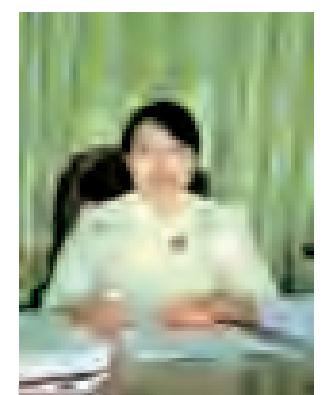
She added the Myakyunthar Park project is reportedly known that it is under the management of Yangon City Development Committee, and that the commission does not make any comment on this project.

She also said MIC is facilitating the investors

through one-stop-service after scrutinizing the investments not to damage social, cultural and environmental situations of the country.

The Ministry of Defence owned the park until 2012, and it was transferred to YCDC in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Khin Maung Htwe,
Win Win Maw



Daw Cho Cho Win, Deputy Director-General of Myanmar Investment Commission.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw

Security forces on right track to fight against illegal trade



Deputy Governor U Set Aung of the Central Bank Myanmar.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June — Union Commerce Minister U Win Myint said on Wednesday the illegal trade control measures of mobile teams are being taken in collaboration with Myanmar Police Force, navy and Air Force.

MP U Than Myint of Salingyi Township constituency made a query about the government's plans to enforce safety measures for the staff controlling illegal trade, and educative programmes to be aware of the danger of illegally imported food items.

The commerce minister said security measures for the members of mobile teams are being taken by 27 officers and 98 members of various ranks from MPF.

He added that the ministry has promoting trade and awareness on food safety measures in states/regions in collaboration with the respective minis-



Union Commerce Minister U Win Myint.—MNA

tries and other organizations by educating students and teachers, as well as school vendors to ensure food safety at schools.

MP U Than Win from Taungdwingyi constituency asked the impacts of exchange rate fluctuation on the country.

Deputy Governor U Set Aung of the Central Bank Myanmar said Myanmar has varieties of exchange rate, in addition to illegal exchange rate market as in other countries. He also added that currency rates in Myanmar and other countries have declined as the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States has increased its interest rate in 2014. He noted that the Central Bank of Myanmar is controlling local currency rate by addressing illegal monetary market.

Pyithu Hluttaw then approved the amendment bill on the Union Election Commission Law.—MNA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw

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New Society Party allowed to register as political party

The Union Election Commission announced Wednesday that New Society Party headquartered at No. 106/208 at the corner of Myanma Gonyi and 91st streets in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region, has been allowed to register as a political party as of 3 June 2015 in line with Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

The party's registration number is 85.

By order,

(Tin Tun)
Secretary

Union Election Commission

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw suspends approval for bill amendment of Myanmar Mining Law

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced suspension to approve the bill amendment of Myanmar Mining Law at the 54th-day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Wednesday.

The Joint Bill Committee submitted a report that the Condominium Bill was amended with 31 points and 17 points of some MPs. Their amendments may directly serve the interest of the people. Thus, the joint bill committee needs to take time for holding coordination to improve the bill.—MNA



Representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw highlight bill amendment of Myanmar Mining Law and Condominium Bill.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw

Tax exemption on school bus imports concerned with Union government



Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June — Tax exemption on the import of school buses can only be allowed by the approval of Union government, said Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan to Amyoth Hluttaw on Wednesday.

MP Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon region constituency 4 urged the Ministry of Commerce for tax exemption on school bus and prohibition of private cars to send children to schools.

Dr Pwint Hsan said tax

exemption scheme is a possibility with the approval of Union government under the maritime custom law on trades and the custom law, adding that the Custom Department will have to incur the 5 percent commerce tax and the 2 percent advance income tax for every unit of school buses.

He also said there is no plan to prohibit private cars for being used to send children to schools.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe, also the secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee, read out the report of Pyithu Hluttaw to Amyotha Hluttaw on the amendment bill on referendum law to modify the 2008 State constitution.

The report said temporary national registration card holders are ineligible for voting rights and that the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw should be confirmed.

U Sai Paung Nap of Shan state constituency 12 and Daw Khin Waing Kyi

of Yangon region constituency 1 suggested the bill on conservation of ancient buildings.

Amyoth Hluttaw Bill Committee decided the suggestions of parliamentarians.—MNA

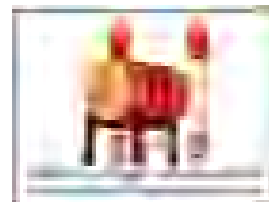
Information for Public Remonstration

1. Eastern Shan State Development Democratic Party, headquartered at No 1/A on Tachilek Road, Hokhon Block, Ward 3, Kengtung, Shan State, has submitted its application for the registration as a political party to the Union Election Commission on 3 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 Eastern Shan State Development Democratic Party



Emblem of Eastern Shan State Development Democratic Party



Union Election Commission

Eastern Shan State Development Democratic Party applies for registration as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—The Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing the applications for registrations as a political party. Eastern Shan State Development Democratic Party applied for registration as a political party to the UEC on Wednesday.—MNA

National & Int'l organizations urged to exercise great care to avoid creating misconceptions about Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann sent a letter to UN Secretary-General and UN Security Council Chairman Mr Ban Ki Moon dated 3 June 2015. The following is the full text of the letter.



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H.E. Ban Ki Moon
United Nations Security Council
New York
Your Excellency,

I would like to appeal to the Security Council of the United Nations to be just and fair in its pronouncements and actions with regard to Myanmar, which is in the

process of implementing democratic reforms.

In addressing the issues of human trafficking and boat people, we would request that national and international organizations exercise great care to avoid creating misconceptions about our country and aggravating communal tensions and conflict. Keeping in mind the peace and security of the whole world, including Myanmar, the international community needs to adopt an objective and impartial approach. In the interests of consolidating Myanmar's endeavours to achieve democracy and peace, the country's sovereignty and the characteristics of its nationalities should be kept in mind. May the United Nations Organization enhance its dignity and prestige through a positive approach that takes into consideration all facets of the situation.

May I assure you, Excellency of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

H.E. Thura U Shwe Mann
Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Pyithu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Cocogyun, a strategic location in the south of Myanmar, has lagged behind other places despite regional development projects carried out by successive governments, admitted Commander-in-Chief of Defence Service Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting in Cocogyun on Wednesday.

The town had its airport expanded in 2012, with the senior general saying that the army aircraft and vessels are used to ensure smooth commutations for the local people.

"The Yangon Region government also fulfills the requirements of water and electricity supplies," he said.

He stressed the importance of healthy and educated human resources,



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views progress of construction tasks on Cocogyun Township.—MYAWADY

noting that the destiny of the nation largely depends on education and calling for harmonious efforts for the development of the region.

Yangon Region Chief

Minister U Myint Swe briefed on ongoing development measures for the region, urging the army to make continuous commitment to development tasks.

The senior general and high-ranking officials presented computers, periodicals, notebooks, sports gear and foodstuffs.

The command-

er-in-chief inspected the construction of retaining walls to prevent annual coastal erosion. He also visited the construction site of a Jetty in the region, a

project being undertaken by the military engineering battalion in cooperation with the maritime universities of Myanmar and Japan.

Myawady



Daw Yin Yin Myint presents her Credentials to German President

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Daw Yin Yin Myint, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany, presented her Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Joachim Gauck, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, on 19 May 2015 in Berlin.—MNA

U Thit Linn Ohn presents his Credentials to Mongolian President

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—U Thit Linn Ohn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Mongolia, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Elbegdorj Tsakhiagiin, President of Mongolia, on 26 May 2015 in Ulaanbaatar.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Soe Win meets Director of Directorate of Joint Intelligence of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win received Director of Directorate of Joint Intelligence Lieutenant General Seehanart Wongsaroj of the Royal Thai Armed Forces at Zeyathiri Guest House, here, on Wednesday.

They discussed further strengthening friendly ties between two armed forces of Myanmar and Thailand, and cooperation and exchange of information between the two countries not to cause border problems.

Also present at the meeting were Chief of



Vice-Senior General Soe Win holds talks with Director of Directorate of Joint Intelligence Lieutenant General Seehanart Wongsaroj of the Royal Thai Armed Forces.—MYAWADY

the General Staff (Army, Htay Win and Lt-Gen Mya Commander-in-Chief Navy and Air) General Hla Tun Oo of the office of the (Army).—Myawady

Illegal goods incinerated in Muse

MUSE, 3 June — A ceremony to incinerate illegally imported foodstuffs and other prohibited products was held in a paddy field in Swansaw Ward, Muse, northern Shan State, on 2 June.

A mobile team seized inappropriate foodstuffs, fertilizers, beer, soft drinks and personal goods worth K34 million.

Ko Mong (IPRD)



Course aims to improve standard of primary teaching



NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—More than 80 primary teachers completed a course Tuesday aimed at improving their classroom knowledge at Basic Education High School in Kyitaungkan Village, Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Ottara District Education Officer U Ba Tun presented certificates to the teachers following a speech by Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Education Officer U Soe Win.

Altogether 89 primary teachers attended the special course from 27 April to 2 June.

Shwe Ye Yint



Local farmers encouraged to grow poppy-alternative crops

MONGSHU, 3 June—As part of efforts to combat narcotic drugs, a ceremony to distribute seeds for poppy-alternative crops to local farmers was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Mongshu, Shan State, on 1 June.

Township departmental officials distributed seeds for Paethwe hybrid paddy, maize and sunflower, as well as 38,115 tea saplings to local farmers for cultivation season.

The attendees to the ceremony viewed magazines and photos displayed by Township Information and Public Relations Department in commemoration of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

Win Min Thant-Township IPRD

Rainy season damage restricts buses on Kalewa-Yagyi Road

KALAY, 3 June — Poor road conditions have been hampering the movement of vehicles on Kalewa-Yagyi Road, a major thoroughfare for express buses, since the start of rainy season.

The road section between Metme and Kyaw villages has been damaged year after year in rainy season, forcing express buses onto Gangaw-Pontaung Ponnya Road.

Built in 2000, the 135-mile-long Kalewa-Yagyi-Monywa Road links western Sagaing Re-

gion and northern Chin State. The 23-mile-long Kalay-Kalewa road section was built as part of the India-Myanmar friendship road in 1997.

“The previous government built the Kalewa-Yagyi Road for development of Chin hill region and Kabaw plain. As the road will be connected with the ASEAN Highway and Asian Highway, (the government) should place emphasis on maintenance of the road,” a local resident said.

Linlet Kyel Sin



New bridge in Kyauktan Tsp nears completion



KYAUKTAN, 3 June — A bridge linking Nyaungwaing and Panchaung villages across Hmawwun Creek in Kyauktan Township, Yangon South District, is nearing completion.

The 900-foot-long reinforced concrete bridge can withstand a 60-ton load. It is 90 feet wide and has a water clearance of 15 feet. The government has spent K4.4 billion on construction of the bridge.

Aung Swe (Shwe Tada)

LOCAL NEWS

Photographers get opportunity to show skills

MANDALAY, 3 June — Photographers will have the opportunity to gain exposure for their work and win prize money in an upcoming competition in Mandalay.

The Café Inle Photo Contest 2015 was launched at a press conference at the cafe in Chanayethazan Township on 2 June.

The contest is being run by the Upper Myanmar Photographers Association in conjunction with the café, with entries to be submitted by 12 September.

Selected photographers will be in the running for cash prizes including K500,000 for the winner.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Local authorities and police officers together with locals erect signboards in anti-drug campaign in Mandalay.



Billboards erected in anti-drug campaign

MANDALAY, 3 June — Signboards warning of the dangers of narcotics were erected on 1 and 2 June to coincide with the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Aungmyethazan Township.

Authorities and local people erected posters in Nyaunggwe, Minte Ekin, Thiri Marlar, Thiri Manda-

lar bus terminal and Patheingyi township.

The ceremonies were attended by Commander of Mandalay District Police Force Police Lt-Col Sein Tun, Police Major DD Yaw Han of No 17 Anti-Drug Police Squad, Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Ko Ko Latt and officials.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



A Myanmar hockey team led by President U Htin Zaw Win and General Secretary U Khin Maung Latt of Myanmar Hockey Federation seen at Yangon International Airport on 3 June before departure for Singapore to take part in the 28th SEA Games.

REPORTER THAN SWE (PABEDAN)



Bronze bell placed in precinct of Shwetaungsar Pagoda in Dawei

DAWEI, 3 June — A 12-foot-high bronze bell was placed in the grounds of the Shwetaungsar Pagoda in Dawei, Taninthayi Region, after being transported from a foundry in Mandalay.

A heavy machinery team from Thailand fixed the bell, named Maha Wizaya Khemathitala Neik-

butagawtha, in position a day after it was paraded around villages and wards in Dawei Township.

The bell, decorated with a Lawkanat statue and traditional Myanmar handicrafts, resembles the bell of King Thayawady from the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon.

Po Shwe Thun (Dawei)



Myawady District's deputy commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo and officials seen in front of signboard hailing World Environment Day which falls on 5 June 2015 at Basic Education High School No 1 in Myawady on 2 June.

THUZAR (MYAWADY TOWN)

Football tournament puts spotlight on emerging players

MANDALAY, 3 June — An inter-club tournament bringing together 36 teams from across Mandalay Region kicked off Tuesday at Bahtoo Stadium.

The Thanlwin Myanmar Cup men's tournament, organized by the Mandalay Region Football Subcommittee, aims to identify emerging local players.

The clubs from Man-

dalay, Amarapura, PyinOoLwin and Madaya townships will play matches at Shwemantaung, Aungmyay Mandalay and Bahtoo stadiums in Mandalay.

Ahmar-1 trounced Angry Boys 12-0 in the opening match of the tournament. First-round matches will continue until 19 June.

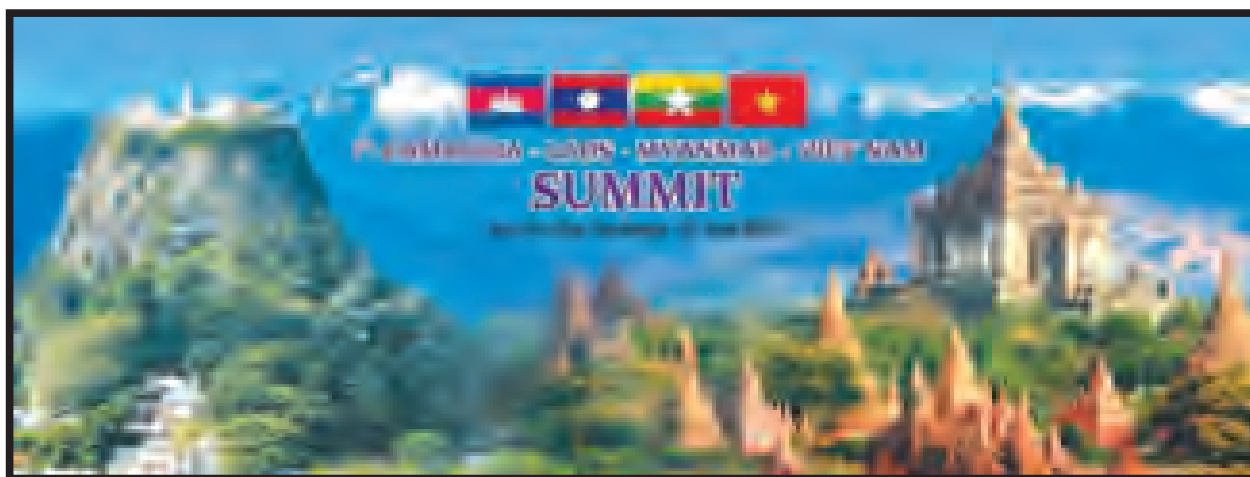
Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Seven Myanmar golfers to take part in SEA Games

YANGON, 3 June — Myanmar Golf Federation has selected four men and three women golfers for taking part in the 28th SEAN Games to be hosted by Singapore. The golf tournament in the SEA Games will be held from 9 to 12 June. Myanmar golfers will participate in the tournament in groups and individuals.

Myanmar golfer team is constituted with Maung Maung Oo, Sithu Ye Yint, Phone Pyae Chan Han, Hein Sithu, Yin May Myo, May Oo Khaing and Phu Pwint Yati Khaing.—GNLM





Singapore offers Indonesia aid to combat transboundary haze

SINGAPORE, 3 June — Singapore is renewing its offer of assistance to Indonesia to fight against land and forest fires which could lead to transboundary haze, the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources said on Wednesday.

In the new package, Singapore will deploy one C-130 aircraft for cloud seeding operations; up to two C-130 aircraft to ferry a fire-fighting assistance team

from the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF); a team from SCDF to provide assessment and planning assistance to Indonesian counterparts in their fire-fighting efforts as well as a Chinook helicopter with one SCDF water bucket for aerial fire-fighting.

The new package is the same as last year, local media said.

The Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources said the government

has been offering assistance packages to the Indonesian government from June to October since 2005 to work with its neighbours to fight against possible land and forest fires, adding that the El Nino phenomenon this year may cause drier weather, which could exacerbate the impact of transboundary haze.

Singapore has been suffering from transboundary haze for decades, with the city-state's air pollution

index soared to a record high in June 2013. The haze was mainly caused by forest fires in neighbouring Indonesia.

To combat the air pollution, Singapore has rolled out the Transboundary Haze Pollution Bill last year, saying that companies that cause haze in Singapore by setting fires on their land will face a maximum fine of up to 2 million Singapore dollars (1.61 million US dollars).—Xinhua

Beijing's largest coal-fired boiler house retired

BEIJING, 3 June — The largest coal-fired boiler house in urban Beijing was shut down on Tuesday, as part of the government's plan to cut pollution in the capital city.

The boiler house, which has four boilers with a total capacity of 80 tons of vapor per hour, accounts for over a fifth of the total coal-fired boiler capacity in

urban Beijing and provides heating for a rail equipment manufacturing company and 20,000 local residents.

The boiler house, located near the famous Marco Polo bridge in Fengtai District, will be replaced with three gas-fired boilers before November, when the city's centrally controlled heating is turned on for the winter.

The boiler house used 40,000 tons of coal and emitted 54 tons of sulfur dioxide, 57 tons of nitric oxide, 45 tons of dust and 1 ton of volatile organic compounds per year.

Beijing plans to close all coal-fired boilers in urban areas by the end of this year, according to a government work plan released in April.

Of the four major coal-fired power plants in Beijing, three have been closed so far and the last is scheduled to be closed next year. They will be replaced with four gas-fired power plants.

Beijing is aiming to limit annual coal consumption to 15 million tons in 2015 and 10 million tons in 2017.—Xinhua

Indonesia raises volcano status to top alert over increasing activity

JAKARTA, 3 June — Indonesian authorities have raised the alert status of a volcano on Sumatra Island to the highest level due to its increasing activity that may lead to a major eruption, the country's volcanology agency said on Wednesday.

In a Press statement, the Volcanology and Geo-

logical Disaster Mitigation Agency based in the West Java provincial capital of Bandung said that in the past two days, the activity of Mt Sinabung in North Sumatra Province has continued to increase drastically.

The agency said the lava dome has reached more than 3 million cu-

bic metres in volume and has been unstable. "The continuous growth of the lava dome will potentially cause lava flows and hot clouds that threaten the southern and southeastern areas on the slopes of the volcano," it said.

"Based on visual monitoring and potential danger of Mt Sinabung, the status of the volcano has been raised from Level 3 to Level 4 from 11 pm on Tuesday," it added.

In a related development, Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, spokesman of the Jakar-

ta-based National Disaster Mitigation Agency, said the agency has recommended the evacuation of residents living within a radius of 7 kilometres from the dome and the relocation of those living in seven villages on the slopes of the volcano.

Sutopo said coordination has been done with related institutions to deal with possible situations that may happen if the volcano erupts.

The 2,460-metre volcano has continuously erupted since September 2013. In February 2014, 16 people were killed from an eruption just after evacuated residents had been allowed to return home due to decreasing scope of eruption.

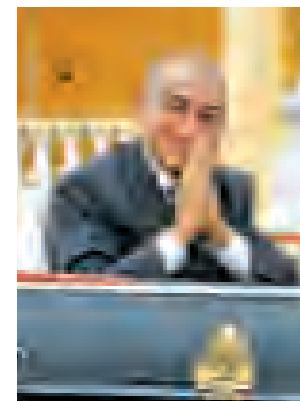
Kyodo News

Cambodian king awarded honorary title by Japanese Buddhist sect

PHNOM PENH, 3 June — Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni on Wednesday was given an honorary title by a Japanese Buddhist sect for his efforts in spreading Buddhism in the world.

The awarding ceremony was held in Cambodia's Royal Palace by Nenbutsushu Buddhist Sect of Japan in the presence of Buddhist monk leaders from Cambodia, Japan, Mongolia and Singapore.

The certificate of the honorary title signed by sect founding priest Kyuse Enshinjo called King Sihamoni a devout Buddhist who is admired for his propagation of Buddhism.



Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni

"His Majesty with the heart of high integrity is the ideal for all Buddhists in the world. In this 21st century, the period full of confusion, His Majesty is and will be a great torch of hope, brightly illumining the way to propagate Buddhism, the religion that brings true peace to the world," it said.

The ceremony included a parade in front of the Royal Palace by thousands of people including Buddhist monks, government officials, civil servants and well wishers, during which the honorary title certificate was displayed on a golden bird-shaped float.

The award was presented less than a year after King Sihamoni attended the sixth World Buddhist Summit in Japan in December last year.

Speaking at the ceremony, the king called Buddhism "a right guidance that brings all of us to live in serenity, happiness, peace, and progress." Some 90 percent of Cambodia's 15 million people are Buddhists.

Kyodo News

CARICOM, India meet to further cooperation

KINGSTON, 3 June — The regional bloc the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and India held a meeting in Georgetown, Guyana on Tuesday to further their collaboration under a joint commission.

The CARICOM-India Joint Commission is a mechanism for dialogue between the two parties to enhance cooperation in the political, economic, environmental, health, scientific and technical areas.

Though the agreement to initiate the commission was signed in 2003, the two sides had never met under the mechanism over the past 12 years.

In his opening remarks, India's Vice Foreign Minister Ramachandran Swaminathan praised the longstanding relationship between his country and the CARI-

COM, saying ties have been strengthened by mutually beneficial co-operation agreements and cricket. CARICOM Secretary-General Irwin LaRocque said that India was an important partner for the Caribbean states and has well established its presence in the region.

"This meeting allows us to exchange views and to enhance bilateral collaboration in various fields and issues on the international stage. It will further the scope of collaboration and also pave the way for regular political exchanges at a higher level," he said.

He also said he wants the CARICOM and India to work together on climate change, and expressed his sympathy over the death of more than 2,000 Indians as a result of the ongoing unusual heat wave.—Xinhua



The new lava lobe at Sinabung on 23 May.

WORLD

Japanese Diet enacts law to fully privatize JR Kyushu

TOKYO, 3 June — Japan's Diet on Wednesday enacted a law to fully privatize Kyushu Railway Co that serves Japan's southwestern main island.

The House of Councillors, or the upper house, passed a bill to revise the 1986 law governing Japan Railways companies following its approval by the House of Representatives last month.

Kyushu Railway, known as JR Kyushu, was established through the breakup of the deficit-ridden state-run Japanese National Railways into one freight railway and six passenger operators in April 1987.

The government earlier decided to privatize JR Kyushu, judging that it has come to secure stable business results in the fields of real estate and hotels, although it is still struggling in the railway business.

The government is considering listing the stock of JR Kyushu in fiscal 2016 starting in April next year.

JR Kyushu, which operates the Kyushu Shinkansen bullet train service, will be the fourth JR group company to be fully privatized following East Japan Railway Co, known as JR East, Central Japan Railway Co or JR Central, and West Japan Railway



Japan's parliament enacts a law on 3 June, 2015, to fully privatize Kyushu Railway Co., known as JR Kyushu, that serves the country's southwestern main island. — KYODO NEWS

Co or JR West.

Under the revised law, JR Kyushu is allowed to use some 387.7 billion yen (\$3.1 billion) in management stabilization funds previously received from the government.

The funds will be used for such purposes as payment of facility usage fees

for the Kyushu Shinkansen and repayment of borrowings.

The revised law also allows JR Kyushu not to seek government approval of its business plans, the selection of executives and long-term loans from financial institutions.

Kyodo News

Police serve man with new arrest warrant over Tokyo drone case

TOKYO, 3 June — Tokyo police served a 40-year-old man with a fresh arrest warrant on Wednesday on suspicion of illegally modifying warning flares mounted on a drone which he flew onto the roof of the prime minister's office in April.

The man, Yasuo Yamamoto, was earlier indicted on a charge of ob-

structing work at the prime minister's office over the drone incident.

Yamamoto, a former Air Self-Defence Force member, is alleged to have maneuvered the drone during predawn hours on 9 April to the roof. The drone was found on 22 April before he turned himself in to police on 24 April. He was

indicted on 15 May.

The drone was mounted with two modified warning flares as well as a small camera and a plastic container including sand contaminated with radioactive cesium, according to the police.

The warning flares had no trace of having been fired.—*Kyodo News*

S Korea fires ballistic missile capable of hitting entire N Korea

SEOUL, 3 June — South Korean President Park Geun-hye on Wednesday watched the flight test of a guided ballistic missile capable of striking anywhere in North Korea, according to South Korea's presidential office.

"The Agency for Defence Development technically proved through this flight test the improved capability of a ballistic missile capable of swiftly striking any place in the entire North

Korea with accuracy in case of North Korea's military attack or provocation," it said in a statement.

The flight test was held at Taean, South Chungcheong Province, on South Korea's west coast.

The statement did not provide details on the flight test, but domestic media reported the missile has a range of at least 500 kilometres. In recent years, North Korea has heightened tensions in the region with

ballistic missile tests and rocket firings. North Korea said last month that its long-range missiles have now acquired the highest accuracy rate and it has already succeeded in miniaturizing nuclear warheads.

On 9 May, North Korea announced for the first time that it had successfully test-fired a ballistic missile from a submarine, saying the missile was a newly developed one.

Kyodo News

N Korea refuses to rejoin 6-party nuclear talks

SEOUL, 3 June — North Korea has refused to rejoin the long-stalled six-party talks aimed at achieving its denuclearization, South Korean media reported on Wednesday, citing a German lawmaker who met with top North Korean officials earlier this week.

"North Korean officials mainly cited the US' attitude as the reason and

said they would not sit at the table for six-party talks," Hartmut Koschik, head of the German-North Korean friendship association, said in an interview with *Yonhap News Agency* on Tuesday.

He visited North Korea for five days through Monday before coming to South Korea on a tour of Asia. In Pyongyang, Ko-

schik met with top North Korean officials, including Kim Jong Nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, and Vice Foreign Minister Kung Sok Ung.

"In our meetings with them, we got the impression that we are faced with a firm position," he was quoted as saying.

Kyodo News

Relatives, politicians call on Iran to free detained Americans

WASHINGTON, 3 June — A senior US congressman on Tuesday accused the Iranian government of spitting in America's face by holding US citizens while negotiating an end to sanctions in return for curbing its nuclear programme.

At a House of Representatives committee hearing, relatives of three detained Americans, Saeed Abedini, Amir Hekmati and *Washington Post* reporter Jason Rezaian, said they should not be forgotten in the effort to seal a nuclear deal with Iran by a 30 June deadline.

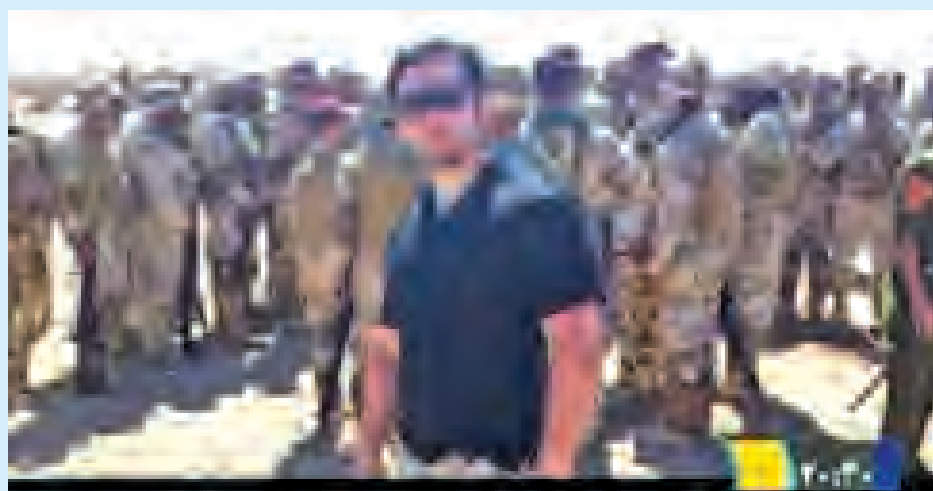
The House Foreign Affairs Committee passed a resolution calling on Iran to immediately release the three and to provide information about Robert Lev-

inson, an American missing in Iran since 2007. Committee Chairman Ed Royce, a Republican, said the detentions showed Iran's "contempt" for the United States.

"If top Iranian officials cannot be counted on to assist these wrongfully jailed Americans, can they be counted on to honour the commitments they make at the negotiating table?" he asked.

Eliot Engel, the senior committee Democrat, said that while the cases should not be tied in with the nuclear talks, it would be "ludicrous and outrageous" to have a deal with Iran that did not include freeing the Americans.

"I feel so angry that at a time when we are sitting with Iran ... to discuss a new arrangement between our



Iranian-American Amir Mirza Hekmati, who has been sentenced to death by Iran's Revolutionary Court on the charge of spying for the CIA, stands with Iraqi soldiers in this undated still image taken from video in an undisclosed location made available to Reuters TV on 9 Jan, 2012. — REUTERS

two countries ... they continue to poke us in the eye and continue to spit in our face," Engel said.

This was especially so given what he called the on-

going "show trial" on espionage charges the *Washington Post*'s Jason Rezaian, he said. Sarah Hekmati, whose brother Amir, a former US Marine, was arrested in Au-

gust 2011 while visiting his grandmother in Teheran, said her father was suffering from terminal brain cancer and had several strokes in the last year.

"Our father holds on hoping to hold Amir in his arms again, but fearful that he will not," she said. Amir Hekmati was convicted of spying for the Central Intelligence Agency, a charge relatives and Washington deny.

Current and former US officials have acknowledged that Levinson was a source for the CIA when he disappeared in 2007 from Kish Island, an Iranian resort in the Gulf. Abedini, an Iranian-American Christian pastor, was sentenced to eight years in prison in 2013 on charges of undermining Iran's national security by setting up home-based Christian churches in Iran.

Reuters



Thursday, 4 June, 2015

Smiling spreads happiness and health

By Aung Khin

The most famous feature of the world's most famous painting, the Mona Lisa, is her smile. A natural smile can light up a room, making those around feel happiness and comfort.

Myanmar people are famous for their hospitality and friendliness. Despite this, some workers dealing with the public, especially at government agencies, hardly smile at people, greeting them in-

stead with a frown.

Discontent over social or financial affairs might be behind their lack of a smile. However, they need to learn to smile, as it can raise their spirits and in turn make others around them happy.

Through practice, smiling can become effortless. A wholehearted smile, which appears in the eyes, is infectious.

Myanmar is increasingly exposed to the international community as the country promotes its tourism industry and business ties with foreign countries. However, many staff at government agencies, and even many at private firms, lack heartfelt smiles.

Genuine smiles can act as a tourist attraction. Smiles can reduce feelings of stress and depression in others. Anatomically speaking, a smile is a complex mechanism involving a collection of facial mus-

cles and a variety of signals and chemicals in the brain that influence emotion. More staff, especially those in the service sector, must learn to smile automatically. When the habit is developed, they will uplift their own mood and that of others, becoming more productive at work and improving their relationships, as smiling can help develop social and personal connections.

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MODEL LEADERSHIP

Kyi Mun

Not the cry, but the flight of the wild duck prompts the flock to fly and to follow.

- A Chinese Proverb

Model, here, means: Someone you should imitate because of their good qualities or behavior. e.g. *as a politician, she was a model of integrity and decency*. Role model: Someone that you try to copy because they have qualities you would like to have. e.g. *A woman teacher can become a role model for female students*.

Leadership, here, means: (1) The position of being the person who directs or controls a team, organization, country. e.g. *Burns took over the leadership of the party*. (2) The quality of being good at leading a team, organization, country, etc. *Someone with vision and leadership*. (3) The position of being in front of others in a competition: *the company's leadership in robot technology*; (4) All the people who lead a group, organization, etc. e.g. *the party leadership are in agreement on this matter*.

The Model Leadership is characterized with the traits of 10-P's as follows:

P = Providing Vision, Values & Strategy

P = Philosophy

P = Purpose

P = Policy

P = Proactive Mindset

P = Positive Thinking

P = Peak Performance

P = Productivity & Innovation

P = Poetic

P = Planning, Plotting, Plying, Prevailing, Profiting

❖ **PROVIDING VISION, VALUES & STRATEGY**
Leadership must have what it takes to lead a team, organization or country upward and onward march to victory. It means **leadership must be able to provide the direction and purpose to its followers**. In the business parlance, leadership has got to provide VISION, VALUES and STRATEGY.

VISION means the DREAM FOR THE FUTURE. In other words, VISION means what you want to be in the future or where you want to be in the future.

VALUES, here, means: Your principles about what

is right and wrong, or your ideas about what is important in life. Examples of personal values are: Honesty, Alertness, Endeavour. Some examples of organizational values are: Character, Competence, Commitment, Conviction and Caring.

STRATEGY

STRATEGY IS THE WAYS AND MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE. In other words, Strategy is The PLAN OF ACTION FOR ATTAINING THE GOAL. Strategy is HOW TO GET, and OBJECTIVE is What You Want. To have lunch is your objective, and your choice of the restaurant is the strategy, and your choice of dishes from the menu is the tactic.

❖ **PHILOSOPHY** : Your personal philosophy could be: To Do the Most Good for the Most People. If you are in business, your philosophy could be: To Deliver Best Value to the Customers.

❖ **PURPOSE** : Your personal purpose could be: To Serve the People as a Professional such as a doctor or a teacher. If you are in business, your business purpose could be: To establish Win-Win-Win-Win Relationships with the Customer, With the Employee, and with the Community. Your purpose is your MISSION.

❖ **POLICY**: Your personal policy could be: To establish High Character and High Competency. Your business policy could be: To Put the Customer First.

❖ PROACTIVE MINDSET

Proactive means: Taking the initiative to make the right things happen and to get the right things done. Proactive also means taking responsibility, taking charge, to be in charge, to be in control. Proactive also means initiating an effort in order to get a desired result. Mindset is your way of thinking.

❖ POSITIVE THINKING

Positive means: Sure, Confident, Likely to be Successful, Agreement/ Support, Good/ Useful, Morally good, A common example is: Seeing half a glass of water as HALF FULL instead of HALF EMPTY is POSITIVE THINKING. Another example of positive thinking is:

"I've the blues, because I've no shoes;
Until I saw in the street, a man with no feet."

❖ PEAK PERFORMANCE

Outstanding leaders usually adopt a policy something like the following:

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Nurturing the Young

Nurturing the young is as universal as the domain of the living creatures that bring their off-springs into the world to inhabit it for their lifetime. The beasts of the forest, the birds of the air, the reptiles of the swamps, the fishes of the waters, the creatures of the sea all nurture their young so that they may mature and multiply and carry on their lineage to serve nature's purpose till their demise.

The lions in the wild, most ferocious of the beasts, roam in prides, care for their cubs, guard them against enemies and while young, teach them the arts of survival till they can go off and fend for themselves.

The birds of the air, keep their eggs in their nests warm till they hatch, bring food to their chicks, protect them from the predators and harm, watch them grow, till on their own they can fly away.

The reptiles in their habitat lay their eggs, make sure they are safe from the predators and when the young emerge are not exposed to harm in their search for food and the quest for survival.

The fishes in the water, hatch their eggs in the watery environment promoting the survival of the fingerlings, keep them together from harm, lead them to

their food source and ensure their survival till they can be on their own.

The giants of the sea, the huge fishes and mammals, all in their own way nurture their young so that their lineage may survive the predators and the vagaries of nature till the young can hold their own.

We humans, endowed with superior intellect, higher reasoning and better faculties also nurture and educate our young so that when they attain adulthood they can be on their own.

Why then do some people, when a child is of school age deprive him/her of education that he/she needs for his/her future well being? Some make their children work purportedly because of poverty, thus depriving the right of the child to at least a basic education. In a way the employers of children also deprive adults, of employment opportunities to an extent.

The Government, since it was formed in 2011, has been undertaking extensive measures to reduce poverty and is now also providing free basic education for all. So parents, teachers and members of the community should cooperate to ensure that children are not deprived of their right to education.

Lokethar

Letter to the editor

Sir,

The editorial titled "Nationalism is an infantile disease" on the 30th May, 2015, gave me a terrible shock and an impulse to write this letter. Nationalism means patriotic feeling, not doubt. The President of America, Mr Woodrow Wilson once called it self-determination. It is true that the leaders or politicians of Myanmar aroused national consciousness in our people of yore in the struggle for independence, as you put in.

Have a look at our world history the age of nationalism originated in the 17th or 18th Centuries to the best of my knowledge. Then, the people identified with national

ideas and shaped the national character in a process of constant interaction. Nationalism presents itself a great diversity of forms and aspirations but the same name does not imply the same values and attitude. For this account, a multi-national slate, like Myanmar, the role of nationality not only plays to limit the absolutism but to defend self-government. Here, I can't make out why you only highlight the dangerous side of nationalism and fail to recognize the advantages of nationalism. Indeed, nationalism, the strongest force, should be set at work for the welfare of mankind and the development of our nation along with the practice of tolerance and coexistence.

Yours truly

Maung Shein (Shwe Myaing)



Foresters forecast impacts of climate change

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Climate change causes bad impact on ASEAN counties, especially in coastal areas and hilly regions, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun told the opening ceremony of the 6th ASEAN Social Forestry Network (ASFN) in Inlay Khaungdaing, Shan State, recently.

The conference aims to reduce impacts of climate change and ensure longevity of land, forest, water and marine products so as to develop food suf-

ficiency of the global people, he said.

The 6th conference runs till 3 June, followed by the 9th annual meeting on 4 and 5 June.

After the opening ceremony, the union minister met Global CC advisor Dr Jurgen Blaser, RECOFTC-ASFCC director Dr Tint Lwin Thaung, Head of ASFN Secretariat Ms Sagita Arhidani and Senior Advisor ASFCC Dr Doris Capistrano to discuss matters related to ASEAN Social Forestry Network.

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Union minister views thriving organic vegetable plants

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Organic vegetables and crops are being cultivated on a 900-acre farm in Ottarathiri Township for serving fresh and hygienic foods to the delegates of the 7th CLMV Summit and the 7th ACMECS Meeting to be hosted by Myanmar.

On Tuesday morning, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspected thriving vegetables and seasonal crop plantations, and organic vegetables and fruit showroom.

He viewed processing of Seintalon mango for export by Myanmar Shwe Fruits Company at the 500-ton modern cold storage



of Myanmar New Ayeyar Company.

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Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visits organic vegetable plantations in Ottarathiri Township.—MNA

Union Border Affairs Minister meets Indian, Turkish ambassadors

NAY PYI TAW, 3 June—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Nang Win received Indian Ambassador Mr Gautam Mukhopadhyaya and Turkish Ambassador Mr Murat Yavuz Ates at the ministry, here, on Wednesday.

The union minister held talks on border region development tasks being undertaken in Chin State and Naga Self-Administered Zone with the assistance of India with the Indian ambassador.

The union minister and the Turkish ambassador focused on cooperation in peace and stability and development of Rakhine State.

The ministry has built three more than 200-foot long bridges, 10 prima-

ry schools and eight rural health branches in Naga Self-Administered Zone, five more than 200-foot long bridges, 11 primary schools and nine rural health branches in Chin State with USD 5 million assistance of India for the first time. Moreover, the minister spent USD 5 million provided by India on construction of eight primary schools, two more than 200-foot long bridges, 57/4 miles long earthen road, 1/3 asphalt road in Naga Self-Administered Zone and three primary schools, three more than 300-foot long bridges, one 200-foot-long bridge, one 100-foot-long bridge and a 39-mile-long earthen road in Chin State.

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- The Principle of Objective
- The Principle of Concentration
- The Principle of Offensive
- The Principle of Cooperation
- The Principle of Economy of Force
- The Principle of Security
- The Principle of Surprise
- The Principle of Mobility

It is also essential for the leadership to creatively deploy the following guerrilla tactics:

- Enemy Advance: We Retreat
- Enemy Camp: We Harass
- Enemy Tire: We Attack
- Enemy Retreat: We Pursue

Superior Leadership means All Ends Well That Ends Well.

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Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun speaking at 6th ASEAN Social Forestry Network (ASFN).—MNA

MODEL LEADERSHIP...

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“Prior Planning Plus Preparations Promote Peak Performance.”

Good leadership always strives for perfection. A leadership worth its salts is never satisfied with mediocrity. A superior leadership usually follows:

KAIZEN: Continuous Quality Improvement. Kaizen also means: Everybody can improve anything at any time.

DANTOTSU: You Can Better The Best.

TOTAL QUALITY LEADERSHIP

- Personal & Professional Development
- Interpersonal Development
- Operational Efficiency
- Managerial Effectiveness
- Organizational Productivity.

❖ PRODUCTIVITY & INNOVATION

Productivity means: The rate at which goods are produced, and the amount produced, compared with the work, time and money needed to produce them. It can be stated as:

$$\frac{\text{Output}}{\text{Input}} = \text{Productivity}$$

INNOVATION

Innovation means: A new, better or different idea, method or process, or invention.

Innovation also means: Creativity, which includes invention, is only the starting point for innovation, a necessary but not sufficient condition for it. The business of innovation needs to be managed all the way from the creative inspiration through to a launch-able product or service. Innovation is not restricted to products and services. It might

be internal to business, in the form of new and more effective organizational structures or processes. It could be a new way of marketing or distribution. Innovation must lead to greater, better, faster, more economical or more sustainable RESULTS.

❖ POETIC

It means leaders should be good at POETIC in the following ways:

- **P for Persuading**
- **O for Organizing**
- **E for Enabling**
- **T for Teaching**
- **I for Inspiring**
- **C for Caring**

❖ PLANNING, PLOTTING, PLOYING, PREVAILING, PROFITING

Planning means: setting goals and objectives against the available resources with a deadline or deadlines

Plotting means: Programming the effective steps to be taken to achieve an objective

Ploying means: Devising a clever method of getting an advantage

Prevailing here means Winning in the competition

Profiting means: Gaining growth, progress and prosperity

CONCLUSION

There are FOUR FACTORS OF SUCCESS IN WAR OR COMPETITION, viz. □

- The quality and capability of the leader
- The quality and capability of the followers
- Morale
- Resources

In war or competition, it is very important for the leadership to creatively follow the following Eight Principles of War or Competition:

Labour should run own pro-EU campaign — leadership favourite



Labour Party leadership contender Andy Burnham

LONDON, 3 June — The Labour Party should run its own campaign to persuade Britons to remain inside the European Union, lawmaker Andy Burnham, frontrunner to become the party's new leader, said on Wednesday.

After securing an outright parliamentary election win in May, Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron plans to renegotiate Britain's relationship with Europe before putting its membership of the 28-country bloc to a public vote before the end of 2017.

Cameron has said he wants to stay within a reformed EU, but has not ruled out campaigning for an exit if renegotiation does not yield the changes he wants.

Burnham is most

bookmakers' favourite to succeed Ed Miliband, who resigned after Labour's election defeat. On Wednesday he said the party should run its own 'Yes' campaign rather than a joint campaign with others.

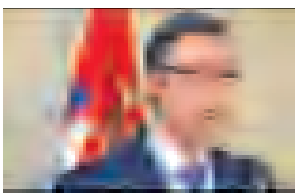
"It is my intention to have a separate 'Labour Yes' campaign," Burnham said in remarks released by his office. "Even though Labour is in a leadership campaign, I am not going to let the EU debate be defined by David Cameron."

Burnham said it was necessary to heed the lessons of last year's Scottish independence referendum, when Labour joined forces with the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats to campaign against Scotland becoming an independent country.

The decision to campaign alongside other parties alienated some of Labour's core voters in Scotland and is seen as a factor behind the rise of the Scottish National Party, which took 40 previously Labour-held seats at the election.

Labour is due to announce its new leader on 12 September.—Reuters

Serbian prime minister confers with US managers



Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic

WASHINGTON / BELGRADE, 3 June — Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic stated after Tuesday's meetings with managers of several US companies that their interest in investing contributes to the acceleration of Serbia's EU integration process and greater political support of the US.

The prime minister conferred with representatives of General Electric on cooperation in the fields of energy, health care, transport and airline industry, reads a statement issued by the Serbian government's press office.

Karan Bhatia, General Electric vice president in charge of international

relations, said that the company is open for new investments in Serbia.

General Electric will be organizing "Sourcing Day" in Serbia on 11 June in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and the Serbian parliament so as to look into the possibilities of launching production in Serbia and including Serbian producers into the chain of General Electric companies, Bhatia said.

The Serbian prime minister also met with managers of ITI and NCR, and representatives of Freeport-McMoRan who informed him about the progress of the Cukaru Peki project of exploitation of copper and gold north from the city of Bor, eastern Serbia. Richard Lev- eille, the company's vice president for global exploration, underlined that the company wants to give an example of a successful foreign investment in Serbia.—Tanjug

Obama signs bill reforming surveillance programme

WASHINGTON, 3 June — President Barack Obama signed into law on Tuesday legislation passed by Congress earlier in the day reforming a government surveillance programme that swept up millions of Americans' telephone records.

Reversing security policy in place since shortly after the 11 September, 2001 attacks, the bill ends a system exposed by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden. The spy agency collected and searched records of phone calls looking for terrorism leads but was not allowed to listen to their content.

Passage of the USA Freedom Act, the result of an alliance between Senate Democrats and some of the chamber's most conservative Republicans, was a victory for Obama, a Democrat, and a setback for Senate Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

After the Senate voted 67-32 on Tuesday to give

final congressional approval to the bill, Obama used his Twitter account, @POTUS, to say he was glad it had passed. "I'll sign it as soon as I get it," the tweet said.

Before voting, senators defeated three amendments proposed by Republican leaders after they reversed themselves and ended efforts to block it. The House of Representatives passed the measure overwhelmingly last month.

In the end, 23 Senate Republicans voted for the Freedom Act, joining 196 who backed it in the House. In a rift between Republicans, who control both chambers, House leaders had warned that amendments proposed by McConnell would be a "challenge" for the House that could delay the bill.

A federal appeals court on 7 May ruled the collection of "metadata" illegal.

The new law would require companies such as Verizon Communications Inc and AT&T Inc, to collect



US President Barack Obama speaks during a town hall meeting with Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Fellows (YSEALI) at the White House in Washington on 1 June, 2015.—REUTERS

and store telephone records the same way that they do now for billing purposes.

But instead of routinely feeding US intelligence agencies such data, the companies would be required to turn it over only in response to a government request approved by the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

The Freedom Act is the first major legislative reform

of US surveillance since Snowden's revelations two years ago this month led to debate over how to balance Americans' distrust of intrusive government with fears of terrorist attacks.

Along with the phone records programme, two other domestic surveillance programs authorized under the 2001 USA Patriot Act have been shut down since Sunday.—Reuters

Canada says no danger posed by US anthrax shipment

OTTAWA, 3 June — The Canadian government confirmed on Tuesday that it received an anthrax sample kit from the US Department of Defence that might have contained live bacterium, but it said there were no reported illnesses.

In a statement, the

Public Health Agency of Canada said it received the sample in August 2006, but that it had not been used for over five years and was relocated to a secure laboratory.

Live anthrax samples were shipped to three laboratories in Canada by a

US military lab, USA Today reported on Monday, following disclosures last week that samples of the bacteria were mistakenly sent to 11 US states and two other countries.

The newspaper cited two Defence Department officials as saying the sam-

ples sent to Canada came from the Dugway Proving Ground in Utah, where the other samples appear to trace back to as well. It is one of the US military labs responsible for inactivation and shipping of biological material.

Reuters

Greece will not pay IMF on Friday without prospect of a deal — lawmaker

ATHENS, 3 June — Greece will not make a 5 June repayment to the International Monetary Fund if there is no prospect of an aid-for-reforms deal with its international creditors soon, the spokesman for the ruling Syriza party said on Wednesday.

The payment of 300 million euros (218 million pounds) is the first of four this month totalling 1.6 billion euros from a country that depends on foreign aid to stay afloat.

Greece owes a total of about 320 billion euros, of which about 65 percent to euro zone governments and the IMF, and about 8.7 percent to the European Central Bank.

On Tuesday, Greece's creditors drafted the broad outlines of an agreement to put to the leftist government in Athens in a bid to conclude four months of negotiations and release aid

before the country runs out of money.

"If there is no prospect of a deal by Friday or Monday, I don't know by when exactly, we will not pay," Nikos Filis told Mega TV.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras heads to Brussels on Wednesday to meet European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker.

Tsipras, who has vowed not to surrender to more austerity, tried to preempt a take-it-or-leave-it offer by the creditors, sending what he called a comprehensive reform proposal to Brussels on Monday.

A Syriza European Parliament lawmaker said the government's 47-page proposal would be a good basis for discussion at a meeting of euro zone deputy finance ministers in the so-called EuroWorking Group which would convene on Wednesday.



A European Union flag (L) and a Greek national flag flutter as the ancient Parthenon temple is seen in the background in Athens on 1 June, 2015. —REUTERS

"If the lenders show the same realism that the Greek government and the Greek Prime Minister is showing, then we can have a deal in principle by Friday or before Friday," Dimitris Papadimoulis told Antenna TV.

He said this could turn into a comprehensive deal next week.

"But right now there

is no deal, there is convergence," he said.

Deputy social security minister Dimitris Stratoulis said a deal with lenders would have to respect the government's commitments. "The agreement will either be compatible with Syriza's policy pledges, the core, or there will not be a deal," he told Antenna TV.

Reuters

Syrian insurgent advances put Assad under pressure



A rebel fighter stands with his weapon at a building after what activists said were clashes with Islamic State fighters in Soran Azaz, Aleppo countryside on 1 June, 2015. — REUTERS

BEIRUT, 3 June — Steady advances by insurgents on key fronts in Syria mean President Bashar al-Assad is under more military pressure than at any point in the four-year-old war. Losses in the north, east and south to groups including al-Qaeda's Syr-

ian arm and Islamic State may test Assad's hold over western parts of the country that are the most crucial to his survival.

After his loss of Palmyra, a symbolic and militarily strategic city, and nearly all of Idlib Province, he appears to be circling

his wagons more closely to a western region that includes Damascus, Homs, Hama and the coast.

Sources familiar with the thinking in Damascus acknowledge that pressure is growing but say the government is confident the army can defend crucial

territory with the help of its allies.

Assad still controls areas in more far-flung parts of Syria, but these are dwindling in number. His decision to maintain forces in places such as in Deir al-Zor, Hasaka and Aleppo suggests he still wants to preserve a nationwide presence, rejecting Syria's de facto partition.

Sources familiar with the government's thinking say Assad is confident about standing his ground: extra support is expected from Iran, his strongest ally, which said on Tuesday it would continue to stand by Syria. The Lebanese group Hezbollah, which is backed by Iran, is more widely deployed in Syria than ever.

And Assad still believes the West will eventually rehabilitate him as a partner in the fight against Islamic State — a shift that shows no sign of happening but which he thinks is inevitable given the risk of

a full jihadist takeover.

"The summer will be tough on the ground, but red lines will not be breached," said one source familiar with the thinking in Damascus, declining to be named because he was discussing private conversations with Syrian officials. Assad has survived such pressure before, notably at the end of 2012 when the West thought his government was near collapse. But the difference now is that the insurgents have grown in strength while government forces have been weakened after more than four years of fighting.

Assad has also lost Iraqi Shi'ite militiamen who had been fighting alongside Syrian forces. They went home to fight Islamic State after it captured Mosul and other Iraqi cities last June. The sudden advances also added to the military pressures facing Iran both in Syria and Iraq.

Insurgent groups in the north and south of Syria

have emerged as the war's most dynamic force in the past two months. They are better organized and armed than before and are believed to have received new support from Assad's regional enemies.

"Clearly the trends right now are working against the regime, but it appears the regime's backers — and Iran in particular — may increase their support in an attempt to reverse those trends," said Noah Bonsey, senior analyst with the International Crisis Group thinktank.

"It is too early to tell what such an escalation could achieve," he said. "The regime is still seeking to maintain as much of its geographic reach as it can."

Lebanon's *As-Safir* newspaper on Tuesday said more than 20,000 Iraqi, Iranian and Lebanese fighters had entered Idlib Province in readiness for a counter attack. *Reuters* was not able to independently verify the report.—*Reuters*

Palestinian NGO denies Hamas ties, threatens Israel with legal action

UNITED NATIONS, 3 June — The British-based Palestinian Return Centre on Tuesday threatened Israel's UN mission with legal action after the Jewish state accused it of having ties to the Palestinian militant group Hamas, an allegation the group said was false.

The Israeli accusations came after a United Nations committee that oversees non-governmental organizations voted to approve UN accreditation for the PRC, which Israel's mission said was not only linked to Hamas but promoted "anti-Israel propaganda in Europe."

"We announce that PRC is considering legal action against the Israeli delegation at the UN," the group said in a statement circulated to the 19-member UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. "Such allegations and defamation

where we are described as terrorist and affiliated to Hamas are dangerous, baseless and will have negative ramifications on our work and members," the group added. On Monday, the mission said Israel had banned the PRC in 2010 because of its ties to Hamas, labelling it "an organizational and coordinating wing of Hamas in Europe" with members that include senior Hamas officials. The Israeli mission responded to the group's announcement by saying its statement still applied.

Hamas said in a statement that its deputy chief, Ismail Haniyeh, phoned PRC Chairman Majed Al-Zeer to congratulate him on the successful UN vote. But Sameh Habeeb, a spokesman for PRC, denied the conversation took place.

The PRC operates as a legal entity in Britain.

The British mission did not react to Monday's vote in the UN NGO committee. The United States and European Union have designated Hamas, the de facto authority of the Gaza Strip, a terrorist organization.

The internationally recognized Palestinian Authority controls the West Bank. The PRC statement said the Israeli allegations had no credence and were solely based on Israeli intelligence and other sources from within Israel. It added that there was no corroborating evidence from a third country.

The PRC said it would soon send an official letter of protest to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the 54 member states of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which has final say on NGO-related matters.—

IS expansion result of US invasion of Iraq: experts

CAIRO, 3 June— The 2003 US invasion of Iraq was a main reason for the expansion of the Islamic State (IS) militant group as well as the general chaotic situation in the Middle East region, said Egyptian political experts.

On Tuesday, the 24-nation, US-led coalition against IS held a summit in Paris to see how to help Iraq to take on the militant group after the fall of strategic city of Ramadi and the IS alarming expansion in the region.

Talking to reporters ahead of the meeting, Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi lamented that Iraq is not getting enough support from the coalition, adding that the Islamic State's gains in his turmoil-stricken country showed a "failure" on the

part of the whole world.

"The US invasion of Iraq led to this result and IS expanded and controlled more land, causing regional chaos and making Iraq and other Arab states tremble," said Saeed al-Lawindi, political researcher and expert at Cairo-based Al-Ahram Centre. After more than 4,000 anti-IS airstrikes in less than one year, the expert sees it "illogical" that a Western-led coalition of big powers cannot defeat a small terrorist group, "as if this group is a big power itself." During the meeting in the French capital city, French Prime Minister Laurent Fabius said that the coalition realizes that it faces "a long-term battle," while the Iraqi leader asked the world for support against the IS militants messing with his country.

"The United States sees IS as a scary tool for Arab states that would always refer to Uncle Sam for protection and purchase more US weapons," Lawindi told *Xinhua*, expressing belief that the presence of IS is in favour of the West in general and the United States in particular. "Rather, it would be also in favour of the United States to have conflicts between the Sunnis and the Shiites in the Middle East region," the expert added. He cited that the United States hailed an initial deal with Iran regarding its nuclear activities as "historical," although it raised concerns of most Sunni states in the region and that the recent US-Gulf summit in Camp David ended up with nothing but a US weapon deal offer.—*Xinhua*

28 paramilitaries killed in car bombings in Iraq's Baiji

TIKRIT, (Iraq), 3 June — Car bomb attacks killed at least 28 government-backed militiamen and wounded 36 others in Iraq on Tuesday, a security source said.

The casualties were inflicted by four suicide

car bomb attacks on the edge of the IS-held town of Baiji in Iraq's northern central province of Salahudin.

The suicide attacks occurred on the edge of Baiji, some 200 km north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, as the Iraqi security

forces and allied militias, known as Hashd Shaabi, or Popular Mobilization, were advancing to recapture the IS-seized town, the source said on condition of anonymity.

The powerful blasts stopped the advance of the troops and allied militias,

while heavy clashes continued, the source said.

The battles in Baiji came two days after the town's mayor, Mohamed Hammed, told *Xinhua* that the troops freed several villages outside the town and were preparing to launch an offensive to

recapture it.

Since 2 March, some 30,000 Iraqi troops and thousands of allied Shiite and Sunni militias have involved in Iraq's biggest offensive to recapture the northern part of Salahudin Province, including Tikrit and other key towns and

villages, from IS militants.

The security situation in Iraq has drastically deteriorated since last June, when bloody clashes broke out between Iraqi security forces and IS militants.

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Liquefied stimulant drugs shipped to Japan disguised as sesame oil

TOKYO, 3 June — Around 8 kilograms of liquefied stimulant drugs were found hidden in 40 bottles of hot sesame oil shipped by air to Japan from Hong Kong last September, police said on Wednesday.

The liquefied drugs were dyed red, similar to the colour of hot sesame oil, and shipped by express mail to Narita International

Airport near Tokyo. When synthesized into powder, they have a street value of 700 million yen (\$5.6 million), the police said.

Police have searched a Taiwanese restaurant in Tokyo's Shinjuku Ward, which was the shipping address, among other places.

They also arrested a 59-year-old Chinese man, Zhang Kai, for allegedly

producing some 190 grams of stimulant drugs at his home in Shinjuku between February 2012 and last November, and suspect his involvement in the smuggling of the liquefied stimulants.

Police said they confiscated a manual for manufacturing drugs from his home. Zhang has denied producing drugs, they said.—Kyodo News

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Myanmar Electric Power Project**

Credit No.: 5306-MM

Assignment Title: International Financial Management Consultant**Reference No.:** MEPE-CS-7

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Electric Power Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Services are expected to be carried out over a period of twelve months; possibly starting in August 2015.

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Further information can be obtained from the address below during 10:00 to 15:00 hours on working days.

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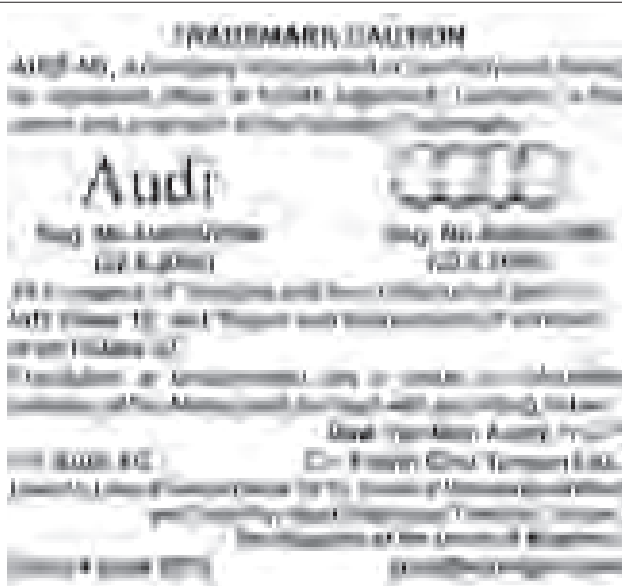
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‘Entourage’ revives Hollywood exploits with more glitz on big screen

LOS ANGELES, 3 June — The pool parties, glamorous girls and fast cars of “Entourage” are back in a movie spinoff of the hit HBO show.

Entourage, due in US theatres on Wednesday, revisits the bromance between a group of friends from Queens, New York, who become high-flying Hollywood power players.

“The theme of friendship is universal and really doesn’t change,” said Entourage creator and director Doug Ellin. “But Hollywood, the players, where the money moves, obviously shifted.”

Four years after the HBO show concluded with eight seasons, Entourage returns with movie star Vince Chase (Adrian Grenier), whose ambitions have now turned to directing.

This allows the film to explore the behind-the-scenes world of movie-making, especially the challenges of financing, as Vince’s posse struggles to produce a \$100 million remake of “Dr Jekyll and Mr

Hyde.”

It was off-screen camaraderie of the show’s core cast and team that brought them together again for the reboot. Producer Mark Wahlberg acts in the film, and Jeremy Piven reprises his Emmy-winning role as fast-talking industry mogul Ari Gold.

The film is meant to act as a standalone to the series, with the hopes of drawing new fans, Ellin said.

“There is a whole world doesn’t know the show. We have to teach them,” he said.

As befitting a movie about movies, the Time Warner Inc-owned Warner Bros film features dozens of celebrity cameos, from rapper Pharrell Williams to financier Warren Buffett.

For Grenier, the appeal of “Entourage” lies in its insight into the glamorous but flawed world of Hollywood. “It’s really about this fun ride that most people don’t have the opportunity to see,” he said.—Reuters

Portugal’s renowned Fado singer wins award for promoting culture abroad

LISBON, 3 June — Portugal’s renowned Fado Singer Carlos do Carmo won the 2014 Personality of the Year/ Martha de La Cal award on Tuesday for his role in promoting Portuguese culture to the outside world.

“This prize is a source of great pride,” Carlos do Carmo said during his speech at the awarding ceremony, which took place at the Henrique Mendoca Palace of the Nova School of Business and Economics in Lisbon.

Despite that he has received many awards during his career, this one was special because it was attributed by foreign journalists who “spoke heartily” of Portugal, the artist said.

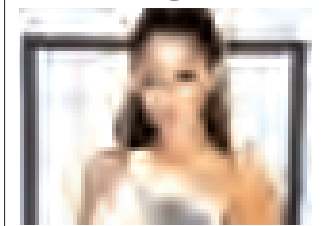
Carlos do Carmo, 75, made history last year when he became the first Portuguese artist to have won a Grammy by the Latin Recording Company.

Well known for his songs Lisboa Menina e Moca and Um Homem na Cidade, Carlos do Carmo is a world-known icon of Fado and has played an important role in making fado part of UNESCO’s World Heritage Cultural Patrimony in 2011.

The annual award, sponsored by Portugal’s Foreign Press Association (AIEP), is given to a Portuguese citizen who deserves special mention for promotion of the country abroad.

The award was given last year to former Portuguese President Mario Soares.—Xinhua

Ariana Grande’s new album titled Moonlight



LOS ANGELES, 3 June — Ariana Grande’s follow-up to last year’s chart-topping album My Everything would be called Moonlight.

Last month, Grande, 21, teased her new project with brand new lyrics.

“I’m tryna talk to u..... There’s a boy... And I don’t quite know... What to do,” she tweeted before denying speculations that the lyrics were from her album’s rumored title track Moonlight.

A curious fan then asked her if Moonlight is a title of a song or an album, and that was when Grande confirmed her third effort’s name.

“Both,” she simply replied. In another Twitter exchange, Grande shared more details about her new album.

She said Moonlight would serve as her next single, and she wrote it with Victoria Monet who also worked with her on tracks like “My Everything”, “Only 1” and “Cadillac Song”.—PTI

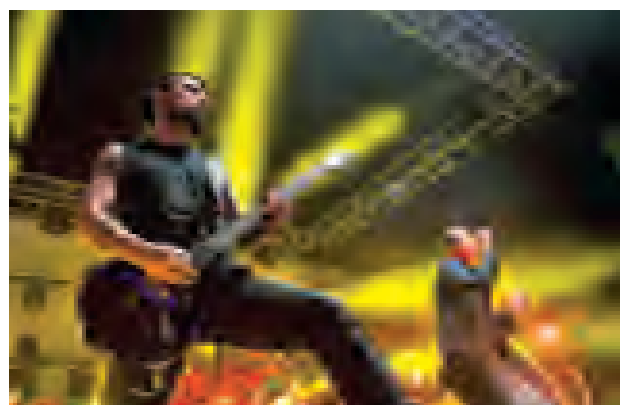
Kim Kardashian’s dress catches on fire at CFDA Awards

LOS ANGELES, 3 June — Reality TV star Kim Kardashian’s dress caught on fire from a candle at a dinner, following the Council of Fashion Designers of America Awards.

Kardashian, who wore a feathered see-through Proenza Schouler design at the ceremony, took to Instagram to share about the incident.

The 34-year-old pregnant star thanked musician Pharrell Williams and his wife Helen Lasichanh for “jumping” on her dress to put the fire out, reported *Huffington Post*.

“Shout out to Pharrell and Helen who saved my life last night! LOL After the awards at dinner the feathers of my dress caught on fire from a candle & they jumped on me to get it out!” she captioned a picture of herself with husband Kanye West, Williams and Lasichanh.—PTI



Perry Farrell (R) and Dave Navarro of Jane’s Addiction perform at the party following the premiere of ‘Entourage’ in Los Angeles, California on 1 June, 2015.—REUTERS

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The remains will be cremated at the Yawway cemetery at 5 p.m. on Saturday 6 June, 2015.

Bereaved Family

Spanish restaurant tops world's best 50 list

LONDON, 3 June — Spanish restaurant El Celler de Can Roca in Girona topped the World's 50 Best Restaurants list released Monday in London, reclaiming the title it won in 2013 after being ranked second last year.

Italian restaurant Osteria Francescana in Modena came second and Noma in Copenhagen was voted third by 972 chefs, critics and industry experts around the world in the annual list sponsored by Italian mineral water brands S.Pellegrino

and Acqua Panna.

The top-ranked establishment in Asia was Japanese restaurant Narisawa in Tokyo's Minami-Aoyama, which came eighth, its highest ever rank.

The other top 10 restaurants were Peruvian, American, Spanish, British, Brazilian and Thai. The award ceremony, which has been held in London up to now, will move to New York in 2016, as part of the organizers' global location strategy.

Kyodo News

Tsonga, Wawrinka prevail but Federer's gone with the wind



Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland shakes hands with his compatriot Roger Federer after winning their men's quarter-final match during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, on 2 June, 2015.

REUTERS

PARIS, 3 June — Swirling winds caused mayhem and chaos at Roland Garros on Tuesday but Jo Wilfried Tsonga and Stan Wawrinka emerged unscathed to set up a French Open semi-final. On a day when Wawrinka would have hoped to bask in the glory of beating his celebrated rival Roger Federer 6-4, 6-3, 7-6(4)

by the mishap which left a silver-haired spectator and two others injured. As the stricken fans were led away by first-aiders, Tsonga and Nishikori were ushered off court for what turned out to be a 40-minute disruption, during which 12 rows of spectators were evacuated and the area cordoned off. The unexpected break initially did nothing to stall Tsonga's momentum and he returned to finish off Nishikori in the second set. But after the Japanese hero threatened to gate-crash the French party by roaring back in the next two sets, Tsonga sunk to his knees in triumph as he once again raised hopes of ending France's 32-year wait for a men's Roland Garros champion with a heart-pumping 6-1, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6, 6-3 victory.

The celebrations for Tsonga did not end there as he etched "ROLAND, JE T'AIME" into the red clay with his right shoe before collapsing on to his back to form the T in the message.

"You supported me. I will never forget it," he told the roaring crowd. Gusting winds also proved problematic in the two women's quarter-finals to take place on day 10 of the championships — but 2008 title winner Ana Ivanovic and Czech 13th seed Lucie Safarova weathered the conditions that periodically turned the courts into red dust bowls to set up a last four date.

For men's second seed Federer, however, hopes of a second French Open crown were gone with the wind as he was outplayed, outthought and outwitted by a rival he had beaten in every one of their previous four grand slam meetings.

Federer's wife Mirka hid her worried eyes behind dark shades and bit her nails ragged as the match neared its inevitable conclusion, with a forehand volley from Wawrinka killing off the 2009 champion's chances of adding to his 17 grand slam trophies.

"Many things... didn't

go well, but mostly it's because of Stan's quality of shot making, forehand, backhand, serving big when he had to," said the 33-year-old. "(The conditions) were tough. So it's impressive the way Stan was able to play." A day after knocking out 2014 champion Maria Sharapova, Safarova's excitement kept soaring as she stormed into her first Roland Garros semi-final with a 7-6(3), 6-3 win over Spain's Garbine Muguruza. "It's not easy because you have so many emotions going on... I couldn't really fall asleep yesterday, and then I woke up so early," said Safarova, who is bidding to become the first Czech to triumph in Paris since Hana Mandlikova in 1981.

"So I was a little tired in the morning. But the will to win and to be in the semi-finals was so big that once I stepped on the court I was just fighting and playing really well." Ivanovic's boyfriend, Bayern Munich midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger, looked far more animated than his Serbian girlfriend when she completed a 6-3, 6-2 win over Ukraine's Elina Svitolina. Whooping and exchanging high-fives with the rest of Ivanovic's entourage in the player's box, Schweinsteiger stood up to give the seventh seed a standing ovation as she reached a grand slam semi for the first time since her 2008 Paris triumph.

Reuters

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Chimps have mental skills to cook: study

NEW YORK, 3 June—They're not likely to start barbecuing in the rainforest, but chimpanzees can understand the concept of cooking and are willing to postpone eating raw food, even carrying food some distance to cook it rather than eat immediately, scientists reported on Tuesday.

The findings, based on nine experiments conducted at the Tchimpounga Sanctuary in Republic of Congo and published in Proceedings of the Royal Society B, suggest that chimps have all the brainpower needed to cook, including planning, causal understanding, and ability to postpone gratification.

They do lack the ability to produce fire. But if they were given a source of heat, chimps "might be quite able

to manipulate (it) to cook," said developmental psychologist Felix Warneken of Harvard University, who conducted the study with Alexandra Rosati.

Whilst the finding may seem esoteric, it lends support to the idea that cooking accelerated human evolution. Cooked food is easier to digest, spurring the growth of large brains in our australopithecine ancestors, Harvard's Richard Wrangham proposed about a decade ago.

If chimps have the cognitive skills to cook, australopithecines likely did, too, said Wrangham, who was not involved in the study: "It suggests that with a little extra brainpower, australopithecines could indeed have found a way to use fire to cook food."—Reuters

Sweet 16 for rampant Portugal



Ivo Rodrigues of Portugal shoots and scores an overhead or bicycle kick for the second goal of the game past goalkeeper, Youssef Hassan of Qatar during the FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015 Group C match between Qatar and Portugal held at Waikato Stadium on 3 June, 2015 in Hamilton, New Zealand.—FIFA

HAMILTON, 3 June — Portugal have cruised through to the last 16 at New Zealand 2015 after a thumping 4-0 win over Qatar at Hamilton's Waikato Stadium.

Winger Ivo was the star of the show, scoring two and setting up another as Helio Sousa's side weathered a torrential downpour to comprehensively outclass the Asian champions. Qatar, who must now win their final Group C match to stand a chance of qualifying, rarely threatened, although they did carve out the first chance of the match.

That came in nine minutes when Portugal keeper Andre Moreira unconvincingly gathered at the second attempt after Ahmed Alsadi had raced through on to an accurate

long ball and shot weakly. Possession was dominated by the Europeans throughout but it took patience for their probing to pay off, with 34 minutes having elapsed before they took a deserved lead.

Andre Silva was the scorer, ghosting in unmarked to steer home an inch-perfect inswinging cross from Gelson Martins, who had drifted in cleverly from the right. It was a fine goal but nothing in comparison to the spectacular strike that doubled Portugal's lead soon after, as Ivo took centre stage.

Qatar's failure to clear their lines was punished in superb style, with the Victoria Guimaraes youngster adjusting his body to meet Chico Ramos's looping header and sending an acrobatic overhead kick beyond

the helpless Yousof Hassan. Ivo continued to shine as the match progressed and on 66 minutes doubled his tally, climbing powerfully at the back post to direct a downward header through the legs of Hassan.

And he wasn't done yet because, with 16 minutes remaining, the winger helped complete the rout with an impressive assist.

Nice skill, along with a little luck, took him past his marker on the right and his cutback was swept first-time into the roof of the Qatari net by substitute Joao Vigarito.

Portugal can now plan for the Round of 16, while Qatar know that only a win against Senegal on Saturday will maintain their slim hopes.—FIFA

FIFA U-20 World Cup results 3 June, 2015

Group C	Qatar	0-4	Portugal
	Senegal	1-1	Colombia
Group D	Mexico	2-1	Uruguay
	Serbia	2-0	Mali

Match Schedules for 4 June 2015 (all times local)

Group E	Nigeria	-	Korea DPR	10:30
	Hungary	-	Brazil	13:30
Group F	Honduras	-	Fiji	10:30
	Germany	-	Uzbekistan	13:30

United striker Van Persie keeping options open

AMSTERDAM, 3 June — Robin van Persie is keeping his options open over his future at Manchester United as he enters a final season of his contract with the club, Dutch media reported on Wednesday.

The striker returned from injury towards the end of the season but was no longer able to command a regular place in the team.

"The club must do its homework and so must I. It's a new situation," he told reporters in an interview with several Dutch newspapers ahead of Friday's friendly international between the Netherlands and the US in Amsterdam.

"I'm going to calmly and relaxed sit down and consider everything.

"I still have ambitions of playing every week. I feel top fit and I think I can still go on for several years. Take note of my words," said the 31-year-old, who moved to Old Trafford from Arsenal in 2012.

Van Persie said he should have had six or seven more goals than the tally of 10 he netted for the club last season.

"People don't accept that I just scored 10. Actually that's a compliment because they expect more of me on the basis of what I can do. I was the club's second highest goal scorer together with Juan Mata and behind Wayne Rooney (14 goals).

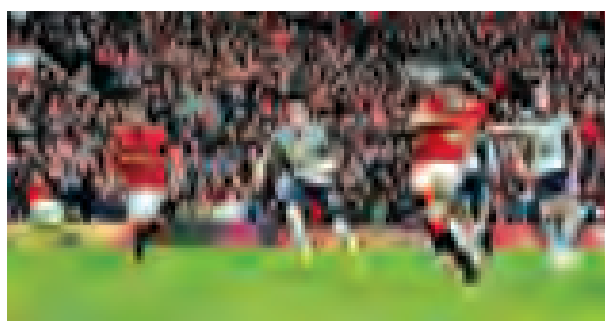
"It's not good that a top club like Manchester United does not have a scorer with

20 or more goals behind his name each season and that is why we only finished fourth."

Van Persie struggled with an ankle injury through the season, blaming a hectic pre-World Cup training programme, as he battled to get fit for Brazil, and then a lack

of a break after the tournament last summer.

"After I came back from injury I realised that I would not automatically get back in the starting line-up," he said. "But I didn't have a problem with that because they were playing well at the time.—Reuters



Manchester United's Robin Van Persie misses a penalty against West Bromwich Albion during the Barclays Premier League at Old Trafford on 2 May, 2015.—REUTERS

Blatter unconvincing, should go ASAP before next election: Tashima

TOKYO, 3 June — FIFA executive committee member Kozo Tashima said on Wednesday that he is not buying President Sepp Blatter's explanation for his resignation and that the leader of soccer's world governing body should consider stepping down before his successor is decided.

Hours after the about-face took place at FIFA headquarters in Zurich, Tashima said he was stunned by Blatter's announcement to quit amid a corruption scandal, just four days after he was re-elected to a fifth term.

But Tashima, who learned of the news as he watched the live broadcast of the French Open quarterfinal between Kei Nishikori and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, is not convinced by Blatter's reasoning that he did not have the "mandate of the entire world of football."

Tashima also does not see why Blatter, now said to be a target of a federal US corruption investigation, has to stick around for the Extraordinary Congress, expected to take place in between December and March next year where the new president will be chosen.

"At the ExCo meeting (on Saturday), he spoke glowingly about how he had been given a new mandate and at the time, he looked like he was raring to go again," Tashima said. "But I'm shocked to see him change the way he has in the two days since, and I can't stop myself from asking what has happened."

"There were no charges against Mr Blatter himself, only rumors. But if there is something that's forced him to resign, he has an obligation to explain himself. He cannot be allowed to leave things as fuzzy as they are, and it's a kind of a farce now for him to stay in office for the next six months or however long it takes to decide the new president."

"There's no reason for him to resign if there's nothing on him. But if there is something on him then you could make the argument that he shouldn't be allowed to stay on a moment longer."

"He said he's standing down because he didn't



Kozo Tashima, vice president of Japan Football Association, meets with reporters in Tokyo on 3 June, 2015, after FIFA President Sepp Blatter announced that he will stand down as the head of soccer's world governing body. Tashima sought a full explanation about the sudden resignation.

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have enough support within football, but he knew that before the voting took place and the situation certainly didn't change in the following day or two. So I need to know what went on."

Blatter should not be the only one having to offer an explanation, Tashima said. His right-hand man, secretary general Jerome Valcke, has been tied to a \$10 million transfer used as a bribe in the bid.

"Common sense dictates that it's just not normal for \$10 million to be switching hands the way it supposedly did," Tashima said. "If it is a fact that Mr Valcke did transfer \$10 million, then he needs to offer a thorough explanation."

Tashima expects Blatter's decision to have far-reaching consequences at the Asian Football Confederation, which backed Blatter at last week's Congress as a bloc although Australia withdrew its support at the last minute.

The AFC so far has only said that it is "closely monitoring the situation."

"I think there will be huge repercussions," Tashima said. "The top man of a massive organization like FIFA has quit in this fashion and two vice presidents are under investigation."

"It remains to be seen how things will unfold but one thing is clear: that we are starting to see factual evidence of corruption in the organization."

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