

President U Thein Sein meets with Mongolian leaders

ULAANBAATAR, 29 June — President U Thein Sein met his Mongolian counterpart Mr Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj on Monday in Ulaanbaatar following a welcoming ceremony at the city's Chinggis Square.

At the ceremony, the Guard of Honour saluted the two leaders before an inspection of the guard by President U Thein Sein.

The two presidents held exclusive talks at the State Palace, after which they held a meeting involving ministers from the two countries.

The two presidents later witnessed the signing of agreements between Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung and his Mongolian counterpart Ms Dulamsaren Oyunkhorol, between Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Kan Chun and Ulan Bator Vice Mayor Mr N. Gantumur, and between President U Win Aung of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Chambers of



President U Thein Sein chats with Mongolian counterpart Mr Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj.—YHT

Commerce and Industry and his Mongolian counterpart Mr B.Lkhagvajav.

Later, the two presidents held a joint press conference and replied to

queries raised by journalists.

U Thein Sein and party also visited Gandantegchinlen Monastery and paid homage to Sayadaw

Choljamts before presenting offertories to the monks.

On Monday, the president also met with the Speaker of the Mongolian Parliament, Mr Z.Enkhbold, and Prime Minister Mr Chimed Saikhanbileg separately at the State Palace.

At 4 p.m. local time, the two presidents visited the Mini Naadam festival in Chinggisyn Khuree.

The two presidents enjoyed cultural performance, wrestling matches, archery contests and riding competitions.

The Mini Naadam festival is a traditional ancient Mongolian festival recognized by UNESCO.

After the festival, the two presidents presented prizes to winners in the archery contests.

In the evening, the Mongolian president hosted a dinner in honour of President U Thein Sein at the Ikhtenger complex.

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Ethnic armed groups, gov't set for informal talks to break ceasefire impasse

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 29 June—Peace negotiators from the government and ethnic armed groups are likely to meet this week in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in an effort to revive faltering talks on a national ceasefire accord, a senior adviser at Myanmar Peace Centre said Monday.

"Both sides are preparing to have an informal meeting which is tentatively set for Friday, 3 July in Chiang Mai," U Hla Maung Shwe told The Global New

Light of Myanmar, adding that the date of the meeting will be confirmed Thursday.

Union Minister U Aung Min, vice-chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee, will lead a government delegation, the MPC senior adviser said, adding that other members of the party have yet to be confirmed.

He said it is not clear whether the talks will involve the ethnic armed groups' Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team or the new 15-member negoti-

ating team appointed by the groups at the Law Khee Lar summit.

The UPWC and NCCT on 31 March approved and signed the national ceasefire accord draft following 17 months of peace negotiations.

Since then, the government indicated its readiness to officially sign the draft deal as soon as possible. But, the ethnic armed groups at the Law Khee Lar summit decided not to sign the accord until further amendments are made

and all NCCT members are included in the signing process.

While briefing the media in Yangon last week, NCCT leader Nai Hong Sar, who is also a member of the new negotiating team, said all ethnic groups must be included in the signing of the draft deal, and that the ceasefire must guarantee lasting peace.

A plan to hold the expected meeting in Chiang Mai came after informal talks between three ethnic delegates and a government

delegation in Yangon last week following the ethnic side's unexpected rejection of the draft NCA.

It is hoped that the Chiang Mai meeting can pave the way to a compromise solution over the ceasefire deal.

"The government side will ask for the final deal between the UPWC and NCCT to be approved with no changes at the meeting," the MPC senior adviser said.

He said there was no need to debate the NCA

draft further as the government had agreed to all previous demands from the ethnic armed groups.

"Whatever difficulties, it is required for both sides to find whatever ways they can to achieve peace."

In his article entitled "Seize the moment for peace" in Foreign Policy Magazine three days ago, U Aung Min, the government's chief peace negotiator, called for ethnic armed leaders to move forward with the government by signing the ceasefire agreement to bring an end to the country's long-running civil war.

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Myanmar has a total of 49,074 companies

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — A total of 49,074 companies has been registered

Deputy Minister Daw Lei Lei Thein.
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in Myanmar, and all these companies are concerned with the Burma Companies Act 1914, and Special Act 1950, said Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development

Daw Lei Lei Thein to Pyithu Hluttaw on Monday.

Myanmar has 444,98 private companies, 199 public companies, 4299 foreign companies and 78 joint-venture companies.

Pyithu Hluttaw

Deputy Minister for Mines U Than Tun Aung said the ministry allowed 280 jade exploration sites, but licenses were revoked to 60 of them as they failed to pay allowance fees.

The deputy minister also said some exploration sites beside Chindwin river

could not produce the mineral, and that they could not pay the tax.

Pyithu Hluttaw then approved bills on protection of antiques, ancient buildings and legal supporting passed by Amyotha Hluttaw.

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Deputy Minister U Maw Tha Htwe.—MNA

Basic agricultural course to turn out skilled workers

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — Electricians on daily wages are appointed as permanent workers in Mon State depending on organizational setups, Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Maw Tha Htwe replied to a query raised

by MP U Nai Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency No 5 at the Monday's session of Amyotha Hluttaw.

The deputy minister said if there is no vacancy at the offices of Mon State, the electricians will be appointed at vacancies

of other states and regions depending on their wishes.

MP U Nu of Yangon Constituency No 10 asked about a plan to insert the basic agriculture education into the new curriculum of basic education. Deputy Minister for Education U

Amyotha Hluttaw

Thant Shin replied that basic agricultural education will be a combination subject at the primary level. Arrangements should be made for timetable of primary, middle and high school levels with at least one session of agricultural course a week. Levels of agricultural courses should be upgraded step by step

for turning out agricultural skilled workers.

MP U Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No 8 discussed the provision of Sub-section (a) of Section 34 in the bill on TV and Radio Broadcast Law sent back by Pyithu Hluttaw with amendment.

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Public announcement on minimum wage proposal

1. The National Minimum Wage Committee released Notification No 1/2015 on a minimum wage proposal on 29 June 2015.
2. According to the notification, the proposed minimum wage, regardless of place and type of work, is set at K 3,600 for an eight-hour day as a basis for all workers across the country. The proposed minimum wage is therefore K450 per hour. However, the proposed minimum wage does not apply to small businesses that have 15 workers or fewer and family businesses on a manageable scale.
3. Organizations or individuals wishing to com-

ment on, protest or amend the proposed minimum wage rate are invited to send their proposals to the Union Territory Committee, region committee or state committee, after completing the prescribed forms within two weeks of the notification, with copies to be forwarded to the national minimum wage committee and Department of Labour under the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security.

4. Details about the notification are available in state-run Myanma Alinn and Kyemon dailies.

National Committee for Minimum Wage

National Land Resources Management Central Committee meets at workshop

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — National Land Resources Management Central Committee held a workshop on national level land utilization

policy at MICC II, here, Monday.

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, who is also vice

chairman-2 of the central committee, said that land resources management policy (draft) were drawn in May 2015 with various outlooks including nation-

al security, stability and development and environmental conservation.

The workshop will continue on 30 June.

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Germany pledges \$27 Million for development tasks

YANGON, 29 June — Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Christian-Ludwig Weber-Lortsch, committed Monday to Union Minister Dr. Kan Zaw further 27 million US\$ for financial and technical development assistance for Myanmar.

The first arrangement includes financial contributions over eight million euro. Up to five million euro of these grants are intended to be utilized for rural infrastructure programs in Shan State. The goal is to build and maintain secure roads and bridges in order to facilitate access for people in peripheral regions to critical infrastructure such as market,

schools, work places and health posts. Another three million euro will be made available to finance micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises in order to support local private business.

The second commitment provides grants worth seventeen million euro for development projects to be carried out by the German Development Agency GIZ and by German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources. The projects target the improvement of vocational training, development of banking and financial systems, capacity building for the private sector, and sustainable development of the mining sector.—GNLM

Malaysia-based YTL to build cement plant in Thilawa Industrial Zone

YANGON, 29 June — Malaysia-based YTL Corporation is planning to establish a cement plant in Thilawa Industrial Zone in Myanmar, with an eye to producing 1 million tons per year for the domestic market.

Construction of the plant is expected to begin in October, according to the project manager of YTL Corporation, who said the plant will create at least 100 jobs upon completion.

YTL met with its stakeholders recently to seek advice on environmental conservation and plans to meet with local people in July to discuss the environmental impact of the project.

YTL will use technology to minimize ash during the from the cement production process.

Thirty-six companies

including YTL have received a green light from the Myanmar Investment Commission to invest in the Thilawa Special Industrial

Zone which opened in November, 2013.

*Ye Khaung,
Myat Thandar;
Photo: Po Htaung*



Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Nay Pyi Taw

Notification No. 20/2015

13th Waxing Day of First Waso, 1377 ME
(29 June, 2015)

Lawwaw National Unity and Development Party allowed to register as political party

The Union Election Commission announced on 29 June 2015 that Lawwaw National Unity and Development Party headquartered at No 81, Ward 2, Waingmaw, Kachin State, has been allowed to register as a political party as of 29 June 2015 in line with Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

The party's registration number is 89.

By order,

(Tin Tun)
Secretary

Union Election Commission

Mongolia recognizes and supports Myanmar's reform

ULAANBAATAR, 29 June—The reform process undertaken in Myanmar continues to progress steadily and Myanmar has taken visible achievements in many areas of socioeconomic development, national reconciliation and democratization, the Mongolian government said in a joint statement issued by President Ts

Mr Elbegdorj of Mongolia and President U Thein Sein of Myanmar on Monday.

President U Thein Sein was paying a goodwill visit to Mongolia and the two countries hoped to expand the cooperation between them.

The statement also said that Mongolia will support

Myanmar's efforts for democratization and socio-economic reforms.

Mongolia and Myanmar also discussed sending election observers to elections in the two countries, according to the joint statement.

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Country must brace for El Niño's impact: Vice President U Nyan Tun

YANGON, 29 June — Vice President U Nyan Tun on Monday urged the government committee for protecting farmers' rights and interests to brace for the impact of El Niño, which may occur in the country's 2015 cultivation season.

At a meeting with the committee and representatives from the ministries in Nay Pyi Taw, the vice president stressed the importance of storing water for farming in line with the National Water Harvesting Campaign, as the country is likely to face shortages due to the impact of El Niño.

He quoted meteorologists who forecast that Myanmar may experience El Niño this cultivation season, which runs from June to September.

Vice President U Nyan Tun also suggested that the approach to protecting farmers' rights and promoting their interests should be pragmatic.



Vice President U Nyan Tun delivers speech at government committee for protecting farmers' rights and interests.—MNA

He also stressed the need to help farmers obtain loans and farming supplies, and secure reasonable prices for their crops. It is also important to protect small-scale farmers and provide aid to farmers when their

crops are damaged by disasters, he said.

The committee has a responsibility to coordinate with farmers so they can form associations and to prevent illegal land confiscation, said Vice Presi-

dent U Nyan Tun.

He urged the body to quickly send information to farmers through the media, including during disasters and outbreaks of pests and infectious diseases.

As the country ur-

gently needs to attract investment to improve the infrastructure for trading agricultural produce at border areas, a private-public partnership program should be carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture

and Irrigation, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Finance and the Myanmar Rice Federation to establish trade zones with perfect infrastructure, the vice president said.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker explains amendments to residents in Sagaing, Mandalay Regions



NAY PYI TAW, 29 June — The national parliament will make amendments to separate powers of regions and states to give greater autonomy and self-determination to national races, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said during a meeting at the Sagaing Region Hluttaw in Monywa on Sunday.

The constitutional amendments recognize the desire for equality and decentralization, and the appointment of chief ministers by region or state Hluttaw from among elected representatives, the speaker told local

people who attended the meeting.

The Lower House speaker called for help in ensuring the stability during the lead-up to, and staging of, the general election likely in early November. He also called on candidates from political parties to adhere to the codes of conduct set by the Election Commission for free and fair elections.

The speaker also met with local people in ChaungU and Myaung in Sagaing Region and TadaU in Mandalay Region on Saturday.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker

Thura U Shwe Mann meets local people in

Monywa.—MNA

Officials honour outstanding trainees in Buddhism cultural course



MYAWADY, 29 June — A ceremony to honour outstanding trainees in the summer Buddhism culture course took place at Sasana Hitakari building of Shwemyinwun Pagoda, Myawady, Kayin State, on 28 June.

The course was conducted by Township Sangha Nayaka Committee and Sasana Nuggaha Association.

Township Administrator U Khin Maung Zaw and officials presented prizes to the trainees who came first, second and third in the high, middle and primary level Buddhism cultural courses.

Htein Lin Aung (IPRD)

Health officials educate residents about dengue fever

KYAUKPADAUNG, 29 June — Health department officials and doctors recently gave talks on prevention of dengue haemorrhagic fever to residents of Pyaewa village in Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Region.

With the assistance of local authorities, the health officers and staff sprayed houses and cleaned water tanks.

“If we find suspected patients, we spray their house and a 100-metre surrounding area,” an official said.

The medical team led by Head of Township Public Health Department Dr Soe Soe Naing and Dr



Than Naing Soe spoke to more than 300 residents of the village.

On 28 and 29 June, Township General Ad-

ministration supervised spraying of residences in 12 wards and cleaning of water tanks and pots to

prevent DHF.—Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)

Tournament attracts Chinlone players from around world

MANDALAY, 29 June — Chinlone players from around the world will converge for a tournament next month in Mandalay.

Players from the United States, Japan, Canada, Germany and Thailand will participate alongside local clubs in the 87th Waso

Chinlone Contest at Mandalay's Maha Muni Buddha Image, secretary U Kyaw Thein of the contest organizing committee said.

“Chinlone players and professionals from Mandalay, Yangon, Bago, Toun-goo, Pyinmana, Myitkyina, Mogok, Dawei and Myeik

will play the game,” he said. “Moreover, enthusiasts from foreign countries have contacted the organizing committee to take part in the contest.”

The contest will kick off on 3 July and end on 1 August.

Chan Thar (Meiktila)



Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Nweni Lwin and party supervise spraying at basic education schools in Myanaung Township on 27 June as part of prevention against dengue haemorrhagic fever.
WIN BO (TOWNSHIP IPRD)



Members of WAO carry out sanitation at hospital

TACHILEK, 29 June —Tachilek District and Township Women's Affairs Organizations and volunteers carried out sanitation in the compound of Dhamma Thiri Hospital on 27 June, to mark Myanmar

Women's Day which falls on 3 July.

District and Township WAOs plan to stage a Myanmar traditional costume contest and entertainment at Aung Myat Hall on 30 June.

On 3 July, officials of the organization will present prizes to winners in an essay contest and certificates of honour to those who have made contributions to the organization.

Wai Yan Lin (IPRD)

LOCAL NEWS

Township DAC supervises dredging of creek, construction of retaining walls



TACHILEK, 29 June — Local authorities in Tachilek, eastern Shan State, are dredging silt and building retaining walls at Namyun Creek.

The K3.2-million project is part of works to ensure traffic safety. A 25-foot-wide and 6-foot-long culvert is also under construction on 1st Ponhtun Street. Chairman

of Township Development Affairs Committee U Sai Kyaw Zan and engineers recently inspected progress of the works.

Wai Yan Lin (IPRD)

Township library receives cash, book donations

NYAUNGSHWE, 29 June — A ceremony to donate books and cash to the people's library of the Township Information and Public Relations Department was recently held at the library in Nyaungshwe, Shan State.

Inn Ethnic Affairs Minister U Win Myint, Deputy Director U Sai Hsam Tit of Shan State IPRD and Township Administrator U Kyaw Zaw Hla expressed thanks for the donation of books and cash to the library. At the

ceremony, the minister donated K200,000, U Khun Ba Htwe and party K1.5 million, U Moe Kyaw Thu-Daw Nang Marlar Htwe K100,000 and well-wishers books and publications to the library.

Nay Myo Thurein



Mandalay Region honours gold medalist players

MANDALAY, 29 June — Gold medalist veteran volleyball players were honoured at Bahtoo Gymnasium in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, recently.

Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, Deputy Permanent Secretary U Kyaw Oo of the Ministry of Sports and Chairman of Mandalay Region Volleyball Subcommittee U Aung Hsan Win presented gifts to the veteran players.

The ceremony was also attended by players in Myanmar's volleyball golden age—U Myint Than (Construction), U Ohn Shein (Chin State), U Tint Lwin (Yangon Region), U Tin Oo (Ayeyawady



Region), U John Tu Tu (Sagaing Region), U Tun Lin (Mandalay Region), U Hla Shwe Moe (Taninthayi Region), U Win Myint (Yangon Region), U Toe

Maung (Kachin State), U Myat Cho Win (Ayeyawady Region), U Saw Henry (Yangon Region), U Myo Myint (Mandalay Region), U Myint Naing

(Mandalay Region), U Kyaw Win (Transport), and U Sai Myint Naing (Shan State).

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Rural library ready to serve readers in Sittway Tsp

SITTWAY, 29 June — An opening ceremony was held recently for the new central library in Aungtaing Village, Sittway Township.

The ceremony was attended by officials of Sittway District Information and Public Relations De-

partment and library committee members.

The Myanmar Libraries Foundation and local residents funded the construction of the 20-foot-long, 15-foot-wide library.

Zaw Naing Tun (IPRD)

Well-wishers donate kidney dialysis machine to children's hospital

MANDALAY, 29 June — A ceremony to donate a kidney dialysis machine to Mandalay Children's Hospital was held on 28 June.

Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyaw Oo of the hospital gave a speech, while U Saw Nyein of Aung Myin Thu Company

Ltd spoke on behalf of the donors.

On behalf of the donors, U Saw Nyein presented a Japan-made Nipro brand dialysis machine worth US \$17,000 to the medical superintendent.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Mandalay business leaders meet Thai bank delegation



MANDALAY, 29 June — Officials of the Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry met

with the vice chairman of Kasikorn Bank of Thailand on 28 June.

Chairman U Aung Than, Vice Chairman U Kyaw Min and officials of the chambers exchanged views with Thai delegation members on development of small-and-medium-scale enterprises in Mandalay and the Upper Myanmar area, as well as investment opportunities in Mandalay Region.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



*President
U Thein Sein and
Mongolian President
Mr Tsakhiagiin
Elbegdorj take
the salute of the
Guard of Honour at
welcoming ceremony
at Chiggis Square
in Ulaanbaatar,
Mongolia.*

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*Union Minister U Htay Aung and Mongolian Environment and Tourism
Ms Oyunkhorol D sign agreement on field of tourism in the presence of
President U Thein Sein and Mongolian President
Mr Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj.—MNA*



*Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Kan Chun and Ulaanbaatar Vice Mayor
Mr Gantumur V sign MoU on cooperation in the presence of President
U Thein Sein and Mongolian President Mr Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj.—MNA*

President U Thein Sein's Mongolia visit



*UMFCCI President U Win Aung and Mongolian National Chamber of
Commerce and Industry President Mr Lkhagvajav B sign MoU in the
presence of President U Thein Sein and Mongolian
President Mr Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj.—MNA*

PHOTO GALLERY

President U Thein Sein's Mongolia visit



President U Thein Sein offers provisions to vaneable Buddhist monks in Mongolia.—MNA



President U Thein Sein meets Speaker of Mongolian Parliament Mr Z Enkhbold.—MNA



President U Thein Sein shakes hands with Prime Minister of Mongolia Mr Chimed Shaikhanbi.—MNA



President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Mongolian wrestlers.—MNA



President U Thein Sein enjoys competitions of wrestling in Mani Naadam festival in Chinggisyn Khuree, Mongolia.—MNA



Tuesday, 30 June, 2015

Tackling Yangon's trash problem

By Aung Khin

Guidebooks depict Yangon as a city of magnificent religious and architectural sites. On a day-to-day level, however, the city struggles to deal with the rubbish generated by its more than 6 million residents.

It is common to see people discarding garbage on the curb and spitting betel-quid juice onto pavements, making the city dirty and unclean. Some years back, authorities banned betel-quid vendors. The prohibition was not effective, and the number of such vendors is increasing.

The Yangon City Development Committee has placed more than 4,000 plastic waste bins at nearly 600 sites to stop people dumping rubbish in the open. However, more needs to be done to make the city clean, both in terms of education and enforcement.

Outdated, undersized garbage trucks should be substituted with newer, larger models to tackle the piles of rubbish that continue to grow.

All Yangon residents are responsible for en-

suring the cleanliness of the city. If a clean environment cannot be maintained, everyone suffers the consequences.

Therefore, while authorities need to prove they are using the city development budget effectively, residents also need to do their part to keep the city clean.

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LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS

Kyi Mun

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

- A Chinese Proverb

"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails."

- John Maxwell

Focus on both people and the results. Without people a leader cannot get results. Without results you will get nowhere.

- Jayakar Rangarajan, Syntel

DEFINITION

Leadership means making the RIGHT things happen and getting the RIGHT things done by the RIGHT people, in the RIGHT way, at the RIGHT place, at the RIGHT time and at the RIGHT cost, by using appropriate influence in the RIGHT manner or style.

In short, leadership is all about getting the desired results through the able and willing people.

PURPOSE

The purpose of leadership is to give the RIGHT direction (VISION), purpose (MISSION), scope (GOAL) to the business which has been strategically defined in the RIGHT perspective. For example, to define the nature of the business as RAILROAD business or as the TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS; as the PETROLEUM BUSINESS or as ENERGY BUSINESS; as Cosmetics Business or as BEAUTY & ELEGANCE Business.

Leadership must be crystal clear in:

- What business are we in?
- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How can we get there?
- Which is the best way?

FUNCTIONS of LEADERSHIP

P = Persuading
O = Organizing
E = Enabling
T = Teaching
I = Inspiring
C = Caring

THE JOB OF LEADERSHIP

- To Show and clearly articulate the Compelling Vision
- To Set in motion the Consuming Mission
- To Lay-down the Definite Goal
- To Roll-out the Clear-cut Objectives
- To Formulate the Audacious Strategy
- To Deploy the Cutting-edge Tactics
- To Spear-head the Distinctive Capabilities
- To Concentrate On the Core Competencies
- To Strengthen & Consolidate Comprehensive Resources

RESPONSIBILITY OF HIGH-CALIBER LEADERSHIP

Nurturing, Cultivating & Developing in the Entire

Organization:

- Visionary Insight
- Revolutionary Fervor
- Innovative Culture
- Transformational Focus
- Productivity Initiatives
- Inspirational People-Participation-Program—PPP
- Going All-out Mobilization Drive
- Organizational Conquest, Growth & Consolidation
- People, Planet, Profit—Triple-Bottom-Line—CSR Drive

The Four Factors of Successful Leadership

1. Burning Desire
2. Indomitable Spirit
3. Unyielding Effort
4. Insight Wisdom

LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

- H = Hope & Courage
- I = Integrity
- G = Goal-driven
- H = Harmony & Alignment
- C = Character, Competence, Commitment, Conviction, Caring
- A = Audacity, Accountability
- L = Learning, Leading Forward & Upward
- I = Integrity, Inspiration, Initiative, Innovativeness, Indomitability
- B = Bold, Brave & Benevolent
- E = Empathy, Earnest, Effective, Efficient, Endearing Spirit
- R = Rapport, Respect for Individual, Responsibility, Resilience

SOME IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- Capacity to provide vision & strategy
- Focus on quality, differentiation and value
- Focus on people development and advancement
- Ability to identify opportunities
- Big picture perspective
- Ability to plan and manage change
- Results focused
- Proficiency in motivating others
- Inspiration
- Confidence
- Innovativeness
- Focus on Communications
- People skills
- Self-awareness and understanding
- Service

THE LEADERSHIP SECRETS OF ATILA THE HUN

- Courage
- Desire, i.e the strong wish to lead
- Emotional stamina—the ability to persist in the face of disappointment
- Physical stamina
- Empathy— including sensitivity to other people's values and other cultures, beliefs and traditions
- Decisiveness

- Anticipation
- Timing
- Competitiveness
- Self-confidence
- Accountability—in particular, never heaping praise on oneself for one's own achievements or laying blame on others for what one fails to bring about.
- Responsibility
- Credibility
- Tenacity
- Dependability
- Stewardship—leaders are custodians of the interests and wellbeing of those they serve as leaders
- Loyalty

HIGH-FLYERS TENDED TO SHARE THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

- Determination
- Ability to learn from adversity
- Capable of grasping chances when presented
- Strong achievement drive
- Strong self-control
- A well-integrated set of values among which integrity, independence, initiative, people and relationships feature strongly
- Moderate risk taking
- Clear personal and organizational objectives
- High dedication to the job
- Motivated by the work itself rather than by external rewards
- A well-organized life
- A pragmatic as distinct from intellectual approach to problem solving
- A high level of 'people skills'
- A high level of innovative ability

LEADER TO VISIONARY

A leader is a real leader in the strategic sense of the term only if he or she is also a visionary. A visionary is a future-oriented grand strategist capable of out-thinking, out-planning and out-performing the competition. Usually, a conquering and compelling passion to achieve something great and grand is deeply enshrined in the heart of a visionary with strong beliefs and values.

The Job of the Chief Executive

- The chief executive as a strategist
- Evaluating business performance
- Setting the strategic direction

The Chief Executive as a Sensor of Market Opportunities

- Anticipating market changes
- Adding value for customers
- Leading and managing customer orientation

The Chief Executive as a Strategist and Policy Maker

- Detecting opportunities and key success factors in an industry
- Developing sustainable competitive advantage

- Meeting the challenges of international growth

The Chief Executive as a Strategist for Acquisitions

- Formulating an acquisition strategy
- Creating synergy
- Valuing brands and other intangibles

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NATIONAL

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Special Envoy on Asia Affairs of China to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, received Mr Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy on Asia Affairs of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China to Myanmar at Bayint-

naung Guest House, here, on Monday.

They discussed further promotion in bilateral relations and peace processes including the peace talks of armed ethnic groups in Law Khee Lar region.

Also present at the call

were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) office.

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Vice-Senior General and party visit Angkor Wat cultural region in Siem Reap

NAY PYI TAW, 29 June—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General

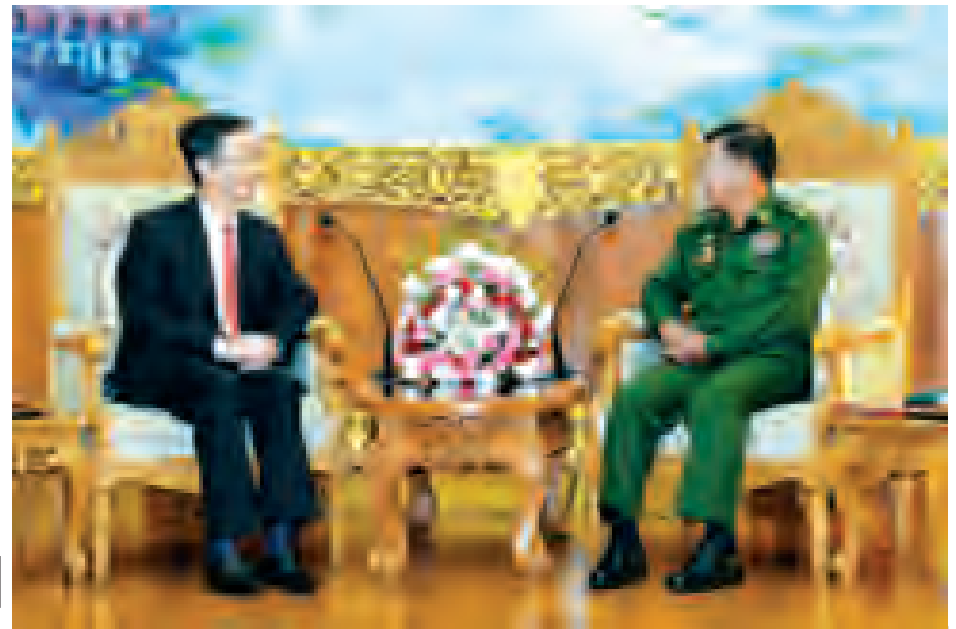
Soe Win and party visited Angkor Wat cultural region in Siem Reap of Cambodia on 28 June.

Officials explained

background history of Angkor Wat Temple, Taprom Temple and Bayon Temple, construction of temples and maintenance of UNESCO's



Vice-Senior General Soe Win views ancient cultural heritages at Angkor Wat Temple.—MYAWADY



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Mr Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy on Asia Affairs of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China to Myanmar.—MYAWADY

Police arrest 4 suspects over murder of 87-y.o. man

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 29 June — Police have arrested four suspects, including three teenagers, over the murder of an 87-year-old man at his home in Yangon's Mingala Taungnyunt Township at the weekend.

The police arrested Myo Win, 16, Aung Myo Wai, 17, Chit Htike Aung, 16, and Aung Myo Zaw, 20, from Thingangyun Township on Sunday, less than 24 hours after the victim's body was discovered.

U Kayin Kyaw Nyein, 87, was found dead at his apartment on 113 Street,

Taungnyuntgyi around 7.30 pm on 27 June. He had been bound to a chair with clothing fabric tied around his arms, legs and neck. The police believe the four suspects sneaked into the apartment to steal valuables and were discovered by the victim.

One of the suspects had previously worked for the victim, according to the police. The police also seized K14,000 and some small stones believed to be pearl from the four suspects.

The police are working to retrieve remaining items believed to have been stolen from the victim by the suspects.—GNLM

LEADERSHIP...

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The Chief Executive as a Negotiator

- Developing negotiation skills
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- Using knowledge to drive growth and profits

THE ROLE OF LEADERSHIP

At the end of the day, the crux of the responsibility of the Leadership is to win beautifully in the game of business. Again, winning in the game of business depends on:

- The quality and capability of the Leadership
- The quality and capability of the Followers

- Moral
- Resources

The quality and capability of the leadership is usually shown in the quality and caliber of the PLAN OF ACTION.

- Plan of Action is all about Strategy
- Strategy is all about Cutting Edge
- Cutting Edge is all about Distinctive Capabilities
- Distinctive Capabilities are all about Core Competencies

- Core Competencies are all about Resources

- Resources are all about:
 - ◆ Human Resource
 - ◆ Financial Resource
 - ◆ Technological Resource
 - ◆ Material Resource
 - ◆ Mechanical Resource
 - ◆ ICT Resource

PRINCIPLES OF COMPETITION

The Principles of Competition that the Leadership must meticulously follow in the game of business are:

The Principle of:

- ❖ Clear-cut Objective
- ❖ Concentration/ Mass
- ❖ Offensive
- ❖ Cooperation
- ❖ Economy of Force
- ❖ Security
- ❖ Surprise
- ❖ Mobility

PROFILE OF TOMORROW'S LEADER

The leader blazes a trail for others to follow. In doing so, there will be markers along the way. Knowing that the organization's future rests on the success of the people on the team, the leader seeks qualities that will lift him or her above the timely and into the timeless, thus inviting every-

one in the organization to do the same. Here are 10 qualities I believe will be in the profile of tomorrow's leader:

1. Tomorrow's leader will be a remarkable builder of team spirit.
2. Tomorrow's leader will be self-reliant and confident and will teach members to do the same.
3. Tomorrow's leader will be creative and not afraid to take risks.
4. Tomorrow's leader will understand the value of change.
5. Tomorrow's leader will be fair, not afraid to challenge or be challenged.
6. Tomorrow's leader will be open to new ideas and perspectives.
7. Tomorrow's leader will possess a far greater understanding of people.
8. Tomorrow's leader will be organized and adept at setting and working priorities.
9. Tomorrow's leader will be on a continuing high personal growth curve.
10. Tomorrow's leader will be in balance in his or her business and personal life.

CONCLUSION

Leadership, here, is all about winning in the game of business. Leadership has got to be good at winning victory at the beginning, in the middle and at the end of the game, along the whole journey or duration; but the most important thing is: All ends well that ends well!

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China-led multilateral bank takes key step forward

BEIJING, 29 June — The China-initiated multilateral bank that has dominated media headlines for months took a key step forward on Monday, with the signing of an agreement that outlines the legal framework and management structure for the institution.

Representatives of the 57 prospective founding countries gathered in Beijing for the signing ceremony of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in the Great Hall of the People. Australia was the first country to sign the document.

The 60-article agreement specified each member's share as well as governance structure and policy-making mechanism of the bank, which is designed to finance infrastructure in Asia.

The bank will have authorized capital of 100 billion US dollars, and Asian countries will contribute to up to 75 percent of the total capital. Each member will be allocated a share of the



Representatives of prospective founding countries of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) attend the signing ceremony of the articles of agreement of AIIB in Beijing, capital of China on 29 June, 2015. Representatives of the 57 prospective AIIB founding countries signed the agreement on Monday in Beijing.

XINHUA

quota based on their economic size, according to the agreement.

China, India and Russia are the three largest shareholders, taking a 30.34 percent, 8.52 percent, 6.66 percent stake, respectively. Their voting

shares are calculated at 26.06 percent, 7.5 percent and 5.92 percent.

China's Vice Finance Minister Shi Yaobin said in an interview with *Xinhua* that the country's stake and voting share in the initial stage are "natural

outcome" of current rules, and may be diluted as more members join.

"China is not deliberately seeking a veto power," Shi stressed.

Speaking at Monday's ceremony, Finance Minister Lou Jiwei said

the new bank will uphold high standards and follow international rules in its operation, policy-making and management to ensure efficiency and transparency.

The AIIB was proposed by President Xi Jinping in October 2013. A year later, 21 Asian nations, including China, India, Malaysia, Pakistan and Singapore, had signed an agreement to establish the bank, which will be headquartered in Beijing.

Since the new bank garnered support from countries like Britain and Germany, much focus has been trained on whether the US and Japan, the world's largest and third largest economies, will join the club.

While stating that the US will not join the AIIB at present, US President Barack Obama said in April that the US looked forward to collaborating with the new development bank, "just like we do with the Asia Development Bank and with the World Bank."

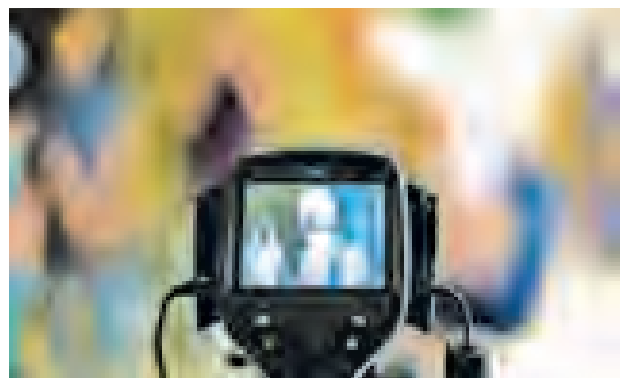
Despite outside worries that a new investment bank will challenge the established order of multilateral lenders, the IMF, World Bank and other leading global lenders have welcomed collaboration with the new bank to fill Asia's infrastructure gap.

Statistics from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) show that between 2010 and 2020, around 8 trillion US dollars in investment will be needed in the Asia-Pacific region to improve infrastructure.

Rather than being a competitor, the new bank will complement the current international economic order and enable China to take more global responsibility, Chinese officials have reiterated.

The bank will start operation at the end of the year under two preconditions: At least 10 prospective members sign the agreement, and the initial subscribed capital is no less than 50 percent of the authorized capital.—*Xinhua*

Thailand's first MERS case declared free of deadly virus



A body temperature scanner shows people arriving at a private hospital in Bangkok, Thailand on 24 June, 2015—REUTERS

BANGKOK, 29 June — An Omani man who became Thailand's first case of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) has been declared free of the deadly virus, Thailand's health ministry said on Monday.

The 75-year-old man,

who had travelled to Bangkok for treatment for a heart condition and was then diagnosed with the virus, will remain in quarantine for the time being. "In the last test results we did not find the MERS virus in the patient,"

Surachet Satitramai, acting

permanent secretary at the Public Health Ministry, told *Reuters*.

"His condition is much better but we still need to see if his other health conditions, including his heart condition, will have any effect on his recovery."

He said three of the man's relatives who travelled with him to Thailand were also free of the virus. Thailand's health ministry is still monitoring 36 people who were exposed to its single patient. Thailand confirmed its first case of MERS earlier this month, becoming the fourth Asian country to register the virus this year.

In South Korea, which is battling the largest MERS outbreak outside Saudi Arabia, 31 people have died

from the virus. South Korea's public health ministry reported one new case on Friday, taking the total to 181. Health authorities have said the virus may have levelled off but were more guarded in their assessment last week.

Thailand's status as a hub for medical tourism could be helping it contain the spread of MERS, government and health officials said last week.

First identified in humans in 2012, MERS is caused by a corona virus from the same family as the one that triggered the 2003 outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

There is no cure or vaccine.—*Reuters*

Cambodia accuses opposition activists of creating insecurity along border with Vietnam

PHNOM PENH, 29 June — Cambodia's Svay Rieng Provincial Administration has accused a group of opposition party led by a lawmaker of creating insecurity along border with Vietnam after the group scuffled with Vietnamese villagers over a disputed border area on Sunday. In a statement released to the media on Monday, the spokesman for the Svay Rieng Provincial Administration said the brawl, occurred on Sunday afternoon in Svay Rieng provincial border with Vietnam, left 10 Cambodians and 8 Vietnamese people injured.

The statement said the border inspection trip of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party led by its lawmaker Real Camerin had not been noticed to the provincial or local authorities for security and safety protection.

It added that when they arrived at the border area, the Cambodian authorities had tried to explain and ban them from inspecting border marker No. 203 because of safety concerns, but they still vowed to reach the marker.

"The Svay Rieng Provincial Administration does not take any responsibility before the law over the in-

cident because this activity was made without a notice or cooperation with the authorities," the statement said. "The activity aimed to cause insecurity along border areas, which is completely contrary to the Cambodian government's position."

Real Camerin's aide Tep Narin told local media on Sunday that about 100 Vietnamese, armed with wooden sticks and accompanied by their policemen and soldiers, attacked about 300 Cambodian activists, who tried to visit the border marker. Cambodia shares a 1,270-km border in the east with Vietnam. Row in some areas along the Cambodia-Vietnam border began in recent months after Cambodia said it has found that Vietnamese authorities had dug eight ponds deeply inside north-east Cambodian territory in Ratanakiri Province and constructed a military post at a non-demarcated border area between Cambodia's Kandal province and Vietnam's An Giang Province.

The Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs had sent three diplomatic notes to the Vietnamese government this month in order to urge Vietnam to respect the borderline.—*Xinhua*

Two Koreas to talk Tuesday on ex-S Korean first lady's visit to North

SEOUL, 29 June — South Korea said on Monday it has approved a visit by a group of aides to former South Korean President Kim Dae Jung to North Korea's border city of Kaesong on Tuesday for talks with North Korean officials to arrange a visit to the North by Kim's widow Lee Hee Ho.

The approval was given to five people from the Kim Dae Jung Peace Centre, dedicated to the former president, according to Unification Ministry spokesman

Lim Byeong-cheol.

At the preparatory talks, the two sides will discuss the timing of Lee's visit and other details such as the itinerary and size of her entourage amid speculation the 92-year-old former first lady could visit Pyongyang as early as next month and no later than 15 August, a date on which both Koreans celebrate national liberation from Japanese rule.

Any South Korean who wants to visit North Korea must gain permission from

the South Korean government. Attention is focused on whether Lee will be able to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during her visit at a time when inter-Korean relations remain tense. North Korea has further heightened tensions by threatening retaliation against South Korea for the opening last week in Seoul of a UN office on monitoring human rights violation in the North. Lee met Kim in December 2011 when she traveled to Pyongyang to ex-

press condolences over the death of then North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, father of the current young leader.

She had sought to travel to the North in December last year, but the plan was canceled mainly due to her declining health.

In 2000, Kim Dae Jung held a landmark summit with Kim Jong Il in Pyongyang and agreed to promote national reconciliation and economic cooperation. Kim Dae Jung died in 2009.

Kyodo News

Nepal to destroy 547 tons of inedible food aid from WFP

KATHMANDU, 29 June — Nepal will bury nearly 550 tons of pulse and rice supplied and warehoused by the UN World Food Programme after having found them hazardous for human consumption, and is exploring ways to take action against those responsible, officials said on Monday.

This is the first time Nepal has taken such steps against a UN body, according to Uttam Kumar Bhattarai, secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture.

“We have written to the Foreign Ministry asking it to initiate action

through diplomatic means. We don’t know what kind of action will be taken, because this is the government’s first experience of this kind,” Bhattarai told *Kyodo News*.

A parliamentary probe panel that visited Gorkha, the epicenter of a devastating earthquake that struck on 25 April, and Nepalgunj in far-western Nepal has reported to the parliament that 6 tons of rice supplied to quake-affected families in Gorkha and 541 tons of pulse warehoused in Nepalgunj are unfit for human consumption.

Bhattarai said the warehoused pulse was in the process of being distributed to quake-affected families.

“The parliamentary team has also reported that the WFP distributed date-expired baby food in Gorkha’s Laprak village,” Bhattarai said. “This is inhuman.”

The government’s Department of Food Technology and Quality Control says samples of the rice and pulse were tested at its laboratory and were found hazardous.

“Our tests concluded

that the rice is rotten and the pulse is unfit for consumption,” the department’s spokesman Purna Chandra Osti told *Kyodo News*.

The WFP says it is returning the food to its supplier and is investigating how it got through.

But government officials insist the food has to be destroyed and not returned to the supplier.

“If it is returned, there is a risk the food will reenter our food chain,” Bhattarai said. “Our Food Act clearly says such food must be destroyed.”

The ministry had asked

the WFP repeatedly in the past to allow the government’s food inspectors to check consignments, but to no avail.

“They undermined us, and the situation is so bad now that we are sadly forced to seek action against them,” Bhattarai added.

The 25 April quake was Nepal’s deadliest on record. The quake, and another one on 12 May, left 8,844 dead, over 22,000 injured and also nearly 600,000 structures in ruins, according to the Home Ministry.

The WFP says it is delivering food aid to 1.15 million people affected by the quakes, with over 200,000 people reached to date.

Earlier this month, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization warned of the growing risk of food insecurity in Nepal because half of all farming households in affected districts lost nearly all stored crops and seeds beneath collapsed buildings. It said the quakes affected 220,000 farm households consisting of around 1 million people.

Kyodo News

China’s senior leader says ties with Japan changing for better



Former Japanese home affairs minister Takeshi Noda (far L) and Yu Zhengsheng (far R), the fourth-highest ranking member of the Communist Party of China, hold talks at Beijing’s Great Hall of the People on 29 June, 2015. During their meeting, Yu said the two countries’ relations are improving.—KYODO NEWS

BEIJING, 29 June — China’s fourth highest-ranking leader, Yu Zhengsheng, said on Monday during a meeting with visiting Japanese lawmakers that the two countries’ relations are improving.

“At that time, Sino-Japanese relations still had relatively many troublesome matters,” Yu told a group of lawmakers belonging to Japan’s ruling party led by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, referring to his meeting with it in May last year. “But this time the situation is different.”

“Under this kind of an environment, I am very pleased to hold dialogue,” Yu, ranked fourth in the Communist Party who serves as China’s top political adviser, said in Beijing’s Great Hall of the People.

The visit by the group led by veteran Liberal Democratic Party lawmaker Takeshi Noda comes amid increased high-level political exchanges between the two countries.

The exchanges have

started taking place step by step since Abe’s first meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in November, although disputes persist over the Senkaku Islands and wartime history issues.

On Saturday, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Japan’s reluctance to accept China’s re-emergence is “the root cause” of many of the problems between them right now.

During a forum attended by former officials and scholars in Beijing, Wang also urged Abe to have “correct” views on Japan’s past militarism, without specifying his name.

As China is paying attention to what Abe will say for the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II this summer, Wang said he wonders whether Japan’s top leader will “continue to stay in the shadow of history and place himself in the seat of defendant of history or will he be making efforts to achieve a genuine reconciliation.”

Kyodo News

Cameron — IS militants are plotting ‘terrible’ UK attacks

LONDON, 29 June — Prime Minister David Cameron warned on Monday that Islamic State militants based in Syria and Iraq were planning specific attacks against Britain and posed an existential threat to the West.

Cameron was speaking after an Islamist gunman killed up to 30 British tourists in an attack last Friday that British politicians have described as the single worst assault on their nationals since the bombing of the London underground in 2005.

“It is an existential threat because what is happening here is the perversion of a great religion and the creation of this poisonous death cult is seducing too many young minds,” Cameron told BBC radio.

“There are people in Iraq and Syria who are plotting to carry out terrible acts in Britain and elsewhere and as long as ISIL (Islamic State) exists in those two countries we are at threat,” said Cameron.

Britain’s international terror threat is currently set at “severe,” its second



British Prime Minister David Cameron

highest level, and a rung which means an attack is “highly likely.” Police say they have launched one of their largest counter-terror-

ism operations in a decade after the murders in Tunisia.

Writing in *The Daily Telegraph* newspaper, Cameron signalled he wanted authorities to take a tougher line against Muslim extremists in Britain to do more to challenge what he said were their unacceptable views.

“We must be more intolerant of intolerance — rejecting anyone whose views condone the Islamist extremist narrative,” Cameron wrote.

Reuters

France attack suspect admits killing, police make link to Syria



A man supposed to be suspect who held over an attack against a gas company site is escorted by police officers during investigations in Saint-Priest, near Lyon, France on 28 June, 2015.—REUTERS

Canadian authorities said on Sunday they were assisting the investigation.

The phone number belongs to a French national, known by his first name Sebastien-Younes, who has been in Syria since last year, the same source said, confirming media reports. His last known location was the Islamic State stronghold of Raqqa.

According to other French media reports, Salhi told police he had argued

with Cornara and with his own wife before the killing. One of their work colleagues, quoted on the website of the television station i-Tele, also said the two men had clashed days earlier after Salhi dropped a pallet of fragile equipment.

The suspect, whose wife and sister were released on Sunday after two days of questioning, is said by French security services to have associated with hardline Islamists over

more than a decade, and had previously been flagged by them as a potential risk.

Flanked by heavily armed police in masks and flak jackets, Salhi was taken on Sunday to the car park where he said he had killed Cornara, before retracing the route he had followed to the chemical plant.

He was then escorted to the apartment he shared with his wife and three children in the quiet Lyon suburb of Saint-Priest, where further searches were carried out.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Manuel Valls said the government was increasing resources in law enforcement and domestic intelligence to combat Islamic extremism.

“We cannot lose this war, because it is essentially a war of civilization,” Valls said in an interview broadcast on Europe 1 radio and i-Tele. “It is our society, our civilization and our values that we must defend.”

Reuters

Serbia marks 626th anniversary of Battle of Kosovo



Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic, Defence Minister Bratislav Gasic and Chief-of-staff of the Serbian Armed Forces Ljubisa Dikovic laid wreaths at the monument and paid tribute to Prince Lazar and his soldiers with highest military honours.
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BELGRADE, 29 June — Serbia marked St Vitus Day on Sunday, a great national holiday dedicated to the Battle of Kosovo against the Turks that took place on 28 June, 1389. The central ceremony was held in Kruševac where Bishop Danilo held the Holy Liturgy at the St Stephen Church, the endowment of Prince Lazar, after which a memorial service was held at the Monument to Kosovo Heroes.

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The ceremonies devoted to Serbian Prince Lazar and Kosovo heroes, who lost their lives putting up magnificent resistance to the Turkish conqueror began on Saturday evening with concerts in Belgrade and Kosovo's Gracanica Monastery.

"St Vitus' Day is the holiday of Serbia's freedom and Serbs are defined by one word only — freedom," said Serbian Minister of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Issues Aleksandar Vulin at the concert held in Belgrade's Kalemegdan Park.

In the collective memory of the Serbian nation, St Vitus symbolizes freedom, resistance, cherishing patriotism, national being, chivalry and heroism. —*Tanjug*

New York prison break ends with shooting of 2nd fugitive

MALONE, (NY), 29 June — David Sweat, one of two New York state inmates who escaped from prison three weeks ago, was shot by police near the Canadian border and rushed to a local hospital on Sunday, two days after his accomplice was killed, authorities said.

His capture was the dramatic climax of a massive manhunt for Sweat and fellow inmate Richard Matt, who were discovered missing from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, New York, on 6 June. Some 1,300 members of law enforcement took part in the search through the forests and bogs of northern New York.

Sweat, 35, was shot twice and taken into custody in the town of Constable, 23 miles (37 km) north of Duane, where his accomplice was fatally shot on Friday, authorities said. He was captured just a mile and a half (2.4 km) south of New York's border with the Canadian province of Quebec.

Sergeant Jay Cook of the New York State Police was on patrol alone when he spotted "a suspicious man walking

down a roadway" at about 3:20 pm local time.

Cook called out to the individual, and when he turned the officer recognized him as Sweat, police said.

The fugitive took off running and the officer shot him twice in the torso, police said. Sweat was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital for treatment.

"The nightmare is finally over," New York state Governor Andrew Cuomo told a news conference. "If you were writing a movie plot, they would say this was overdone." He added that Sweat was in stable condition.

Cuomo said he had personally congratulated the officer.

"It was a very courageous act. I said to Sgt Cook, who has two daughters, 16 and 17, 'You go home tonight and tell your daughters you're a hero,'" the governor said.

CNN showed a photograph of pale, gaunt-looking Sweat after he was captured, seated on the ground in a dark jacket and muddy camouflage clothing. He appeared to have dried blood on his face.

Sweat has not been interviewed by investigators yet, Joseph D'Amico, superintendent of the New



Law enforcement officers gather outside the Alice Hyde Medical Centre in Malone, New York on 28 June, 2015.—REUTERS

York State police, told the same news conference.

D'Amico, who said police had intended to apprehend Sweat without using force if possible, said he did not know when the two fugitives parted ways during their three-week trek.

Security was tight outside the Alice Hyde Medical Center in Malone, where Sweat was first taken.

"I think a lot of people are going to rest easier tonight," said Jessica Randall, 38, of Malone, who was shopping with her husband when she saw police vehicles speed by.

CNN showed footage of an ambulance and po-

lice convoy which it reported later took Sweat to a hospital in the state capital, Albany.

Sweat's mother Pamela told a CNN affiliate in upstate New York that she sighed with relief and then started crying when she heard her son was caught but not killed.

She said he had known better than to seek help from her.

"If he would've come here, I would've knocked him out and had them guys take him to the jail," Pamela Sweat said. "I've always done to it to him when he was bad."

Reuters

Israel bars foreign activist flotilla from reaching Gaza

JERUSALEM, 29 June — Israel said on Monday it had blocked a boat leading a four-vessel protest flotilla of foreign activists from reaching the Gaza Strip and forced the vessel to sail to an Israeli port.

An Israeli military statement said there was no violence in the incident, in which troops boarded, searched and then forced the boat to sail to an Israeli port.

Activists said the boat had a few dozen Europeans, including politicians, on board and had been headed for Gaza, the blockaded Palestinian territory.

The Israeli statement early on Monday said that "after exhausting all diplomatic channels the Israeli government ordered the Israeli Navy to redirect the vessel in order to prevent breach of the naval blockade" of Gaza.

It said troops searched the vessel in international waters and then escorted it to Israel's southern port of Ashdod.

The four-vessel flotilla was the latest in a series of protest voyages across the Mediterranean against Israel's nine-year blockade of

Islamist Hamas-dominated Gaza, a Palestinian territory.

One of those incidents turned deadly in 2010 when 10 Turkish activists were killed aboard a ship commandeered by Israel in the Mediterranean Sea.

An earlier statement by the pro-Palestinian International Solidarity Movement said the flotilla had been led by a converted fishing trawler called the 'Marianne of Gothenburg', with about 50 activists from 17 countries, including an Israeli Arab lawmaker.

The activists said the boats had set sail on 27 June with a cargo of solar panels intended to "help alleviate the serious problem of electricity in Gaza, as well as medical equipment" for the impoverished territory, home to 1.7 million Palestinians.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued a statement congratulating troops for seizing the ship he said was involved in "a demonstration of hypocrisy" and support for Hamas, and said Israel's actions were in accordance with international law.

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A couple take part in a competition of eating watermelons in a swimming pool in Chongqing, southwest China, on 28 June, 2015. Chongqing was hit by a sweltering day on Sunday.—XINHUA

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WEATHER REPORT

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 30th June, 2015: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kayin State, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, Shan and Chin States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are Likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) m.p.h.

**11 soldiers killed
in convoy ambush
in Afghanistan**

KABUL, 29 June — Some 11 Afghan army soldiers have been killed after militants ambushed a security forces' convoy in western Herat Province, reported local media on Monday. "On Sunday evening, the militants attacked a running convoy of army in Masjide-e-Chobee locality of Karukh district, killing 11 soldiers and wounding six others," *Tolo News* said in its news bulletin.

The convoy was travelling from provincial capital Herat city to the neighboring Badghis province when it came under attack, according to the report. The Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since mid-April when the militant group launched a yearly rebel offensive against Afghan security forces. The Afghan soldiers and police casualties have risen as the US and NATO troops in Afghanistan have switched from combat to a support role of training, advising and assisting Afghan forces since 1 January.—Xinhua

Four killed as militants' hideout raided in East Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 29 June — At least four suspected terrorists including a suicide bomber were killed and six others injured when law enforcement agencies raided a hideout of suspected militants in Pakistan's east city of Lahore in the wee hours of Monday morning, local media reported.

Geo TV said that in a joint operation, the police and intelligence agencies raided an under-construction house, believed to be a hide-

out of suspected militants at the outskirts of Lahore city, the capital of the country's east Punjab Province.

The operation was launched acting on a tip-off of presence of the high profile workers of an outlawed militant organization.

During the raid, the militants opened fire at police in which a policeman got injured. In retaliatory attack, the law enforcers killed three militants and injured five others, said the report.

After being cornered by the police, one militant reportedly blew up his explosive jacket, killing himself.

The injured terrorists were arrested and shifted to some unidentified location.

Police also recovered huge cache of arms and ammunition including suicide jackets from the hideout of the militants, after killing them. Identities of the militants and their organization have not been revealed by the police yet.—Xinhua



Tourists take selfie at the Wat Pho Temple in Bangkok, Thailand, on 29 June, 2015. The number of tourists visiting Thailand reached more than 12.4 million between January and May this year, up 24.72 percent year on year, the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) said on 24 June.—XINHUA

Sean Combs tumbles, Janet Jackson gets emotional at BET awards

LOS ANGELES, 29 June — Rapper Sean “Diddy” Combs took a tumble, Janet Jackson made an emotional appearance, and the BET TV network paid tribute on Sunday to campaigners across the United States demanding better police accountability after a troubled year. Combs fell through a hole in the stage at the BET Awards show during a 20th anniversary celebration of his Bad Boy record label that reunited hip-hop artists including Lil’ Kim, Faith Evans and 112 in a celebration joined by Pharrell Williams.

Combs quickly got up and carried on with the performance, appearing unhurt. The BET awards pay tribute to the leading black music, acting, sports and entertainment figures in the United States of the past year.

Current political events were never far away at Sunday’s ceremony in Los Angeles. Actor Michael B Jordan, star of the 2013 film “Fruitvale Station”, gave a speech on behalf of the cable network recognizing the thousands of Americans who have marched and demonstrated over the deaths of young black men



Janet Jackson accepts the Ultimate Icon Award during the 2015 BET Awards in Los Angeles, California, on 28 June, 2015.—REUTERS

at the hands of police in the past 12 months.

“BET is shining a

light on you for taking to the streets and insisting that black lives matter. We

see you and applaud your unbreakable, unshakeable strength,” Jordan said, referring to deaths in Ferguson, Missouri, Baltimore and New York.

In one of the most hotly anticipated moments of the almost four-hour ceremony, Janet Jackson was presented with the inaugural Ultimate Icon: Music Dance Visual Award.

Jackson, 49, announced last month that she would release her first album of new material since “Discipline” in 2008 and embark on her first world tour in four years.

“It’s been a very long journey to this moment. My heart is so full,” said Jackson, dressed in a white jump suit.

The youngest member of the Jackson family singing clan, Janet thanked her fans and her parents, Joe and Katherine Jackson, who were seated at the front of the Los Angeles arena.

In the main awards of the night, rapper Nicki Minaj won for best female hip-hop artist and Kendrick Lamar, who performed atop two graffiti-covered police cars, took home best male hip-hop artist.—Reuters

‘Spider-Man’ reboot to introduce new villains



LOS ANGELES, 29 June — Marvel Studio President Kevin Feige has hinted that the upcoming “Spider-Man” movie may include all-new villains which fans have never seen before.

Feige explained that the studio was making innovations with the antagonists in order to differentiate the upcoming movie with previous “Spider-Man” movies, reported AceShowbiz.

“Right now we’re interested in seeing villains we haven’t seen before,” Feige said of

the upcoming reboot.

Feige indicated that “Spider-Man” didn’t have to be part of the larger Marvel Universe in order to “work.”

“Stakes don’t need to be end of the world,” he said and added that “Spider-Man” had several differences, strengths, compared to other Marvel movies.

Famous villains of the franchise include Doctor Octopus, Sandman, Venom, The Lizard, Electro, Rhino and multiple versions of the Green Goblin.—PTI

One Direction are just normal people: Niall Horan

LONDON, 29 June — One Direction star Niall Horan insists that they are just “normal people”.

The “Little Things” hitmaker has had an “incredible” time since finding fame with the boy band but has not changed with success, reported Contactmusic.

“What’s happened over the last few years has been incredible. But I just stay the same person I was and grow up with it. We are



The “Little Things” hitmaker Niall Horan has had an “incredible” time since finding fame with the boy band but has not changed with success.—PTI

just normal people doing this abnormal job,” he said.

The 21-year-old singer also thinks he is the “worst celebrity on earth” because he hardly gets clicked when he is not working.

“To be honest, I don’t get that much paparazzi because you can stay away from it if you want to. I am probably the worst celebrity on Earth, cos I don’t go to any of those parties,” said Horan.—PTI

Eddie Redmayne, Dev Patel invited to join film academy

LOS ANGELES, 29 June — Actors Eddie Redmayne, Emma Stone and Dev Patel are invited by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to be its new members of 2015.

After adding 271 people last year, the Academy sends out invitations to more than 300 people this year. They consist of Oscar winners, nominees, and other notable names in the industry, reported Ace Showbiz.

The new members include Redmayne, who won best actor this year for his role as Stephen Hawking in “The Theory of Everything”, Emma Stone who was nominated for best supporting actress for her performance in “Birdman”, Common who grabbed best original song

for his “Selma” soundtrack, and Patel whose claim-fame film “Slumdog Millionaire” won eight Oscars in 2009.

John Legend who collaborated with Common in the “Selma” theme song, “Glory”, is also among the invitees. Another new member in the music branch

include Nine Inch Nails’ vocalist Trent Reznor who scored David Fincher’s “Gone Girl”. The new list also include Elizabeth Banks, Benedict Cumberbatch, Martin Freeman, Tom Hardy, Kevin Hart, Felicity Jones, David Oyelowo, Rosamund Pike, Chris

Pine, Daniel Radcliffe, Jason Segel and J K Simmons.

The directors picked for this year’s invitees are James Gunn “Guardians of the Galaxy”, Justin Lin “Fast and Furious 6”, Edgar Wright “The World’s End”, and Joe Wright “Anna Karenina”.

“It’s really gratifying to see the big increases in genre, people of color, age and national origin.

“We’ve stressed very much that our members in each branch, it’s their duty to really pay attention to a diverse talent pool, to those coming up, to those that may have been overlooked for membership. I think that effort has paid off well this year,” Academy President Cheryl Boone Isaacs said.

PTI



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Nick Jonas finds it ‘scary’ to release music independently

LOS ANGELES, 29 June — Singer Nick Jonas has revealed releasing music on his own is a daunting task.

The 22-year-old “Jealous” hitmaker, who previously churning out music with siblings Kevin and Joe of pop rock band Jonas Brothers, said he took a chance by going solo, reported Access Hollywood Live.

“It’s been a crazy year-and-a-half, a lot of really special experiences and things that even in my eight year journey with my brothers that I never experienced, that I’m experiencing now.

“And just seeing the people connect with the music that I made, you know, I took a chance and stepped out on my own and tried to do something different,

which is always scary,” the former Jonas Brothers star said.

However, despite the initial nerves, Jonas said he was happy to be able to “connect” with his fans.

“But I really feel like in kind of just being authentic and true to what was relevant to me and what I want to talk about, it connected with people,” he said.—PTI



Singer Nick Jonas

GENERAL

Greece reels in shock as banks shut



People line up to withdraw cash from an automated teller machine (ATM) outside a Piraeus Bank branch in Iraklio on the island of Crete, Greece on 28 June, 2015.

REUTERS

ATHENS, 29 June — Greeks woke up to shuttered banks, closed cash machines and a climate of rumours and conspiracy theories on Monday as a breakdown in talks between Athens and its creditors pushed the austerity-battered country to the brink.

After receiving no extra emergency funding for Greek lenders from the European Central Bank, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras reluctantly imposed capital

controls on Sunday night to prevent banks from collapsing under the weight of mass withdrawals.

Greece has less than 48 hours to pay back 1.6 billion euros (\$1.77 billion) of International Monetary Fund loans, and a default would set in train events that could lead to the country's eventual exit from the euro currency bloc.

But after Tsipras angered Greece's international lenders by announcing

a snap referendum on the terms of a cash-for-reforms deal, hopes of a last-minute breakthrough are fading fast.

"I can't believe it," said Athens resident Evgenia Gekou, 50, on her way to work. "I keep thinking we will wake up tomorrow and everything will be OK. I'm trying hard not to worry."

The government will keep banks shut at least until after 5 July, the date of the referendum, and with-

drawals from automated teller machines — which are shut on Monday — will be limited to 60 euros a day when they reopen on Tuesday.

After months of wrangling, Greece's exasperated European partners have put the blame for the crisis squarely on Tsipras's shoulders.

The creditors wanted Greece to cut pensions and raise taxes in ways that Tsipras has long argued would deepen one of the worst economic crises of modern times in a country where a quarter of the workforce is already unemployed.

As Tsipras announced the emergency measures late on Sunday, there were long queues outside ATMs and petrol stations as people raced to take out cash before it was too late.

"I've got five euros in my pocket, I thought I would try my luck here for some money. The queues in my neighbourhood were too long yesterday," said plumber Yannis Kalaizakis, 58, outside an empty cash machine in central Athens on Monday.

"I don't know what else to say. It's a mess."

Reuters

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Oil companies played hardball in bid to defeat climate outsiders

HOUSTON, 29 June — Petty legal filings. Diver-sionary ballot measures. Counting abstentions as no votes. These are just some of the tactics US oil companies used this spring to quash efforts by investors to win the right to nominate climate experts for board seats.

Led by New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer and proposed at 75 US companies in various industries this year, the so-called proxy access measure would give investor groups who own 3 percent of a company for more than three years the right to nominate directors. At the 19 oil and gas companies targeted, the aim was to demand more accountability on global warming.

While the non-binding measure passed at two-thirds of all the companies targeted, and at 15 of the 19 energy companies, some took unusual steps to block it. Oilfield services provider Nabors Industries Ltd, for example, counted non-votes from brokers as votes against the proposal. Still, the measure passed at Nabors, which didn't respond to requests for comment.

Shale oil company Pioneer Natural Resources Co filed a last-minute counterproposal calling for a higher ownership threshold of 5 percent, which institutional investors say is much harder to obtain. Pioneer said it gave shareholders extra time to vote. Stringer's

proposal failed.

Exxon Mobil Corp and Chevron Corp tried to block the proposal by arguing the New York City pension funds behind it had not shown proof of owning their shares for a full year. The proposal passed at Chevron and narrowly failed at Exxon.

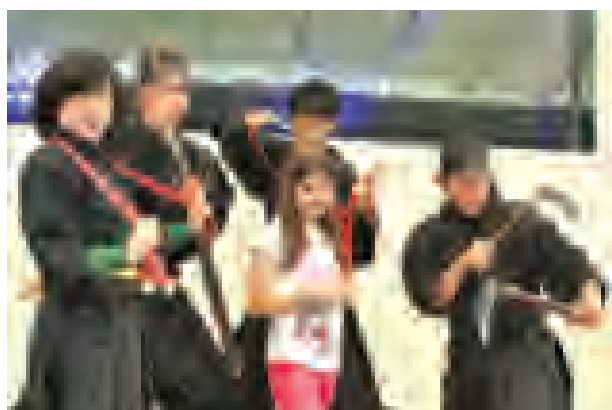
The 15 victories at energy companies show that investors think the companies must do more to address climate change risks - which range from shortages of water needed for drilling to hefty carbon taxes governments could impose on fossil fuel producers, fund managers said.

"ExxonMobil received this (proxy access) proposal due to its exposure to risk related to climate change," James Andrus, a representative from Calpers, told Exxon's annual meeting.

The outcome also shows companies miscalculated the groundswell of support for more climate accountability ahead of the UN conference on global warming in December, fund managers said.

A simple majority was needed for the non-binding proposal to pass. Of the 19 targeted energy companies, all opposed the measure, except for shale oil producers Apache Corp and Whiting Petroleum Corp. The other two companies where the measure failed were Cabot Oil and Gas Corp and Noble Energy Inc.—Reuters

"Ninja" hometown shows off local food at Milan expo



A girl visiting the Japan Pavilion of Expo Milano 2015 in Milan, Italy, poses for commemorative photos with Ninja, following their performance on 28 June, 2015.

KYODO NEWS

MILAN, 29 June — The hometown in central Japan

of one group of "ninja" — a medieval Japanese warrior

or assassin trained in the martial arts — on Sunday hosted a ninja show and introduced its specialty beef and traditional sweets at the Japan Pavilion of the food-themed world expo in Milan.

The city of Iga in Mie Prefecture held the show in which ninja performers enacted combat scenes using "nunchaku" fighting sticks and sickles, attracting many visitors from across Europe where ninjas have become popular through Japanese animations and comics.

After seeing the show, a 47-year-old man from Switzerland said he knew of ninjas but was unaware that Iga was one of the towns where they were from. The man added he enjoyed the performance as he was able to see live what he usually only sees on screen.

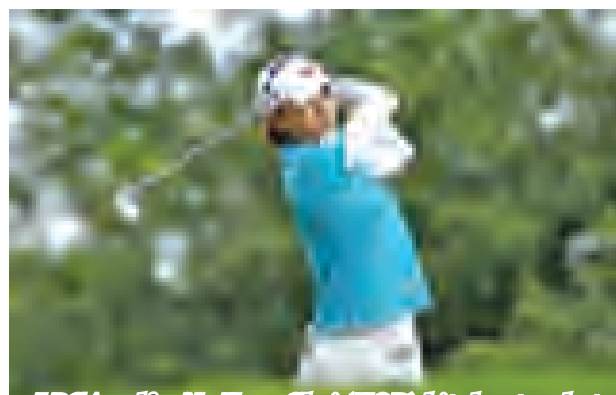
Iga Mayor Sakae Okamoto served Iga beef to visitors in person, while the city offered local sake and sweets including "katayaki" cookies, known as food carried by ninjas.

Kyodo News

South Korean Choi wins in Arkansas with late charge

ROGERS, (Arkansas), 29 June — South Korea's Choi Na-yeon used her trusty 8 iron to great effect over the closing holes of the Arkansas Championship on Sunday, finishing eagle-birdie-par to claim her second win on the LPGA Tour this season.

Choi, who won the opening event of the season in Florida, trailed local favourite Stacy Lewis by a stroke with three holes to play but leapfrogged the



LPGA golfer Na Yeon Choi (KOR) hits her tee shot on the seventeenth hole during the final round of the Canadian Pacific Women's Open golf tournament at London Hunt and Country Club. —REUTERS

American by holing out from 142 yards for an eagle at the 16th. Lewis, playing in the group ahead, missed a short downhill putt on the par 3 17th then bogeyed the final hole for a three-under 68. Choi once again pulled out her 8 iron on the 17th and stuck it close enough for a tap-in birdie. A par at the last sealed a 15 under total for the 54-hole event, giving her a two-shot win over Japan's Mika Miyazato.

Reuters

England hoping to benefit from Commonwealth spirit



England midfielder Jill Scott (8) celebrates with teammates after defeating Canada in the quarterfinals of the FIFA 2015 Women's World Cup at BC Place Stadium, Vancouver, British Columbia, CAN on 27 June, 2015, England won 2-1.—REUTERS

EDMONTON, 29 June, — England's Lionesses may have ruined Canada's Women's World Cup party but they are now hoping the local fans switch their loyalties to backing them as the tournament underdogs.

The day after a 2-1 win over the Canadians in Vancouver, England flew to Edmonton to begin preparing for Wednesday's semi-final against holders Japan at the Commonwealth Stadium.

England are clear-

ly hoping the Commonwealth spirit will extend to the locals forgiving the Lionesses for eliminating their team and backing them as the underdogs.

Arriving at the airport, England went swiftly into a charm offensive, praising the host nation's players and fans.

"We have a huge amount of respect for that Canadian team and the nation. We were privileged to be part of a great occasion. For our players it will live long in their memory,

they will remember that for the rest of their lives," said England coach Mark Sampson, looking back on the win in B C Place.

"The hairs on the back of my neck stood up when Christine Sinclair spoke to the crowd before the game and the crowd erupted and stood up.

It showed what a respect there is for the women's game in this country," he said.

Asked whether he felt his team could now benefit from 'home support',

Sampson said: "We will see. Our team have been excellent ambassadors for the game, we have really enjoyed being in all of the cities — Moncton, Montreal, Ottawa, Vancouver and now looking forward to Edmonton.

"We have allowed the players some time to get away and go and experience the city and get involved with the community so, hopefully, people who have met us have got a good reflection of this team.

"It's a huge game for us and we are excited about whatever type of crowd we will face."

There is also, though, the risk that England could be seen as the villains of the piece for wrecking Canada's dream.

"I really hope not," said Sampson, "I hope the way the team has conducted itself, the way it has represented our country with great pride and passion, I really hope a lot of sports fans will connect with that.

"Hopefully, maybe the neutrals will start to support an England team which are certainly rank outsiders in this tournament at the moment."

Reuters

Kohlschreiber poses real threat to Djokovic



Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns the ball during practice at Wimbledon in London on 27 June, 2015. The Wimbledon tennis championships begins on Monday.—REUTERS

LONDON, 29 June — Novak Djokovic will not have long to wait to discover whether his risky pre-Wimbledon schedule was foolhardy or the perfect way to arrive fresh for the defence of his title.

As tradition demands the Serb will open play on Centre Court on Monday as defending men's champion but rather than a gentle loosener the 28-year-old faces a real danger in the form of Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber, the world number 33.

It will be his first competitive match since his French Open final defeat by Stanislas Wawrinka — a loss that left him mentally frazzled after a punishing year in which he has already bagged the Australian Open and four Masters 1000 titles.

Lleyton Hewitt, in 2003, was the last defending champion to lose in the first round, and Djokovic knows that if he is half-cooked after skipping the grasscourt warm-up events, Kohlschreiber could cause a huge first-day shock.

"Well, if you see Kohlschreiber in the first round, I think you have to stay where it is, take one match at a time," Djokovic told reporters when asked if he had looked at his possible route to the latter stages.

"Considering the fact I haven't played any official grass court matches, I don't allow myself to look more than that.

"Right now I think I'm 100 percent prepared. Hopefully tomorrow when I get on the court I'll be able to perform my best because that's something

that is going to be very much needed in order to win against Kohlschreiber.

"It's one of the toughest first rounds I could get."

Women's top seed Serena Williams also opens her account on Monday on Court One against Russia's Margarita Gasparyan.

The American is bidding for a sixth Wimbledon title which would put her three quarters of the way to a rare calendar slam, something Djokovic had been tipped to achieve before falling to Wawrinka in the French Open final this month.

"If she manages to do that, obviously she'll just confirm that she's, if not the greatest, then definitely one of the greatest tennis players that ever played the game," Djokovic said of the 33-year-old who has 20 grand slam singles titles — third on the all-time list behind Margaret Court (24) and Steffi Graf (22).

Wawrinka will share the Centre Court stage with Djokovic on Monday when the fourth seed takes on Joao Sousa of Portugal while women's fourth seed Maria Sharapova, beaten by Williams in the Australian Open final, plays Briton Johanna Konta.

Women's champion Petra Kvitova will hope to have shaken off a sore throat by the time she opens Centre Court on Tuesday against Dutchwoman Kiki Bertens.

Home favourite Andy Murray and seven-times champion Roger Federer also start on Tuesday.

Reuters

Watson wins playoff to take second Travelers title

CROMWELL, (CT), 29 June — Bubba Watson won his second Travellers Championship the same way as the first, at the second extra hole.

Watson beat Englishman Paul Casey in a playoff on Sunday at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Connecticut.

In notching his eighth victory on the PGA Tour, left-hander Watson matched Canadian Mike Weir for second on the all-time southpaw list. Only Phil Mickelson has more left-handed wins, at 42.

"My goal always has been to get to 10 career wins," said Watson, who has won five of six playoffs. "In this day and age with all the talent in the world, double digits is a pretty good number."

He beat Corey Pavin and Scott Verplank in the 2010 playoff for his first career win.

"In 2010, I proved to

myself that I could win and I could win in a playoff," Watson, 36, said.

The two-time Masters champion began the final round a shot behind 54-hole leader Brian Harman. Watson, however, started with back-to-back birdies to grab the lead and extended it with an eagle at the par-five 13th.

But Casey, playing in a group ahead, had the best round of the day going. He holed out from 126 yards to eagle the par-four third en route to a five-under 65. Casey and Watson (67) finished at 16-under 264.

Former world number three Casey has 12 official European Tour victories, but remains in search of his second PGA Tour win after his 2009 Houston Open triumph. He and Watson both parred the first extra hole but an errant tee shot put Casey in trouble when they played the par-four 18th again. Casey,



Bubba Watson hold up the Travellers Championship trophy after defeating Paul Casey in two sudden death holes in the final round of the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, CT, USA on 28 June, 2015.—REUTERS

who is married to English television presenter Pollyanna Woodward, found the greenside bunker with his second shot and then flew his sand shot over the green to make Watson's victory a formality.

Watson put his opponent out of his misery with a 10-foot birdie putt.

Harman, meanwhile,

started slowly, but a birdie-birdie finish enabled him to finish third at 15-under, one shot out of the playoff.

He earned an exemption into next month's British Open at St. Andrews, as did Canadian Graham DeLaet, Swede Carl Pettersson and former world number one, Englishman Luke Donald.—Reuters