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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 27th day Messages put on record, reports discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April— The third regular sessions of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for the 27th day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building at 10.15 am today.

The session was attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 597 representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

During the session, messages were put on

record and reports were read out and clarified.

At the session of putting messages on record, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read out the messages sent by the President to the Hluttaw during the period when Pyidaungsu Hluttaw adjourned and the messages were put on record.

The issues included in the messages which were put on record today are: sending an annual and quarterly reports of the

Union Government, practicing new foreign exchange system, reducing salaries of union-level personnel, increasing pensions of retired service personnel and establishing Myanmar Human Rights Commission.

During the session of clarifying reports, Chairman of Joint Bill Committee U Mya Nyein read out the committee's findings related to the decision of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union which said that

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends 27th day third regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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it was not agreeable to the provisions of the State constitution to include and define the committees and commissions set up by Hluttaws in the union level and as union-level ones.

The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union made the final decision on 28 March about the application No 1/2012 submitted by the Union Attorney-General, on behalf of the President, to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to

define whether including and defining the committees and commissions set up by Hluttaws as the union level ones.

Those representatives who want to discuss the findings of the Joint Bill Committee were invited to enlist for discussion after today's session.

The meeting ended at 10.55 am and the 28th day session will be held on 26 April.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives attending

27th day third regular session of first

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

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Muscular exoskeleton turns you into a walking piece of construction equipment



Whether you need it to aid you in everyday tasks, or to lift something above your weight class, this suit could.

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Senegal players celebrate their 2-0 win. Senegal booked the final spot in the men's football tournament at the 2012 London Olympic Games with a 2-0 playoff win over Oman in Coventry, central England, on Monday.



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Work hard, work smart

From Stone Age to this age of IT, human evolution has never parted from invention and innovation. Inventors and innovators have been the pioneers along the course of evolutionary path. Societies with many inventors tend to develop faster perhaps much faster.

Lack of innovation has ever been major hindrance to progress of Myanmar. We need to work hard but we need more to work smart. We are too unwilling to explore the new paths but like to walk on the old one. Once a business begins to thrive, many others enter the market. But most of the time, the newcomers fail to embark on innovation, making the market less competitive.

We need to foresee the competition after inflow of foreign investments into the country. How to enhance the competitiveness of national entrepreneurs is still a problem, especially after the AFTA has come into effect. This is a worrying trend for small and medium enterprises. What is worse is businesses here still belong to primary industry.

Import substitution policy practiced by developing countries has proved to be wrong and export promotion must be employed to improve the economy. Import-substitution industries manufacturing less-competitive products in the market should be closed or reformed. Heavy industries with a lack of market and technology should be suspended for a certain period.

Developing economies which have abundant and cheap workforce, in exercising export promotion policy, tend to start with exporting labour extensive goods for example, textile industry. However, the CMP industry here has not come a long way as expected. There have been wage problem and power shortage while the price of real estate in industrial zones has gone rocket high.

Classy banking system is a must for international trade and clearing. Stable inflation rate, budget deficit, foreign trade and exchange rate are requisite for the stability of the macro economy. As there have been positive changes in the banking system and other monetary reforms, it is believed that these changes will be combined with proper management and right decisions to bring fortunes to the people.

ADB to provide aids in Myanmar environmental conservation

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April — Director Mr Javed H. Mir of Economy, Natural Resources and Agriculture Southeast Asia Department of Asian Development Bank and Party paid a call on Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, at his office this morning. At the meeting, they discussed assistances to be provided by ADB in environmental conservation.

Also present at the call were Director-General U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department, Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department, Managing Director U Khin Maung Yi of Myanmar Timber Enterprise and Deputy Director-General Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw of Forest Department under the Ministry.—MNA

Ywadow Village gets school building

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April— A building for Basic Education Post-primary School in the village of Ywadow in Pobbathiri Township built by Aung Thiri Foundation was handed over to the Ministry of Education today.

The building was formally opened by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Deputy Minister for

Information U Soe Win, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Htay and Chairman of Aung Thiri Foundation Wunna Kyawhtin Sithu U Thar Htay. The bronze plaque of the school was unveiled by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye.

The documents related to the school building were handed over to Pobbathiri Township Education Officer

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April— Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay received a delegation led by Swiss Assistant State Secretary for Asia and Pacific in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Dr. Beat Nobs at the ministry, here at 1:00 pm today.

Both sides discussed matters relating to promotion of relationships between Myanmar and Switzerland, as well as bilateral cooperation tasks for regional development.

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Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay receives Swiss Assistant State Secretary for Asia and Pacific in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Dr. Beat Nobs.—MNA



Union Minister receives Swiss Assistant State Secretary for Asia and Pacific

Union A&I Minister inspects Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April— Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing this morning inspected thriving of Paletwe hybrid seeds research farm on 100-acre of advanced farmland being jointly undertaken by the ministry and CETC Co of China in Kyarku Village of Dekkhinathiri Township.

The Union minister looked into thriving Paletwe hybrid paddy plantation on 100 acres of land near Chaing

Village of Dekkhinathiri Township and gave instructions on supply of sufficiency water to the paddy fields.

In Pysinmana Township, the Union minister viewed Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations on 369 acres of land. He also looked into 90-day Paletwe paddy plantation on 288 acres of land in Zabuthiri Township. During his inspection tour, the Union Minister left necessary instructions.

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Tasks of Bhamo, Myitkyina, Putao Airports inspected



Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung inspects extension of runway at Myitkyina Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April— Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung arrived at Bhamo Airport of Kachin State by Beech 1900D airplane

on 20 April.

Director-General U Tin Naing Tun of Department of Civil Aviation and officials reported on landing of aircrafts from three domestic airlines, arrival and departure of passengers and matters related to Bhamo Airport.

At Myitkyina Airport, the Union minister heard

reports on matters related to Myitkyina Airport by the officials. He gave instructions on extension of runway and airport building.

Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai gave instructions on upgrading of aviation for development of the state. They inspected extension of

1000 feet long extension of the runway, construction of DVOR building, entrance road to the airport and car parking.

In the afternoon, the Union minister arrived at Putao Airport and gave instructions on submission of plan to extend runway and costs.—MNA

Progress of roads, bridges in Ayeyawady Region inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April— Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on 20 April met officials of Road, Bridge, Building and Airport Special Groups in Patheingyi Ayeyawady Region.

After that, the deputy minister inspected progress of road works along Patheingyi-Ngapatw Road, construction of Padekaw Creek Bridge between mile posts 11/7 and 12/0 and approach road to Thekke Creek Bridge near mile post 12/0,

progress of foundation of approach bridge and completion of the main structure and piers.

Next, the deputy minister looked into conditions of Patheingyi-Ngapatw road.

While in Ngapatw Township, the deputy minister viewed renovation of the engineer's office and maintenance of Patheingyi suspension bridge on Patheingyi-Chaungtha Road.

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UN chief announces upcoming visit to Myanmar

UNITED NATIONS, 24 April—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced here Monday that he would go on an official trip to Myanmar at the end of the week in order to discuss with the country's leadership ways in which the UN can assist with ongoing reform and transition.

"Myanmar is only at the beginning of its transition and many challenges lie ahead, many concerns have yet to be addressed yet I am convinced that we have an unprecedented opportunity to help the country advance towards a better future," said Ban. "That is why today I am announcing that I have accepted an invitation from President U Thein Sein to visit Myanmar." Ban's statements came as he addressed the press following a meeting of his Group of Friends on Myanmar, which he deemed "very productive".

The UN secretary-general praised the progress made in Myanmar thus far. "We have seen encouraging political and economic reforms over the past year and a half — the recent elections were a landmark," he said. "We have seen important steps toward reform and reconciliation. We see Myanmar re-opening to the world." Ban said that on his trip he looks forward to personally congratulating U Thein Sein and opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on their work to help the country with reconciliation, reform, and development.

"Working together they have come far, working together I am confident they will go further still and together we will explore many tangible and practical ways in which the UN can help," he said.

According to Ban, helping countries in transition is an important part of his second term as the chief of the UN.

"In Myanmar we have an opportunity and a responsibility to do that," he said. "We must make the most of this moment."

Ban welcomed suspension of sanctions leveled against Myanmar by the European Union and similar actions taken by other countries including the US. He called for more such progress and international support for Myanmar.

"The government of Myanmar and its people have embarked on a path of reconciliation, democratization and development to build a better future for all," he said. "They deserve our full support."

The trip to Myanmar will take place after Ban concludes visits to Delhi and Mumbai, both in India. It will be Ban's first time in Myanmar since 2009 and his third trip to the country in total since he began his tenure as UN secretary-general.

MNA/Xinhua

EU decides to lift most sanctions against Myanmar

BRUSSELS, 24 April—The European Union (EU) on Monday decided to suspend restrictive measures against Myanmar and open an office in Yangon.

According to conclusions drawn by the EU Foreign Affairs Council in Luxembourg, the EU will suspend restrictive measures imposed on the Myanmar government, except an arms embargo.

The 27-member bloc will also open an office in Yangon when EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton visits the country from 28 to 30 April. The EU hailed the historic changes in Myanmar which it said was going to open "a new chapter" in bilateral relations. "The Council supports reinstating the generalized system of preferences for Myanmar as soon as possible once the required conditions are fulfilled, following the assessment of the International Labour Organization," the conclusions said.

According to the conclusions, the EU is eager to engage in the timber resources development. It encourages Myanmar to begin a dialogue with the EU on ways to ensure the sustainable management of Myanmar's forests and harvesting of timber in compliance with national legislation, consistent with fighting poverty and securing livelihoods, as the country has expressed its concern on environmental risks, in particular those related to deforestation and the loss of biodiversity.—MNA/Xinhua



Afghan employees work on a prosthetic leg at the Orthopedic Centre of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 24 April, 2012. The war-torn Afghanistan is one of the most mine-contaminated country in the world, as a result, around 2,000 Afghans become disabled each year due to mine blasts and related incidents in the country.—XINHUA

Japan writes off over \$3.6 b debt of Myanmar

TOKYO, 24 April—Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda announced to write off 300 billion yen (about \$ 3.68 billion) debt of Myanmar to help the country's democratization and reform process during his talk with Myanmar President U Thein Sein.

Noda and U Thein Sein held a bilateral talk after attending the 4th Mekong-Japan summit with other four top leaders from Great Mekong Subregion countries.

Noda said that Japan will support Myanmar's economic development with some financial aids in the near future, such as low-interest yen loans.

He said the meeting with U Thein Sein is very historic. U Thein Sein is the first top leader of Myanmar to pay official visit to Japan in 28 years.

He is also arranged to meet some Japanese business people accompanied by foreign and economic ministers during his 5-day stay.

Japan also pledged to provide about 600 billion yen (about \$ 7.37 billion) in official assistance to five Great Mekong Subregion nations in the next three years to boost the region's development during the summit held Saturday morning.

MNA/Xinhua

Syrian group says three intelligence officers killed

BEIRUT, 24 April — A Syrian activist group says three intelligence officers have been killed in the Capital Damascus.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says the three were killed early Tuesday in the Barzeh neighbourhood of the Syrian Capital.

It gave no further information. The Syrian government has not commented.

The 13-month-old Syria conflict has grown more militarized.

Rebels seeking to topple President Bashar Assad have ramped up attacks on military targets and security officers.

The UN says more than 9,000 people have been killed since the conflict began, most of them civilians.

The Observatory said 55 people were killed on Monday alone, most of them in a Hama neighbourhood following a visit by a UN monitoring team.

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US-Afghan security pact sends warning to al-Qaeda

KABUL, 24 April—A new strategic partnership that commits the US to defend Afghanistan militarily for 10 years after most foreign forces leave in 2014 is intended to signal that the US will not tolerate a resurgent al-Qaeda or attacks launched by militants from neighboring Pakistan.

The agreement, parts of which were read out Monday in the Afghan parliament, is big on symbolism but light on substance. It leaves out specifics, including how much funding the US will provide to

support Afghan security forces or how many US troops will stay on after the withdrawal deadline.

Afghanistan, for its part, insisted on approving any American military operations after 2014 and barred the US from using its soil to attack other countries, such as neighboring Pakistan, where the Taleban, al-Qaeda and al-Qaeda-linked militants all have staging bases."

In the end, of course, the US and allied interests differ from those of most Afghans," said Andrew Exum, a senior

fellow at the Centre for a New American Security, a think tank in Washington."

The United States is most concerned with dismantling al-Qaeda, while Afghans are most concerned with what infrastructure and financing the United States and its allies will provide beyond 2014."

After 10 years of US-led war, insurgents linked to the Taliban and al-Qaeda remain a threat and as recently as a week ago launched a large-scale attack on the capital, Kabul, and three other cities.

Both groups operate



Afghan National Security Adviser Rangin Dadfar Spanta speaks in parliament in Kabul, Afghanistan on 23 April, 2012.—INTERNET

from within Afghanistan, as well as from across the border in Pakistan.

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Number of UN observers in Syria climbs to 11

DAMASCUS, 24 April — The spokesman of the advance team of UN observers said the number of observers working on the ground in Syria rose to 11 on Monday. "We have today 11 UN military observers in the team," Neeraj Singh told Xinhua on Monday. He said the advance team visited three

locations around the Syrian Capital Damascus on Monday, namely the suburbs of Zabadani, Douma and Harasta.

"In Douma, in fact, the team spent a considerable amount of time going around, meeting with the people and also conducting patrols afterward," Singh said, adding

that "contacts are continuing." He reiterated previous statements that the team's mission is to establish liaison with all the parties and to prepare the ground for the larger mission.

The spokesman said the two observers who were stationed in central Homs Province on Saturday are

continuing contacts with all the parties there. After Syria accepted a UN-backed ceasefire aiming to solve the crisis politically, an advance team of international observers set foot in Syria last week to monitor the tenuous ceasefire. Since their arrival, violence has to some extent declined, but attacks and deaths are still reported on a daily basis.—Xinhua

In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, a UN observers vehicle passes under a huge Syrian flag held by Syrian President Bashar Assad supporters during their visit to the pro-Syrian regime neighbourhoods, in Homs Province, central Syria, on 23 April, 2012. INTERNET



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DARPA releases cause of hypersonic glider anomaly

LOS ANGELES, 24 April — An unmanned hypersonic glider likely aborted its 13,000 mph flight over the Pacific Ocean last summer because of unexpectedly large sections of its skin peeled off, the US Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency said on Friday. The Hypersonic Technology Vehicle-2, launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif, atop a rocket and released on 11 Aug, 2011, was part of research aimed at developing super-fast global strike capability for the Department of Defence.

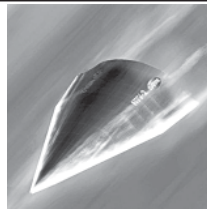
The vehicle demonstrated stable aerodynamically controlled flight at speeds up to 20 times the

speed of sound, or 20 Mach, for three minutes before a series of upsets caused its autonomous flight safety system to bring it down in the ocean. DARPA said in a statement. A gradual wearing away of the vehicle's skin was expected because of extremely high temperatures, but an independent engineering review board concluded that the most probable cause was "unexpected aeroshell degradation, creating multiple upsets of increasing severity that ultimately activated the Flight Safety System," the statement said.

Initial shockwaves created by the gaps in the skin were more than 100 times

what the vehicle was designed to withstand, but it was still able to recover and return to controlled flight, said Kaigham J Gabriel, DARPA's acting director. Eventually the upsets grew beyond its ability to recover.

The 2011 flight was the second time an HTV-2 was launched. The first flight, in April 2010, also ended prematurely. Data from that flight was used to correct aerodynamic design models for the second test, resulting in controlled flight, and now data from the latest flight will be used to adjust assumptions about thermal modeling, Air Force Maj Chris Schulz, the DARPA programme manager, said in the stat.—Internet



This artists rendering provided by the US Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency shows a Hypersonic Technology Vehicle-2, an unmanned hypersonic glider that likely aborted its 13,000 mph flight over the Pacific Ocean last summer because unexpectedly large sections of its skin peeled off, the US Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency said on 20 April, 2012.—INTERNET

China to continue transgenic research

BEIJING, 24 April — China's scientists will continue to make breakthroughs in the area of transgenic research, according to Vice Minister of Science and Technology Zhang Laiwu. The Ministry of Science and Technology will speed up the construction of seed breeding centres in accordance with this endeavour, Zhang said at a Monday Press conference. Zhang called for efforts to help the seed industry break new ground and the construction of a commercial system for the industry, with enterprises as its mainstay.

"China has thousands of small seed companies, but none of them can provide seeds

and relevant services that are good enough. The domestic seed market for corn and high-end vegetables is occupied by foreign competitors," Zhang said. According to Zhang, the ministry invested 18.7 billion yuan (2.97 billion US dollars) in agricultural science projects during the 11th Five-Year Plan (2006-2010) period, more than triple the amount invested in the five preceding years. The investment supported projects focusing on grain security, plant and animal breeding and the prevention and treatment of agricultural epidemics, Zhang said.

Zhang said the ministry will work with other governmental departments to promote agricultural innovation by increasing investment in agriculture-related science and technology programmes, providing better technological services for the farming industry and enhancing telecommunication services for the agriculture industry and rural areas, as well as seeking international cooperation for agricultural projects. In order to promote innovation in the agricultural industry, efforts should be made to combine it with other industries, Zhang said.

Xinhua

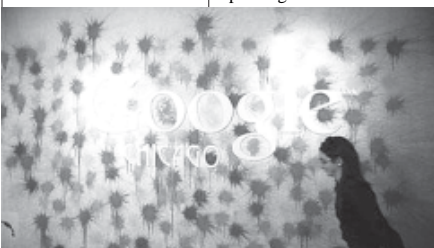
Ancient horse bones tell story of Tibetan Plateau

LOS ANGELES, 24 April — A newly discovered skeleton from an ancient three-toed horse not only provides information about ancient Tibetan wildlife, but it also sheds light on the habitat and elevation of Tibet nearly 5 million years ago. This area of the world, called the Tibetan plateau, is the youngest and highest plateau on Earth, its average elevation exceeding 14,800 feet (4,500 metres), but researchers don't know exactly when this happened. Some researchers think that 5 million years ago, the plateau was once much higher than it is today, but others think it was much lower.

More data is needed to get a good grip on when the plateau rose up, and these researchers used the fossilized horse to shed some light on the debate. "We have an extinct horse that apparently is adapted to grasslands, these open nonwooded areas," study researcher Xiaoming Wang, of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, told LiveScience. "Therefore, in turn, it might have some implications about the environment that it came from." Details about the horse suggested that at the time it died, the Zanda Basin would have been about 13,000 feet (4,000 metres) above sea level, on par with the current elevation of that region of Tibet.

Internet

A woman walks past the Google Chicago headquarters logo in Chicago, on 20 March, 2012.—REUTERS



SAN FRANCISCO, 24 April — Google Inc is preparing to roll out a service to let consumers store photos and other content online, a source

familiar with the matter said, pushing into a market now

dominated by the likes of Dropbox and Box. The service, to be called Google Drive, could be announced as soon as Tuesday and

Google to launch online storage service for consumers: source

would be offered with both free and premium for-pay versions, the source said. Google's "cloud storage" offering will incorporate search capabilities and allow users to store pictures, notes and other documents on the Internet and access them from any Web-connected device.

Consumers will get 5 Gigabytes of storage for free with Google Drive, while various versions with incrementally more storage capacity, topping out at about 100 Gibabytes, will be available for monthly fees, the source said. It was not

immediately clear how much Google will charge for the premium versions. A Google spokeswoman said the company does not comment on rumour or speculation. The move turns up the competitive heat with high-profile Web startups such as Dropbox, Box and Evernote, as well as with Microsoft Corp and its SkyDrive service.

Some of those services, such as Box, have offered an increasing array of business-oriented features such as online collaboration capabilities.

Reuters

Toshiba drops out of bidding for Elpida: sources

TOKYO, 24 April — Toshiba Corp is no longer bidding for bankrupt Japanese chip maker Elpida Memory, sources close to the talks said, leaving a handful of foreign firms including SK Hynix and Micron Technology in the race to take over the company. Toshiba has decided not to join the second round of bidding set for Friday after talks stalled on a joint bid with potential partners, including South Korea's SK Hynix, the sources told Reuters on Tuesday.

Toshiba's withdrawal was a relief to its investors, who questioned the merits of a bid for Elpida, the world's No3 maker of dynamic random access memory (DRAM) chips, by a company that pulled out of DRAM chip-making a decade ago by selling its US DRAM facilities to Micron. It also clears the field for those still planning to take part in Friday's bidding, which include SK Hynix, Micron and private equity firms TPG Capital LP and Honey Capital,

according to the sources, who declined to be identified due to the sensitivity of the matter.

"It's better for Toshiba to focus on its thriving NAND flash memory," said Makoto Kikuchi, chief executive officer at Myojo Asset Management. Toshiba's NAND memory chips are used heavily in smart phones and tablets such as Apple Inc's iPad and iPhone, while DRAM chips, the bulk of which are used in PCs, have been hit by falling prices as consumers switch to mobile devices.



"For winners in the DRAM industry, it makes sense to form a tie-up in order

to cut costs and improve efficiency," Kikuchi said.

Reuters

Chinese supercomputer Tianhe-1A in wide use: supercomputer centre

TIANJIN, 24 April — The Chinese supercomputer Tianhe-1A has become one of the world's fastest supercomputers to go into extensive use, the National Supercomputer Centre in Tianjin (NSCC-TJ), where the computer is housed, announced on Monday. With a performance of 2.57 petaflops per second (quadrillions of calculations per second), the Tianhe-1A took the top spot on a list of the world's 500 most powerful commercially available computer systems in November 2010, dropping to second place after being surpassed by a Japanese supercomputer in June 2011. Liu Guangming, head of NSCC-TJ, said at a Monday Press conference that the extensive applications of the Tianhe-1A indicate that China's ability to build useful supercomputers has reached a globally advanced

level. In the past year, the Tianhe-1A has been used for a variety of tasks related to oil exploration, bioengineering and medicine, animation and movie rendering, high-end equipment production design and geographic information systems as a result of NSCC-TJ shifting its focus toward the Tianhe-1A in November 2010. To facilitate access to the Tianhe-1A, Meng Xiangfei, head of the applications department of the NSCC-TJ, said a cloud computing-based service has been developed for the supercomputer.

"The Tianhe-1A is an open platform and a result of China's innovative efforts. We would like to share it with the world," Meng said.— Xinhua

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Nestle may sell part of Pfizer assets

NEW YORK, 24 April — Swiss food group Nestle SA may sell about 10 to 15 percent of the \$11.9 billion baby food business it is buying from Pfizer Inc to address antitrust concerns, *Bloomberg News* reported on Monday. Nestle may have to offload divisions in countries including Australia, Thailand and Venezuela, *Bloomberg* said,

citing people with knowledge of the matter.

Bloomberg reported that Nestle spokesman Robin Tickle said it was "premature to comment on and prejudge the decisions of the regulatory authorities". A spokesman for Nestle could not immediately be reached for comment by *Reuters*.

Nestle, the world's

biggest food company, won a high-stakes fight for Pfizer Nutrition, which makes 85 percent of its sales in emerging markets.

The acquisition is Nestle's biggest deal to date. Consumer product companies and private equity funds may be interested in the assets, the report said.

Reuters

Boxes of baby food are seen in the company supermarket at the Nestle headquarters in Vevey on 16 Feb, 2012. REUTERS



Thousands of Italians die every year for eating disorders

ROME, 24 April — Thousands of Italians die each year due to eating disorders, according to a study by the country's health minister. "Eating disorders are the first cause of psychiatric death in Italy, killing between 7,000 and 8,000 people every year," Laura Dalla Ragione, a psychiatrist representative for the health minister, told *Xinhua* on Monday. She said some 3 million Italians

currently suffer from anorexia, bulimia or binge eating disorder (BED), and those hit are citizens of all social ranks and ages, even including many children aged between eight and 10.

In addition, according to the study, about half million Italians suffer from so-called "drunkorexia," a growing trend of consuming alcohol without eating. "In the last 10 years, the number of Italians

suffering from eating disorders has increased by as much as 300 percent," Dalla Ragione said. A growing number of them are male, presently 10 percent of the total number and 20 percent of those aged between 13 and 17, compared to 1 percent 10 years ago.

The "worrying phenomenon" was especially triggered by cultural reasons, the expert said, as "today's society offers ultra-thin beauty models and at the same time large amounts of junk food full of fat and unhealthy preservatives." In fact, many people suffering from eating disorders used to be obese at an early age, and modern lifestyle and eating habits do not help, Dalla Ragione noted. The current health campaigns are welcome but still not sufficient to counter the growing epidemic in the country, she said. — *Xinhua*



Thousands of Italians die every year for eating disorders.—XINHUA

'Ice cream headaches' might offer clues to migraines

NEW YORK, 24 April — That "brain freeze" headache you experience when eating ice cream or other cold foods may be caused by a sudden change in brain blood flow, researchers report. What's more, the new research might point to targets to treat other, more troubling forms of headache such as migraine, the US team said. In the study,

the scientists monitored brain blood flow in 13 healthy adults as they sipped ice water through a straw pressed against the upper palate so as to trigger "brain freeze."

The results suggest that these transient headaches are triggered by a sudden increase in blood flow in the brain's anterior cerebral artery. Brain freeze disappears

again when this artery constricts, the study found. The findings, to be presented Sunday at the Experimental Biology meeting in San Francisco, may help lead to new treatments for other types of headaches, the researchers said. Experimental Biology brings together researchers from six scientific societies.

Aspirin tied to lower lung cancer risk in women

NEW YORK, 24 April — Women who took aspirin at least a couple of times a week had a much lower risk of developing lung cancer, whether or not they ever smoked, according to a study of more than a thousand Asian women. The findings, published in the journal *Lung Cancer*, linked regularly taking aspirin to a risk reduction of 50 percent or more, although researchers cautioned that they did not prove aspirin directly protects against lung cancer. But the study does back up a number of previous studies that linked regular aspirin use to lower risks of certain cancers, including colon, prostate and esophageal cancers.

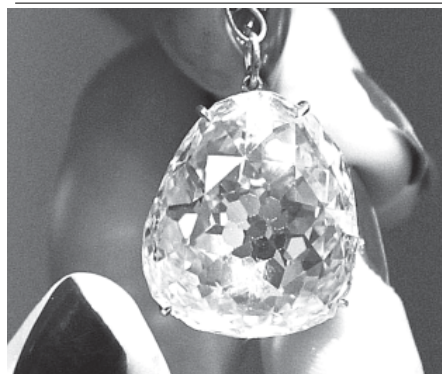
"Our results suggest that aspirin consumption may reduce lung cancer risk in Asian women," wrote Wei-Yen Lim, of the National University of Singapore, and

colleagues. But in an email Lim added: "The question about whether aspirin use protects against lung cancer is still open to considerable debate at this point, and the published evidence to date is not conclusive." The study included 398 Chinese women diagnosed with lung cancer and 814 cancer-free women, and Lim's team found that women who had used aspirin regularly, at least twice a week for a month or longer, were less likely to have lung cancer.

Among women who had never smoked, the odds were 50 percent lower for aspirin users versus non-users.

Among smokers, aspirin use was tied to a 62 percent lower risk of lung cancer. The researchers were able to account for some other factors, such as the women's age, education and fruit and vegetable intake, but Lim said there could be still other differences to help explain why aspirin users had a lower lung cancer risk. There was a fairly large relative difference in cancer risk between aspirin users and non-users in the study, but the absolute reduction in any one person's risk, if there is one, might be small.

Reuters



The Beau Sancy, a 34.98 carat diamond that will be put on sale by Sotheby's auction house in Geneva next month, is presented in Paris, on 23 April, 2012. The Beau Sancy diamond, a stone of historical importance with a royal provenance stretching back to Marie de Medicis is estimated between two and four million dollars, (1.5 to 3 million Euros).—INTERNET

The rapid dilation and then quick constriction of the anterior cerebral artery may be a type of self-defence for the brain, explained study leader Jorge Serrador of Harvard Medical School and the War Related Illness and Injury Study Centre of the Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care System. "The brain is one of the relatively important organs in the body, and it needs to be working all the time.

Xinhua

Gold falls to 1,632.6 dollars amid European, Chinese uncertainty

CHICAGO, 24 April — Gold futures on the COMEX division of the New York Mercantile Exchange fell Monday, as the negative outside market forces of political uncertainty in Europe and slowing Chinese growth concerns dominated trading. The most active gold contract for June delivery lost 10.2 dollars, or 0.6 percent, to settle at 1,632.6 dollars per ounce. Market analysts said gold suffered with the majority of the other financial markets Monday, as weekend political events in Europe and a below-expectations Chinese growth report cast an overwhelmingly bearish atmosphere on Wall Street.

Francois Hollande take first place, setting up a 6 May runoff election between Hollande and incumbent President Nicolas Sarkozy. Further adding to Eurozone worries was Monday's resignation of Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, after budget talks in the Netherlands fell through this weekend. In China, the HSBC Chinese Manufacturing Purchasing Manager's Index showed that the Chinese economy was contracting rather than expanding, a release that compounded existing concerns for slowing Chinese growth. This month's HSBC index reading of 49.1, however, was still an improvement over the 48.3 posted in March.

Xinhua

Facebook buys AOL patents from Microsoft for 550 million dollars

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 April — Facebook and Microsoft announced on Monday that the social network will pay 550 million US dollars in cash to buy a portion of the patent portfolio the software giant recently acquired from AOL. According to the two company's joint press release, Facebook will obtain ownership of some 650 AOL patents and patent applications out of 925 that

Microsoft has agreed to purchase, plus a license to the remaining 275 AOL patents Microsoft will purchase and own.

"Today's agreement with Microsoft represents an important acquisition for Facebook," said Ted Ulyot, Facebook's general counsel. "This is another significant step in our ongoing process of building an intellectual property portfolio to protect Facebook's interests over

the long term." "Today's agreement with Facebook enables us to recoup over half our costs while achieving our goals from the AOL auction," said Brad Smith, executive vice president and general counsel at Microsoft.

The deal is expected to give Facebook a stronger position in the technology patent battlefield, where the company had been weak and facing lawsuits, most notably from Yahoo. — *Xinhua*

Energy guzzler Singapore boosts 'green' buildings

SINGAPORE, 24 April — From the bone-chilling air conditioning that pumps through Singapore's malls and offices to lights that burn all night, the city state is one of Asia's most intensive energy users. Nearly all electricity used by the industrialised island is produced by burning fossil fuels, which in 2010 contributed to the largest carbon footprint per head in the Asia-Pacific region, according to conservation group the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). South Korea and third-placed Japan follow close behind.

For environmentalists, the scenario is all too familiar in the Asia region whose urban population is set to soar from 1.9 billion to 3.3 billion by 2050 according to United Nations data. Such growth puts sustainability on top of the agenda but critics say Asia's megacities are not doing enough to curb their voracious appetite for energy, with Singapore having been recognized as one of the worst offenders. The WWF added

that buildings contribute some 16 percent of Singapore's carbon emissions.

While the city-state contends that the WWF's per capita measurement of carbon emissions "disadvantages countries with small populations" — compared to the likes of rapidly industrialising China — it has nevertheless been spurred into action. In 2005, the government embarked on a project to promote the development of high-tech, low-energy buildings and the retrofitting of older ones in a push to "green" at least 80 percent of all buildings by 2030.

Internet



City Square Mall in Singapore has an integrated park and solar-panelled roof. In 2005, the government embarked on a project to promote the development of high-tech, low-energy buildings and the retrofitting of older ones in a push to "green" at least 80% of all buildings by 2030.— INTERNET

US shooter in black teenager killing case released on bail

WASHINGTON, 24 April — George Zimmerman, a neighbourhood watch volunteer in the US State of Florida who killed black teenager Trayvon Martin in a high-profile shooting case, was released from jail early Monday on bail of 150,000 US dollars. TV footage showed that the 28-year-old man, wearing a brown jacket and blue jeans and carrying a brown paper bag, walked out of a Florida jail just after midnight. He made no comments to reporters waiting outside the jail, and followed another man to a white vehicle, which drove off quickly.

At a bond hearing on Friday, a judge with the court of Sanford, Florida set bail at 150,000 dollars for Zimmerman, who was charged with second-degree murder earlier this month. Zimmerman also surrendered his passport in the courtroom.

Xinhua



Visitors look at a presentation for Toshiba's world-first glasses-less 3D LCD TV at CEATEC JAPAN 2010 in Chiba, east of Tokyo, on 5 Oct, 2010.— INTERNET

Pakistan begins inspection of private airline planes after crash

ISLAMABAD, 24 April — Pakistan's aviation authorities Monday launched inspection of all planes of private airlines after a passenger plane crashed near Islamabad on Friday, killing 127 people on board. The Defence Minister Chaudhry Ahmad Mukhtar said that no flight of the private companies would be allowed to fly unless the inspection process is completed. Also on Sunday, a passenger plane of

a private company averted a major disaster after its two tyres burst before landing. The pilot managed to land. There was also report of oil leak in another plane in Lahore.

The crash and technical problems in two planes of private airlines prompted inspection of all aircraft in the fleet of three airlines. A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) said the inspection was started

on Monday in stages and planes of Bhoja airlines would be inspected first, which lost its Boeing-737 on Friday. Preliminary investigation suggests that engine of the aircraft had burnt before it crashed on residential area 10 kilometres from Islamabad airport. It was earlier stated that bad weather could be the possible cause of the crash. The plane was 27 years old.

Xinhua

Five dead after building collapse in north China

TAIYUAN, 24 April — Five people were killed after a residential building collapsed early Tuesday in north China's Shanxi Province, according to local authorities.

The collapse, believed to have been caused by an explosion, happened at 5:20 am in the village of Canfang in the city of Yuncheng, according to a spokesman for the city's emergency management office.

The cause of the explosion is under investigation. Local authorities have asked police to crack down on the unlawful possession of explosives in wake of the tragedy.— Xinhua

Israel to start work on Lebanon border wall

TEL AVIV, 24 April — Israel is to start building a wall along part of its border with Lebanon next week to shield the northern town of Metulla, Channel 10 television reported on Monday. It said the wall, more than two kilometres (over a mile) long and 10 metres (33 feet) high, was also aimed at preventing clashes between Israeli and Lebanese border



A picture taken from the Lebanese border shows an Israeli military vehicle driving along the Israeli side of the fence near Metulla in 2008. Israel is to start building a wall in the area next week, Channel 10 television reported.

INTERNET

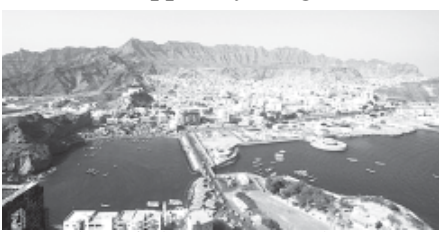
forces whose posts are often just metres (yards) apart.

The private broadcaster said Israel had informed Lebanon of the wall project and would coordinate it through the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Military sources said in January that Israel was considering building a wall along a section of the 79-kilometre (49-mile) border, fearing cross-border sniper fire at newly built apartment blocks in Metulla. Although the two countries are technically in a state of war, Israeli and Lebanese military officials meet regularly in the presence of UNIFIL peacekeepers to liaise on border issues.

Internet

Saudi kidnapped by al-Qaeda in Yemen 'to be freed'



An aerial view of Aden city centre in southern Yemen. A Saudi diplomat kidnapped in the city by al-Qaeda is set to be released unharmed after negotiations this week, according to a tribal chief.— INTERNET

ADEN, 24 April — A Saudi diplomat kidnapped by al-Qaeda militants in Yemen's southern port city of Aden last month is safe and likely to be released soon, a tribal chief said on Monday. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula abducted Abdullah al-Khalidi, Saudi Arabia's deputy consul in Aden, on 28 March in a bid to secure the release of prisoners and collect a ransom. "Negotiations are ongoing and should result... in (Khalidi's) release in less

than a week," Tariq al-Fadli, a tribal chief and former jihadist, told AFP, adding the diplomat's life "is not in danger."

He gave no further details on the ongoing negotiations aimed at securing his release. Al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for Khalidi's abduction in a phone call to Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Yemen in April, according to the official Saudi news agency SPA. Khalidi is the third Saudi national to be

BAA sells Edinburgh Airport to US fund for £807 million

LONDON, 24 April — Spanish-owned airports operator BAA agreed Monday to sell Edinburgh Airport to US investment fund Global Infrastructure Partners, which already runs Gatwick and London City hubs. "BAA today announces that it has agreed to sell its 100-percent interest in Edinburgh Airport Limited to Global Infrastructure Partners for £807.2 million (\$1.3 billion, 990 million euros)," the group announced in a statement. The sale is expected to close by the end of May. The

Competition Commission (CC) had ordered BAA in 2009 to sell London Gatwick and Stansted airports, plus either Edinburgh or Glasgow.

It subsequently sold Gatwick to GIP for £1.5 billion. However, BAA, which is controlled by Spanish transport infrastructure giant Ferrovial, managed to keep hold of London Heathrow airport — which is Europe's biggest in terms of passengers handled.

BAA also owns Glasgow, Aberdeen and Southampton airports, as well as Stansted. "Edinburgh

Airport and its team have been part of BAA for a long time and we are proud of its achievements," said BAA chief executive Colin Matthews in Monday's statement.— Internet

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Muscular exoskeleton turns you into a walking piece of construction equipment

NEW YORK, 24 April — Have you ever dreamt of being a superhero? No? Well then stop reading. For the rest of us normal people, the fantasy of having super-human abilities is now one step closer to reality thanks to students at Japan's Tokyo University of Science. A team of engineers there has created a cybernetic suit designed to augment normal human abilities and make lifting heavy objects a cinch.

Its creators claim the prototype's unique design — which utilizes "muscles" filled with compressed air rather than mechanical motors — offers a power-to-weight ratio that is 400 times that of current wearable models. On top of that, the suit also responds to voice commands to control its

movements, which will come in handy for anyone using the suit for medical reasons — like recovering from a muscle injury.

The technology is still being perfected, though the team believes the final product is just around the corner. The suit is expected to be made available to rent

for around \$185 per month, but Japanese health insurance plans may actually cover up to 90% of that cost. Of course, if you just want the fancy new suit to run around your neighbourhood and lift things heavier than yourself, you'll probably end up paying full price.

Internet



Whether you need it to aid you in everyday tasks, or to lift something above your weight class, this suit could.—INTERNET

New delay for 1st private spaceship launch to space station

WASHINGTON, 24 April — The first private spaceship launch to the International Space Station has been delayed, possibly by at least a week, the vehicle's makers announced today (April 23). The commercial spaceflight company SpaceX was set to launch its Dragon capsule atop a Falcon 9 rocket on 30 April from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. The unmanned spacecraft will fly a demonstration mission for future cargo deliveries to the space station under an agreement with NASA.

Now, that liftoff will likely not occur until 3 May at the earliest, and most likely around 7 May. "Am pushing launch back approx a week to do more testing on Dragon docking code," SpaceX founder and CEO Elon Musk wrote today on Twitter. "New date pending coordination with

@NASA." The Hawthorne, Calif.-based SpaceX, short for Space Exploration Technologies Corp., has been working to finish final testing and checkouts of its flight system, which will be the first privately built vehicle to rendezvous and dock with the orbiting laboratory.

"After reviewing our recent progress, it was clear that we needed more time to finish hardware-in-the-loop testing and properly review and follow up on all data," SpaceX spokeswoman Kirstin Brost Grantham wrote in an email. "While it is still possible that we could launch on 3rd May, it would be wise to add a few more days of margin in case things take longer than expected. As a result, our launch is likely to be pushed back by one week, pending coordination with NASA."

Internet



This 26 Jan, 2012, photo shows Isaac Arzate, 12, in Salem, Ore. Arzate, who survived a heart attack during basketball practice three months ago, has died after collapsing at baseball practice. Marion County Deputy Medical Examiner Rodge Womack confirmed on 23 April, 2012, that Arzate died later at a hospital.

INTERNET

Norway killer says hoped to have massacred more

OSLO, 24 April — The Norwegian who massacred 77 people to protest against Muslim immigration to Europe said on Monday he had hoped to kill as many as 150 and kept on killing because police failed to respond urgently to his phone call. Breivik has given a detailed account of his car bomb attack at government headquarters in Oslo on July 22, which killed eight people, followed hours later by his shooting of 69 people, mostly teenagers, at a Labour Party island camp.

He said on Monday his "gruesome" actions were to prevent a civil war caused, he said, by a Muslim takeover of Europe.

"This was a minor barbarity to prevent a larger one", he said on the sixth day



Police officers surround Anders Behring Breivik in the courtroom prior to the opening of the sixth day of his trial in Oslo on 23 April, 2012.—INTERNET

of a trial that has transfixed Norway. "I've never ever experienced such a horrendous ... gruesome act as this. But it was necessary," Breivik said in his usual tone, lacking emotion. "It was much more cruel than I expected."

Breivik said he thought that at least another 150 people had drowned in a lake

as they fled his gunfire so he called police to surrender, only to find himself forced to leave a message. "I said 'call me back when you got the right person'," Breivik said. "I told myself 'I will continue until the phone rings'. I thought, I will continue until Idie. What would I have done, sat by the pier waiting?"

Reuters

Wild bison with TB may have to be killed in Poland

WARSAW, 24 April — A herd of 25 wild European bison infected with tuberculosis should be killed to prevent the disease from spreading to other herds in southeastern Poland, officials said on Monday. A panel of 18 veterinary and breeding experts in Krosno have decided to ask national authorities for permission to kill the rare wild animals living near the village of Stuposiany in the Bieszczady mountains. The panel also suggested that research should start on anti-TB vaccination for bison.

Veterinarian Miroslaw Welz, a member of the panel, said it was a painful decision but seemed to be the only one that would protect the remaining herds, which are believed to be disease-free. "The decision to eliminate (the bison) is very difficult," Welz said. "I would have preferred some other possibility, not so very drastic. (But) under these conditions I don't see any and the commission did not see any either."

The disease probably spread to bison through sharing pastures with infected cattle. TB first appeared in bison in the Bieszczady Region in 1997, leading veterinarians to kill a herd of 18 near Solina, north of Stuposiany. A new TB case — a dead female bison — was registered in early 2010, and two more from her herd died this year. That herd is the one being singled out for culling.

Europe's bison population was nearly wiped out at the start of the 20th century and has been laboriously rebuilt from a few dozen that survived in the Caucasus, in zoos and with private owners. Some 270 bison live in Bieszczady now, the

descendants of nine animals brought there in 1963. Another 481 live in the pristine Bialowieza forest, in the east. These are free of TB. Thousands of their larger cousins, the American bison, live in the wild in national parks and reserves in the United States and Canada, where they have also come back from near-extinction.— Internet



In this Feb. 2005 file photo, bison, Europe's largest land mammal, forage in the recently fallen snow in the Bialowieza Forest in Poland. Killing a herd of 25 wild European bison infected with tuberculosis may be the only way of preventing the spread of the disease to other herds of the rare species in southeastern Poland, officials said on 23 April, 2012.— INTERNET

Boy, 12, dies months after surviving heart attack

PORTLAND, 24 April — A 12-year-old Oregon boy who survived a heart attack during basketball practice three months ago has died after collapsing while playing baseball. Fire officials say some of the same paramedics who helped revive Isaac Arzate in January rushed back to the school where he collapsed Friday night and tried again to save him. Marion County Deputy Medical Examiner Rodge Womack confirmed Monday that the Salem boy died later at a hospital. Arzate was a sixth-grader at Stephens Middle School.

Both times he collapsed, the boy was playing sports at Scott Elementary School; however, neither event was an official school activity. After Arzate's first collapse 6 Jan, fast-acting coaches performed CPR and called paramedics. Arzate had surgery days later at Oregon Health and Science University to repair a heart defect. In a statement, officials at the university's Doernbecher Children's Hospital declined to say whether Arzate had been cleared to play sports again, citing privacy laws.

Last week, when paramedics responded again to an emergency call from Scott Elementary, they recognized Arzate from their January rescue, Marion County Fire District Chief Kevin Henson said.—Internet

Microsoft Windows 8 release preview to be out in early June

BEIJING, 24 April — Windows 8 release preview will be out in the first week of June, Microsoft announced on Monday evening. Microsoft President Steven Sinofsky made the announcement during an on-stage appearance at Japan's Windows 8 Dev Days and more broadly on the Build Windows 8 Twitter feed.

The release preview is generally the last stage before a product's final version, which is expected in the fall.

Release preview will be the next major pre-launch version of Windows 8 from the company after it released Consumer Preview on 29

February. Windows 8 will be a big test for Microsoft. Windows 8, which aims to unify Microsoft's flagship OS on the desktop and tablet, is "the most integrated and most capable operating system Microsoft has ever put out," according to CNET Reviews Editor Seth Rosenblatt.

Windows 8 is tooled to run on ARM chips as well as so-called x86 chips that power traditional PCs. Microsoft officials announced the Windows 8 SKU lineup last week and shared details about some of the features in the coming version.

Xinhua

Pyithu Hluttaw Session continues...

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the designation of the forest reserve would not be abrogated and organizational measures would be taken for the local people to cooperate in forest conservation.

U Nyan Swe Win of Kyauksegyi Constituency asked if there is a plan to allow fishermen settling in lake grant areas to pay lake taxes

by floor-price installment and to allow those living in rural areas to catch fish freely without paying taxes. Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye replied that before 1989, lake taxes could be paid by installments according to Myanmar Fisheries Act. However, as the business has to be done depending on

weather condition, fishermen could not pay their taxes in installment when their business had losses. When the debts were collected, they could not really pay them. Moreover, there may be difficulty when confiscating insured property. So, paying their lake taxes in installments can cause burden to fishermen.

As the government started practising market-oriented economic system in 1989, granted lakes had

been sold with competitive bidding in accord with fresh water fisheries law and lake taxes had been paid in cash to the State. Therefore, fishermen can now purchase granted lakes with competitive bidding. If there is difficulty for individuals, they can buy lakes in groups. The Fisheries Department enacted a law to collect taxes for fishing equipment at a reasonable rate. Except from granted lakes, specific lakes and tender fishing areas, rural fishermen have been allowed to catch fish freely enjoying exempts from 16 kinds of fresh water fishing equipment and six kinds of sea water fishing equipment.

With regard to the proposal made by Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency yesterday on assisting in ensuring the uprightness of judicial pillar, 11 MPs made their discussions in favour of the proposal. Regarding it, Union Supreme Court Judge U Soe Nyunt said that generally, the proposal was appropriate as it carried a constructive attitude. Only if the judicial pillar is firm and upright, will the rule of law reign. Then, the people will be able to earn their livelihoods in peace within the framework of law. So, the proposal was correct as the uprightness of the third

Judge of Supreme Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt makes clarifications.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Naing Htay of Indaw Constituency participates in discussions.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Myint Soe of Pyawbwe Constituency taking part in discussions.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Adu Rawzek of Buthidaung Constituency participates in discussions.—MNA

estate is important for life security of the people and full democratic rights. To ensure, the uprightness of judicial pillar, it is necessary to expose bribery and corruption and any intervention in and influence on judicial affairs are unacceptable. Independent judiciary policy has been prescribed in the constitution and Union judiciary law. Independent judgment is based on freedom from corruption. To be free from bribery and corruption, educative measures must be taken to have high morale and morality, follow codes of ethics, have discipline and do the job in accord with the prescribed procedures, rules

and law. Speedy action is taken against any bribery and corruption. The proposal was approved as it was supported by a number of representatives.

Afterwards, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Dr Chan Nyein submitted the 2012 Examination Board Bill. The date of discussion of the bill will be announced and those wishing to make proposal on amendments can enlist not later than 26 April at 4pm with exact para, sub-para and subject they want to amend.

Today's session ended at 4:05 pm and the 21st day session continues tomorrow. —MNA

Low-cost mobile SIM cards in service across the country on 3 May

Letter No. LaNgaSa-72-8 /Mobile/12-13/459
Dated. 25 April 2012

1. Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communication, Posts and Telegraphs has completed first step of first year mobile telephone extension project. Sales of GSM/WCDMA mobile Sim cards in States and Regions started on 14 March, 2012 as part of its programme.
2. MPT has announced that at present, Sim cards sold on above mentioned date can be used at any places across the country where GSM/UMTS stations are, except Yangon Region and Mandalay municipal regions. They can be used at any places only after installation of GSM/UMTS network in Yangon and Mandalay and extension of transmission lines and gateways, which will be completed on first week of May, 2012, have been carried out.
3. Now, as of 3 May, aforesaid Sim cards can be carried and taken to any places including Yangon and Mandalay Regions across the country where GSM/UMTS stations are as necessary installation have been completed.

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications

Seminar on National Education Promotion continues for second day

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April— A seminar on National Education Promotion of the basic education sector 2012 of the Ministry of Education continued for second day at Yezin University of Agriculture this morning.

Director-General U Kyaw Thu of Department of Basic Education No.1 chaired Group-1, Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department, Group-2, Director-General U Ohn Myint of Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau, Group-3 and Director-

General in-charge U Myo Nyunt, of Department of Basic Education No.2, Group-4 and they made discussion on four papers related to education matters on the guiding of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar so as to meet the requirements of the education sector.

President of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Sciences U Than Oo attended the group discussions and made suggestion on them.

In the afternoon, the four group discussed a supplementary suggestion

on long-term plan report and on-going process related to four papers at Auditorium of Yezin University of Agriculture.

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Sports official leaves for Oman

YANGON, 24 April—Assistant Director Daw Ohnma Aung of Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports left Yangon International Airport by air this afternoon to attend the Media in Women in Sports Workshop to be held in Muscat of Oman on 25 and 26 April.

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Dy FM receives Assistant State Secretary of Switzerland



A delegation led by Assistant State Secretary for Asia and Pacific in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Dr Beat Nobs of Switzerland calls on Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April— Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint received Assistant State

Secretary for Asia and Pacific in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Dr Beat Nobs and party of Switzerland at

his office, here, this morning. They exchanged views on promotion of bilateral ties and cooperation.—MNA

Siam Commercial Bank to cooperate Myanmar banks

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April — Governor U Than Nyein of the Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue received Chairman of Siam Commercial Bank PCL Mrs Kannikar Chali Taporn and party, at his office yesterday evening. Both sides had

a discussion on opening of branch offices of Siam Commercial Bank in Myanmar and cooperation with banks in Myanmar.

Also present at the call were the deputy governor and heads of departments.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission meets

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—The meeting for Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission was held at the meeting hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker in Pyithu Hluttaw Building here, this noon.

Chairman of the Commission Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa extended greetings.

Next Vice-Chairman of the Commission U Htay Myint explained related minutes to local and foreign media while they were collecting information at the meeting.

The member of the Commission U Mya Thein made explanations about formation and work procedure of the commission, promulgated laws and bills by the Hluttaw, amendment, removed and substituted laws on existing laws and daily process of the commission.

And then commission members continued to discuss legal affairs. Officials replied to questions on legal affairs raised by the local and foreign media.—MNA

The meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission in progress.—MNA



Union CPT Minister visits newly-opened GSM mobile phone stations

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun attended a work-coordinating meeting on extension of GSM/UMTS mobile phones, held at the meeting hall of the International Express Mail Service in Yangon yesterday.

The Union Minister made a speech citing that communication sector is needed to be promoted with the use of modernized techniques for enabling the users to get super-duper mobile services and that Yangon Region is increasingly getting the numbers of mobile phone lines.

He heard reports presented by the project

manager on conditions of selling mobile phones region-wide and programmes to be implemented and by chief engineers on tasks being carried out sector-wise respectively.

Yatanarpon Teleport Co and other companies, which are joint-ones with Myanma Posts and Telecommunications reported to the Union Minister about progress of extension of mobile phone lines in Yangon. Then, he urged them to have a high-quality mobile networking system emerged.

Afterwards, the Union Minister looked around GSM/UMTS mobile phone extended-station planted at No. 1 Basic Education High



School in Ahlon Township and GSM mobile tower and BTS station in Yangon University Campus in Kamayut Township.

The Union Minister then inspected GSM mobile phone station built in the Road Transport compound in Insein Township, GSM/

Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun inspects control room of GSM/UMTS mobile telephone station newly-extended in Yangon.—MNA

UMTS mobile phone station nearby Yadanatheingi market in North-Okkalapa Township, giving instructions on putting BTS

stations and towers more and more into service for enabling the users to get quick access.

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Union I&P Minister receives UNFPA resident representative



UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Mohamed Abdel-Ahad calls on Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi received UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Mohamed Abdel-Ahad at the ministry, here, yesterday

evening.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Maung Maung Than of Immigration and National Registration Department, Head of Office U Than Naing

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Regional development tasks inspected in Sagaing Region

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye looked into construction of Sasana Beikman in Sagaing and detour of Sagaing, Tun and officials.

They discussed signing of Letter of Exchange on collection of census between the UN and Ministry of Immigration and Population in 2014, cooperation tasks between the ministry and UNFPA, sending of foreign scholars for collection of census, technology and training courses, assistance of necessary machinery, supplement and amendment for Census Law 1972 and the ways to solve the work problems.

digging of Yemyetkyi Lake in Sagaing Township, cultivation of 1.58 acres of Palethwe summer paddy in Pyawt Village in Myinmu Township, placing of asphalt on Hsingaungtaung Pagoda Road in Myaung Township, construction of Pareinma-Myangyi bok

Road and dredging of Ayananda Lake on 22 April.

He also inspected construction of two-storey Shwepyitha building at Basic Education High School Branch in Tawkyaunggyi Village and the chosen site for a station hospital in Thonpanhla Village.—MNA

Road sections in Shan State inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint on 21 April morning inspected Taunggyi-Loilem section and Mongpun-Loilem section on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Road in Shan State (South).

In the afternoon, the deputy minister met staff at the office of the Shan State Superintending Engineer in Taunggyi and instructed them to spirit of localism and emphasize undertakings of regional development.

MNA

Outstanding student honoured in Hsinbyukyun



Hsinbyukyun, 24 April—The prize presentation for outstanding students of Basic Education High School was held in conjunction with the annual general meeting of Parent-Teacher Association in Pyidawtha Ward in Hsinbyukyun of Magway Region on 18 February afternoon.

Chairman of the meeting Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Maung Maung Aye made a speech. Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Mon reported on one-

year academic matter, members of the School Board of Trustees U Than Doe and U Soe Lin on tasks of the board and guest Headmaster U Aung Kyaw Myint and columnist (Researcher) Daw Sein Mya gave advice on educational matters.

After that, officials presented prizes to the outstanding students. Teacher Daw Aye Aye Thin and the Chairman of the SBT presented essay books in Myanmar and English and exercise books to Maung Aung Thura who passed the matriculation examination 2011 with flying colour.

Kyemon

No. 2 Myitta Bridge commissioned in Shwepyitha Township

YANGON, 24 April—A ceremony to inaugurate No. 2 Myitta reinforced concrete bridge linking Ward 9 and Ward 8 of Shwepyitha Township in Yangon North District was held at the bridge on 18 April.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo, Staff Officer U Zaw Thein Oo of Township Immigration and National Registration Department, Ward administrators U Tun



Wai and U Thein Naing and Chairman of the Bridge Construction Committee U Kyi Win cut the ribbon to open the bridge.

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DISTRICT NEWS

PRIZE AWARDED: The Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee (Yangon Mayor) awarded basic education schools with hygienic canteens at City Hall on 28 March. The Mayor presents certificate of honour to teacher Daw Win Mar on behalf of the headmaster of Dagon Basic Education High School No 1.—KYEMON



RESPECTS PAID: Second ceremony of paying respects to older persons was held in Hsinthe Village of Kinnmontan Village-tract in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 16 April morning. The people paying respects to 32 aged persons of above 75 years old.

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BOOKS DONATED: A ceremony to donate books to Kyaikto Township Information and Public Relations Department by Insein Township Writers and Journalists Association was held at Kinpun Camp Dhammayon in Kyaikto Township on 25 March. Excursion team leader U Bo Kyi (Dr Bo Thanmani-Taungdwingyi), Secretary U Soe Win Maung (Shwe Taik Soe) and Auditor U Win Myint (Maung Maung Win Myint-Hmukhin) hand over books to Staff Officer of the District IPRD Daw Khin Saw Lin and Head of Township IPRD Daw Aye Myo Myo San.—TOWNSHIP WJA

Aunglan Township gets new rural library

AUNGLAN, 24 April—The opening ceremony of Pyae Phyo Aung Library was held in Ywamahton Village of Aunglan Township of Magway Region on 10 April.

Col Nyo Myint of the local station, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Ko Ko Tun, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Win and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Aye Win formally opened the library.

At the ceremony, wellwishers donated K 325,000 and books and



publications worth K 165,000, TV set, one set of Sky Net receiver, one cardboard, newspapers, journals and magazines. Officials accepted the donations.

Myamma Alin

MLF invites donations of cash, books

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

Eradication of illegal timber extraction talked in Yaksawk



YAKSAWK, 24 April—Khun Soe Lwin made an opening speech. Staff Officer of Yaksawk Township Forest Department U Khaing Nyunt explained participation of the people in environmental conservation and eradicating illegal timber extraction and matters related to prescription of Forest Law.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U

Kyemon

Thongwa pays respects to older persons

THONGWA, 24 April—Organized by Thongwa Township General

Administration Department of Yangon South District in Yangon Region, the

ceremony to pay respects to older persons of above 85 years was held at the office of



the Township Administrator on 17 April.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Thuang, departmental officials and local authorities, Chairman of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Ma Nyo and members, members of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and wellwishers donated offertories to 97 older persons.—Myamma Alin

TAKE FIRE PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Iranian President says no obstacle to expansion of ties with Iraq

TEHRAN, 24 April — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Sunday that there is no barrier to the development of political, economic and cultural relations between Iran and Iraq, the local satellite Press TV reported. Ahmadinejad made the remarks in a meeting with visiting Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki who arrived in Teheran on Sunday for a two-day official visit. Ahmadinejad said Iran and Iraq should use all capacities to develop bilateral relations and solve regional issues in favour of their nations, said the report.

If Teheran and Baghdad are powerful, there will be no place in the region for the enemies "including the US and the Zionist regime of (Israel)," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying. Al-Maliki, for his part, said Teheran and Baghdad can join hands in bolstering stability and security in the region and to overcome existing challenges through understanding and paying respect for the rights of all nations, said the report.— *Xinhua*



Participants run during 2012 London Marathon in London, UK, on 22 April, 2012. XINHUA



An old man dressed as William Shakespeare in the Victorian costume presents a quill pen to a student of King Edward VI school, where Shakespeare once studied, in Stratford-upon-Avon, Britain, on 21 April, 2012. Various activities were held on Saturday in Stratford-upon-Avon, hometown of William Shakespeare, to mark his 448th birthday. Born in 1564 and died in 1616, William Shakespeare is one of the world's most preeminent dramatists, leaving a legacy of 38 plays, 154 sonnets and many poems. His plays remain highly popular and are constantly studied, performed and reinterpreted in various languages in the world. The scenic town with barely 25,500 people is where Shakespeare was born and grew up. Traces of his life could still be found easily. XINHUA

South Africa urges G20 trade ministers to strengthen coordination in global uncertainty

JOHANNESBURG, 24 April — The G20 trade ministers should strengthen coordination in promoting a concerted response to current globaleconomic uncertainties, a statement released by South African Department of Trade and Industry said on Sunday. South African Minister of Trade and Industry Rob Davies said the BRICS ministers have called on G20 trade ministers to "identify ways to improve" the multilateral trading system.

"We have made this call, so that all economies may pursue a sustainable and development-friendly integration in global trade, including adjustment strategies for their industries and workforce, as well as the appropriate social and sector policies to respond to existing structural vulnerabilities," Davies said.

The minister said at the just-ended G20 trade

ministerial meeting that was held in Mexico over weekend under the themes of "trade as a source of growth," "trade as a source of jobs" and "the imperative to keep markets open and to keep opening markets," ministers have "re-emphasized" their commitment to the Doha Development Round.

The BRICS WTO members will continue their efforts for the successful conclusion of the Doha Round, based on the progress made and in keeping with its mandate, while upholding the principles of transparency, inclusiveness and multilateralism, the minister said.

"We encourage all G20 economies to work constructively toward this end in pursuance of the collective decision taken at WTO 8th Ministerial Conference," Davies said.

Xinhua

Xinhua, UN institutions launch global media campaign on environment protection

BEIJING, 24 April — The campaign was jointly initiated by *Xinhua News Agency*, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and *Reuters*, to coincide with the World Earth Day on Sunday. UNEP executive director Achim Steiner said he hoped the "Xinhua-spearheaded communications campaign will inspire the public to the rich array of possibilities and encourage those making decisions on all our behalf to show the leadership needed to break with the past in order to break into a sustainable future in 2012."

He said the launch of the global media campaign on the Earth Day would "take us on a journey through UN World Environment Day under the theme A Green Economy: Does it include you? to Rio+20 and the UN General Assembly where, 40 years ago, UNEP was legally founded." The campaign was first advocated by *Xinhua* President Li Congjun in November 2011 during a meeting with Steiner, who is also UN Under-Secretary General. UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana

Figueres told *Xinhua* in a recent interview all environment issues were "very complex ... it's something where you have to go through a concerted long-time campaign that actually brings down to the level of the public what the climate is about."

She said she believed *Xinhua* had taken a very good approach because the initiative was not just about reporting the results of one conference or the other, but a much deeper commitment that the media needed to take. Luc Gnacadja, executive secretary of UNCCD, told *Xinhua* the implications of desertification on food, water, energy and even human security were not well known. "Not only do I welcome the initiative of *Xinhua*, but I also see the potential to work together to take on the issue that is often overlooked, to take it out of what I call 'blind spots'," he said. The global campaign, which includes many events on a series of key dates such as the World Earth Day, the World Environment Day on 5 June and the Rio+20 summit on 20 to 22 June, will focus on environment protection efforts worldwide and the environmental problems facing humankind.— *Xinhua*

Boy glad football lost in tsunami found in Alaska

TOKYO, 24 April — A teenager who lost his home in Japan's devastating tsunami now knows that one prized possession survived: a football that drifted all the way to Alaska. Officials from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say the ball with the youngster's name inscribed on it is one of the first pieces of debris from last year's tsunami to wash up on the other side of the Pacific.

A man found the ball while beachcombing on an Alaskan island, and his wife, who is Japanese, talked with its owner, 16-year-old Misaki Murakami, by phone over the weekend. They plan to send the ball back to him soon.

Murakami, from the town of Rikuzentakata, is surprised and thankful the football, or soccer ball, has been found more than 5,000 kilometres (more than 3,000 miles) away. "It was a big



In this 22 April, 2012 photo, Misaki Murakami stands where his home, which was washed away by the 11 March, 2011 tsunami, once stood, while talking on a mobile phone with David Baxter in Alaska, US, in Rikuzentakata, Iwate Prefecture, northern Japan. INTERNET

surprise. I've never imagined that my ball has reached Alaska," Murakami told public broadcaster NHK. "I've lost everything in the tsunami. So I'm delighted," he said. "I really want to say thank you for finding the ball." He was particularly glad because all furniture and sentimental items in his home had been washed away in the

11 March, 2011, tsunami, which devastated a long stretch of Japan's northeastern coast and killed about 19,000 people.

The ball, which also had messages of encouragement written on it, was given to him in 2005, when Murakami was in third grade, as a good-bye gift when he transferred to another school.

Debris from the tsunami initially formed a thick mass in the ocean off Japan's northeastern coast and has since spread out across the Pacific. In February, NOAA said currents would carry much of the debris to the coasts of Alaska, Canada, Washington and Oregon between March 2013 and 2014, though they noted that some of it could arrive this year.

Earlier this month, a US Coast Guard cutter fired on and sank a fishing boat in the Gulf of Alaska that had drifted from Japan after the tsunami. Authorities had deemed the ship a hazard to shipping and to the coastline. David Baxter, a radar technician from Kasilof, Alaska, found Murakami's ball while beachcombing in March on Middleton Island, 110 kilometres (70 miles) south of the Alaskan mainland.

Internet

Vodafone says agrees takeover of Cable & Wireless

LONDON, 24 April — British mobile phone giant Vodafone on Monday said it had struck a deal to buy telecoms firm Cable & Wireless Worldwide for more than £1.0 billion. "Vodafone ... and Cable & Wireless Worldwide plc are pleased to announce that they have reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer pursuant to which Vodafone will acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of CWW," Vodafone said a statement.

The offer values the entire issued ordinary share capital of CWW at around £1.044 billion, Vodafone added. Vodafone had first indicated in February that it was looking to bid for C&W, while India's Tata Communications dropped out of the



takeover race earlier this month.

Cable & Wireless Worldwide is a global telecoms company that was set up in the 1860s to run the British empire's communications network. It was involved from the start in the laying of submarine cables around the world which linked the outposts of the British empire as it expanded in the 19th century.— *Reuters*

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
YANGON, MYANMAR

INVITATION FOR TENDER OF CONSULTANT

1. The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia is planning to conduct several procurement projects for the budget year 2012 which are as follows:

No.	Procurement/Project	Owner Estimation
a.	2 (two) Projects of Reconfiguration and Installment of Electricity and Local Area Network (LAN) Cables at Indonesian Embassy Compound	US\$ 70,000
b.	4 (four) Projects of Maintenance : - Maintenance of the Fences at Indonesian Embassy Compound, Indonesian Diplomatic Compound, and Indonesian Flat Compound - Drainage System in Indonesian Diplomatic Compound (IDC) - Maintenance of Houses at Indonesian Flat Compound - Maintenance of Wisma Duta Residence	US\$ 84,150
c.	3 (three) Procurements : - Water Tower of Indonesian International School Yangon (IISY) - Renovation of "Rumah Indonesia" - Renovation of "Mitra Hall"	US\$ 360,000

- In this regard, the Embassy invites all qualified Consultant Companies to assist the Embassy for implementing the said projects.
- Interested companies may obtain forms of open tender at the Embassy during office hours (10.00 am-04.00 pm) on 25th April-1st May 2012.
- The Aanwijzing (tender explanation) will be held on 30th April 2012 at 10.00 am.
- The proposals are to be submitted on 30th April-2nd May 2012 at 02.00 -03.00 pm. Late bids will not be accepted.
- Detailed information regarding the tender is available at the Embassy's website www.kbriyangon.org or the following address :

Procurement Committee
Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia
100 Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road
Dagon Township, (11191) Yangon, Myanmar
Phone number : 01-254465, 254469

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MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

- Open Tenders are invited for supply of the following items in Euro:

Srl No.	Tender No	Description	Qty
1.	12(T)1/MR(ML) 2012-2013	- Wheel Steel Solid (Y) - Wheel Steel Solid (YD) - Axle Steel (Y) - Axle Steel (YD 1) - Axle Steel (W)	1000 Nos 1000 Nos 200 Nos 400 Nos 200 Nos
2.	12(T)2/MR(ML) 2012-2013	Spare Parts for Diesel Hydraulic Locomotive	78-Items
- Closing Date & Time - 8.6.2012 (Friday)(12:00)Hours
- Tender documents are available at our office starting from 26.4.2012 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994,

"Beautiful Bulldog" contest winner gives good face

DES MOINES, 24 April — Tyson, a beloved English bulldog, doesn't bite ears like his namesake, boxer Mike Tyson. But he does share a title: champion. The two-year-old pup with a fetching face and a winning personality was crowned the winner of this year's "Beautiful Bulldog"

pageant Monday in Des Moines, Iowa. "He's kind of compact. He's got the one big roll and the spot over his eye," said owner Tyler Motter, of Urbandale, Iowa. "His personality is amazing." Tyson beat out 49 other pups for the honour Monday in the tongue-in-cheek contest, now in its 33rd year, which kicks off festivities at the annual Drake Relays track and field meet.

Tyson beat out a cast of costumed and cleverly named characters, such as RocketMan, Matilda Rose and Chief McBeef. Applications were submitted for more than 100 dogs, and the field was whittled down to 50 by a lottery. A panel of judges chose six slobbering pups for the finals. The ones that weren't as lucky as Tyson still competed for titles, such as "Mr Congeniality" and "Best Dressed." The slickest costume award went to Fletcher, who was dressed as

massive barbeque sandwich made famous by Jethro's, a nearby restaurant. Fletcher's owner, Brad Neal of West Des Moines, said it took roughly 80 hours to put together the unique outfit. "There's a bun, tenderloin, buffalo chicken strip, cheeseburger, bacon, brisket, fried cheese, buffalo chicken, tenderloin, bun, white cheddar sauce" Neal said. "It was a lot of fun. We had a blast." But none of the pups could touch Tyson, who Tyler and Chelsea Motter chose to enter over his brother, Chubbs, because of his face and personality. Tyson's first few moments as the champion were rough. He fell face-first off his throne — about a three-foot drop — and then refused to eat his celebratory doggie cake. But Tyson eventually came to embrace the attention, wolfing down nearly half his winner's dessert in a few big bites.

Internet



Tyson, owned by Tyler and Chelsea Motter, of Urbandale, Iowa, sits on the throne after being crowned the winner of the 33rd annual Drake Relays Beautiful Bulldog Contest on 23 April, 2012.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV NGOC SON VOY NO (004/12)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NGOC SON VOY NO (004/12) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.4.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(2) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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

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

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Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Bright meteor with loud "booms" confirmed travel through Nevada, California skies

BEIJING, 24 April — A meteor with loud "booms" accompanied by a bright light was confirmed traveling through the skies of Nevada and California on Sunday morning. Bill Cooke, head of NASA's Meteoroid Environment Office, said that the meteor likely penetrated very deep into the atmosphere, producing the powerful sonic booms that rattled homes across the region and triggered car alarms in Carson City, Nevada.

It was thought to have been a small asteroid that slammed into the atmosphere at a speed of 15 kilometres per second, turning into a fireball, delivering an energy of 3.8 kilotons of TNT as it broke up over California's Sierra Nevada mountains.

After some rough calculations, Cooke has been able to estimate the mass of the incoming object — around 70 metric tons. — Xinhua

Three charged in Aussie penguin theft

Australian police said three men were arrested for allegedly breaking into a Sea World park, swimming with dolphins and stealing a penguin.

Investigators said the 18-, 20- and 21-year-old suspects, whose names

were not released, broke into the Sea World in Main Beach on Queensland's Gold Coast after it closed Saturday, swam in the dolphin enclosure and made off with Dirk, a 7-year-old fairy penguin, *The Australian Eye* reported on Friday.

Police said the penguin was recovered, tired but unharmed, after a couple saw him in a shallow estuary Sunday.

"They heard a scuffle in the water and this penguin came out onto the sand," said Trevor Long, Sea World's director of marine sciences. "They thought it was very, very unusual, so they got on to their iPhone and Googled 'lost penguin.' That came up with the story and from there they were able to contact us."

Long said the couple reported the penguin appeared to have been chased out of the water by an animal that may have been a shark and was then chased on land by a dog.

Police said the three suspects, who were arrested after officers received a tip that they had bragged about their crimes on Facebook, were charged with trespassing, stealing and unlawfully keeping a protected animal.

Woman delivers great-granddaughter at gas station

An Indiana woman who worked for 31 years as an EMT said she delivered her great-granddaughter at a gas station. Kathy Swearingen of Clay City said her granddaughter, Ashley Swearingen, woke her up early Thursday for a ride to the hospital in Terre Haute and the woman's water broke while traveling down State Road 59, the *Greencastle Banner* reported on Friday.

The grandmother pulled into a gas station at the intersection of State Roads 46 and 59, where she soon

found herself becoming a great-grandmother to baby girl Skylar Swearingen.

"I worked EMS for 31 years, and there is nothing more precious in the whole world than to see a baby take its first breath," Kathy said.

She said she was assisted in the delivery by Indiana State Excise Police Lt Christopher Bard, who saw the women while driving home from his shift. Bard escorted the women and newborn to Union Hospital, where Skylar weighed in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Actress Mulligan and singer Mumford marry



Actress Mulligan

BRIDGWATER, 24 April—Award-winning actress Carey Mulligan and folk-rocker Marcus Mumford of Mumford & Sons were married on a farm in England by the groom's

father, People reported.

About 200 guests attended the Saturday nuptials in a converted barn on a working farm in Somerset, including Sienna Miller, Jake Gyllenhaal and Colin Firth.

Mumford's father, a vicar, presided over the ceremony.

Mumford, 25, and Mulligan, 26, had been pen pals as kids in London, gone their separate ways and reconnected after Mulligan's relationships with Shia LaBouf and Eddie Redmayne, Eonline reported.

Mulligan won a BAFTA for her role in the 2009 film, "An Education."—*Internet*

Now Kareena to endorse chocolate brand

NEW DELHI, 24 April—Actresses with svelte figures are busy endorsing chocolate brands.

After Katrina Kaif, who was recently named the brand ambassador of Choc On, Kareena Kapoor is now set to endorse Alpenliebe 2 Choco



Eclairs.

The brand has been introduced by confectionery major Perfetti Van Melle India (PVM).

According to a company statement, this is Kareena's first endorsement of a confectionery brand. She is excited.

"Alpenliebe is one of India's most loved brands and this innovative product under Alpenliebe has given me the opportunity to work on an exciting new campaign," said the 31-year-old.

As part of her association, Kareena will now feature in the brand's TV commercial shot by ad filmmaker Ravi Udyawar.

Internet

Actress Kareena Kapoor



British actor Daniel Radcliffe

who is currently working on her first book for adults, "The Casual Vacancy."

"Perhaps, I should get in touch with her for some help," Radcliffe said. *Internet*



Virginia Fike, a Berryville, Virginia woman won the lottery twice in the same day with two winning tickets for \$1 million each, so she won \$2 million.

Fike said she found out that she had won - and won again - while sitting in a hospital room with her mother, according to a statement distributed by the Virginia lottery.

"I saw a scroll on TV about there being two \$1 million winners," she said. "I looked at my mom and said 'Wouldn't it be funny if it was us?'" She said she planned on using the money to "take care of my parents" and pay bills. For selling the tickets, the lottery awarded a \$20,000 bonus to the Olde Stone Truck Stop. To win the full Powerball jackpot, which currently stands at \$131 million, a ticket must match the numbers on all five white balls in the drawing, plus the red Powerball. The \$1 million cash prize is awarded for a ticket that matches the five numbers on the white balls, in any order. The odds of winning \$1 million? One in 5,153,632.65. The drawing takes place every Wednesday and Saturday night. "I just love the jackpot games and I play when I can afford it," Fike said in the statement.

Virginia woman wins \$1 million—twice in same lottery

A Virginia woman found out on April 7 she won \$1 million in a lottery drawing. And then she won again.

Virginia Fike of Berryville, Virginia, had the good luck to buy not one but two lottery tickets from a truck stop that both turned out to be \$1 million winners, matching five of the six Powerball numbers. Lottery officials presented her with a \$2 million check on Friday.

Fike said she found out that she had won - and won again - while sitting in a hospital room with her mother, according to a statement distributed by the Virginia lottery.

"I saw a scroll on TV about there being two \$1 million winners," she said. "I looked at my mom and said 'Wouldn't it be funny if it was us?'" She said she planned on using the money to "take care of my parents" and pay bills. For selling the tickets, the lottery awarded a \$20,000 bonus to the Olde Stone Truck Stop. To win the full Powerball jackpot, which currently stands at \$131 million, a ticket must match the numbers on all five white balls in the drawing, plus the red Powerball. The \$1 million cash prize is awarded for a ticket that matches the five numbers on the white balls, in any order. The odds of winning \$1 million? One in 5,153,632.65. The drawing takes place every Wednesday and Saturday night. "I just love the jackpot games and I play when I can afford it," Fike said in the statement.

Italian library shut down over book thefts

Italian police shut down one of the country's largest libraries to investigate the thefts of thousands of antique

books. The Girolamini Library in Naples was shut down Thursday while police look into the disappearances of thousands of books during the past few weeks, ANSA

reported on Thursday. The library, which opened its doors in 1586, counts 5,000 tomes from the 16th century among its collection of about 160,000 books.

News Album

Radcliffe wants to write professionally

LONDON, 24 April—British actor Daniel Radcliffe, star of the Harry Potter film series, said he wants to write a novel, *The Daily Telegraph* reported.

"I really want to write professionally in the future," the 22-year-old said. "I try and write at the moment. I don't know if I'm any good, as, normally, when I write I'm so self critical that it's not long before I have to throw away what I write."

Radcliffe said he has yet to inform JK Rowling, author of the Harry Potter series, who is currently working on her first book for adults, "The Casual Vacancy."

"Perhaps, I should get in touch with her for some help," Radcliffe said. *Internet*



Actress Amy Adams

Crowe officially announced as Noah

LOS ANGELES, 24 April—Hollywood filmmaker Darren Aronofsky has confirmed he cast Russell Crowe in the role of Old Testament figure Noah. "I'd like to thank Paramount and Regency for backing my team's work to breathe new life into the

story — about the man who heeds God's warning and builds an ark to save as many creatures as possible when a disastrous flood comes. Production is slated to begin this summer in Iceland and New York. Crowe is best known for his work in the films "Cinderella Man," "A Beautiful Mind" and "Gladiator."

Internet



Russell Crowe

biblical epic. I rejoice that Russell Crowe will be by my side on this adventure. It's his immense talent that helps me to sleep at night. I look forward to being wowed by him every day," Aronofsky said in a statement issued to *The Hollywood Reporter* Monday.

Paramount Pictures set a release date of 28 March, 2014 for its version of the classic

Amy Adams to star in 'Into the Woods'

NEW YORK, 24 April—This summer's edition of Shakespeare in the Park in New York will feature productions of "Into the Woods" and "As You Like

It," organizers said.

Director Daniel Sullivan's production of William Shakespeare's comedy "As You Like It" will run from 5 to 30 June.

It stars Maclintyre Dixon, David Furr, Renee Elise Goldsberry, Robert Joy, Omar Metwally, Oliver Platt, Lily Rabe and Stephen Spinella.

The new staging of Stephen Sondheim's fairytale-themed musical "Into the Woods" is to take place from 23 July through 25 Aug.

The cast features Amy Adams, Jack Broderick, Gideon Glick, Cooper Grodin, Ivan Hernandez, Tina Johnson, Josh Lamon, Jessie Mueller, Donna Murphy, Laura Shoop and Tess Soltau.

Tickets to Shakespeare in the Park are free and distributed, two per person, at the Delacorte Theater in Central Park the day of the show.

Internet

Katy Perry deletes ex Russell Brand's scenes from film

LONDON, 24 April—Katy Perry has edited her estranged husband Russell Brand out of her upcoming film.

The singer has cut some scenes that feature her ex from her fly-on-the-wall 3D tour documentary. Cameras followed Perry in the lead-up to the split.



Katy Perry

"There's loads of stuff in there that relates to her life with Russell and she's really not comfortable about it all going in," the *Sun* quoted a source as saying.

The couple had filed for divorce after 14 months of marriage.—*Internet*



Brazil's Nilmar celebrates a goal against Chile during their World Cup 2010 qualifying match in Salvador, on 9 Sept, 2009. — Reuters

Britain, Spain, Brazil, Mexico seeded

COVENTRY, 24 April — Hosts Britain, world champions Spain, Brazil and Mexico were named by FIFA as the top seeds for the men's Olympic soccer tournament on Monday, a day before the draw for the 16-team finals. Britain, world champions Japan and defending champions the United States were named as the top three seeds in the women's competition.

The men's tournament comprises 16 teams in four first round groups, with Britain, taking part in their first Olympic finals since 1960, in Group A. Mexico, the top-ranked team among the qualifiers from Asia,

Africa, Oceania and their own CONCACAF region, were seeded in Group B. Brazil, who have the best overall playing record in the Olympics despite never winning the gold medal, will head up Group C with Spain in Group D.

The women's competition comprises 12 teams in three groups with Britain playing in the very first event of the entire games on 25 July, two days before the opening ceremony. They will discover their opponents for the opening Group E match at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium when the draw is made on Tuesday.

Reuters

Euro 2012 ticket design unveiled in Ukraine

KIEV, 24 April — Ticket for the Euro 2012 Soccer Championship was officially presented on Monday by UEFA Events executive Martin Kallen in the Ukrainian Capital Kiev. Representatives of UEFA and Ukraine's tournament executing committee attended the ceremony at the Olympic Stadium which will host the final match of Euro 2012.

The unveiling ceremony of purple-colored tickets with the Euro 2012 logo on it was organized to

show the fans the authentic ticket design and protect football supporters from fraud. "Every ticket has up to 10 levels of protection. Hologram and unique identification code are the main features of the ticket. Stewards, who will work directly on the stadiums, will know five or six other signs of authenticity," Kallen told reporters during the presentation.

The tickets were printed in Portugal and Austria, Kallen said, adding that it was virtually impossible to forge them. UEFA sold through its website a total of 500,000 tickets for Euro 2012 matches at the prices range from 30 to 600 euro. The rest 900,000 tickets have been distributed to national federations, sponsors, UEFA guests and business package buyers. Euro 2012 will be staged from 8 June to 1 July in Ukraine and Poland.

Xinhua



Ukrainian girl Daryna Kovtun, 9, owner of the first ticket for the EURO 2012 football championships match, holds a symbolic one during its presentation at Kiev's Olympic Stadium, Ukraine, on 23 April, 2012. — XINHUA



Milan looking for home improvements

MILAN, 24 April — AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri says his team need to improve at home if they are to stand any chance of denying Juventus a first Serie A title since 2003. AC Milan have now taken just one point from their last two matches at the San Siro. In fact, they are struggling all round with five points from their last four league games and only one win in their last six in all competitions. It has allowed Juve to stretch their lead at the top of the table to three points and given that the Old Lady of Turin have the better head-to-head record, Milan need to make up four points if they are to win the league.

A month ago Milan seemed on track for a second straight title having opened up a four-point lead over a Juve side that had drawn six out of seven games.

But since then, Juve have recovered and won six straight matches while Milan have stuttered. The Turin giants' 4-0 win over Roma on Sunday was indicative of their recent form. Gone are the days when they struggled to score goals and were hamstrung by a string of draws.

Now Antonio Conte's team have become an unstoppable force, buoyed by Milan's struggles and helped by their own failure to qualify for Europe this season leaving them fresher.

Even so, Allegri believes his team must simply get back to winning ways before worrying about what Juve do, something they failed to manage at home to Bologna on Sunday. "We've got one point from our last two home

games and we needed to get more than that," said Allegri ahead of Wednesday's game with Genoa. "We started well (against Bologna) but then we gifted them a goal and became disorganised. We created a lot in the second half but we didn't manage to win."

"On Wednesday we have another home game and we need to try to win regardless of what Juve do, not least because second

place isn't mathematically secure. And you never know in football." One advantage Milan have is they will be entertaining Genoa who are in disarray and in freefall towards the relegation trapdoor.

Genoa were thumped 4-1 at home to Siena on Sunday in a match in which some fans held up the match for 45-minutes in protest at how their team was playing.

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AC Milan's coach Massimiliano Allegri (R) is seen during the Serie A match AC Milan against Bologna, on 22 April, in San Siro stadium in Milan. Allegri says his team need to improve at home if they are to stand any chance of denying Juventus a first Serie A title since 2003.

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"Pudge" Rodriguez officially retires

ARLINGTON, 24 April — After 21 years in Major League Baseball with six teams, catcher Ivan Rodriguez formally retired on Monday, returning to his original big league team in Texas to say goodbye after 14 All-Star games and 13 Gold Glove awards. Rodriguez, who played a record 2,427

games behind the plate, said farewell at a news conference at the Ballpark in Arlington before the Texas Rangers' game against the Yankees on Monday. "Today is a very hard day for me," he told reporters. "It's been a great, great run. 21 years have been beautiful." Rodriguez, who announced last week he was

retiring, played 12 seasons with the Rangers, breaking in with them as a 19-year-old in 1991.

The 40-year-old Puerto Rican also played for the Florida Marlins in 2003 when they won the World Series and from 2004-08 with the Tigers, competing in his second World Series with the Detroit team in 2006. "I want



Senegal players celebrate their 2-0 win. Senegal booked the final spot in the men's football tournament at the 2012 London Olympic Games with a 2-0 playoff win over Oman in Coventry, central England, on Monday. — INTERNET

Senegal seal Olympic football place

COVENTRY, 24 April — Senegal booked the final spot in the men's football tournament at the 2012 London Olympic Games with a 2-0 playoff win over Oman in Coventry, central England, on Monday. The African nation's win over the Gulf state meant they become the last of the 16 countries who will take part in Tuesday's draw.

Senegal wide man Ibrahima Balde gave his side the lead after just 98 seconds but it was not until two minutes from time, when Abdoulaye Sane scored, that they could be sure of going through to their first Olympic competition.

The Olympic football tournament is primarily an Under-23 event, although teams are allowed to field a handful of over-age players. The other 15 qualifiers are South Korea, Japan, United Arab Emirates, Gabon, Morocco, Egypt, Great Britain, Spain, Switzerland, Belarus, Honduras, Mexico, New Zealand, Brazil and Uruguay. — Internet

US Horse of the Year Havre de Grace retired

LOUISVILLE, 24 April — Reigning US Horse of the Year Havre de Grace has been retired after suffering an ankle injury during a workout at Churchill Downs, owner Rick Porter said on Monday. Trainers noticed the five-year-old mare had "a little heat" in her right front ankle following the workout, Porter said in a statement on his Fox Hill Farm website.

Havre de Grace, the Kentucky-bred winner of the Grade I Woodward Stakes last year, was seen by veterinarians on Monday and Porter was given the bad news. "Unfortunately, we didn't get a positive prognosis for continuing her racing career," he said. Havre de Grace won nine races in 16 career starts and won nearly \$2.6 million. She won five of seven trips to the starting gate in 2011 and won US Horse of the Year honours. — Reuters



Breeders' Cup Classic hopeful Havre de Grace gallops on the track with trainer Larry Jones during early morning workouts for the 2011 Breeders' Cup World Championships at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, on 3 Nov, 2011. — REUTERS



Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez enters the field during a retirement ceremony before the start of the MLB American League baseball game between the Texas Rangers and the New York Yankees in Arlington, Texas on 23 April, 2012.

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to thank the fans here in Texas and all over baseball," said Rodriguez, who also played for the Astros, Yankees and the last two campaigns with the Nationals. "I just want to say thanks to all the organizations I played for."

Rodriguez is considered one of the best all-around catchers ever, thriving as a potent offensive player while garnering a record 13 Gold Glove awards for fielding. He was named the 1999 American League Most Valuable Player after a season with 35 home runs, 113 runs batted in, 25 steals and a .332 batting average, and finished with a career batting average of .296 and 2,844 hits.

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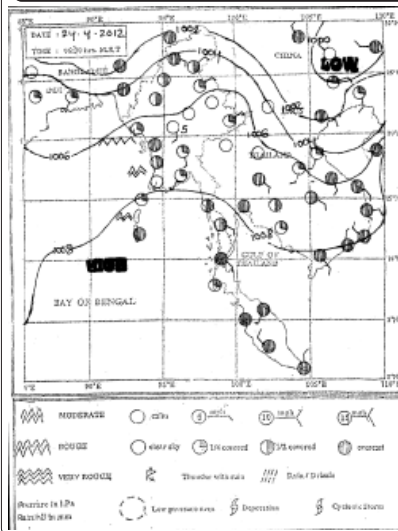
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(25-4-2012) (Wednesday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:40 am
- 2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:10 am
- 3. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:40 am
- 4. International News
- 4:00 pm
- 5. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 6. Song of National Races
- 4:30 pm
- 7. Musical Programme
- 4:55 pm
- 8. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm
- 9. Teleplay (EPC)
- 5:50 pm
- 10. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 6:20 pm
- 11. Traditional Boxing
- 8:00 pm
- 12. News
- 13. TV Drama Series
- 14. Myanmar Video Feature

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 25th April, 2012

No.	Region/States	Temperature (°C)		Forecast	Percent
		Maximum	Minimum		
1	Kachin	34.93	22.72	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	35.95	20.68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayah	37.99	24.75	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	24.75	16.61	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	37.99	24.75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	42.108	23.73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Tamihayi	37.99	24.75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	38.100	26.79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	43.109	28.82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	42.108	26.79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon	36.97	26.79	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	39.102	26.79	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	35.95	26.79	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	28.82	17.63	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	35.95	18.64	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	36.97	20.68	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	38.100	26.79	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	41.106	25.77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	39.102	26.79	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	42.108	26.79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mandalay Region, Kachin, Shan and Chin States and isolated in Sagaing and Magway Regions. Mon State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Region and States. Day temperature were (17°C) to (41°C) above April average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region, Shan (Northern and Southern) State and about April average temperatures in the remaining Region and States. The significant day temperatures were Chank (43°C), Mawya, Mandalay, Magway and Nyayng (45°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Falam (1.07) inches, Pusa, Mashaung, Tama, Nyamdo and Kyaukse (0.27) inch each.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Northern Myanmar areas.

Lindsay Lohan to play Liz Taylor in Lifetime film

NEW YORK, 24 April—Lindsay Lohan will portray Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime film about her love affair with actor Richard Burton.

Lifetime on Monday made official a casting decision rumored for months. The network says Lohan will star in "Liz & Dick," with production set to begin in early June.

There was no mention of who will play Burton or when the film will air.



Actress Lindsay Lohan

Taylor and Burton met as co-stars of the 1963 epic "Cleopatra." They fell in love as the world looked on, left their respective spouses and got married. Then they divorced, only to remarry and divorce again.

In recent years the 25-year-old Lohan has gained her own measure of notoriety. "Liz & Dick" represents a step in her attempted career comeback.

Respects paid to older persons in Insein

INSEIN, 24 April—The 45th ceremony to pay respects to 70 older persons was held on Thiri Mingala Road of East Ywama Ward in Insein Township on 17 April morning.

Ward administrator U Htay Win and party and townselders donated cash assistance and offertories to the older persons. Then, they served the aged with refreshment.—Myanma Alin



Season over for Marseille star Ayew

MARSEILLE, 24 April—Marseille winger Andre Ayew, 22, was due to undergo an operation on an injured left shoulder on Tuesday and will be sidelined for three months as a result, his club announced on their website. Ayew has dislocated his



Marseille winger Andre Ayew, seen here in March 2012.—INTERNET

left shoulder on several occasions this season and, after previously putting off surgery, he has finally agreed to go under the knife in Lyon.

Ayew, who plays alongside his younger brother Jordan at the Stade Velodrome, has scored eight league goals in a disappointing campaign for OM.

The highly-rated attacker is believed to be a target for several leading European clubs, including Arsenal.—Internet

Mourinho aiming to improve patchy semi-final record

MADRID, 24 April—Jose Mourinho has lost three of his five Champions League semi-finals and the combative coach is determined to improve that record when his Real Madrid side host Bayern Munich in their second leg on Wednesday.

Mourinho's Chelsea were eliminated in the last four by Liverpool in 2005 and 2007 while Real were knocked out by their bitter rivals and eventual winners Barcelona last season, a reverse the Portuguese blamed on a UEFA conspiracy.

Nine-times European champions Real must overturn a 2-1 deficit from last week if they are to reach next month's final, also in Munich, and go into the game on a high after virtually wrapping up the Spanish title with a 2-1 win at Barca on Saturday.

Mourinho, who has refused to speak to the media before La Liga games in recent weeks but is obliged to appear ahead of European games by governing body UEFA, made his now habitual comments about what he sees as refereeing errors.

He also made an oblique reference to his claim that there is a UEFA conspiracy favouring Barca - which landed him in hot water last season.

"I have not had that much luck in semi-finals," Mourinho told a news conference on Tuesday. "I lost one (against Liverpool) when the ball did not cross the line - which was unbelievable.

"Another season (in 2007) I lost on penalties - which is more an issue of bad luck - and last season (against Barca) I lost the semi-final in a way that everyone knows about.

"This time I hope to win although we lost the first leg to a goal that was offside," added Mourinho who lifted the Champions League trophy with Porto in 2004 and Inter Milan in 2010.

"The referee was (generally) very good, he made a mistake but we all make mistakes, me too."—Reuters



Real Madrid's coach Jose Mourinho gestures during their Spanish King's Cup quarter-final first leg "El Clasico" soccer match against Barcelona at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, 18 January, 2012.—REUTERS

Pakistan station bomb blast kills two

Pakistan bomb attack



A bomb has exploded at the main railway station in the eastern Pakistan city of Lahore, killing at least two people, police said.—INTERNET

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Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 20th day

Three questions answered, one proposal discussed, one bill submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—The Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for the 20th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here at 11.35 pm today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 380 MPs.

At the session, three questions were raised and answered, one proposal discussed and one bill submitted.

U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency asked **if the State has any plan to rehabilitate Kanthaya Beach and to return the seized coconut plantations to the owners.** Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung replied that for 192 farmers were paid K 7362470 of perennial crop compensation for their 307.72 acres of land; 197 farmers K 7004 for land compensation; and 39 farmers K 263835 for house moving compensation, totalling K 7633309 in March and April of 1998. Kanthaya resort was built together with 20 buildings on 45.82 acres of land out of 427.41 acres of total land area of the beach. On 29-4-2006, storm Malar hit Gwa Township of Rakhine State blowing off the roofs of 14 Kanthaya hotel buildings. Although there are 20 buildings at present, only three buildings and five rooms are serviceable. There is no plan for the time being to rehabilitate Kanthaya Beach as there are many beach resorts in Myanmar such as Ngapali, Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung that are attracting tourists. The reconstruction plan will be considered only after taking measures for improvement of road and other infrastructures in coordination with the state government concerned depending on the prospect of the increased number of local and foreign visitors to the beaches.

U Kyin Wan of Hopan Constituency asked **if there is any plan to remove Phakha forest reserve close to Hopan from the list of designated forest areas and redesignate it as a farmland for rural farmers.** In response,



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives seen at the 20th day third regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun said previously, Phakha forest reserve was supposed to be established with 20480 acres of forest area. But when it was established, 2363.5 acres of land for 47 villages of five village-tracts were excluded. Permit has been granted to those villages for access to the forest

reserve and use of forest products.

So, forestry rights have been granted to the villagers who have been living before the forest reserve was set up. For those who have trespassed the forest reserve to do their business only after the reserve had been established, (See page 8)

Frankfurt join Fuerth in Bundesliga



Frankfurt's Czech striker Martin Fenin (left) vies for the ball with Bayern Munich's midfielder Thomas Mueller during a match at the Commerzbank Arena in Frankfurt/M, 2011. Eintracht Frankfurt will join Bavarian side Greuther Fuerth in the German league next season following their 3-0 win over Alemannia Aachen with Cameroon striker Mohamadou Idrissou scoring twice.—INTERNET

FRANKFURT, 24 April—Eintracht Frankfurt will join Bavarian side Greuther Fuerth in the German league next season following their 3-0 win over Alemannia Aachen with Cameroon striker Mohamadou Idrissou scoring twice. Frankfurt's victory at Aachen on Monday night puts them back in the Bundesliga at the first attempt having been relegated last season, while Greuther Fuerth will make their debut in

Germany's top tier. With both Frankfurt and Fuerth on 68 points at the top of the league, Germany's second division title has still to be decided with two games left. A third team from the second division will join them in the Bundesliga next season with Hamburg-based St Pauli, Paderborn and Fortuna Dusseldorf all in the hunt to finish third and qualify for the promotion play-off. The third best team in the

second division will play-off against the team which finishes third from bottom in the Bundesliga, currently Cologne, over two legs at the end of the season for the right to play in Germany's top tier. Kaiserslautern had their relegation from the Bundesliga confirmed last Saturday and could be joined by Hertha Berlin, who are second from bottom, and two points behind Cologne. Internet

Golfers to be chosen for tentatively selected team

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—The Ministry of Sports is making arrangements for training the tentatively selected golf team at the camp, here, to achieve success in the XXVII SEA Games.

The golfers must be between 14 years and 30 years old. Men players must be 0-12 handicap and the women players 0-16 handicaps. Training will be provided to the selected players up to the end of SEA Games. The sports trial will be held at Myodaw Golf Course (Nay Pyi Taw) on 8

and 9 May. The players are to take part in an 18-hole round on both days. The contestants must take part in the trial on their own arrangements.

The ministry will arrange costs for accommodation, food, training and assistance in addition to learning of education for the tentatively selected players. Those wishing to take part in the trial are to enlist at the Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Sports, Nay Pyi Taw, not later than 6 May. For further information, dial 067-406183.—MNA

Diversity aided mammals' survival over deep time

SCIENCE DAILY, 24 April—When it comes to adapting to climate change, diversity is the mammal's best defence. That is one of the conclusions of the first study of how mammals in North America adapted to climate change in "deep time" — a period of 56 million years beginning with the Eocene and ending 12,000 years ago with the terminal Pleistocene extinction when mammoths, saber-toothed tigers, giant sloths and most of the other "megafauna" on the continent disappeared.

"Before we can predict how mammals will respond to climate change in the future,

we need to understand how they responded to climate change in the past," said Larisa R. G. DeSantis, the assistant professor of earth and environmental studies at Vanderbilt who directed the

study. "It is particularly important to establish a baseline that shows how they adapted before humans came on the scene to complicate the picture," he said.

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