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Union Minister for Information and for Culture receives Ambassador of Israel

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received Ambassador of Israel Mr Yaron Mayer to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Ministry of Information, here, at 2 pm today.

They held discussions on cooperation in TV broadcasting of Myanmar, opportunities for providing assistance to information and technology sectors, shooting and broadcasting of sports news on XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013 and media sector.

After the call, the Deputy Minister for Information and party held a meeting with the Israeli Ambassador on shooting and broadcasting of sports news on XXVII SEA Games and media sector.

Present at the call together with Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Director-General U Thein Aung of Myanmar Radio and Television, Managing Director U Zaw Min Oo of News and Periodicals Enterprise and officials.

The Israeli Ambassador was accompanied by Chairman of Myanmar-Israel Business Association Mr Doron Landau and entrepreneurs.

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives Ambassador of Israel Mr Yaron Mayer to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Special Refresher Course No. 80 for basic education teachers opens



Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint addresses opening of Special Refresher Course No. 80 for Basic Education Teachers at Central Institute of Civil Services (Phaunggyi).—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—At a time when a compulsory primary education system is being launched spending a large amount of funds, teachers are to do away with unnecessary activities such as collection of funds with other reasons, sale of student's guides, notebooks, exercise books etc, but they are to collect school funds and fees prescribed by the Ministry of Education, said Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint in his address at the opening of Special Refresher Course No. 80 for Basic Education Teachers held at the Central Institute of Civil Services (Phaunggyi) this morning.

The Union Minister added that teachers are to discharge duties straightforwardly in line with the policy of the education sector laid down by the President.

Unlike in the past, today's education system has given education staff even at basic level the opportunity to discuss and lay down education work programmes by themselves. The 2012 National Education Promotion Seminar 's was held from 23 to 25 April in order to discuss the report and working paper on implementation of projects

for 2011-2012 fiscal year, Union Minister noted.

Four working papers such as implementation of education working guidelines of the President, implementation of compulsory primary education, introduction of children-centred approach, and teaching system in accord with a weekly timetable have already been presented, and all the teachers are to strictly abide by and implement the ten education guidelines, he said.

For success of compulsory primary education, all textbooks and six exercise books are to be provided to each student of basic education primary level free of charge by the State for 2012-2013 academic year. The State will grant scholarship of middle and high school levels for outstanding students of primary and middle school levels, and stipends of different education levels for students who have difficulties for continued schooling starting from 2012-2013 academic year.

Meanwhile, arrangements are being made for carrying out comprehensive education sector review-CESR and drawing plans on weaknesses of some sectors in

Significant Day Temperatures (7-5-2012)

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The key to successful aging is successful living

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Barcelona's coach Pep Guardiola is tossed in the air by his players after his last match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 5 May, 2012. Outgoing Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola has said on Saturday's city derby against Espanyol at the Nou Camp is more important than any farewell celebrations that may be planned in his honour.



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Ronnie O'Sullivan (L) of England shakes hands with Allister Carter of England before their final of the Betfred.com World Championship at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, the United Kingdom, on 6 May, 2012.

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cooperation with UN agencies, international organizations and donors, and all the teachers are to do their bit in implementation of compulsory education applying practical approaches, he added.

Also present on the occasion were member of Union Civil Services Board U Khin Maung Aye and officials, basic education teachers totaling 1504.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 8 May, 2012

We can prevent water-borne diseases

The extreme temperature during this summer has dried up some ponds in rural areas causing scarcity of drinking water for the people.

To help them get the drinking water, departments concerned have taken measures to supply drinking water to the people in those areas and wellwishers have reached out those areas to donate drinking water to them these days.

In this situation people in those areas who depend on ponds for drinking water become vulnerable to the waterborne diseases including diarrhea. It is the dirty water of the ponds and the rivers that causes the waterborne disease among the rural people.

Even if water looks clean, it may not be. It can contain harmful germs that are too small to see and can cause water related diseases such as diarrhea, dysentery, cholera, gastroenteritis and typhoid.

Diarrhea cases can be spread to others for as long as someone has diarrhea, and some infections can be contagious even longer.

Every year many people die from diseases spread by dirty water across the world.

These diseases are caused by germs that get in your mouth when you drink dirty water or eat dirty food.

So, to prevent the diseases, people are urged to drink clean water only and take water from a clean and safe source, to wash fruit and vegetables and peel fruits if there is no clean water for washing, don't urinate or defecate near ponds, wells or rivers, use a latrine if possible and keep animals away from drinking water sources.

If you keep yourself, your home, your family, and your village clean, you can prevent diseases before they start.

Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Speaker attends ceremony to mark Fullmoon Day of Kason



Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Speaker U Hsan Sint wats Bo tree at Shwemoathaw Pagoda.—MNA

16th Coordinating Committee on Customs held

YANGON, 7 May—The 16th Coordinating Committee on Customs jointly organized by Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance and

Revenue was held at Traders Hotel this morning with the attendance of Director-General U Tun Thein of Customs Department. He then made opening speech.

As the 15 facts of development customs programmes to set up Asian Economic Community are practicing now, the meeting intended to be the better

result that comes out from the customs area by joining interrelation each department of customs. The meeting continues to be held on 9 May.

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Appointment of South African Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of HE Ms Robina Patricia Marks as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of South Africa to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Ms Robina Patricia Marks was born on 21 January, 1963. She holds a MA degree from Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, United Kingdom.

Ms Robina Patricia Marks has served as lecturer at Universities in South Africa and the United Kingdom. From 1986 to 1989, she worked as community organizer for the United Democratic Front in South Africa. From 2001 to 2003, she worked as manager at Lewisham Refugee Network in London. From 2006 to 2011, she joined the Gender Development of International Relations and Cooperation as chief director.

Ms Robina Patricia Marks will serve as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of South Africa to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.—MNA

Appointment of Nepalese Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Paras Ghimire as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Paras Ghimire was born on 8 March 1956. He obtained Master's Degree in Business Administration and Management from Tribhuvan University of Nepal in 1981 and Master's Degree in International Relations from the University of Paris in 1990. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal in 1983 and has served in various capacities in Nepalese Embassies in India, Japan and Saudi Arabia. Currently, he is serving as the Joint Secretary/Director General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal. He is married and has one daughter.

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Union Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries U Ohn Myint received Mr Phichet Sivasri (President of Myanmar Region of Livestock Co., Ltd at the ministry office on 6 May.

(News reported).
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YANGON, 7 May — Union Minister for Electric Power No 2 U Khin Maung Soe inspected construction of the 230/66/11 KV, 2x50 MVA Pathein Main sub-power station in Kanyidaunt Township, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region,

Union Minister inspects Pathein Main Sub-power Station

yesterday.

Afterwards, the union minister held a meeting with employees of the ministry including electrical engineers, staff assigned at

sub-power stations at Ayeyawady Region Electrical Engineer's Office.

During the meeting, the union minister gave instructions on tasks for

supplying power to Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung beaches and inspected the 66/11 KV, 10 MVA Myatto Sub-power station.—MNA

Measures for proper drainage inspected

YANGON, 7 May—Yanlon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint on 5 May morning inspected proper flow of drains in Mingala Taungnyunt, Tamway,

Yankin, South Okkalapa and Dagon Myothit (East) townships.

In the afternoon, he looked into placing of asphalt concrete on Bohmu Ba Htoo Road in Dagon Myothit (North)

Township, the places to build low-cost housing at the corner of Bo Min Yang and Minye Kyawswa Roads in Dagon Myothit (North) Township and progress of Ngamoeyek Bridge (Parami).—MNA

Ayeyarwaddy International School opened

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May — Ayeyarwaddy International School in Chanayethazan Township was opened yesterday.

The school located on 52nd Street between 34th

and 35th streets in Mandalay was formally opened by Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs Mayor U Aung Maung, Mandalay Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win

Hlaing, CEO of Ayeyarwaddy International School Daw Kaung Hsai May, Principal Dr Gary E Robson and Director U Zaw Zaw.

The signboard of the school was unveiled by Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing. During the ceremony, winners of a contest for naming the school were awarded.

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Putin sworn in as Russian President

Moscow, 7 May—Vladimir Putin was sworn in on Monday as Russian President, starting his third term in the Kremlin following the two consecutive terms from 2000 to 2008.

The 59-year-old political veteran, who served as Prime Minister from 2008 to 2012, won a resounding victory in the country's presidential election in March. His inauguration ceremony was held at the Kremlin at noon and was attended by senior officials as well as foreign guests.

Putin has pledged to nominate former President Dmitry Medvedev as Prime Minister in the new government. He is expected to submit the nomination to the Parliament later Monday.—MNA/Xinhua



Vladimir Putin speaks during the inauguration ceremony at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, 7 May, 2012. Putin was sworn in on Monday as Russian President, starting his third term in the Kremlin following the two consecutive terms from 2000 to 2008.—INTERNET

Obama congratulates Hollande on France election win

WASHINGTON, 7 May — President Barack Obama congratulated Francois Hollande on his victory on Sunday in the French presidential election and invited him to the White House this month. Obama phoned Hollande and "indicated that he looks forward to working closely" with him and his government on a "range of shared economic and security challenges," the White House said in a statement.

Obama noted that he will welcome Hollande to the presidential retreat at Camp David in Maryland for the G-8 Summit and to Chicago for the NATO Summit. Both events are this month. Obama proposed that they meet beforehand at the White House. The White House had watched with wariness over the past few weeks as Hollande maintained a lead in the polls over current French President Nicolas Sarkozy. Hollande has pledged to pull French troops out of Afghanistan by the end of 2012, two years earlier than the NATO withdrawal schedule.—Reuters

US secretly released prisoners in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 7 May — The United States has been secretly releasing detainees from a military prison in Afghanistan as part of negotiations with militant groups, the *Washington Post* reported in its Monday editions. The "strategic release" programme has allowed American officials over the past several years to use prisoners as bargaining chips to reduce violence in restive provinces, it said, citing US officials who it said spoke on condition of anonymity. The freed detainees are often fighters who would not be released under the legal system for military prisoners in Afghanistan.

They must promise to give up violence, the report said. Officials would not say whether those who have been released have later returned to attack US and Afghan troops, the *Post* said. Releases have come amid efforts to end the war through negotiation, which is central to the Obama administration's strategy for exiting Afghanistan, the report said. Those efforts have yielded little to no progress in recent years. In part, they have been stymied by the unwillingness of the United States to release five prisoners from Guantanamo Bay—a gesture militant leaders have said they see as a precondition for peace talks, the report said.

Unlike at Guantanamo, releasing prisoners from the Parwan detention centre does not require congressional approval and can be done secretly, the *Post* said. The programme's goal is to quell violence in areas where NATO is unable to ensure security. Releases are intended to produce tactical gains, the *Post* said. US officials would not say how many detainees have been released under the program, though they said such cases are relatively rare. The programme has existed for several years.

"The Afghans have come to us with information that might strengthen the reconciliation process," the newspaper quoted US Ambassador Ryan C Crocker as saying. "Many times we do act on it." Releases through the secret programme from Parwan must be approved by the top US military commander and military lawyer, and are the only exceptions to the prison's judicial review board, the *Post* said. It quoted one official as saying the procedure was "outside of our normal protocol," the paper said.—Reuters

The face of the newly-elected French President Francois Hollande appears on a giant screen to announce the winner of the 2012 French presidential elections as Socialist supporters react at La Bastille square in Paris on 6 May, 2012.

REUTERS



PARIS, 7 May — Socialist Francois Hollande swept to victory in France's Nicolas Sarkozy by 51.3 percent to 48.7 percent with 83 percent of votes counted,

Socialist Hollande ousts Sarkozy as French leader

presidential election on Sunday in a swing to the left at the heart of Europe and promised to start a pushback against German-led austerity policies. Hollande led conservative incumbent

the Interior Ministry said, bringing the centre-left back to government in Paris after a decade in opposition.

"Europe is watching us," the president-elect said in a victory speech in his constituency of Tulle in central France. "I'm sure that in many European countries there is relief and hope at the idea that austerity does not have to be our only fate." Sarkozy, punished for his failure to rein in 10-percent unemployment and for his brash personal style, was the 11th euro zone leader in succession to be swept from power since the currency bloc's debt crisis began in 2009. The outgoing president conceded defeat within 20 minutes of polls closing,

telling supporters he had telephoned Hollande to wish him good luck in such trying times.

"I bear the full responsibility for this defeat," Sarkozy said, indicating he would withdraw from frontline politics. "My place can no longer be the same. My involvement in the life of my country will be different from now on." Jubilant Hollande supporters celebrated outside Socialist Party headquarters and thronged Paris' Bastille square, where revelers danced the night away in 1981 when Francois Mitterrand became the only previous directly elected Socialist president. Many waved red flags and some carried roses, the party emblem.—Reuters

Taleban stronger than before US troop surge: lawmakers

WASHINGTON, 7 May — The Taleban is stronger now than before President Barack Obama ordered a surge of troops to Afghanistan, two senior US lawmakers said on Sunday, contradicting the administration's assessment of the insurgency. "I think we both say that what we found is the Taleban is stronger," Senate Intelligence Committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein told "Fox News Sunday" in an interview that included House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, who agreed with her statement. The two lawmakers returned last week from a trip to Afghanistan. The Defence Department said last week in a report to Congress that its surge of 33,000 extra troops in Afghanistan ordered in late 2009 had weakened the Taleban but that the

insurgency remained resilient.

The report said overall insurgent attacks declined in 2011 for the first time in five years, even though violence increased in areas surrounding the Taleban's southern stronghold of Kandahar, a region where US efforts have been focused since 2009. Feinstein, a Democrat, said radical Islamist religious schools in Pakistan were providing new recruits to the Afghan insurgency.—Reuters



Nepalese Villagers look at the site of a flash flood at Kharapani Village of Kaski District, about 200 kilometres (125 miles) west of Kathmandu, Nepal, on 6 May, 2012. Flash floods from the Seti river in western Nepal swept away dozens of people along with their cattle and houses, officials said. Bodies have been recovered, a police official said.—INTERNET

Iran denounces US-Afghan strategic pact

TEHERAN, 7 May — Iran's foreign ministry on Sunday denounced a new strategic pact signed between Afghanistan and the United States, saying it would give rise to instability in the neighbouring country. "Iran is concerned about the strategic pact signed between Afghanistan and the US,"

ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said in a statement carried by the official IRNA news agency. "Not only will the strategic pact not resolve Afghanistan's security problems, but it will intensify insecurity and instability in Afghanistan," he said.

His remarks came after

US President Barack Obama on Wednesday signed a deal with his Afghan counterpart Hamid Karzai, cementing post-war ties with Kabul after 2014. The pact foresees the possibility of American forces staying behind to train Afghan forces and pursue the remnants of al-Qaeda but does not commit Washington to specific troop or funding levels for Afghanistan. The deal, reached after months of painstaking negotiations, also states that the US does not seek permanent military bases in Afghanistan.

Mehmanparast said on Sunday the solution to establishing security in Afghanistan was for foreign forces to leave. He also said the pact was a source of "concern" for Iran as "the status of US military bases in Afghanistan is unclear and the security duties of US forces lack transparency." Iran regularly criticises the presence of Western forces in Afghanistan, Iraq and in the Arab Gulf countries, calling for their immediate departure.

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Afghan President Hamid Karzai (R) shakes hands with US President Barack Obama after signing a strategic partnership agreement on 1 May at the Presidential Palace in Kabul. Iran's foreign ministry on Sunday denounced a new strategic pact signed between Afghanistan and the United States, saying it would give rise to instability in the neighbouring country.

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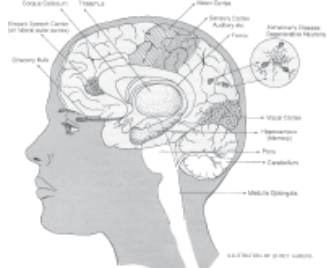
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Scientists "switch off" brain cell death in mice

LONDON, 7 May—Scientists have figured out how to stop brain cell death in mice with brain disease and say their discovery deepens understanding of the mechanisms of human neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

British researchers writing in the journal Nature said they had found a major pathway leading to brain cell death in mice with prion disease, the mouse equivalent of Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (CJD).

They then worked out how to block it, and were able to prevent brain cells from



dying, helping the mice live longer.

The finding, described by one expert as "a major breakthrough in understanding what kills neurons", points to a common mechanism by which brain diseases such as

Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and CJD damage the nerve cells.

In neurodegenerative diseases, proteins "mis-fold" in a various ways, leading to a buildup of misshapen proteins, the researchers explained in the study. These misshapen proteins form the plaques found in the brains of patients with Alzheimer's and the Lewy bodies found in Parkinson's disease.

"What's exciting is the emergence of a common mechanism of brain cell death, across a range of different neurodegenerative disorders, activated by the different misfolded proteins in each disease," said Giovanna Mallucci, who led the research at the University of Leicester's toxicology unit.

"The fact that in mice with prion disease we were able to manipulate this mechanism and protect the brain cells means we may have a way forward in how we treat other disorders," she said in a statement about the work. An estimated 18 million people worldwide suffer from Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's is thought to affect around one in 100 people over the age of 60. In these diseases, neurons in the brain die, destroying the brain from the inside.

But why the neurons die has remained an unsolved mystery, presenting an obstacle to developing effective treatments and to being able to diagnose the illnesses at early stages when medicines might work better.

Reuters

Buffett would not buy Google, Apple; prefers IBM

OMAHA, (Nebraska), 7 May—Warren Buffett said on Saturday he would not buy shares of technology giants Apple Inc (AAPL.O) or Google Inc (GOOG.O) but would not sell them short, and said International Business Machines Corp (IBM.N) is a better investment for his company Berkshire Hathaway Inc (BRKa.N) (BRKb.N).

"I would not be at all surprised to see them be worth a lot more money 10 years from now but I would not buy either one of them," Buffett said about Apple and Google at Berkshire's annual shareholder meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. "I sure as hell wouldn't short them either."

In contrast, Berkshire at year end owned \$11.75 billion of IBM stock, its second-largest stock holding. "The chances of being way wrong in IBM are probably less, at least for us,



Berkshire Hathaway Chairman Warren Buffett poses with University of Nebraska cheerleaders at the company trade show before his company's annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska on 30 April, 2011. —INTERNET

than the chances of being way wrong in Google or Apple," Buffett said.

Buffett's revelation in November that he bought IBM stock surprised many investors, given his usual aversion to technology stocks. Even in Berkshire's annual report, which lists criteria for acquisitions,

Buffett said he prefers "simple businesses (if there's lots of technology, we won't understand it)."

Buffett controls most of Berkshire's investment portfolio. He has hired two portfolio managers, Todd Combs and Ted Weschler, to handle some of Berkshire's investments. —Reuters

Lenovo to launch mobile devices facility in central China

BEIJING, 7 May—Lenovo Group Ltd (0992.HK), the world's No 2 PC maker by sales, said on Monday that it will invest about 5 billion yuan over the next five years in an integrated mobile devices facility in China to meet rising global demand for smartphones and tablet computers.

The Lenovo (Wuhan) Industrial Base, located in the city of Wuhan in central Hubei Province, will carry out research and development, production and sales of mobile devices such as the company's LePhone smartphones and LePad tablet computers for China and global markets.

The facility is scheduled

to begin operations in October 2013, Lenovo said in an emailed statement.

Lenovo, one of China's best-known consumer brands, has been attempting to make inroads into the booming mobile devices market, where it competes with Apple Inc (AAPL.O), Huawei Technologies Co Ltd (005930.KS) and ZTE Corp (00063.SZ).

Lenovo said sales from the industrial base were projected to reach 10 billion yuan by 2014, and to rise to 50 billion yuan within the next five years. In the fiscal third quarter ended December, Lenovo shipped 400,000



A salesperson waits for customers at a Lenovo shop in Shanghai on 17 February, 2011. —INTERNET

tablets globally and 6.5 million handsets, including smartphones, executives said on 3 March. Lenovo is the No 2 tablet brand in China behind Apple.

Lenovo's sales of mobile internet and other digital

consumer devices rose 159 percent year on year to \$565 million in the quarter, largely from mobile handset sales in China. —Reuters

English floods mixed blessing for wildlife

LONDON, 7 May—A rainy April has been a mixed blessing for English wildlife, helping fish and amphibians while floods have washed away birds' nests, wildlife officials say.

Many rivers and ponds were running low after months of drought. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said wading birds have been hit hard, The Guardian reported. At the Ouse Washes reserve in Cambridgeshire, the society estimates at least 600 nests have been destroyed. "Following centuries of land drainage across the UK, the Ouse Washes is now the most important stronghold for these birds, after they have been largely forced out of other sites," said Jon Reeves, the reserve's site manager. "Literally, we have all our eggs in one basket and we've lost them. It's devastating to watch the nests succumb to the rising waters without being able to do anything to prevent it."

A spokesman for the Environment Agency said the rain, which hit a historic record in April, has reduced the likelihood of fires on heaths and moors, helping birds that nest there. The spokesman said more water in ponds and rivers improves the chance that fish, newts and dragonflies will reproduce successfully. —Internet

LG Electronics to launch Google TV in US in late May

SEOUL, 7 May—LG Electronics, the world's No 2 TV maker, plans to launch Internet-enabled TV based on Google's platform in the United States (US) in the week of 21 May, as the South Korean firm seeks to gain a larger share of the emerging Internet TV market, a senior LG executive said on Monday.

The second version of Internet TV by Google, which hopes to replicate the success of its Android mobile software in the TV market, comes after its previous model, unveiled in 2010, failed to catch on with consumers.

Google's attempt to capture the living room

audience has seen limited success so far due to a lack of web content and support from hardware manufacturers.

"Production of Google TV will start from 17 May from our factory in Mexico

and US consumers will be able to buy the product from the week of 21 May," Mr Ro Seogho, executive vice-president of LG's TV business unit, told reporters.

Reuters



Showgoers walk past a display at the LG Electronics booth during the 2012 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 12 January, 2012. —INTERNET

MindTree, Microsoft develop PeopleHub

NEW DELHI, 7 May—Global IT and product engineering services firm MindTree Limited on Monday announced it has developed a unified corporate intranet portal — PeopleHub — using Microsoft SharePoint Server 2010.

The result has been a single access point to all application content, transactions and information sources along with social networking capabilities that have promoted cross-unit collaboration and helped

create a sense of community, said the company.

"With SharePoint Server 2010, we have an intranet solution that supports enterprise content management, application development and collaboration — all in one," said Sudhir Kumar Reddy, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, MindTree.

"In my opinion, it will enable at least 15 minutes, if not more, of productivity improvement per person, per day at MindTree."

PeopleHub was integrated with two FAST Search servers, which has made it possible for its employees to find information stored in different content sources.

PeopleHub is robust enough to facilitate an average of 3,000 hits daily (up from 2,250 in a span of six months), 2,000 blogs, 1,300 active discussion threads and growing, 100 wikis, and 60 communities while employees have increasingly made it their landing page. —Internet

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Health Tip: Installing a playground at home

Installing a home playset for the kids? Make sure it's set up properly to help ensure years of enjoyment for the young ones.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these safety tips for home playground equipment:

- * Make sure the surface under the playground is cushioned and absorbent, and extends at least 6 feet on all sides past the play area.
- * Make sure the swing seats are made of a softer material, not metal or wood.
- * Make sure the equipment is assembled correctly and securely anchored to the ground, with all bolts and screws capped. There should be no parts that are sharp, broken or rusty.
- * Make sure the equipment is at least 6 feet away from walls or fences.
- * Make sure metal surfaces don't get too hot.
- * Never attach any type of rope to the equipment.
- * Don't allow children to play inappropriately — no twisting, pushing empty swings or walking in front of moving swings.
- * Always watch children carefully on playground equipment; don't allow them to fight, push or shove.

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In this 3 May, 2012 photo, a surgery scar is seen on breast cancer survivor Robert Kaitz's left breast in his home in Severna Park, Md. Kaitz thought a small growth under his left nipple was just a harmless cyst. By the time he had it checked out in 2006, almost two years later, the lump had started to hurt. The diagnosis was a shock. "I had no idea in the world that men could even get breast cancer," Kaitz said. Now Kaitz does frequent self-exams and has mammograms every year. The American Cancer Society estimates 1 in 1,000 men will get breast cancer, versus 1 in 8 women.

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Indian drug giant Cipla slashes cancer drug prices

NEW DELHI, 7 May— Indian generic drug giant Cipla said on Friday it had slashed by up to 76 percent prices of three anti-cancer medicines in what it called a "humanitarian" move and promised to cut the costs of more products.

There are 2.5 million cases of cancer diagnosed in India each year, according to the World Health Organization, with most patients receiving inadequate treatment as drugs are priced beyond their reach.

"Business is business, but it has to be linked with one's social responsibilities.

cancer drugs in its range.

Cipla cut the price of Soranib, a generic version of German giant Bayer's blockbuster kidney cancer drug Nexavar by 76 percent, and will sell it at 6,840 rupees (\$130) for a monthly dose, down from 28,000 rupees.

It also said the lung-cancer drug Gefiticip, originally produced by AstraZeneca, would be priced at 4,250 rupees, down by over half, and it cut by three-quarters the price of brain-cancer drug Temoside, originally made by Schering, to 5,000 rupees.

"Drugs constitute a



An Indian pharmacist speaks on the phone while standing near a display of Cipla products in Mumbai in 2005. Indian generic drug giant Cipla said Friday it had slashed by up to 76 percent prices of three anti-cancer medicines in what it called a "humanitarian" move and promised to cut the costs of more products.—INTERNET

This initiative of price reduction is a humanitarian approach by Cipla to support cancer patients," company chairman YK Hamied said.

"This is the beginning — we have done it with three products, we will do it I hope with many more," Hamied told AFP, adding that Cipla had around two dozen anti-

significant proportion of the overall cost of cancer treatment and a reduction in costs can greatly relieve the burden," Hamied said.

Cipla makes its cancer drugs at its plant in the southern state of Goa that has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.—INTERNET

Germany says ready to fight for eurozone growth

BERLIN, 7 May—Germany said on Saturday it was prepared to promote growth in the eurozone, a wish dear to Francois Hollande, the front-running candidate in this weekend's French presidential election.

"I am confident our two countries will initiate good solutions for Europe and our common currency," German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle told Sunday newspaper

many EU leaders who had backed calls for budget discipline as unemployment and growth become hot topics across the continent. The EU has already been working on plans to encourage growth in countries with high unemployment, like Greece and Spain, with the core question one of how to best promote growth while still reducing excessive debt in Europe.

"When we speak about growth prospects for Greece and Spain, that is not new," Kauder noted. "The chancellor has always said clearly that she wants to use existing EU funds more widely. "There will not be new public programmes to boost activity, such as the (opposition) German Social Democrats and Francois Hollande are calling for," he concluded.

Germany, the biggest donor to European Union structural funds, has been criticised by partners within the 17-nation eurozone as Berlin resists calls to increase borrowing, for example via common eurozone bonds. Kauder argued that using fiscal stimulus to promote growth "could only be financed by new debt. That would be exactly the wrong signal to send to financial markets. "That would only reinforce the eurozone debt crisis once again," he said.

Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt meanwhile urged Hollande on Saturday to take account of European economic conditions if he wins the presidential poll.

"Are French politicians going to wake up at some point and recognize the economic reality of the modern world? One day or another that is going to happen," Bildt told German daily Die Welt.—INTERNET



The logo of the European currency Euro stands in front of the European Central Bank (ECB) in Frankfurt, western Germany.—INTERNET

the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*.

After the French election "we will quickly get to work on adding a growth pact to the budget treaty to promote competitiveness", Westerwelle said.

Hollande, who has campaigned against austerity calls championed by Germany, has said he intends to renegotiate a budget treaty approved by 25 of the European Union's 27 member states in 2011, to put a greater emphasis on growth.

But Hollande spokesman Pierre Moscovici told *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung's* Saturday edition that no matter what the French Socialists did not want to provoke a crisis and that the Franco-German friendship remained essential. "We know that Angela Merkel would prefer to see (incumbent) Nicolas Sarkozy win," said Moscovici, who is a former European affairs minister.

But if Hollande wins "we want to show that nothing will shake the Franco-German friendship", he said.

Earlier however a leader of German Chancellor Merkel's conservative CDU party said Europe's budget pact must remain intact even if Hollande is elected president of France.

"The budget treaty must not be relaxed... our partners see things this way as well," Christian Democratic Union parliamentary president Volker Kauder told the regional daily *Neue Osnabruecker Zeitung*.

Hollande's position has led to a marked realignment by

BSE Sensex falls on risk aversion; blue chips hit

MUMBAI, 7 May—Banks and IT stocks are sold off as part of an Asian sell-off of risk. The weaker rupee also weighs on sentiment, as is uncertainty as the Finance Bill containing controversial tax provisions is set to be introduced to the parliament.

Reliance Industries (RELLNS) and Infosys drop over 2 percent each, among the worst hit blue-chip stocks.

Among banking names, State Bank of India falls 3.7 percent, while private lender ICICI Bank loses 2.4 percent.

NSE's bank index has fallen over 7 percent in the month of May, compared to 4.7 percent fall in Nifty. Banks had outperformed the

index from January to April, gaining 29 percent vs 13.5 percent gain in the Nifty.

Reuters



People walk past the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) building in Mumbai on 9 January, 2009.—REUTERS

China, Japan, South Korea to talk about free trade zone

BEIJING, 7 May—Trade ministers from China, Japan and South Korea will meet on Saturday to talk about a possible trilateral free trade zone, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce said on Monday.

The ninth gathering of the three top trade officials, the first to be held in China, followed an agreement last week between China and South Korea to launch negotiations for a bilateral free trade area (FTA).

The start of the bilateral FTA negotiation between China and South Korea could be a risk for Japan, which has been pushing for a trilateral free trade pact.

"We will exchange views on topics about an investment pact and free trade zone between China, Japan and South Korea, as well as trilateral cooperation under the global and regional framework," the statement on the Chinese commerce ministry's website said.

Reuters

Merkel invites Hollande for early talks

PARIS, 7 May — German Chancellor Angela Merkel invited French President-elect Francois Hollande to visit Berlin as soon he can for a first meeting that will set the groundwork for a consensus on growth policies vital to the euro zone's future health. The centre-right chancellor, who joined other European leaders in congratulating the Socialist Hollande for his election victory over conservative incumbent Nicolas Sarkozy, said she was sure the two would work closely together.

Foreign leaders in Berlin, London and Washington who had backed Sarkozy and declined requests to meet Hollande before the election lined up to welcome him to their club.

US President Barack Obama was the first leader from outside Europe to call with congratulations.

The White House said he looked forward to working with Hollande on "shared economic and security challenges". Hollande has long said that his first foreign trip will be to Berlin where he plans to challenge a German-imposed focus on austerity policies by asking that growth elements be tacked onto Europe's budget responsibility treaty. He and Merkel are under pressure to smooth over ideological differences and start their relationship on a firm footing as worries resurface over the euro zone's debt crisis and the prospect the bloc could tip back into recession.

Reuters



Forbes China has released annual "Chinese Celebrity 100" list, which ranks the Chinese celebrities who had the most "outstanding" performances in their respective disciplines.

XINHUA



Children play on cracked paddy fields in Pingguo County of Baise City, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 6 May, 2012. A sustained drought has affected at least 200,000 people, more than 70,000 heads of livestock and damaged 31,000 hectares of crops in six counties in the city of Baise of Guangxi, the regional civil affairs bureau said in a statement on Friday.— XINHUA

Afghan soldier fires on NATO troops, kills one

KABUL, 7 May—An Afghan soldier killed one US Marine and wounded another before being shot to death in return fire in southern Afghanistan, the latest in a series of attacks against foreigners blamed on government forces working with coalition troops. Sunday's attack is among nearly 20 this year that have raised the level of mistrust between the US-led coalition and their Afghan partners as NATO gears up to hand over security to local forces ahead of a 2014 deadline for the withdrawal of combat troops. In another sign of

deteriorating security, the United States is considering abandoning plans for a consulate in the country's north because the building chosen was deemed too dangerous to occupy. The US spent \$80 million on the project despite glaring security deficiencies in the former hotel, according to a copy of a document drafted by the US Embassy in Kabul.

Those problems — including shoddy construction that would lead to a "catastrophic failure" of the building in a car bomb attack — were overlooked and waivers to strict State

Department building rules were granted as officials rushed to open the consulate in Mazar-i-Sharif as a sign of America's long-term commitment to Afghanistan, the diplomatic memo shows. While Mazar-i-Sharif was considered relatively safe when the project was approved in 2009, the memo said, a number of incidents in the city indicate that is no longer the case, including an attack last April on a nearby United Nations compound in which a mob stormed the facility and killed seven foreigners — three workers and their guards.— Internet

Militants kill nine Pakistani soldiers near border

ISLAMABAD, 7 May—The Pakistani army says militants have ambushed a security checkpoint in a region close to the border with Afghanistan, killing nine soldiers. The army says the attack took place on Sunday in Miran Shah town in North Waziristan, a militant sanctuary frequently targeted by American drones.

Unlike other tribal regions, the military has yet to launch an offensive in North Waziristan. The army statement says militants had been firing on the checkpoint for the past few days before they ambushed it. Miran Shah is home to Islamist terrorists from around the world, and militants fighting American forces in Afghanistan.

Internet

New video of Australian kidnapped in Philippines

SYDNEY, 7 May—A new video has emerged of an Australian kidnapped by suspected Muslim extremists in the Philippines, with the foreign office on Monday saying it proved he was still alive in late March. Warren Rodwell, from Sydney, was seized from his home in the southern Philippine town of Ipil on 5 December and in January a video showed him pleading with authorities to do all they could to secure his freedom.

Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs said Philippine authorities had

received a second recording of the former soldier, confirming he was alive on 26 March.

"We can confirm the Philippine authorities have received another video of Mr Rodwell. The video provides proof-of-life as at 26 March," a spokesman said. "This is welcome given our ongoing concerns about Mr Rodwell's welfare." The department declined further comment, saying it would not be helpful to Rodwell's interests. However, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation said the new video showed him holding up a newspaper dated 26 March while making a plea for a ransom payment to be made to save his life.

Internet

US hostage Weinstein appears in Qaeda video

WASHINGTON, 7 May — US hostage Warren Weinstein has appeared in an al-Qaeda video for the first time since he was kidnapped in Pakistan in August last year. According to the US monitoring service SITE, the two minute, 40 second video was posted on jihadist forums by al-Qaeda's media arm as-Sahab on Sunday. There is no indication of when the video was made. The elderly Weinstein, dressed in a traditional Pakistani tunic and speaking impassively to camera in English, tells his wife Elaine that "I'm fine, I'm well, I'm getting all my medications, I'm being taken care of".

He also urges US President Barack Obama to respond to the demands of his kidnapers. Weinstein

was snatched after gunmen tricked their way into his Lahore home on 13 August, days before he was due to return to the United States. He was country director for US-based consultancy JE Austin Associates, which

pressure.

Among its demands in exchange for Weinstein, al-Qaeda has called for the release from US custody of "Blind Sheikh" Omar Abdul Rahman, Ramzi Yousef and Sayyid Nosair, who are tied to



US captive Warren Weinstein tells US President Barack Obama to answer al-Qaeda's demands or he will be killed in video grab image released by the SITE Intelligence Group on 6 May, 2012 and taken off the video from al-Qaeda's media arm, as-Sahab. The 2 minute, 40 second video was posted on jihadist forums on 6 May, 2012.— INTERNET

does contracting work with the US Agency for International Development. He suffers from asthma, heart problems and high blood

pressure. The 1993 World Trade Centre bombing. al-Qaeda had also demanded the release of the family of Osama bin Laden. The wives and children

of the terror group's late founder were deported from Pakistan to Saudi Arabia last month.

Internet

Philippines kidnap



Map showing the area in the Philippines where Australian Warren Rodwell was kidnapped in December. A new video has emerged that shows he was still alive in late March, accord to the Australian foreign office.

INTERNET

Afghans can take over if French troops pull out

KABUL, 7 May — Afghan forces are ready to take responsibility for security in 2013, the Defence Ministry said on Monday, reacting to a pledge to withdraw French troops early by president-elect Francois Hollande. "For us a NATO stance is more important than individual decisions by individual nations," ministry spokesman General Mohammad Zahir Azimi told AFP. "And Afghanistan is well prepared to take over all security responsibilities in 2013." Hollande made a campaign promise to pull French soldiers out of Afghanistan this year, ending his country's combat role two years earlier than NATO's carefully crafted plan to hand security control to Afghans by 2014.

"I believe that, without taking any risks for our troops, it is the right thing to withdraw our combat troops by the end of 2012," Hollande said last week. A senior Afghan defence official, however, told AFP that a withdrawal would be premature and the pledge appeared to have been aimed at a French audience. "From a military point of view I think it's not practical to withdraw troops within what's left of 2012," the official said, requesting anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to the media on the issue. "I think it was rather an election campaign promise than a practical decision. They won't withdraw this year," he said.—Internet



Afghan National Army soldiers raise their national flag next to the French flag during a transition ceremony at Surobi base on 12 April, 2012. The French army handed the district of Surobi to the Afghan army as part of the gradual transition of the country's security to Afghan forces.—INTERNET

The key to successful aging is successful living *Than Daing Kaung (Meiktila)*

With oriental grace, her savoir-vivre is Myanmar. Her name is Daw Khin Khin Win, a national-level athlete-turned-teacher. In most respectful manner, she took Saymagyi Daw Mar Lar Myint to the stage to give a speech.

In everything Myanmar people do, they used to combine loveliness and spontaneity with absolute obsession of Myanmar culture. So it was at the first Respect Paying to Retired Teachers ceremony at No. 3 Middle School, Meiktila where everyone was a welcome guest. And everyone seemed to be a dancer or singer, exultant and excited with spirited enthusiasm in the presence of over forty retired teachers.

When the singing ceased, the retired headmistress said, "This is the only occasion for retired teachers get a chance to reach and meet old friends and pupils. For instance Ma

Khin Khin Win who is on a visit from Singapore, gets a chance to attend this ceremony. We all teachers are greatly touched by the pupils' generosity and respect. We treasure every encounter years from now, these ancient heritage events will always come filtered through the haze of memory.

She emphasized the importance of a teacher's role the Everest of whose ambition is to help his pupils lead an upright, even-tempered and well balanced life in fair weather or foul. She quoted the words of U Thant who worked as a headmaster at Pan-ta-naw before he became UN Secretary-General. U Thant said, "No pupil of mine committed a crime. They all become decent citizens and I am satisfied."

Then Daw Mar Lar Myint said, "You elderly teachers, you may be young than you think, n'est ce pas. I'll tell you how to ride the big surf, this is aging. Here is the epitome."

There is no disease that occurs because of the passage of a certain year. There are no problems of we graybeards, except those who let themselves imposed by their grandchildren. Most illness and deterioration depend on environment and therefore can be modified by changing and controlling the environment.

Do not use the out-moded, fallacious word, "problems of aging."

The better term would be "opportunities of aging".

An elderly person is a living history. Life is always a Daniel, whoever works hard succeeds. A man's senior years are inevitably and exactly the sum total of what has gone before; they can be a time of continued growth in wisdom, experience and, achievements. So what is aging problem-elimination plan? Successful living—that is the key.



WORKSHOP HELD: The workshop on prevention against human trafficking in person was held at the meeting hall of Loikaw Township General Administration Department on 30 April. Deputy Commissioner U Nay Win Maung of District GAD speaking at the workshop. MYANMA ALIN

Information for trafficking in person

The government is carrying out prevention against trafficking in person with momentum.

In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as connections with authorities concerned for enabling the people to actively participate in trafficking in persons. These telephone numbers are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-49555666 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555888 and 09-49555999 in Yangon.

Thudhamma public rest houses renovated in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 7 May—Merit sharing ceremony was held on 21 April for completion of 19 Thudhamma public rest houses at the foot of Mandalay Hill in Upoktaw Ward in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay with the contribution of wellwishers under the leadership of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library in Ministry of Culture on 21 April.

In 1226 Myanmar Era (1864), King Mindon built 18 public rest houses between Yadanabonsan Monastery and Kyauktawgyi Pagoda and 15 rest houses along the moat, totalling 33.

The public rest houses can be used as religious examinations, shelters for those who keep Sabbath during the Buddhist retreat period and public relaxation.

The rest houses were built with the use of bricks, concrete and 28 wooden posts. These structures are 51 feet long, 27 feet wide and 31 feet high.



In the colonial period, a total of 14 public rest houses were destroyed. Six of 19 remaining houses were renovated with the contributions of K25 million by the State and 13 houses with K 45.88 million by the people.

A total of 150 paintings

Corrigendum

Please read "according to contract." instead of "according to the contact" and please read "authority concerned from Thai Labour Ministry made thorough discussions" instead of "through discussions" appeared in the story entitled "Myanmar, Thai discuss Myanmar labour issues in Thailand" on Page 7 of the 3-5-2012 issue of the New Light of Myanmar. Error is regretted.—Ed

Fire kills one in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 7 May—A fire broke out in Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region at 7.40 am on 5 May, leaving one death.

Due to overheat, the fire started from cooking of rice cooker at the house of U Chit Tee at No 787-A on Toungoo Road in Ward 19 of Hlinethaya Township, according to the Yangon Region Fire Services Department.

At 7.50 am when the information was received, 75

members of Fire Services Department and 63 auxiliary fire brigade members together with local people put out the fire with the use of three fire engines from Hlinethaya Township, two fire engines from Insein Township, one each from Shwepyitha, Hline, Mayangon and Kyimyindine Townships and two fire engines from FSD (Head Office), two supporting vehicles and two management vehicles, and died out the fire at 8.23 am.

Due to the fire, Maung Wai Phy Lin, 11, son of U Soe Kyi was dead. The fire destroyed two low long buildings worth K 1.2 million.

File was opened against U Chit Tee for outbreak of fire under Pa 493/2012, Sections 285/304 (a) under the law.

A total of 32 fire victims of eight households are being accommodated at No 32 Basic Education Primary School.—Kyemon

Blood donation marks 66th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day

MANDALAY, 7 May—In commemoration of the 66th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day, the blood donation ceremony was held at Mandalay Region Fire Services Department at the corner of 29th and 81st Streets in Chanayethazan Township on 1 May morning.

A total of 280 members of Fire Services Department and Auxiliary Fire Brigade of

Mandalay District and 30 family members donated blood.

Director of No 1 Region and State Fire Services Departments U Aung Kyaw Myint, Head of Mandalay Region FSD U Kyi Toe, district and township officials gave words of encouragement to the blood donors.

In-charge of the National



Blood Bank (Mandalay) Dr Khin Sein Win and officials took blood from the donors and gave nutritious foods and gifts to them.—Kyemon

DISTRICT NEWS

KYAIKLAT, 7 May—The model plot of Paletwe hybrid paddy was harvested at the farmland of farmer U Khin Win of Teteku Village-tract in Kyaiklat Township in Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region at 9 am on 19 April.

The harvesting of paddy was viewed by Head of Kyaiklat Township Agriculture Department U Tin Maung Oo, Head of Township Agriculture Department U Mya Aye Aung, Manager of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading U Kyaw Soe Yi, Managing Director U Maung Maung Toe of Leading Company of Kyaiklat Township, staff members of

Paletwe paddy strain harvested on model plot in Kyaiklat Township



Agriculture Department and Settlement and Land Records Department, village administrators and local farmers.

After the harvesting work, the local farmers produced 185.36 baskets of paddy in dry status.

Those wishing to take

Paletwe paddy strain and cultivation techniques may contact Agriculture Department.

Agriculture

U Soe Nwe appointed as Ambassador to Germany

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Soe Nwe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Serbia, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany.—MNA

U Min Lwin appointed as Ambassador to Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Min Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

U Zaw Tun appointed as Ambassador to Serbia

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Zaw Tun, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Serbia.

MNA

E-government promotion training course, e-mail, Internet course open

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—A ceremony to open e-government promotion training course and e-mail and Internet course was held at the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs here this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun. A total of 72 trainees from various ministries are attending the four-week courses.

Next, the Union Minister attended a coordination meeting on GSM/UMTS mobile extension project. Speaking at the meeting, he said GSM/UMTS mobile project started with the aim of ensuring the people in states and regions across the country use mobile phones easily and conveniently and increasing the use of mobiles in all regions proportionately.

Mobile phones are now on sale at a reduced price as the first phase activities of the first year project have been carried out successfully in collaboration with private companies. He then spoke of the need to be careful about the costs of the project in carrying out the remaining stages. He also stressed the need to install mobiles without delay.

MNA

Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and party leave for India

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—A Myanmar Tatmadaw goodwill delegation led by Lt-Gen Yar Pyae of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) left Yangon by air yesterday evening to pay a goodwill visit to India from 6 to 13 May.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Maung Oo Lwin, Commander of Mingaladon Airbase Brig-Gen Thein

Naing and senior military officers. The delegation comprised Brig-Gen San Myint of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Commandant of Defence Services Academy Brig-Gen Aung Lin Dway and senior military officers.—MNA

Computer and English Proficiency Courses open

YANGON, 7 May—A ceremony to launch Computer Proficiency Training Course Level-2 for staff of departments under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was held at Social Welfare Training School of Social Welfare

Department in Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, and English Proficiency Course (5/2012) at Kyansithar Hall of Fire Brigade (Headquarters), Mayangon Township this morning, attended by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe who made

opening speech. Level-2 Computer Proficiency Training Course was attended by 20 trainees who were the outstanding students of Level-1 CPTC.

The eight-week English Proficiency Course is being attended by 20 trainees.

MNA

Establishment of political parties scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Those wishing to set up a political party has been applying for permission of the Union Election

Commission. A total of 17 members including U Salai Aung Min Hlaing today submitted an application to found Asho Chin National

Party to the commission. The commission has allowed to set up the party in line with laws and bylaws.—MNA

Initiative Regional Forum to enhance Collaborative Activities for Establishment of Ancient Cities Network of ASEAN held



YANGON, 7 May—The Initiative Regional Forum to enhance Collaborative Activities for Establishment of Ancient Cities Network of ASEAN, Phase One sponsored by the Ministry

of Culture and the National Committee for ASEAN Culture and Information took place at the Sedona Hotel here this morning with an address by Chairman of the National Committee for

ASEAN Culture and Information Director-General of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department U Kyaw Lwin Oo. Director-General (Retd)

Photo shows those present at the Initiative Regional Forum to enhance Collaborative Activities for Establishment of Ancient Cities Network of ASEAN.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—An armament ceremony of people's militia in Tarlawgyi Village, Hsinbo Sub-township, Kachin State, was held at Maha Wizaya Ordination Hall of Dekkhina Rama Monastery yesterday morning. Deputy Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Aung Myat Oo addressed the ceremony and armed the people's militia with weapons and ammunitions and provided cash assistance.

Present on the occasion were officials from local battalions, commissioners and administrators, 200 troops of people's militia, 50 members of KIA (Kachin) armed group which has exchanged arms for peace,

and 1500 local people. At the request of 50 troops led by U Kyaw Hsan with the rank of corporal from Tarlawgyi Village, Hsinbo Sub-township, Kachin State, who are intolerant of the KIA (Kachin) armed group sticking to destructive acts and killing innocent service personnel and local people, ignoring the goodwill of the government and peace aspired by local national people and of the village people who are strongly opposed to the KIA (Kachin) armed group, Directorate of People's Militia and Frontier Forces in coordination with the Kachin State government, the armament ceremony was organized.

MNA

on cultural cooperation for establishment of ancient cities network of ASEAN.

Also present on the occasion were 20 representatives from ASEAN countries, one representative from the ASEAN Secretariat, Director-General of Historical

Research Department Daw Nanda Hmon and others.

The forum continues up to 9 May.

Representatives who are attending the forum will visit Kanbawzathadi Palace and historical sites in Bago on 9 May.—MNA

Tachilek Township Writers Association formed

TACHILEK, 7 May—The plenary meeting of Tachilek Township Writers Association of Shan State was held at the hall of District Information and Public Relations Department in Tachilek on 21 April afternoon.

Chairman of the association U Htein Min (Min Aye Nyein-Zay) explained the decisions of emergency conference of the Writers and Journalists Association (Central).

Secretary U Maung Kyi (Aung Swe Nyein) read the annual report. Treasurer IP San Thein (Maung Po San-

Duya) submitted the financial report.

Those present elected U Htein Min (Min Aye Nyein-Zay) as Chairman, U Maung Kyi (Maung Swe Nyein) as Secretary, IP San Thein (Maung Po San-Duya) as Treasurer.

Myanma Alin

UMFCCI officials meet Brazilian entrepreneurs



YANGON, 7 May—Deputy Minister-Counsellor Ms Daniella Ortega de Paiva Menezes of Brazilian Embassy in Myanmar and Representative Mr Helio Ciffoni of Brazilian Software Companies Association called on Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and

Industry U Aung Lwin, Joint General Secretary Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe and U Aye Lwin at the federation in Lanmadaw Township on 26 April morning.

They discussed sharing of information and technology between members of the federation and Brazilian entrepreneurs, cooperation in issuance of

recognition certificate for emergence of highly-qualified software company, investment opportunity in Myanmar, experience sharing of Brazil's small-scale industries for development of Myanmar's small-scale industries and cooperation in economic sector between entrepreneurs of two countries.—UMFCCI

Respects paid to retired teachers

YANGON, 7 May—Older students from 1995 to 2010 of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Thingangyun Township of Yangon Region held the ceremony to pay respects to retired teachers at Theye hall of the school on 29 April morning.

It was attended by 75

retired teachers and 133 in-service teachers, totalling 208.

After the respect paying ceremony, retired teachers gave words of encouragement to the students.

The students donated three computers to the school.—*San San Kyi-Thingangyun*

Workers' Day observed in Nyaungdon



NYAUNGDON, 7 May—Nyaungdon Township observed the Workers' Day at the hall of Township General Administration

Department in Nyaungdon on 1 May.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Khin Min read the message

Myanmar Medical Association to conduct Strengthening CME

YANGON, 7 May—Strengthening CME (SCME) Plan of Society of General Practitioners of Myanmar Medical Association will conduct the Skill based Strengthening CME (SCME) for doctors who graduated after 2007 at the halls of Yangon and Mandalay Medical Associations.

Those wishing to attend

the course may enlist at the hall of the association, beginning 8 May during office hours.

For further information, interested persons may dial 01-378863, 394141, 380899 and 388097 (Ext 116), 095003878 and 095137635 in Yangon and 02-64866, 092001586.

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Kawlin Township Writers Association formed

KAWLIN, 7 May—The first coordination meeting of executive committee of Kawlin Township Writers Association of Sagaing Region was held at the office of the association on 4 May.

Chairman of U Khin Maung Nyein (Myan Gon Hsaung) discussed scrutiny and recommendation for

new members of the association, dutiful undertakings of new executives assigned by the central association and abiding by the prescribed rules and disciplines.

After that, he replied to discussions of those present.

Myanma Alin

MLF invites cash, book donations

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 Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

Books, publications donated to Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed)



NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—With the aim of broadening horizons of the patients

undergoing medical treatment at the hospital, News and Periodicals

Enterprise under the Ministry of Information donated 327 books and 1344 copies of publications to the library of Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) at the office of the medical superintendent of the hospital on 26 April.

Manager (Admin) U Zaw Min of News and Periodicals Enterprise presented the books to Medical Superintendent Dr Phyu Phyu, hospital administrator Dr Kyaw Myint and matron Daw Tin Paik.—*Kyemon*

Bhamo District observes Workers' Day

BHAMO, 7 May—A ceremony to mark the Workers' Day was held at the City Hall in Bhamo of Kachin State on 1 May morning.

Deputy Commissioner

U Tay Zar Aung of Bhamo District General Administration Department read the message for Workers' Day sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein.

At the ceremony, employee representative U Soe Win and employer representative U Kyaw Than Htay talked about labour law and rights of workers.

Myanma Alin



Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation thriving in Yesagyo



YESAGYO, 7 May—Under the leadership of Yesagyo Township General Administration Department of Magway Region and supervision of Township

Agriculture Department, 85-day Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation of farmer U Than Soe are thriving on 10 acres of farmlands in the irrigated area of Shwechaung river water pumping station in Yesagyo Township.

On 2 May, the paddy plantations are thriving on the farmlands.

The paddy plants were grown through 14-point good agriculture pater. Assistant Supervisor Daw Kay Thwe Myint of Township Agriculture Department organized the local farmers for weeding, broadcasting fertilizer, spraying and practising drainage system at the farmlands on time.

Local farmers observed the thriving paddy plantations and they are interested in cultivation of Palethwe hybrid paddy strain in coming season, said farmer U Tin Nyunt of Kyawmagna Village of Yesagyo Township.—*Kyemon*

Bookkeeping course kicks off in Magway

MAGWAY, 7 May—The bookkeeping course No. 1/2012-2013 was opened at the hall of Cooperative Training School in Magway of

Magway Region on 3 May morning.

Deputy Director of Magway Region Cooperative Department U

Kyaw Moe Tint delivered an address.

The training period lasts up to 15 May.

Myanma Alin

Job disability a headache for recovery

WASHINGTON, 7 May — Monica Soltes was excited 10 years ago to leave Merrill Lynch and start her own business as an independent financial planner in San Diego. After she fell off a porch at her cousin's cottage and broke her elbow, her dreams unraveled. Following multiple surgeries that confined her to bed, Soltes was diagnosed with a hormonal disease that is weakening her bones. She also ran out of money, signed up for disability benefits and has been unable to work again. The 47-year-old from Michigan is among the 8.7 million American workers on the US disability rolls, an important part of the social safety net.

Since the recession began in 2007, she has been joined by a record number of

people seeking disability benefits, raising questions about the programme's solvency and casting a pall over future prospects for US economic growth. Applicants soared to a record high of 2.94 million in 2010, and have held above 18 per 1,000 workers in the past three years — a far higher rate than in previous recessions. "There are serious concerns that this increase in disability benefits is a type of 'hidden unemployment,'" said Richard Burkhauser, a professor of economics at Cornell University.

Even though only 35 percent of applicants are awarded disability, those receiving disability benefits now account for 5.6 percent of the working age population, up from about 4.5 percent in 2007. At this rate of growth,

Burkhauser estimates that total would reach over 7 percent by 2018. The problem is those on disability rarely return to work, reducing the



Jobseekers stand in line to attend the Dr Martin Luther King Jr career fair held by the New York State department of Labour in New York on 12 April, 2012.— REUTERS

overall size of the labour force and weakening the US economy's growth prospects. Rising gross domestic product (GDP) depends upon a growing workforce and rising

productivity. Since the recession began, the share of Americans actively looking for work, known as the labor participation rate, has fallen to 63.6 percent from 66 percent in 2007.—Reuters

Last defendant in Florida hazing death turns herself in

ORLANDO, 7 May — The last of 11 people charged in the death of a Florida A&M University drum major turned herself in on Sunday, state officials said.

Lasherry Codner, 20, surrendered to local authorities at the Orange County Jail in Florida, said a statement from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. "We began contacting (her family) on Thursday and she turned herself in today," said Gretl Plessinger, a spokeswoman for the department.

Codner joins ten others who face third-degree felony charges of "hazing with death," which is punishable under Florida law by a maximum of six years in prison, for the death of 26-year-old drum major Robert Champion Jr.

Champion was beaten to death on a band charter bus in November 2011 in a case that has drawn public scrutiny of hazing, a ritual that critics say has gone on for years at the Tallahassee-based Florida A&M University.

Plessinger said Codner had been in Georgia and had to travel to Florida to meet authorities. She said law enforcement had contacted all of the defendants and "urged them to turn themselves in." Champion died after the university's renowned "Marching 100" band performed at the annual Florida Classic football game in Orlando.

Reuters

Man found dead at Churchill Downs worked there

LOUISVILLE, 7 May — Authorities say a man who may have been killed and whose body was found early Sunday in a barn at Churchill Downs hours after the Kentucky Derby worked at the racetrack. The victim was identified on Sunday as 48-year-old Adan Fabian Perez, a Guatemalan native, according to Jo-Ann Farmer, chief

deputy coroner for Jefferson County. Farmer said he was identified by his 19-year-old son, who also works at the track. "There's a suspicion of foul play," Farmer said Sunday evening. An autopsy is scheduled for Monday. Louisville Metro Police say the death is being investigated as a homicide, but that there appears to be no connection to the track.

"At this point we don't have anything pointing to the fact that this had any association with Churchill Downs or the Derby itself,"

said Alicia Smiley, spokeswoman for Louisville Metro Police. "We are still investigating at the stables and at the barn." Smiley said that the victim "did sustain injuries that lead us to believe he was involved in some type of altercation." "Our investigation is ongoing as to why he would have specifically been at this location," Smiley said. She said on Sunday evening that police "still do not have suspect information at this point." Farmer said the victim resided at the track's quarters for workers, but at a different location than where he was found.

Churchill Downs security called police at 4:50 am EDT, Smiley said. The body was found in a barn used by Louisville trainer Angel Montano Sr. Montano did not have a horse running Saturday either in the undercard or the Derby, which saw a record attendance of more than 165,000.

Internet

Police in the US state of Kentucky investigate after a body was found in a barn behind the Kentucky Derby racecourse a day after the event.— INTERNET



Authorities try to ID bodies, search for mom, kids

WHITEVILLE, 7 May — Authorities were working on Sunday to identify two bodies found at a Mississippi residence associated with a man suspected of abducting a woman and her three young daughters. The FBI has said two bodies were found over the weekend at a home connected to 35-year-old Adam Mayes in Guntown, Miss, but agents have released few other details. Authorities believe that Mayes abducted the woman, Jo Ann Bain, and her three daughters, ages 8 to 14. On Sunday, forensic scientists with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation searched the garage and backyard at the Hardeman County, Tenn home where Bain, her husband and their children lived.

An Associated Press reporter saw the agents searching before being told to leave the street where the home was located. Bain's husband declined to comment on Sunday. Meanwhile, a Bain family friend said on Sunday that the woman and her daughters were moving to Arizona because two of the girls had asthma. Linda Kirkland, a cook at the Country Cafe in Whiteville, Tenn, said that the Bains and their daughters were back in the Whiteville area taking care of some business after a death in the family.

Tennessee authorities said the family had not yet moved. Bain had frequented the restaurant and never indicated anything was wrong.—Internet

Couple in Illinois Ponzi scheme caught in Arizona

TONOPAH, 7 May — An Illinois couple who spent a dozen years on the run after fleeing a conviction for running a Ponzi scheme has been captured in a small community west of Phoenix, the US Marshals Service said on Sunday. Nelson Grant Hallahan, 65, and wife Janet Hallahan, 54, were arrested by deputy marshals Saturday afternoon in Tonopah, a desert community 50 miles west of Phoenix. Matt Hershey, a supervisory deputy US Marshal, said the Hallahans were living apart and were arrested at separate homes.

The agency said it received a tip about their location after they were featured on "America's Most Wanted" the previous night. The couple pleaded guilty in Illinois federal court to bank and mail fraud conspiracy charges and money

laundering. They didn't show up for their sentencing and have been fugitives ever since. The Hallahans lived in Peoria, Ill, and targeted family, friends and elderly victims by promising significant returns on investments. They also defrauded investors by selling interests in a tanning salon they later sold without telling investors. They were actually running a Ponzi scheme, repaying earlier investors with proceeds from new ones.

The couple used the money they stole to live a lavish lifestyle, buying yachts, luxury vehicles, designer clothes and jewelry, according to the Marshals Service. According to a profile on the AMW website, Nelson Hallahan was a successful life insurance salesman. Janet Hallahan was his assistant and secretary, and the couple married in 1988.—Internet



This combo made from undated photos provided by the US Marshal's service shows Janet Hallahan, left, and her husband, Nelson Grant Hallahan.— INTERNET

Teen accused of fatally stabbing 4-year-old cousin

INDIANAPOLIS, 7 May — A 14-year-old girl found covered in blood on an Indianapolis street was charged on Sunday with murdering her 4-year-old cousin, police said. Indianapolis police accuse the 14-year-old girl of stabbing to death her cousin, Leon Thomas III. The boy was killed on Saturday night at an apartment where his 11-year-old sister and his grandparents were also present, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police spokesman Kendale Adams said in a statement.

Police did not identify the girl because she is a juvenile. Authorities did not release any additional details about the case. Officers and paramedics were called to the apartment and tried to revive the child, but he was later pronounced dead at a local hospital, police said. The boy's 14-year-old cousin was found on the street a few blocks away, covered in blood, Adams said. Police filed a preliminary murder charge against the girl, but the final decision about how her case will be handled rests with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office.

Police did not identify

Reuters



Tennessee Bureau of Investigation agents inspect the home and garage of a woman and her three young daughters who authorities say were abducted near Whiteville, Tenn, on 6 May, 2012.— INTERNET

Two dead, 19 wounded in Philippine blast

ZAMBOANGA CITY, 7 May —Two people were killed and 19 others injured after an unidentified man tossed an explosive device into a crowded tourist area in a southern Philippine City late on Saturday, police said. After the explosion in Iligan, the man boarded a van that sped away, city police chief Celso Regencia said, citing witnesses.

"The apparent target was

El Centro," he told AFP, referring to an area in the port city popular for its restaurants, bars and night clubs. The motive of the attack and the type of explosive used was not immediately clear, Regencia added. He said police recovered the body of a 20-year-old male victim at the site, while his 20-year-old cousin was later pronounced dead at a government hospital.

Three city hospitals contacted by AFP said they were treating 19 others wounded in the attack. Iligan lies on the north coast of Mindanao island. The region has been mired in a decades-old Muslim insurgency as well as bombings and kidnappings by Abu Sayyaf, a group founded with seed money from late al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden in the 1990s.—Internet



Philippine military personnel look for evidence at a bomb blast site. Two people were killed and 19 others injured after an unidentified man tossed an explosive device into a crowded tourist area in a southern Philippine city, police said.
INTERNET



Perigee moon rises over Mt Eden in New Zealand's largest City of Auckland, on 6 May, 2012. The moon appears larger and brighter than normal on Sunday as its closest approach to Earth coincides with a full moon. On Sunday, the moon looks 14 percent larger and 30 percent brighter than usual.—XINHUA

Fijians warned of expected extra big tides during perigee moon

SUVA, 7 May —It'll be a full moon in the real sense of the word "full" on Monday night, which will cause the extra high tides in the Pacific including Fiji, local media reported here on Sunday. According to the report, Fijian people living near low lying areas have been warned to be extra vigilant on Monday and Tuesday as the Pacific tide charts show the full moon will cause extra high tides at the

time.

In fact it'll be a super moon, 14 percent bigger and 30 percent brighter than other full moons this year, says the report, adding it's known officially as a perigee moon, when the moon's closest to earth.

Astronomers say the swollen orb rising in the east at sunset should appear super large and extra bright.

According to the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s calculations, when the moon will hit your eye like a big pizza pie it's "super moon" time. May's full moon will reach perigee — the closest point to Earth in its elliptical pattern—and "only one minute later, the moon will line up with the Earth and the sun to become gloriously full", says NASA.

Xinhua

Clinton presses India to cut Iran oil imports

NEW DELHI, 7 May —US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Monday urged India to further cut its imports of Iranian oil, saying that the Islamic republic posed a major threat if it developed nuclear weapons.

Clinton commended India for lowering its purchases but called for more as a deadline looms for the United States to slap sanctions on nations that still buy Teheran's oil.

"We hope they will do even more and we think there is an adequate supply (from other exporters) in the market place," Clinton told a forum in Kolkata where she met Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi.

"We think this is part of India's role in the international community."

India, which depended on Iran for 12 percent of its



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton holds a sari during an Anti-Human Trafficking event in Kolkata.
INTERNET

imports last year, says it has cut Iranian imports "substantially" despite initially insisting it would not join US and European-led efforts to cut off Teheran's oil revenues.

Faced with critical questions from students, Clinton stressed that the United States had no quarrel with the Iranian people and voiced hope for a peaceful solution, with new talks coming up between Iran and major powers.

Internet

Mine collapse kills three, injures four

HEFEI, 7 May —A mine collapsed in central China's Anhui Province Saturday night, leaving three dead and four injured, local authorities said on Sunday. The ground of Anhui Jinrisheng Mining Company Ltd caved in and triggered the collapse of two houses in Huoqing County in Anhui at about 9 pm Saturday, an official with the county's publicity department said.

Two people died at the scene and another one died in the hospital. The four injured are receiving treatment in hospital, the official said. The sedimentation area was estimated to be 2,800 square metres. The cause of the incident is under investigation, the official said.

Xinhua

Elephant tusks seized in Kenya, suspected poacher killed

NAIROBI, 7 May —Kenya's wildlife authority said it recovered elephant tusks and shot dead a suspected poacher in the coastal region of Tana River on Saturday. Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) Corporate Affairs Manager Paul Udoto said the shooting took place as its rangers were involved in two armed encounters with groups of suspected poachers in Tana River County. Udoto said in a statement released in Nairobi that the suspected poacher was shot dead and an AK-47 rifle recovered in the first incident at Dakadima area.

"Further, 44 rounds of ammunition and two magazines were also recovered. Five members of the gang escaped with possible injuries," he said. According to Udoto, a six-man gang engaged KWS rangers in a fierce gun fight in the second incident at Ananotu area near Garsen. "Following this encounter, 28 rounds of ammunition, three magazines of AK-47 rifle, and two tusks of a mature elephant were recovered. All the six gang fled with injuries and a follow up on the same gang is still on," he said.

Udoto said the two gangs have been tracked for the last three days and appealed to members of the public in the general area around Tana River to report any suspicious person with gunshot wounds to report to the nearest police or KWS. "Members of the public are advised to be on the alert since this gang that escaped is still armed and dangerous," Udoto said. He said the wildlife body is committed more than ever before to end all poaching and illegal possession of illegal wildlife products.

Poaching of elephants in central and eastern Africa has intensified in recent years, with much of the illegal ivory exported to Asia. International trade in ivory was banned in 1989, but seizures have risen dramatically in the past five years. Poachers target especially rhinos and elephants for their tusks and skins, which fetch a lot of money in the black market particularly in Asia. Kenya is a popular destination especially for tourists from Europe. —Xinhua

12 dead, 19 injured in two expressway accidents in SW China

KUNMING, 7 May —Twelve people were dead and 19 others injured in two accidents on an expressway in southwest China's Yunnan Province on Saturday. Among them, three were killed and another two injured as a truck registered in Jiangxi province rear-ended a car at 4:03 pm at the section of Yiliang county on the expressway from Shantou to Kunming, said Li Zhonghai, an local traffic police officer.

Fourteen minutes later

in a separate accident, which happened 125 metres away from the previous one on the same expressway, nine were killed in a pile-up accident involving 11 vehicles, with another 17 injured, Li said.

The injured were rushed to hospital for treatment, and it was unknown yet whether their injuries were life-threatening or not, he said. The causes of the accidents are being investigated.—Xinhua



Workers clean the spot of traffic accidents on the Shankun Expressway in Yiliang County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, late 5 May, 2012. Twelve people were dead and 19 others injured in two accidents happening on the Shankun Expressway in Yiliang County Saturday afternoon.—XINHUA

Barcelona's coach Pep Guardiola is tossed in the air by his players after his last match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 5 May, 2012. Outgoing Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola has said on Saturday's city derby against Espanyol at the Nou Camp is more important than any farewell celebrations that may be planned in his honour.
XINHUA




Roadside bomb kills five Afghan police, wounds one

ALALABAD, 7 May —Five personnel of Afghan Border Police were killed and another sustained injuries as a roadside bomb struck their vehicle in Nangarhar Province 120 km east of Capital Kabul on Friday night, a police officer said on Saturday.

"Our police was on routine patrol in Dur Baba District on Saturday night when their vehicle ran over a mine as a result five border policemen were martyred and another injured," Wali Khan the commander of border police in the Province told Xinhua.

He put the attack on the enemies of peace, a term used by Afghan officials against Taliban outfit, saying the enemies by organizing roadside bombings want to destabilize the security. Meantime, Zabihullah Mujahid who claims to speak for the Taliban outfit claimed responsibility for the attack, insisting 10 policemen were killed in the blast.

Xinhua



The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 4 / 2012
10 th Waxing of Kason 1374 ME
(30 April 2012)

1. The Fire Service Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has issued an announcement of vacancy for male in the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer	1	B.E (Chemical)

2. The applicants -
 (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
 (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 28 May 2012.
 (c) must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 28 May 2012.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant position will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/ Selection (Main)/ 2012, dated 2 January 2012.

5. For service personnel, his original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 28 May 2012. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.

6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 16 June 2012 (Saturday) and English examination paper on 17 June 2012 (Sunday).

7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 14 June 2012.

8. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).

9. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

Novartis study positive for new acromegaly therapy



A man walks past the logo of Swiss drugmaker Novartis AG in front of a plant in Basel on 25 Oct, 2011.—REUTERS

ZURICH, 7 May — Swiss Monday study data showed drugmaker Novartis said on a new therapy for people

suffering from acromegaly, a rare disorder characterized by enlargement of the feet, hands and internal organs, was more effective than the treatment now commonly prescribed.

“Results of the largest Phase III study of acromegaly patients show the novel therapy pasireotide long-acting release, was significantly more effective at inducing full biochemical control compared to the current standard medical therapy,” the company said in a statement.

Reuters

S Korea cracks down on human flesh capsules

SEOUL, 7 May — South Korea says it’s strengthening Customs inspections in a crackdown on the smuggling of Chinese-made capsules filled with powdered human flesh. The state-run Korea Customs Service said on Monday that since last August it has discovered 35 attempts to smuggle from China about 17,450 such capsules disguised as stamina-boosters.

Customs officials say the capsules were made from dead babies and infants in northeastern China, and that ethnic Koreans living there tried to smuggle them into

South Korea. The officials say some people believe the capsules are a panacea for disease, but an investigation shows they contain

superbacteria and other harmful ingredients.

Internet

Visitors look at robots displayed at Hobby Expo China 2012, a model fair held at the Beijing Exhibition Centre, in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 April, 2012. Opening here on Monday, the four-day event attracted some 300 manufacturers of models and related products worldwide.—XINHUA



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV OEL BLESSING VOY NO (159)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OEL BLESSING VOY NO (159) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-5-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S BLPL LOGISTICS PTE LTD
 Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (073)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (073) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-5-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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.

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Greening New York’s most iconic skyscraper

NEW YORK, 7 May — The Empire State Building has long been a signature feature of Manhattan’s skyline. But owners of the iconic edifice, planning a \$1 billion initial public offering, hope to convince investors and tenants that it’s what’s on the inside that really counts. The 81-year-old New York tower has undergone a massive, 3-year make-over designed to cut energy use, modernize office suites, and attract tenants willing to shoulder higher rents. Building owners and key suppliers on Monday will detail the energy savings they’ve achieved so far.

While the new One World Trade Centre has claimed the title of New York’s tallest from the Empire State, the 102-floor

Art Deco building towers over many others when it comes to the world of building retrofits. The Empire State is the highest-profile project in a growing collection of renovations that are becoming big business for industrial conglomerates and electrical service firms. As America’s towers show their age, especially in the Big Apple, where nearly half of office space was built before 1945, companies like Honeywell International Inc, Johnson Controls Inc, Siemens AG and United Technologies Corp are eyeing a retrofit market predicted to generate \$16 billion in annual revenue by 2020, up from about \$5 billion last year.

Johnson Controls, a



Clouds cover the Empire State Building in New York, on 3 May, 2012.

REUTERS

building efficiency systems supplier based in Milwaukee whose contract for the Empire State is worth about \$20 million, estimates six jobs are created for every million dollars spent. By that measure, the retrofit industry will provide almost 100,000 jobs, a meaningful number for a US construction industry in which unemployment remains high after the housing bust and financial crisis. To be sure, not everyone can afford the tens of millions of dollars needed for a sizable retrofit. Financing is scarce and investments can take years to pay off. But for those who can pull off the upfront payment, a renovation can boost rents, lead to longer leases, lower vacancy rates and attract larger, higher quality tenants.—Reuters

Florida woman receives paper for 80 years

A Florida newspaper said a woman preparing for her 106th birthday may be its longest-running subscriber after receiving the paper for 80 years.

The *Orlando Sentinel* said Velma Boyd Freeman, who will turn 106 19 May, has been subscribed to the paper since the 1930s, when it came out as the *Morning Reporter* and the *Evening Star*.

Freeman, whose daughter said her doctor recently mistook her for 80, said she keeps in shape by eating lots of "Vidalia onions."

"We eat them every day," she said. Freeman said she keeps busy by visiting with her three children, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

News Album

Actress Julie Benz marries marketing rep

LOS ANGELES, 7 May—Julie Benz, a former star of "Dexter," married fiance Rich Orosco in a Cinco de Mayo-themed wedding in Los Angeles, her representative confirmed.



Benz's camp told People the ceremony took place at a historic home in the trendy Los Feliz neighbourhood of LA. The event had a Mexican flavor to it in honour of Cinco de Mayo and the groom's Mexican heritage, People said. Orosco, a 39-year-old marketing executive, met Benz five years ago and popped the question last year.

The couple have been living together in Los Angeles. *Internet*

Actress Julie Benz

Jordin Sparks misses co-star Houston

DETROIT, 7 May—Jordin Sparks says she'll have a lump in her throat when she sees the final cut of "Sparkle," the movie she made with Whitney Houston.

"Sparkle" had been seen by the entertainment industry as a comeback for Houston, but it turned out to be her last hurrah before her death of a drug overdose three months after shooting wrapped.

"I think the first time I actually get to see it, I'll probably bawl throughout the entire film," Sparks told the *Detroit Free Press*. "Then I'll have to see it a second time to



Jordin Sparks

really see what they did with it." Houston played Sparks' mother in the film, and Sparks said Houston seemed to enjoy the role of mentor and mother hen off camera as well. "She was always just so encouraging," said the Detroit native and "American Idol" winner. "She was so full of joy and full of light, because this was her baby. She'd been working on this movie and getting it out for, I think, 10-plus years." "Sparkle" is set in the Motown era of the 1960s and opens in August. Much of the filming took place in Detroit over a two-month span, which Sparks said created a tight bond among Houston and the rest of the cast and crew. "She absolutely loved being there," Sparks said. *Internet*



The logo for Saab is displayed at the Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place in Chicago on 9 February, 2011.

Saab fans buy last Saab made

A Saab-enthusiast group raised money through a blog to buy the last Saab 9-3 Griffin produced by the Saab Automobile factory in Trollhattan, Sweden.

The Saab United blog raised more than the \$29,330 needed to buy the car, *The Local* reported.

"We, the fans, set out on a mission to buy a car, and not just any car, we set out to buy the last of a production series, the last Saab 9-3 Griffin," operators of the Saab United blog posted on Friday.

"And we have done it. Today we passed the amount

required."

More than 600 diehard Saab fans donated funds to buy the last Saab produced.

The car will not be in the hands of Saab United for long, however, as the group plans on donating the car, as well as extra money donated, to the Saab Museum in Trollhattan.

Saab Automobile declared bankruptcy in December 2011, following the failure of a Chinese partnership to follow through on a takeover.

Saab United was started in 2005 by Australian Steven Wade and later taken over by Tim Rokka.

Reebok makes shoes for tallest man

Massachusetts athletic shoe company Reebok has signed on to create a special pair of shoes for the tallest man in the United States.

Igor Vovkovinskiy, a 29-year-old Minnesotan who stands 7 feet and 8.33 inches tall, has not been able to find shoes big enough for him until Reebok agreed to custom make him a pair, free

of charge, the *Boston Herald* reported.

Vovkovinskiy, thought to be America's tallest man, has had numerous surgeries on his feet due to improperly fitting shoes.

"Right now, doing the simplest thing, like walking a few steps down the hallway, is an excruciating thing," he said.

"I've basically been a prisoner of my home."

Vovkovinskiy visited Reebok's Canton, Mass, headquarters Thursday for a series of measurements, scans and pressure tests to ensure a proper fit for the expected size 26 pair of sneakers.

The shoes are expected to cost Reebok between \$12,000 and \$20,000.

"The most expensive pair to make is the first one, because we have to do trial and error to get the right shape, the right fit and the right feel for him," said Ambrose Hayes, Reebok's team leader for men's sports development.

Vovkovinskiy's shoes are expected to be ready within the next 14 weeks.



Actress Lindsay Hartley

Actress Lindsay Hartley seeks divorce

LOS ANGELES, 7 May—Soap opera star Lindsay Hartley filed divorce paperwork in a Los Angeles County court to end her marriage to fellow actor Justin Hartley.

The petition cites irreconcilable differences with Lindsay seeking custody of the couple's 7-year-old daughter. TMZ.com reported

Justin Hartley had yet to respond. The Hartleys met in 2003 on the set of the soap opera "Passions" and were married the following year, TMZ said on Sunday.

Lindsay Hartley moved on to "All My Children" and "Days of Our Lives." Justin appeared in the television series "Smallville."

Internet

Madonna sued over perfume logo

MELBOURNE, 7 May—A Sydney artist has sued pop queen Madonna for stealing a perfume logo designed by him.

RJ Williams, whose pieces have hung in the corridors of the Art Gallery of NSW and Museum of Contemporary Art, is taking legal action against the 53-year-old singer over what he claims is a breach of copyright.

The 32-year-old said that the 'M' symbol used on the singer's new Truth or Dare perfume, launched last month, bears too much of a resemblance to the symbol he had been painting and using on clothing for eight years and which he trademarked last year.

"Friends from all over the world have been calling me upon seeing the Truth or Dare by Madonna campaign to express their disgust and support," News.com.au quoted him as telling *The Sunday Telegraph*. "It's about my integrity as an artist."

"I do not think it should be able to be used by a giant cosmetics company," he said.

Last week, Williams sent a legal letter to Madonna's agent, Guy Oseary, requesting the star immediately stop infringing his copyright, providing him with all profits made so far and enter into a licence with him for future use of the symbol.—*Internet*



Madonna

Clooney's Obama fundraiser could net \$12M

NEW YORK, 7 May—George Clooney's upcoming fundraiser for US President Barack Obama's re-election campaign could rake in up to \$12 million, the *New York Post* said.

Thursday's event at the movie star's home in Studio City, Calif, is sold out with supporters paying \$40,000 per ticket for a total of \$6 million, the newspaper said.



George Clooney

The *Post* said an online sweepstakes — for which a winner who made a minimum \$3 donation will win two tickets to the glitzy dinner — also is estimated to have raised about \$6 million.—*Internet*

Lug nuts stolen from Chicago cop cars

Chicago police were investigating the theft of lug nuts from squad cars sitting in a police station parking lot on the city's Southwest Side, officials said.

The lug nuts began disappearing about a week ago, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported.

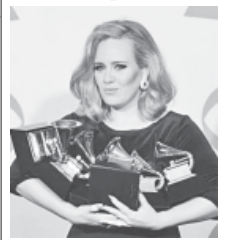
No officers have been involved in road accidents because of the apparent vandalism, officials said.

"It's not funny," one Morgan Park District officer said Saturday. "You could lose control and run into a building or a person or another car."

No suspects had been identified, but officers also discovered a concrete slab in the Morgan Park District police parking lot painted with an anarchy symbol, officials said.

'21' sells more copies than 'Thriller' in UK

LONDON, 7 May—Adele's 2011 album "21" has sold more copies than Michael Jackson's iconic 1982 record "Thriller" in the United Kingdom, the Official Charts Co reported.



Adele

"21" has now sold 4,274,300 copies in the United Kingdom — 500 more than "Thriller," NME.com said.

The Top 10 best-selling albums of all time in the United Kingdom are "Queen's Greatest Hits" at No 1, The Beatles' "Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" at No 2, ABBA's "Gold" at No 3, Oasis' "(What's the Story) Morning Glory?" at No 4, Adele's "21" at No 5, Jackson's "Thriller" at No 6, Dire Straits' "Brothers in Arms" at No 7, Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon" at No 8, Jackson's "Bad" at No 9 and Queen's "Greatest Hits II" at No 10.

Internet



Ronnie O'Sullivan (L) of England shakes hands with Allister Carter of England before their final of the *Betfred.com World Championship at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, the United Kingdom, on 6 May, 2012.* — XINHUA

Azarenka, Sharapova advance in Madrid

Victoria Azarenka of Belarus

MADRID, 7 May — The top two seeds advanced to the Madrid Open second round on Sunday when Victoria Azarenka dispatched Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-6, 6-4 and Maria Sharapova crushed Irina-Camelia Begu 6-0, 6-2. Making a less auspicious debut on the unfamiliar blue clay, a controversial innovation at this year's edition of the event, was 2010 French Open champion Francesca Schiavone, who was upset 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 by American qualifier Varvara Lepchenko.

Azarenka, the world number one and runner-up in Madrid last year, dealt efficiently with the potential threat from Russian Kuznetsova, another former French Open champion who had beaten the Belarusian in

four of their six previous meetings. Azarenka has been in blistering form this year, however, with 29 wins, four titles including her first grand slam at the Australian Open which catapulted her to number one, and just two defeats.

Second-ranked Sharapova was coming into the Madrid event following her win over Azarenka in last week's Stuttgart final, her first title of the year and 25th overall, and swatted aside the 56th-ranked Begu who was making her debut at the premier event in the Spanish Capital. The Russian will be looking to complete her collection of grand slams at Roland Garros starting later this month, the only one of the four she has not won. Former number ones



Caroline Wozniacki and Ana Ivanovic had contrasting matches as both progressed into the second round. Dane Wozniacki, the sixth seed, had to battle past Kazakhstan's Ksenia Pervak 7-6, 3-6, 6-4, while Ivanovic of Serbia, the 13th seed, dismissed French qualifier

Mathilde Johansson 6-4, 6-1. The Williams sisters are in action on Monday, with ninth-seed Serena playing her first-round match against Russia's Elena Vesnina and Venus, playing on a wildcard, meeting Angelique Kerber of Germany in the second round.

Reuters

City close in on first title since 1968

LONDON, 7 May — Manchester City took a huge step towards their first title for 44 years when they won 2-0 at Newcastle United to stay top of the Premier League on goal difference from Manchester United with one match left. Both teams have 86 points after United beat Swansea City 2-0 at Old Trafford but City's goal difference of 63 is eight better than United's and could be the deciding factor in the race.

Unless City, who have won 17 and drawn one of their 18 home league matches, drop points against relegation-threatened Queens Park Rangers, managed by former City boss and United striker Mark Hughes, and United beat Sunderland, City will claim the title for the third time in

their history. If both teams win their final matches, the only way United could clinch their 20th title would be with victory at Sunderland by at least eight goals more than City and even in this wildly unpredictable season that is very unlikely to happen. Roberto Mancini's



Manchester City's Yaya Toure celebrates scoring his second goal against Newcastle United during their English Premier League soccer match in Newcastle, north east England on 6 May, 2012. — INTERNET

men, who have clawed back the eight-point advantage United held a month ago, played superbly to win at Newcastle, whose own hopes of a Champions League place now hang in the balance.

Internet

Ferguson hopes Hughes sacking rebounds on City

LONDON, 7 May — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson hopes Manchester City's "unethical" sacking of Mark Hughes will rebound on them when the Premier League title is decided this coming Sunday. Table-toppers City, bidding to be crowned champions of England for the first time in 44 years, and title holders United are level on points. But, crucially, City have a plus eight goal difference over their local rivals.

Ferguson saw his side take the race to finish top to the last round of matches with a predictably comfortable 2-0 victory over mid-table

Fowler finally a winner on the PGA Tour

CHARLOTTE, 7 May — Rickie Fowler has never been afraid to put it all on the line. The thrill-seeking passion for motocross as a teenager. The head-turning clothing he brought to the PGA Tour as a rookie, such as the bright

orange ensemble from head-to-toe on Sundays. With a chance to finally break through for his first PGA Tour win, the kid showed his true colours.

In a three-way playoff that featured US Open champion Rory McIlroy, the 23-year-old Fowler gambled with a 51-degree wedge that

had to be perfect on an 18th hole at Quail Hollow that had yielded only four birdies all day. And it was. Fowler stuffed his shot into 4 feet for a birdie on the first extra hole to beat McIlroy and DA Points and win the Wells Fargo Championship on Sunday.

It was his first PGA Tour win in his 67th start as a pro, bringing him a small measure of relief and a big dose of credibility. "I didn't want to play it safe," Fowler said. "I had a good number (133 yards), and I was aiming right of the hole with the wind coming out of the right, and if I hit a perfect shot, it comes down right on the stick... I hit a perfect shot at the right time, and I was going for it." McIlroy, who returned to No 1 in the world, used Quail Hollow as a launching pad toward stardom when he won here two years ago. Perhaps this is the start of a rivalry for years between a pair of 23-year-olds who bring power, flair and exuberance to the game. — Internet



Rickie Fowler shoots from the first fairway during the final round of the Wells Fargo Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, NC, on 6 May, 2012.

INTERNET

Liu shines in Kawasaki

KAWASAKI, 7 May — Chinese star Liu Xiang clocked 13.09 seconds in winning the 110m hurdles at the IAAF World Challenge meeting in Kawasaki, Japan on Sunday. Despite heavy rain, the 2004 Olympic gold medalist finished nearly a quarter of a second ahead of



Chinese star Liu Xiang, pictured here, clocked 13.09 seconds in winning the 110m hurdles at the IAAF World Challenge meeting in Kawasaki, Japan on Sunday. Despite heavy rain, the 2004 Olympic gold medalist finished nearly a quarter of a second ahead of second-placed American Omo Osaghae. — INTERNET

second-placed American Omo Osaghae. "It was my first outdoor race," said Liu, who won world indoor silver over the 60m hurdles in Istanbul in March.

"The track was wet and the wind was strong, but I am satisfied with my time." Three-time world 200m champion Allyson Felix won the 100m in 11.22sec, saying she did not yet know whether she would race the 200 and 400m at the London Olympics. "I know where I am now and what I need to improve, so I am excited to start working on things," the American said.

Reigning women's 400m champion Amantle Montsho of Botswana dominated her season's second outing over the one-lap discipline, clocking 50.52sec to finish more than a second ahead of Joanne Cuddihy. "I had a great race even though the weather was bad," Montsho said.

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Manchester United's manager Sir Alex Ferguson, seen here before their English Premier League match against Swansea, at Old Trafford in Manchester. — INTERNET

Swansea City at Old Trafford on Sunday. But City's win at Newcastle by the same scoreline earlier in the day leaves them in pole position to end their long wait to claim the top flight crown.

To end the campaign on 13 May, Manchester United travel to Sunderland, who

haven't beaten them in the league in 19 attempts spanning 15 years. However, City — unbeaten at home in the league this season — will be overwhelming favourites when a relegation-threatened QPR side that have won just three times on the road this season arrive at Eastlands.

The Premier League title has never been decided on goal difference before but this season there is every chance that it will. Victory for both Manchester clubs — barring a mathematical miracle courtesy of an unlikely eight-goal swing — will spark huge celebrations in the blue half of town. — Internet

Juve deserve title, says Allegri

ROME, 7 May — AC Milan head coach Massimiliano Allegri complimented Juventus for their Scudetto victory and felt Milan paid a price for injuries, especially in the Milan derbies. "Juventus won the title, deserved to win it and it was a fascinating season with two teams on many points. Compared to last season, many more points were needed," said the Allegri after his side lost 4-2 to Inter. "Juventus had a great campaign, so did we despite all of the problems we went through from injuries to incidents. I think the lads for the work they did this year and next term we'll be here

fighting again.

"It's difficult to say what Milan lacked compared to last year. We did make mistakes that forced a heavy price, including tonight when we were close to going 3-2 up and instead went 3-2 down. "We played pretty well tonight and did all we could to bring home the result, but this is football. Last season Samuel Eto'o missed an open goal from point-blank range in an important moment of the game and we won 3-0.

"We lost Daniele Bonera after 10 minutes, Christian Abbiati had a thigh strain, we had to end the match with Mattia De Sciglio limping on a swollen ankle. It's just

one of those years. "I don't think there is a gap from Juventus, as these teams are on the same level and it will be interesting to see how they fare next season when they have to deal with the Champions League.

Xinhua



AC Milan head coach Massimiliano Allegri. INTERNET

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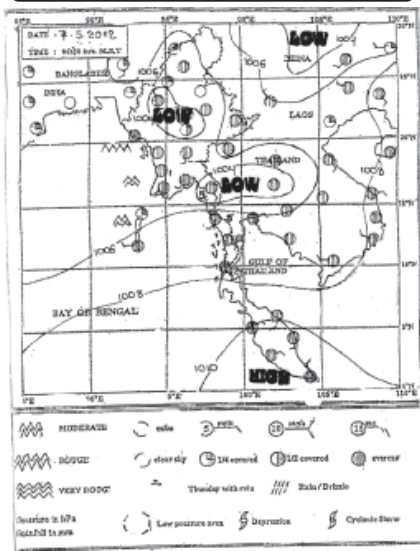
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- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am**
3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:05 am**
4. Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:40 am**
5. International News
- 3:15 pm**
6. AFC Cup 2012 Group State Football (Live) (Yangon United (Myanmar) & Citizen (Hong Kong))
- 5:15 pm**
7. Musical Programme
- 5:30 pm**
8. Documentary
- 5:50 pm**
9. Song in honour of World Red Cross Day
- 6:35 pm**
10. Sing A Song
- 7:00 pm**
11. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
12. News
 13. Bakery World
 14. TV Drama Series
 15. India Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 8th May, 2012

S. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		Forecast	Percent
		Maximum	Minimum		
1	Kachin	27.99	22.72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	25.77	19.66	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayo	30.86	22.72	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	26.79	12.54	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	39.102	22.72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	42.108	26.79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Taintharyi	29.84	23.73	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	32.90	26.79	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	41.106	26.79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	39.102	26.79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Moa	30.86	23.73	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	35.95	25.77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
13	Rakhine	34.93	24.75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	25.77	16.61	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	30.86	20.88	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	24.75	21.76	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyarwady	35.95	25.77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring My (N) Taw	38.100	24.75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35.95	25.77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	39.102	26.79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taintharyi Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Moa State, scattered in Bago Region and Kayah State, isolated in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Region, Shan and Rakhine States and scattered but being partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States with locally heavy falls in Kayah State. Day temperatures were (7°C) to (47°C) above May average temperatures in Chin and Rakhine States, (9°C) below May average temperatures in Eastern Shan State, (4°C) below May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Taintharyi Regions and Kayah State and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (47°C), Mawmya and Maba (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myawaddy (6.2) inches, Kaphahlan (3.5) inches, Ayeyarwady (2.9) inches and Shwebo (2.8) inches.

Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southern Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taintharyi State of the Sea.

Coasts: Surface wind speed in squall may reach (30) to (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar water.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of rain or thundershowers in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Outstanding police members honoured in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 7 May—A ceremony to honour outstanding police members of Meiktila District Police Force who exposed looting and theft cases in a short time was held at the hall of the District Police Force on 30 April.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner U Sein Oak of District General Administration Department made a speech. Dr Daw Nanda Hnin and Daw Nweni presented gifts to Commander of Meiktila Township Police Force Police Captain Manug Maung Thaw on behalf of the outstanding police members.

Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Zaw Min Than explained the occurrence of crimes and seizures of culprits.—Myanmar Alin



File photo shows two white rhinos in Limpopo, near the new site of a rhinoceros orphanage yet to be built.

INTERNET

Africa's last rhinos threatened by poaching

LIMPOPO, 7 May—Decades of conservation efforts to save rhinos are coming undone, as surging demand for their horns in Asian traditional medicine has spawned a vast criminal trade powered by poaching. South Africa is the epicentre of the poaching battle. A conservation success story, the country is home to 70 to 80 percent of the world's rhinos.

In 2007, 13 rhinos were poached. Last year the number hit 448, and more than 200 have already been killed this year. In Kenya, Zimbabwe and other countries, poaching is also on the rise, but at a less dramatic pace. The southern Africa Rhino Management Group warns that if current trends continue, the number of deaths will outstrip births, sending the rhino population on a downward spiral. The massive herbivores that seem to have stepped right out of pre-historic times were nearly killed off during the 19th and 20th centuries. Through conservation efforts, and lucrative private game farms, white and black rhino populations have rebounded. Africa now has an estimated 20,700 white rhinos, and 4,800 black.

Internet

UK jeweller Graff aims for June listing in HK

HONG KONG, 7 May—High-end London-based jeweller Graff Diamonds is planning to list in Hong Kong on 7 June, a report said Monday, as it seeks to raise up to \$1.0 billion in one of the biggest IPOs this year. The firm plans to start taking orders from investors in a roadshow between 21 and 31 May and is set to price the initial public offering at the end of the event, according to a term sheet seen by Dow Jones Newswires. The IPO is set to be one of this year's blockbuster share sales after China's second largest brokerage



Actress Regina King wears a near \$2m yellow diamond ring from Graff Diamonds at an event in Los Angeles in January.

INTERNET

Haitong Securities last month raised \$1.68 billion from its Hong Kong IPO, the

world's biggest so far this year. The jeweller's listing in Hong Kong will enable the company to raise its profile in Asia and tap the fast-growing luxury goods market on mainland China. China is forecast to be the world's top buyer of products such as cosmetics, handbags, watches, shoes and clothes by 2015, PriceWaterhouseCoopers has said. Graff Diamonds' presence in Asia includes boutiques in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Tokyo and Taipei.—Internet



Italian nuclear company boss wounded in shooting

GENOA, 7 May—A gunman on a motorbike shot and wounded the head of Italian nuclear energy company Ansaldo Nucleare on Monday, with investigators quoted in media reports saying anarchists could be responsible.

Roberto Adinolfi, a 53-year-old nuclear engineer, was shot in the leg as he left his home in Genoa in northwest Italy and his life is not in danger, officials said. Three shots were fired and there were two men on the motorbike.

The anarchist movement has a strong presence in the port of Genoa and ANSA news agency said police were looking at recent calls by some anarchist groups for "a shift to a new phase that could lead to armed action."

Kneecapping is also reminiscent of attacks by far-right and far-left militants in the 1970s and 1980s during Italy's "Years of Lead".

Pier Luigi Bersani, head of the centre-left Democratic Party, said the attack was "a worrying sign of growing tensions and

violence." "Light should be shed on this incident and democracy should be defended," Bersani said, adding that Italy "has already paid a heavy price in blood."

Ansaldo Nucleare, which is part of aerospace and defence giant Finmeccanica, builds third-generation nuclear reactors and has recently won contracts in China, Romania and Slovakia even though Italy has no nuclear energy.

"Our colleague has been operated on and his condition is not particularly serious," said Alessandro Pansa, director general of Finmeccanica.

If this was confirmed as a politically-linked attack, Pansa said that would be "extremely serious" and "symptomatic of an extremely complex climate."

Pansa said Finmeccanica would not allow itself to be "intimidated".

Internet

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Meeting (3/2012) of Car Import Supervisory Committee was held at the Ministry of Commerce this morning. At the meeting, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint said that in accord with the guidance of the President, the ministry is taking step-by-step measures to enable the public to buy cars freely from car showrooms or through importation. Now, permission has been granted to import taxis with the endorsement of Region/State government concerned.

He went on to say that the citizens who have opened their banks accounts at Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank or Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank will be allowed to import cars with 2007 model and above except passenger buses, regardless of left-hand or right-hand steering. Similarly, city taxis with 2007 model and above can be imported, regardless of left-hand or right-hand steering with the endorsements of State/Region governments. The Union Minister added that regarding the importation of passenger buses, for the change from old cars to new ones, vehicles manufactured between 1996 and 2006 can be imported whether they are left-hand or right-hand steering. But for the case of importing new passenger buses, permission will be given to import 2007 model and above buses with left-hand steering only.—MNA

Car Import Supervisory Committee meets



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint makes a speech at Car Import Supervisory Committee Meeting (3/2012).—MNA

US, Canada issue statements for suspension of some sanctions against Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Since taking office, the new administration in Myanmar earnestly initiated political, economic and social reforms to establish a new nation and to flourish democracy in a short period of time after the democratic transition. Foreign countries started to ease sanctions against Myanmar in recognition of such successful democratic reforms.

US has issued a statement on easing of restrictions

of the export of financial services, followed by Canada's suspension of most sanctions against Myanmar.

Office of Foreign Assets Control of US Department of Treasury on 17 April issued General License No. 14.C, allowing the export of financial services for humanitarian, religious and non-profit purposes. It allows non-commercial remittances for development projects, preservation and betterment with direct effect to the needs of grassroots in

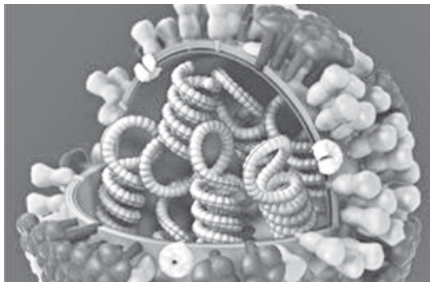
Myanmar, health, education, rule of law, sports and religious sectors, and the people.

Encouraging Myanmar's reforms, Canada also issued a statement for Changes to the Government of Canada's unilateral economic sanctions on Myanmar on 24 April, suspending sanctions included comprehensive trade and investment restrictions as well as provisions relating to financial services, and transiting and docking of ships and aircraft.

Canada suspended these restrictions with no time limit. The statement says it will continue to monitor developments in Myanmar and will make further changes to its policies as warranted.—MNA

SCIENCE DAILY, 7 May—For a virus like influenza, the key to success isn't in overpowering the immune system, it's in tricking it. A team of researchers led by scientists at The Rockefeller University has identified a novel mechanism by which influenza viruses hijack key regulators of the human body's normal antiviral response in order to slip by it undetected. The finding, reported recently in Nature, shows that the immunosuppressive NS1 protein of the influenza A virus mimics a core component of gene regulating machinery in

Influenza 'Histone Mimic' suppresses antiviral response



order to block antiviral gene function. The results they

describe have major implications for our understanding of the biology of the seasonal influenza virus and its pathogenesis. The research also suggests a possible target for a new class of antiviral and anti-inflammatory drugs.

The researchers, led by Alexander Tarakhovskiy, head of the Laboratory of Lymphocyte Signaling, showed that the NS1 protein of the H3N2 strain of influenza — the "seasonal" flu — contains the same sequence of amino acids as the "tail" domain of a DNA packaging protein in humans called histone H3. The histones are present in the cell nucleus and play an important role in gene activation.

Internet

Myanmar Traditional Chess Championship-2012 continues

YANGON, 7 May — Myanmar Traditional Chess Championship for 2012 continued at the Myanmar Chess Federation here today.

After seven contests, Ohn Kyaw of Ministry of Home Affairs was leading the championship on five points, followed by Zaw Win Lay of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ko Ko Gyi of Mandalay on 4.5 points each and Myint Han of Ministry of Transport and Nay Oo Kyaw of Ministry of Home Affairs on four points each and Aung Naing of Ministry of Defence, Lin Naing Oo of the Ministry of Transport and Nyein Chan of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on 3.5 points each.

The championship jointly conducted by Sports and Physical Education Department of the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Chess Federation will continue tomorrow.

Athletes for the Myanmar Traditional Chess contest which would be included in the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013 would be selected from the championship.—MNA

Teenager Draxler given surprise Germany call-up

BERLIN, 7 May—Schalke 04's teenage midfielder Julian Draxler won a surprise call-up on Monday to Germany's preliminary 27-man squad for Euro 2012 next month.

The uncapped 19-year-old made his Bundesliga debut just over a year ago and has been in sparkling form this season, helping Schalke clinch a third-place finish.

Coach Joachim Loew said the final squad would be announced later this month, adding there would be some changes.

Germany's players

begin their preparations on Friday without several key men.

The players from Borussia Dortmund and Bayern Munich will be absent, because of Saturday's German Cup final, together with Real Madrid pair Mesut Ozil and Sami Khedira.

Bayern's players will not join up with the Euro 2012 squad until after the Champions League final against Chelsea to be held on May 19.

Arsenal defender Per Mertesacker, who has been out since February due to



ankle surgery, is expected to be fit for the pre-tournament training camp. "He will be challenged by us in training," Loew told reporters. "We start preparations on Friday with only some of our players but we just have to try our best to get the most out of it."

Germany have been drawn in Group B in Ukraine and Poland along with Netherlands, Portugal and Denmark.—Internet

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