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Union Minister for Information and for Culture receives Managing Director of NTEGRATOR Co of Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May— Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received a delegation led by Managing Director Mr Jimmy Chang of NTEGRATOR Co of Singapore at the Ministry of Information, here, at 11 am today.

At the call, they discussed opportunities for modernizing TV broadcasting technology of Myanmar in a cordial manner.

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 Myanma Radio and

Television, Director-General U Ye Htu of Information and Public Relations Department, Managing Director U Ye Tint of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Zaw Min Oo of News and Periodicals Enterprise, the Head of Office and officials.—MNA

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives a delegation led by Managing Director Mr Jimmy Chang of NTEGRATOR Co of Singapore.

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True patriotism

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

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



Work Committee for Drawing Farmland Bylaws (Draft) and Virgin and Fallow Land Management Bylaws (Draft) meets



Work Committee for Drawing Farmland Bylaws (Draft) and Virgin and Fallow Land Management Bylaws (Draft) holds first coordination meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May— The first coordination meeting of the Work Committee for Drawing Farmland Bylaws (Draft) and Virgin and Fallow Land Management Bylaws (Draft) was

held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation here this afternoon with an address by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing.

In his address, the Union Minister said that farmland laws and virgin and fallow land management laws, which are vital for the long-term interest of the entire national people including

farmers, were signed and approved by the President himself on 30 March 2012, one year after the new government took office.

The Union Minister added that the laws have been formulated by legal experts and were discussed time and again at Hluttaws of different levels. The already-approved farmland laws cover 13 chapters and 43 sections while the virgin and fallow land management laws cover 10 chapters and 34 sections.

To be able to draw and approve bylaws and procedures of the laws, they were submitted to the President Office, and a 16 member committee including the Deputy Minister (Agriculture) as chairman and the Deputy Minister (Irrigation) as vice-chairman was formed and assigned duties under the President Office's letter dated 2-5-2012.

The first meeting is aimed at drawing and approving bylaws and procedures of the laws capable of serving the national interest practically, he said and added that the bylaws and procedures should be not only in conformity with the State constitution but also in consistent with the mother law included in the original farmland laws, original virgin and fallow

lands management laws which have been approved by the Hluttaws and signed by the President himself. And under the provision of section 248, chapter 5 of the State constitution, the region/state governments, on behalf of the President and Union government, are to exercise the laws practically putting the interest of the people in the fore.

The minister also urged those present to strictly enact the land use right so as to practically exercise the bylaws and settle farmland disputes, stating exactly the authorities of the region/state governments, and called on them to make earnest efforts to be able to put the final touches of the laws not later than 31 May 2012.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw, directors-general of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, and officials from the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, the Ministry of Mines, the Central Bank of the Union of Myanmar (Banking Scrutiny Department) and the General Administration Department.

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Significant Day Temperatures (10-5-2012)

Mawlaik	(42°C)
Kalewa	(42°C)
Monywa	(41°C)
NyaungU	(41°C)
Chauk	(41°C)

Noblest task for purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of Buddha Sasana

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Falcao fires Atletico Madrid to Europa League glory



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Donald, McIlroy square off at Players Championship golf

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Myanmar to be next economic frontier in Asia

The new government, elected by the choice of the people in accordance with multiparty democratic system, is now functioning. Economic, political and social transformation has been undertaken steadily in consistent with the Constitution which is in line with multiparty democratic practices. Necessary amendments to the relevant laws and regulations are being made.

The President and his administration are introducing clean government and good governance in exercise of the executive power. In this regard, transparency is being due emphasis. Therefore, the country is now witnessing encouraging signs in different sectors.

Meanwhile, foreign direct investments are being invited and economic and investment policies and investment laws are under review to be compatible with other countries in ASEAN and the region.

At a time when the country is making much headway in all spheres, the International Monetary Fund said the other day that Myanmar could be Asia's next boom economy if the country sticks to its new path of political and economic reforms.

In its first-ever "Article IV" review of the economy, the IMF praised the initial moves to free up its currency in recent months and encouraged the government to stick to the path of reform. The report also stated that Myanmar's new government faces a historic opportunity to jumpstart development and lift living standards, and that Myanmar could become the next economic frontier in Asia if, with appropriate reforms, it can turn its rich natural resources, young labour force, and proximity to some of the most dynamic economies, to its advantage.

Given the IMF's remarks, it is safe to say that the country is on the right track of becoming an economic power in the region, and with the acknowledgement of the international community over reforms, we all are to strive for the country to advance towards a better future.

Ambassador accredited to Brazil

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May— The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Linn, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federative Republic of Brazil.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director-General Dr Har Yin Naing Ti Yan of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology under the Ministry of Transport as Director-General of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Union Energy Minister receives Polish FM, Hong Kong guests

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May— Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay and Polish Foreign Minister Mr Radoslaw Sikorski held talks over opportunities for bilateral cooperation in the energy sector in Myanmar at Ministry of Energy yesterday.

During the meeting, Mr Radoslaw Sikorski explained matters on energy and mining sector in Poland. Members of the Polish delegation offered investment in Myanmar, machinery and technical services and giving training to experts from

Myanmar. Union Minister U Than Htay welcomed the investment in Myanmar and technical assistance from Poland and gave a green light to sell machinery and hire technical services through the tender system. Similarly, Union

Minister U Than Htay received a delegation led by Mr Tony Shale, Chief Executive Officer Euromoney Institutional Investor Limited. During the meeting, they discussed opportunities for investment in the energy sector in Myanmar.—MNA

Myanmar-Poland economic seminar opened

YANGON, 10 May— Jointly organized by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland,

the Myanmar-Poland economic seminar was opened at the hall of the federation on Minye Kyawswa Road, here, this morning. Chief Minister of

Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Radoslaw Sikorski of Poland and Vice-President of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win delivered addresses. Next, Chairman of

Myanmar Geosciences Association U Soe Myint and AGH University of Science & Technology of Poland Dr Michal Krobicki signed the MoU. MNA

Polish FM donates furnishings to monastic education schools

YANGON, 10 May— Furnishings were donated to four self-reliant monastic education schools in Kamayut and Hline Townships under Polish Development Cooperation Initiative Programme at the ceremony held at Kyangin Monastic Education School in Hline Township here this afternoon.

Polish Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Radoslaw Sikorski, Yangon Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein, Polish Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Jerzy Bayer and officials of the monastic education schools attended the ceremony. The Polish Foreign Minister explained purpose of donation.

The Polish FM donated 15 sets of chairs and desks, 40 tables and bunches, 24 bins, four big bookshelves and four small bookshelves,



Polish Foreign Minister Mr Radoslaw Sikorski presents teaching aids for four self-reliant monastic education schools in Hline and Kamayut Townships.—MNA

12 ceiling fans, two 150-gallon steel water tanks, two water filters, 16 water bottles, 12 whiteboards and 16 cups | to each school. MNA

Dy Construction Minister receives Team Leader of JICA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin received Team Leader Mr Isamu Gunji of Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and party at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Construction yesterday.

They held discussion on reviewing work result of Bridge Engineering Training Center Project jointly cooperated by JICA and Public Works and plans to build roads and bridges based on work result by JICA and Public Works.—MNA

Deputy Construction Minister U Kyaw Lwin meets Team Leader Mr Isamu Gunji of JICA and party.—MNA

Chartered planes of Myanma Airways available

YANGON, 10 May — For the convenience of tourists coming to Myanmar and domestic businessmen and passengers, Myanma Airways of Transport Ministry is providing services for chartered airplanes in addition to its regular flight schedules. Moreover, new BEECH-1900 D airplanes are available for charter.

Those planes available for charter are Fokker-28s, ATRs, MA-60s and BEECH Crafts and for further information, contact Myanma Airways (Head Office) (Ph: 371589 and 371590).

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Debris from plane strewn on Indonesian mountain



A view of the wreckage of the Russian Sukhoi Superjet 100 aircraft in Mount Salak, West Java Province, as seen from an Indonesia Airforce Super Puma helicopter on 10 May, 2012. —REUTERS

Russia's first all-new passenger jet since the fall of the Soviet Union, went missing on Wednesday about 40 miles south of Jakarta. It was carrying Indonesian businessmen, eight Russians, including embassy officials, pilots and technicians, and journalists.

A rescue helicopter spotted debris on the side of the dormant Mount Salak volcano after the search was resumed early on Thursday.

An Indonesian air force unit was preparing to drop a team from a helicopter onto the ridge in search of survivors, air force spokesman Yunis said.

Soldiers, some carrying climbing ropes, also trooped up forested slopes towards the crash site, a Reuters witness said.

"The airplane crashed at the edge of Salak mountain... An investigation must be done immediately and thoroughly," President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono told a news conference.

Those on board included eight crew and 42 guests,

according to figures from the Russian embassy, Sunaryo, chairman of Sukhoi's Indonesian agent, PT Trimarga Rekatama, said. A picture taken from the rescue helicopter that found the debris and seen by Reuters appeared to show that the plane flew into an almost vertical wall of rock on an inaccessible part of the mountain.

Small pieces of white debris could be seen scattered down an exposed stretch of cliff surrounded by forest. It would take at least six hours to walk to the site, rescue officials said.

Radio contact with the

aircraft was lost at about 4:00 am EDT (0800 GMT) on Wednesday after it descended to 6,000 feet near Mount Salak, which rises to 7,254 feet above sea level, a rescue official said.

MNA/Reuters

Relatives and friends of passengers on the ill-fated Russian Sukhoi Superjet 100 wait for information at Halim airport in Jakarta. The jet that went missing in Indonesia with about 50 people on board was located on Thursday, a day after it disappeared, a military official said.

INTERNET



CIHDEUNG, 10 May—Wreckage of a Russian Sukhoi aircraft with about 50 people on board was found on Thursday strewn on a steep ridge on a mountain south of the Indonesian capital where it crashed during a demonstration flight. There was no sign of survivors.

The Superjet 100 aircraft,

Putin not attending Camp David G8, will send Medvedev

WASHINGTON, 10 May—Russian President Vladimir Putin has pulled out of this month's Group of Eight summit in Maryland and will send Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev in his place, the White House said on Wednesday.

Putin, who took the oath as Russia's President on Monday, informed President Barack Obama of his decision during a telephone call, citing the need to stay in Moscow to finalize appointments to his cabinet. Instead, the two

leaders agreed to meet in Mexico in June. The 18 to 19 May gathering of the G8 at Camp David, the rustic presidential retreat in the Maryland countryside north of Washington, had been seen as an excellent chance for Obama and Putin to get to know each other. A White House meeting between Putin and Obama right before Camp David had also been greatly anticipated, after the US president was recently caught on camera confiding in Medvedev that he would

have more "flexibility" to tackle issues like missile defences after the US election on 6 November.

Medvedev was overheard on an open microphone telling Obama that he would "transmit this information to Vladimir."

Seizing the chance to cast the US president as weak on foreign policy in an election year, Republicans said that Obama was more or less signaling that he would cave into the anti-missile-defence demands of Putin.

They view Putin as a hard-line rival of the United States and a tougher proposition for Washington than Medvedev, whom he replaced as president after previously holding the office from 2000 to 2008. "The excuse could be legitimate," said Fiona Hill, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington. —Reuters



Russia's current President Medvedev walks to attend a ceremony to inaugurate Vladimir Putin as new President at the Kremlin in Moscow. —REUTERS

Blast in SW Pakistan kills one policeman, injured three others

ISLAMABAD, 10 May—At least one policeman was killed and three others were injured when a bomb hit their vehicle in Pakistan's southwest city of Quetta on Thursday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel Dunya.

The attack took place at about 10:00 am local time when a roadside bomb hit a police vehicle patrolling on the Qambrani Road of Quetta, capital city of Balochistan Province in southwest Pakistan, injuring four policemen on the spot, local media reported. One of the injured policemen later died at hospital, said Dunya. Police have cordoned off the area for a search operation. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. —Xinhua



File photo of USS Freedom undergoes builder's trials on Lake Michigan near Marinette, Wisconsin. —REUTERS

partners," US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta and his Singapore counterpart, Ng Eng Hen, said in a joint statement last month after meeting at the Pentagon.

MNA/Reuters

US plans 10-month warship deployment to Singapore

WASHINGTON, 10 May—The first of a new class of US coastal warships will be sent to Singapore next spring for a roughly 10-month deployment, the Navy said on Wednesday, spotlighting a move that may stir China's fears of US involvement in South China Sea disputes.

Deployment of the shallow-draft ship "Freedom" will help refine crew rotations, logistics and maintenance processes to maximize the

class's value to US combat commanders, Rear Admiral Thomas Rowden, the Navy's director of surface warfare, told reporters. "We'll be deploying the ship for about 10 months in the spring of next year" to Singapore, he said in a teleconference. "In the meantime, we're prepping her for success in the execution of that deployment."

Singapore is strategically located along the Strait of Malacca, the chief link

between the Indian and Pacific Oceans through which flows about 40 percent of world trade. The government has discussed hosting up to four such US "Littoral Combat Ships," or LCS, on a rotational basis at its naval facilities. Both countries have said the deployment stops short of a basing agreement.

It signals Washington's "commitment to the region and enhances its ability to train and engage with regional

Seven killed, 16 wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 10 May—At least seven people were killed and 16 others wounded in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in eastern and central Iraq, the police said on Wednesday.

In Iraq's eastern province of Diyala, gunmen broke into a house of a policeman and shot dead his father and brother in al-Hadeed area, near the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from Diyala's operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The policeman himself escaped the attack as he was not at the house when the attack occurred, the source said. In a separate incident, insurgents blew up a roadside bomb in the same area near a police patrol while it passing

by a Sunni mosque, killing three worshippers who were leaving the mosque and wounding six of them, the source added.

The blast also destroyed one of the police vehicles and wounded an officer and a policeman aboard, he said.

Elsewhere in the capital, a booby-trapped car detonated in al-Maghreb thoroughfare in northern Baghdad late on Tuesday night, killing two people and injuring eight others, an Interior Ministry source anonymously told Xinhua. Violence in Iraq has ebbed from its climax during the years of US occupation and sectarian strife that pushed the country to the brink of a civil war, but sporadic shootings and bombings still take place across the country.

MNA/Xinhua

Eighteen beheaded in Mexico, drug gang suspected

MEXICO CITY, 10 May—Police found the decapitated and dismembered bodies of 18 people near Mexico's second-largest city, Guadalajara, on Wednesday, in what appeared to be the latest atrocity by the country's most brutal drug cartel.

Thought to have been carried out by the Zetas gang, it was one of the biggest mass beheadings in the recent history of Mexico, where decapitations have become alarmingly common.

The bodies and heads

Zetas cartel, a criminal militia led by former Mexican soldiers and blamed for some of the worst atrocities in Mexico's drug war.

Guadalajara, known for its high-tech industry, mariachi bands and tequila, has been a strategic base for drug traffickers since the 1980s.

Violence has flared in the once-tranquil city as the Zetas moved in to challenge the smuggling turf of other gangs in western Mexico.

Soldiers arrested a high-



Police and forensic technicians stand near one of two cars containing the remains of ten people in the parking lot of the morgue in Guadalajara on 9 May, 2012. —REUTERS

were stuffed into two vehicles abandoned on the side of a highway in the small town of Ixtlahuacan de los Membrillos, said Tomas Coronado, chief prosecutor for the state of Jalisco.

Some of the bodies had been refrigerated before they were dumped, Coronado said.

A policeman at the scene in Ixtlahuacan said some victims had been so badly mutilated that officers could not determine whether they were male or female.

The officer said a note by the bodies was signed by the

ranking member of the powerful Sinaloa Cartel in the city in March, causing his supporters to block streets with 25 burning cars and trucks.

Ixtlahuacan de los Membrillos lies 18 miles south of the centre of Guadalajara on the road to Lake Chapala, a site popular with foreign tourists and American retirees.

Attacks between the Zetas and their rivals have flared up across Mexico since the beginning of the year.

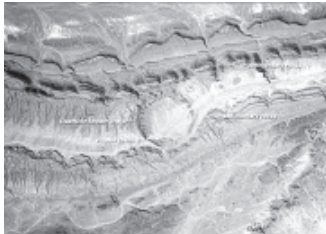
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Asteroid impact crater snapped from space

WASHINGTON, 10 May— A heavily eroded asteroid impact crater in Algeria, difficult to visualize on the ground, was photographed from the *International Space Station*, scientists say.

The 2.2-mile-wide Ouarkiz Crater in northwestern Algeria, near the border with



Ouarkiz Crater in Algeria.—INTERNET

Morocco, was photographed 21 April by the space station's Expedition 30 crew, which has since returned to Earth, OurAmazingPlanet reported on Tuesday.

The crater is the result of the impact of an asteroid on the Earth around 70 million years ago, scientists said.

The crater is younger than the surrounding rocks, they said, although a stream channel cutting across the centre of the crater was created some time after the impact.

The Ouarkiz asteroid would have been considerably smaller, they said, than the roughly 6-mile diameter asteroid that struck the Earth near Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula 65 million years ago, usually implicated in the extinction of the dinosaurs.

That impact resulted in a crater about 110 miles wide.—*Internet*

Light from distant 'super Earth' detected

PASADENA, 10 May— NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope has, for the first time, detected light emanating from a so-called super-Earth planet beyond our solar system, scientists say.

Although the planet is not habitable, detecting it is a historic step in the ongoing search for signs of life on other planets, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, said on Tuesday.

Super Earths are more massive than Earth but lighter than gas giants like Neptune. In visible light, such planets are lost in the glare of their

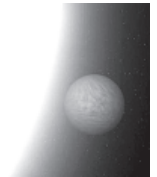
stars, but using infrared light the Spitzer telescope was able to detect the super Earth.

The planet, about twice as big and eight times as massive as Earth, orbits a bright star called 55 Cancri in a mere 18 hours.

Spitzer measurements of the infrared light coming from the planet reveal it is likely dark, and its sun-facing side is more than 3,140 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to melt metal.

At 41 light-years away, the 55 Cancri system of five planets is relatively close to Earth.

Of the planets in the star's



Artist's impression of a super Earth orbiting close to its star.

INTERNET

system, the planet detected by the Spitzer telescope, 55 Cancri e, is closest to the star and tidally locked, so one side always faces the star, astronomers said.

Internet

Toyota to sell electric SUV in California

LOS ANGELES, 10 May— Toyota says it will introduce an all-electric sport utility vehicle, a crossover Rav4 model, but will only sell it in four California cities for the time being.

The automaker said it plans to sell just 23,600 over the next three years, CNN reported on Monday.

The Rav4 EV, selling for \$49,800, will have a driving range of approximately 100 miles with an expected 6 hour charge time on a 240 volt charger, Toyota said.

In comparison, the most expensive gasoline-powered Rav4 carries a \$29,000 base price.

Rav4 EV Buyers will find features like heated seats and an 8-inch touch-sensitive computer screen included in the list price, which does not take into account a \$7,500 federal tax credit for purchasing a plug-in vehicle and a \$2,500 California tax credit.

"It's designed for consumers who prioritize the environment and appreciate performance," Bob Carter, group vice president of Toyota Motors Sales USA's Toyota division,

Toyota Rav4 EV. INTERNET



said. "We look forward to seeing how the market responds."

Toyota will build the vehicles but the batteries and electric drive systems will be provided by California-based electric car maker Tesla Motors, CNN reported.—*Internet*

Pocket fuel cell can charge cellphones

WILMINGTON, 10 May— A US company says its portable, pocket-size fuel cells can charge a smartphone a dozen times before they need refilling with butane.



Lilliputian's portable fuel cell can charge a cellphone between 10 to 14 times with one replaceable cartridge.

INTERNET

Lilliputian Systems, based in Massachusetts, said it had signed an agreement with retailer Brookstone to carry its portable USB power source, which will be sold

under Brookstone's brand.

The fuel cell is about the size of a thick smartphone while the lighter fluid-filled refill cartridges are about the same size as a cigarette lighter, CNET.com reported on Tuesday.

The fuel cell can charge any device that has a USB cable, its maker said.

Lilliputian Systems is the

first company to deposit a solid oxide fuel cell membrane onto a silicon wafer, Mouli Ramani, vice president of business development, said.

Lilliputian expects the idea of portable power will be attractive to travelers, college students and even teenagers who spend a lot of time with mobile devices.

"Anyone who wants to be liberated from sticking a phone into a wall outlet," Ramani said.—*Internet*

China to timely expand TD-LTE trial scale

BEIJING, 10 May— China will timely expand the trial scale for the nation's fourth-generation (4G) telecommunications technology — TD-LTE, to speed up the sector's development, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology

(MIIT) said on Tuesday.

The statement came after the MIIT in February approved the second stage of the TD-LTE trial, during which the focus will be testing system equipment based on multi-mode chipsets that support a comprehensive range of telecommunications and data communication standards.

TD-LTE, or "Time Division-Long Term Evolution," can substantially lower bandwidth costs and allow faster broadband wireless services than the current 3G network.

The country will work to make breakthroughs in the sector's key technologies, narrow its gap with LTEFDD in Europe, and promote the

technology to go global, MIIT Minister Miao Wei said.

China is the major promoter of the TD-LTE standard and a major owner of the standard's core patents. China Mobile, the country's largest wireless service provider, has been pushing for the TD-LTE to become a globally accepted standard.

As China's self-developed 3G TD-SCDMA standard has missed the opportunity to see large scale application outside the country, the TD-LTE equipment manufacturers and operators should join hands in grabbing a share in the global market, Miao said.

Xinhua

How Internet detectives, and others, find out where you live

BRUSSELS, 10 May— An explosion of people checking into social networks is being exploited by mobile application makers and private detectives, who say they can use people's online chatter and photos to track them and find out where they live.

In March, Apple (AAPL.O) stopped downloads of a "stalker" mobile application that told men where women around them were "hanging out", using only publicly available information from social networks. But other readily available apps can do the same and more, say online investigators who use them.

When a person uses a mobile phone to post a tweet on Twitter or upload a photo to the image-hosting website Flickr, sometimes so-called geolocation data can be found lurking underneath the tweet or photo. This can be used to track down their local haunts, including their home or where they study. "It is quite easy sometimes to work out which house a tweet is

coming from," said Neil Smith, a former police officer turned online researcher in Britain.

Geolocation research is a fast evolving area as most applications are built on the back of freely available open-source software.

One of Smith's favourite applications was developed by 27-year-old Greek IT engineer Ioannis Kakavas, who aptly called his invention Creepy.

The free app collates geolocation data attached to a person's tweets and pictures to figure out where they might work, said Smith, who says he uses it to track down perpetrators of insurance fraud for corporate clients.

Police officers in Vancouver, Canada and in Arizona and Colorado in the United States also say they have used Creepy in their investigations.

An array of social networks like Twitter, Foursquare, Twitpic, Flickr, YFrog, Gowalla, and Lockerz can provide such geolocation data, Kakavas said.—*Reuters*

John Beck, Oshkosh Corporation chief engineer for Unmanned Systems, demonstrates a remote steering device for the TerraMax autonomous vehicle on a test course outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on 1 March, 2012.

INTERNET



People use computers at an internet cafe in Hefei, Anhui Province on 8 June, 2010.

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Health Tip: Seniors need their nutrients

Everyone should eat a healthy, balanced and nutrient-rich diet, especially seniors, who have special nutritional needs.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics says these nutrients are especially important as we get older:

- * Vitamin D and calcium, through fortified foods, low-fat dairy products, leafy green vegetables and fish.
- * Vitamin B12, through fish, seafood, lean meats and vitamin B12-fortified cereals.
- * Fiber, through fruits, vegetables and whole grains.
- * Potassium, through fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products.
- * Polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fats, rather than saturated or trans fats.

Internet



A man counts money after withdrawing it from an ATM in Jammu on 14 October, 2008.—INTERNET

ICICI Bank raises foreign currency deposit rates

NEW DELHI, 10 May—ICICI Bank, India's No 2 lender, raises foreign currency deposit rates by up to 175 basis points, effective on 8 May. It raised rates for 1 to 2 year tenure by 75 basis points and for 3 to 5 year tenure by 175 basis points.

Last week, the RBI announced measures on Friday to bolster foreign currency inflows following a sharp fall in the rupee.—Reuters

Long commutes hurt heart, health

ST LOUIS, 10 May—Longer commute times are associated with decreased cardiorespiratory fitness, increased weight and worse metabolic risk, US researchers say.

Lead investigator Christine M Hoehner of Washington University in St Louis and colleagues studied 4,297 residents who lived and worked in 11 Texas counties in the Dallas-Fort Worth or Austin metropolitan areas.

Cardiorespiratory fitness, body mass index and metabolic risk variables including waist circumference, fasting triglycerides, fasting plasma glucose, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol and blood pressure, were measured and participants were asked about physical activity.

The study, scheduled to be published in the June issue of *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, found those who drove longer distances to work reported less frequent participation in moderate to vigorous physical

activity and decreased cardiorespiratory fitness and had greater BMI, waist circumference and blood pressure.

The association remained when physical activity and cardiorespiratory fitness were adjusted for, although to a lesser degree for BMI and waist circumference.

Employees who commuted more than 15 miles to work were less likely to meet recommendations for moderate to vigorous physical activity, and had a higher likelihood of obesity, while commuting distances greater than 10 miles were associated with high blood pressure.

"Both BMI and waist circumference were associated with commuting distance even after adjustment of physical activity and cardiorespiratory fitness, suggesting that a longer commuting distance may lead to a reduction in overall energy expenditure," Hoehner said in a statement. Internet

Toyota to treble profit this year as sales accelerate

TOKYO, 10 May—Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T), Japan's top automaker, expects to treble its operating profit this year to more than \$12.5 billion, its highest since the financial crisis sent the global car industry skidding.

Operating profit jumped more than five-fold in January-March to 238.5 billion yen (2.99 billion), beating a consensus estimate of 223 billion yen, as vehicle production recovers from

disruptions caused by last year's natural disasters.

Fourth-quarter net profit jumped to 121 billion yen from 25.4 billion yen a year ago. For the year to next March, Toyota forecast operating profit would rise to 1 trillion yen, ahead of recent consensus forecasts for 990 billion yen. It sees net profit rising to 760 billion yen from 284 billion yen in the year just ended. The expected profit rebound comes as Toyota's

A man looks at Toyota Motor's vehicle displayed at the company showroom in Tokyo on 22 March, 2012.—INTERNET



sales recover strongly after supply chain disruptions from both the earthquake and tsunami in Japan and floods in Thailand last year. With robust top-line growth given in the current year, Toyota is looking to squeeze further cost cuts in a battle to offset the yen's renewed strength.

Despite the pain of building cars at home with the dollar far below the 85 yen breakeven level in Japan, Toyota has committed to build at least 3 million vehicles a year at its domestic factories - roughly triple the output at local rivals Nissan Motor Co (7201.T) and Honda Motor Co.

Toyota last month unveiled a new scheme aimed at slashing development costs by more than a fifth, in part by using more shared components. It is also

renewing efforts to step up its manufacturing efficiencies - something executives concede fell by the wayside when the company raced to add factory lines to meet soaring demand before the global financial crisis brought growth to a shuddering halt.

Toyota shares have gained more than a third since the broad market trough in late-November, outperforming local rivals Nissan (7201.T) and Honda (7267.T). US competitors General Motors (GM.N) and Ford (F.N) and Volkswagen, but lagging BMW's 41 percent jump. The main Topix share index .TOPX is up by a tenth over the same period.

Toyota closed flat on Wednesday ahead of the earnings in a broader Topix market that fell 1.4 percent. Reuters

Indonesia may limit gas export quota as domestic demand rises

JAKARTA, 10 May—The Indonesian government may limit the amount of natural gas shipped to overseas as the domestic demand on the commodity rises, a minister has said.

Rising economic activities had pushed demand on energy that power plants, fertilizer, manufacturing and transportation need more gas.

"The government will be careful [in deciding on the amount of natural gas] for new export contracts. Let's not make it too much because domestic industries also need

it," Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Jero Wacik was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.

According to Jero, domestic consumers are now able to buy more than 50 percent of the 7,500-8,000 million standard cubic feet per day (MMSCFD) of gas production at economic prices.

The government would also continue to improve infrastructure construction for better domestic gas distribution, he said. "Gas use will lessen the government's reliance on fuel subsidies," he said.—Xinhua

US fuel consumption continues to fall in first quarter of 2012

HOUSTON, 10 May—US crude oil and liquid fuel consumption continued to display weakness in the first quarter this year, falling by 670 barrels per day, or 3.5 percent, from the same period last year, according to a report released by the US Energy Administration Agency (EIA) on Tuesday.

Total US fuel consumption fell 340 thousand bbl/d, or 1.8 percent, last year, with motor gasoline consumption accounting for the bulk of that decline, shrinking by 260, the EIA said in its monthly short-term

energy outlook report.

In the first quarter this year, US motor gasoline consumption declined by 150 thousand barrels a day, as Americans drivers felt the pressure of higher retail gasoline prices.

Distillate fuel consumption also shrank by 150 thousand bbl/d, largely due to unusually warm weather, the EIA report said.

For the rest of 2012, EIA expected more moderate year-over-year declines in motor gasoline consumption, averaging about 30 thousand bbl/d.—Xinhua



This 20 April, 2012, file photo, shows a gas pump displaying a \$100 sale in Barre Vt.—INTERNET

S Korean brokerages' earnings down 19.2 pct in 2011

SEOUL, 10 May—Securities firms in South Korea saw their earnings for the first year 2011 drop 19.2 percent from a year earlier due to stock-related loss and reduction in commission profits, the financial watchdog said on Wednesday. The combined net profit of 62 local and foreign securities firms operating in South Korea came in at 2.27 trillion won (1.99 billion US dollars) in the fiscal year ending 30 March, down 19.2 percent from a year before, according to the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS).

The contraction came as stock-related profit swung to the red, which reached a net loss of 293.2 billion won last year, a turnaround from a net profit of 742.1 billion won the previous year. The local stock market saw its volatility heightened last year due to external uncertainties such as Europe's debt crisis and the downgrade of the US sovereign credit rating.

Commission-related profits declined 3.5 percent

on-year to 7.93 trillion won in the fiscal year as a growth in trust commission profits was offset by a drop in commission profits coming from securities sales and brokerage services.

Korea Investment & Securities was the best performer with its net profit reaching 220 billion won last year. Daewoo Securities came next with 172.7 billion won, and Woori Investment & Securities trailed it with 168 billion won.

Total assets held by the brokerages expanded 18.9 percent on-year to 237.6 trillion won as of the end of March, with total debts growing 20.5 percent to 195.5 trillion won.

The net capital ratio, a key gauge of financial soundness, jumped 66.3 percentage points on-year to 620.7 percent as of end-March as some large-sized securities firms raised equity capital in preparation for the possible launch of investment banking (IB) business.—Xinhua

Costa launches new safety measures after grounding

ROME, 10 May—Italian cruise line Costa Crociere SpA unveiled new safety measures Saturday following the deadly grounding of its ship off Tuscany, saying it will now have real-time tracking of its ships' routes and will impose limits on its captains' absolute authority. The measures seek to respond to many of the problems involved in the Costa Concordia disaster: The ship rammed into a reef 13 Jan after the captain veered off course in an apparent stunt, and then capsized off the island of Giglio, killing 32 people.

Many passengers complained they hadn't received safety evacuation training, even though they had boarded days before. Costa says such training will now be provided before passengers even board, and that a monitoring system will flag passengers who missed out and encourage them to take a make-up session. Passengers also said the captain delayed the evacuation alarm for nearly an hour after the initial grounding until the ship was listing so perilously that lifeboats couldn't be lowered down.

Costa said new bridge procedures stipulate that the captain isn't the only one who issues orders. Members of his team also take part in making decisions, particularly during special navigation procedures like pulling into port, Costa said. *The Concordia* captain, Francesco Schettino, is under house arrest, accused of manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning the ship before all passengers had been



The euro 510-million (\$670-million) Costa Fascinosa cruise ship, that with a capacity of 3,800 passengers is now the largest Italian-flagged cruise ship, is seen on the occasion of its unveiling in Venice, Italy, on 5 May, 2012.—INTERNET

evacuated. He is accused of taking the ship off its charted course to bring it closer to Giglio in an apparent flyby. He claims the reef he hit—identified on all tourist maps of Giglio—wasn't on his nautical charts. Costa has said Schettino's route change was unknown to the company and unauthorized.

To ensure such a maneuver doesn't happen again, Costa said it was launching a fleet-wide monitoring system that allows the company to follow the routes of its vessels in real-time and pinpoint the exact location of each ship to detect any unexpected changes in course.—*Internet*

SANAA, 10 May—As Yemen struggles to shake off ex-President Ali Abdullah Saleh's legacy, the United States has intensified drone strikes on al-Qaeda-linked militants, although some Yemeni officials fear this may only fuel instability.

This week alone, US officials said they had seized a bomb that was to have been used by Yemen-based militants to attack an airliner, two al-Qaeda men were killed in an apparently related drone strike, and Islamist fighters killed at least 32 Yemeni soldiers when they assaulted an army post in the south. Saleh's former deputy, Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, who replaced him as president under an internationally-backed, but still shaky, political transition deal, faces a tough dilemma.

He must meet the challenge from emboldened Islamist militants who have exploited more than a year of mayhem to seize and hold towns for the first time, and cannot afford to alienate the United States, one of Yemen's main allies, as it combats what it views as al-Qaeda's potentially deadliest wing.

Yet US drone attacks, which have often killed civilians in the past, are resented by Yemenis, even the many who abhor al-Qaeda. Suspicions that feuding generals and politicians, from Saleh down, are not averse to using the militants to advance their own ends also complicate efforts to combat them.

The violence has spiraled since Hadi took power in February vowing to fight al-Qaeda's foothold in Yemen, a desperately poor, water-stressed country mired in multiple conflicts exacerbated by decades of corruption and misrule.—*Reuters*

US drone attacks in Yemen cause political strain

\$17M settlement in deadly Philly duck boat crash

PHILADELPHIA, 10 May—The families of two Hungarian students killed two years ago when a tugboat-guided barge slammed into and sank their amphibious sightseeing boat in the Delaware River will split \$15 million after a settlement was reached Wednesday, just days into a federal wrongful-death trial that had been expected to last a month.

Eighteen surviving passengers will share in \$2 million in the deal, which was approved by a judge after two days of testimony.

The victims' families were on a plane returning to Hungary and were unaware a settlement had been reached, but their attorney Robert Mongeluzzi said they were "deeply grateful to the court for recognizing that their children were important and did not deserve to die in vain."

Szabolcs Prem, 20, and Dora Schwendner, 16, whose group was visiting the US through a church exchange programme, drowned when their amphibious sightseeing boat, called a duck boat, was slammed by the empty sludge barge and capsized on 7 July, 2010. Their families filed wrongful-death lawsuits against K-Sea Transpor-



In this 9 July, 2010 file photo, a craft is salvaged from the Delaware River in Philadelphia. Just days before a civil wrongful death lawsuit goes to federal court, attorneys for the parents of two Hungarian students killed when a barge slammed into a tour boat in Philadelphia nearly two years ago released a new video of the crash.—INTERNET

tation, of East Brunswick, NJ, which operated the tugboat guiding the barge upriver, and Ride the Ducks, of Norcross, Ga, which operated the tour boat.

Before the wrongful-death case could proceed, however, US District Judge O'Neill was to determine whether a limit should be set on the financial liability of the two boat owners. K-Sea and Ride the Ducks, citing an 1851 maritime law, wanted their financial liability capped at the value of their vessels involved in the crash: \$1.65 million for the tug and \$150,000 for the duck boat.—*Internet*

Chad soldier fires on French troops, one hurt

N'DJAMENA, 10 May—A man thought to be a Chadian soldier shot at two French soldiers as they left a military base near the capital N'Djamena on Wednesday, injuring one troop in the elbow, officials said.

"The two French soldiers left their base in a vehicle," a French embassy official in Chad told AFP. "As they were about to take a main road, someone riding a motorcycle fired four times in the direction of the French soldiers, hitting one in the elbow." A local police officer said the shooter



French soldiers sit inside a tank as they secure the airport of N'Djamena in 2008.—INTERNET

was a Chadian soldier and had been arrested. The wounded soldier was taken to a French medical office and was due to

Britain to make U-turn on defence jet upgrade

LONDON, 10 May—Britain was on Thursday to announce it was scrapping plans to buy the preferred fighter jet for its two new aircraft carriers due to delays and spiraling costs, the BBC reported.

Prime Minister David Cameron had wanted the more capable F-35C joint strike fighter (JSF), which required catapults and arrester gear to be fitted to the Royal Navy carriers, but has now signed off a decision to use the F-35B, a jump-jet variant, the BBC said. The US-built F-35C was favoured as it has a longer range and can carry more weapons. But it is running over budget and falling further behind schedule.

Also, the costs of fitting "cats and traps" to the carriers is believed to have risen from around £400 million

(\$645 million, 500 million euros) to almost £2 billion.

Defence Secretary Philip Hammond will on Thursday announce the decision to use the F-35B jet, which only requires a short ramp to land and take off, according to the BBC report.

The initial plan to go for the F-35C instead of the F-35B favoured by the former Labour government formed the centre-piece of the coalition government's 2010 Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR). Labour looks set to pounce on the government's expected climbdown.

"This is a personal humiliation for David Cameron, who will have to return to Labour's policy, which he previously condemned," said shadow defence secretary Jim Murphy said.—*Internet*



Image released by the US Navy Visual News Service in 2011 shows an F-35B. Britain was on Thursday to announce it was scrapping plans to buy the preferred fighter jet for its two new aircraft carriers due to delays and spiraling costs, the BBC reported.—INTERNET

Experts go to Mt Annapurna to investigate flood cause in W Nepal

KATHMANDU, 10 May—A team of geology experts with technical assistance from the Trekking Agents Association of Nepal have set out to investigate the cause of Saturday's flash flood in the Seti river in western Nepal.

The team is expected to visit the location of the reported landslide, somewhere close to the Annapurna range, which triggered the devastating flood. The exact location of the "landslide", let alone its magnitude, remains unknown as of now. "The flood was unexpected and its actual cause cannot be learnt unless we visit the location", the team leader Krishna KC, the head of the Geology Department of the campus, was quoted by Thursday's *The Kathmandu Post* as saying.

He said the team expects to determine the cause of the flood and make necessary assessment of its impacts in the future.

In an interaction at the campus on Wednesday, one of the experts suggested that continuous rainfall in the Annapurna region a couple of weeks ago may have triggered the "landslide". Other participants conjectured that rainfall and snowfall in the region may have taken a form of a reservoir that resulted in the flood.

Arunbhakta Shrestha, a climate change expert for the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, said the nature of the Seti flood remains sketchy so far and that visiting the source could only bring out the truth.—*Xinhua*

while in military uniform. They were riding in a civilian vehicle with French military plates.

"At a stop, an individual opened fire with a handgun," said Colonel Thierry Burkhard, adding the shooter was a former military member.

He said an enquiry was underway in conjunction with Chad authorities. The French have maintained a presence of about 950 men as well as fighter jets in Chad since 1986.

France's presence in its former colony is resented by part of the population, who feel France is too involved in the central African nation's decisions.—*Internet*

Noblest task for purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of Buddha Sasana

Ba Sein
(Religious Affairs)

In order to carefully preserve the noblest tasks for purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of the Buddha Sasana (teachings of the Omniscient Buddha) at home and abroad, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar always attaches great importance to the implementation of this noble task.

In this regard, we all Buddhists throughout the country are very pleased and greatly honoured to learn that the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued the Notification No. 1/2012 regarding presenting religious titles on the 64th Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which falls on the 4th January 2012.

According to the Notification No. 1/2012 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the respective religious titles were presented as follows to internal and international outstanding Buddhist monks, Buddhist nuns and laypersons who earnestly carried out the noble task for promotion, purification, perpetuation and propagation of Buddha Sasana at home and abroad—

Religious titles for distinctively fulfilling two Dhuras (duties), Gantha Dhura (duty of learning and teaching of the Pitaka Scriptures) and Vipassana Dhura (duty of engaging in meditation)

- (a) Abhidhajamaharathaguru title to four eminent Mahatheras (Chief monks)
- (b) Aggamahapandita title to ten eminent Mahatheras

- including two Mahatheras from abroad, one from Sri Lanka and one from England
- (c) Dhammakatika Bahujanahitadhara title to five eminent monks
- (d) Aggamahaganthavaçakapandita title to nine eminent monks and two eminent nuns
- (e) Mahaganthavaçakapandita title to four eminent monks and one eminent nun
- (f) Ganthavaçakapandita title to twenty-three eminent monks and four eminent nuns including one from abroad, Nepal.

Religious titles for excellent missionary works on Buddhism

Both internal and international outstanding Buddhist monks, nuns and laypersons who distinctively carried out the noble task of the excellent missionary works on Buddhism at home and abroad were presented these religious titles as follows,

- (a) Abhidhaja-aggamahasaddhammajotika title to four eminent Mahatheras (Chief Monks)
- (b) Aggamahasaddhammajotikadhaja title to fifteen eminent monks including four eminent monks from abroad—one from Laos, one from the People's Republic of China, one from the United States of America and one from UK
- (c) Mahasaddhammajotikadhaja title to thirteen eminent monks including one eminent monk from abroad, USA

- (d) Saddhammajotikadhaja title to twenty-eight eminent monks, one eminent nuns and one laypersons including six eminent monks from abroad—one from the People's Republic of China, one from Nepal, one from Cambodia, one from Sri Lanka and two from India
- (e) Kammathanaçariya title to six eminent monks.

Religious titles for excellent missionary works on Buddhism (only for laypersons)

The outstanding laypersons who generously donated and provided the four requisites for the noble task of excellent works on Buddhism at home and from abroad were presented the respective religious titles as follows. It is learnt that these religious titles have been presented since 1991.

- For male
 - (a) Sirisudhammanijotadhara title to two laypersons
 - (b) Sihasudhammanijotadhara title to three laypersons
 - (c) Sudhammanijotadhara title to three laypersons
- For female
 - (a) Aggamahasisudhamma Theingi title to two laypersons
 - (b) Sirisudhamma Theingi title to two laypersons
 - (c) Sihasudhamma Theingi title to three laypersons
 - (d) Sudhamma Theingi title to fifteen laypersons.

Myanmar entrepreneurs invited to SHRM 2012 Annual Conference & Exposition

YANGON, 10 May—While world big countries relax economic sanctions imposed by world super power countries due to political progress of Myanmar, Society for Human Resource Management invites Myanmar entrepreneurs to attend the SHRM 2012 Annual Conference & Exposition for the second time, according to BOHS Company of Bagaya Condominium in Sangyoung Township.

The entrepreneurs will have the opportunities to exchange knowledge about human resources with experts from various countries, meet with business leaders of international community and decision makers, observe latest products at over 2000 booths at a time and visit the significant places of the United States of America.

The conference will be held at Atlanta City of Georgia State of the US from 24 to 27 June. The trip will last 19 days.

Ko Gyi Tha

Continuous nursing education talked in Mawlamyine



Talks on continuous nursing education in progress.

MAWLAMYINE, 10 May—Organized by Myanmar Nurses and Midwives Association (Central), the talks on continuous nursing education was held at the hall of Nursing and Midwifery Training School in Mawlamyine of Mon State on 2 April morning.

At first, Mon State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Hla Oo delivered an address. Then, Head of Mon State Health Department Dr Aye Nyein made a speech.

Education Work Group of the Myanmar Nurses and Midwives Association (Central) Vice-Chairperson Professor Daw Yin Mya gave an introductory speech.

Assistant Director Daw Ngwe Kyawt of Mon State Association extended greetings. Next, Professor Daw Yin Mya gave talks on Closing the Gap from Evidence to Action and Nursing Ethics and Executive Daw Khin Mar Shwe of the Myanmar Nurses and Midwives Association (Central) on Non-Communicable Diseases and Role of Nurses in Disaster Management at the talks.

Health

Trophies handed over in Dagon Myothit (South) Township

YANGON, 10 May—A Myint Lwin made a speech. Leader of the choral dancer troupe Secretary of Township Thabin Asiayon U Min Thein recounted their experiences in contest. Next, he handed over the trophies to the Township Administrator.

Two male choral dancer troupes of Dagon Myothit (South) Township secured trophies in the contest of Mayor's Pandal.

Myanma Alin



Fares of ship trips changed for tourists

MANDALAY, 10 May—Fares of ship were changed for foreigners at ships of Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport, as of 1 April 2012.

On the routes of Ayeyawady Branch (Mandalay), fares rose to 15 US\$ from 10 US\$ on Mandalay-Nyaung U trip, 12 US\$ from 9 US\$ on Mandalay-Bhamo trip, and 9 US\$ from 7 US\$ on Mandalay-Katha trip.

Collection of fares are based on mileage system. So, fare is collected 8 US\$ per 172 miles long Yangon-Pathein trip. Indeed, the fare is cheaper than values of souvenirs, said tourists. In 2010-2011, over 13000 tourists took vessels of Ayeyawady and Delta branches.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

DISTRICT NEWS



RESPECTS PAID TO TEACHERS: The third respect paying ceremony was held at Mya Pan Thazin Hall of No. 4 Basic Education High School (former St Francis School) in Tamway Township on 1 May. Old students led by Headmistress Daw Khin Khin Hsint, Organizing Committee Chairman Daw Myint Thein Thein Htay, Vice-Chairman Daw Kyi Kyi Aye and Secretary Daw Myint Myint Than pay respects to 92 older teachers.

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 Union Election Commission
 Nay Pyi Taw
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Permission granted to Tailai (Red Shan) Nationalities Development Party (TNDP) for registration as political party

Tailai (Red Shan) Nationalities Development Party (TNDP) headquartered at No (Da-1/70-Kha), Gangaw street, between 40thx41st and 67thx68th streets, Mahamyaing (1) Ward, Mahaungmyay Township, Mandalay Region, was allowed to register as political party as of 10 May, 2012 in accord with Section 9 of Political Parties Registration Law.

The registration number of TNDP is 53.

By order,
 Win Ko
 Secretary
 Union Election Commission

Union EP-2 Minister receives ADB Director-General

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe received Director-General of Asia Development Bank Mr Kunio Senga and party at his office this afternoon.

They discussed matters related to the repairing and upgrading of the power supply system of

Yanlong, fulfilling of increased electricity consumption by building gas-fired power plant and coal-fired power plant, ADB's feasibility study for constructing 500-KV power line for Myanmar's power supply system and continued plans for ADB's assistance for other projects.

MNA

Union Health Minister receives Global Women's Affairs Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received a delegation led by Global Women's Affairs Ambassador Melanne Vermeer at his office here on 8 May.

During the meeting, they discussed matters on cooperation in maternal and child health care services, promotion for reproductive health care services and human resources development for the health sector.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tun Naing Oo, Director-General of the Medical Science Department Dr Than Zaw Myint, Deputy Director-General of the Health Department Dr Thein Their Htay (Public Health) and officials concerned.—MNA



CBM Governor receives World Bank East Asia and Pacific Region Director

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar under Ministry of Finance and Revenue U Than Nyein received East Asian and Pacific Region Director Mr Tunc Tahsin Uyanik of World Bank and party at his office

this afternoon.

The meeting, also attended by the vice-governor and division heads of the CBM, focused on help for economic and monetary development in Myanmar.

MNA

Duties assigned for implementation of plans at Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—A ceremony to assign duties was held in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area for implementation of annual plans in 2012-2013 fiscal years at the office of Nay Pyi Taw Council, here, yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister at the President Office

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt said that implementation of the plans exceeded the target in 2011-2012 fiscal year which is the first year of the fifth five-year short-term plan. He stressed the need to exceed the implementation of the plans in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Deputy Director U

Maung Maung of Nay Pyi Taw Planning Department reported on annual plans of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area in 2012-2013 fiscal year approved in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The Chairman of the council presented assignments to township administrators and departmental officials.—MNA

Union Finance and Revenue Minister receives guests



NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received Mr. Tony Shale, Chief Executive Officer (Asia) of Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC, and party at his office yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters on related to conducting workshops and trainings for development of the monetary sector in Myanmar and technical assistance from Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC and development of a bond market in Myanmar.

Similarly, Union Minister U Hla Tun held talks with Mr. M Wahidul Haque, Chairman of AB Bank Ltd of Bangladesh and party at his office yesterday over development of the monetary sector between Myanmar-Bangladesh and cooperations, matters related to border trade and further cooperation between banks of the two countries.

The Union Minister also held a meeting with Member of the House of Lord of Britain Mr. Lord Waverley yesterday.

During the meeting with Mr. Lord Waverley, they

discussed matters of suspension of sanctions imposed by the US and European Union, technical assistance for tax reforms and cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister U Win Than, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials concerned.

MNA

Union Minister receives Qatar Airways officials

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan received Senior Vice-President Mr Robert Yang of East Asia and South West Pacific Qatar Airways, Manager Mr Joegendra Charies Rajadurai based in Myanmar, Cambodia and Thailand and party at his office here this morning.

The meeting focused on

Doha-Yangon-Yangon flights to be flown by A-319 and A-320 of Qatar Airways thrice a week as of 3 October this year and daily starting 25 days later and extensive flying of B-777 if with increased demand.

The Union Minister welcomed the launching of flight schedule, saying his ministry is aiming the development of Myanmar's

tourism sector and suggesting Qatar Airways to manage direct flights to Ngapali (Thandwe), Heho and Bagan.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister U Htay Aung, the directors-general, the managing director, the head of office and senior departmental officials.

MNA

Sites for port, river-water pumping tasks inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint inspected the site chosen for construction of Hsimeegon Port near Hsimeegon Village, Myingyan Township, on 7

May. In meeting with the local people, he explained job opportunities and prospect for regional development as plans are under way to built Hsimeegon Port and

industrial zone. Then he inspected Hseiknyan river-water pumping project near Hseiknyan Village and left instructions on maintenance tasks.—MNA

Dy Home Affairs Minister receives De La Rue Director

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Chairman of Committee for Issuance of Myanmar Passport Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint received Director of Sales,

Solutions Keith Thomason of UK-based De La Rue Company and party at the ministry here this morning.

They discussed matters related to security of passport and cash. Also

present at the call were directors-general of General Administration Department and Special Investigation Department and officials of the committee.

MNA

Respect paid, merit shared, library opened



YANGON, 10 May—The respect paying ceremony, merit sharing ceremony for construction of Dhammayon and opening of Pyinnya Yaungchi self-reliant library were held at No. 152 on Shin

Saw Pu Road in Ward 3 of Hlithaya Township in Yangon North District on 29 April.

The respect paying ceremony was held at two-storey Sasana Yaungchi

Dhammayon. The congregation paid respects to 45 older persons of above 75 years old. Then, the merit sharing ceremony followed.

At the opening of Pyinnya Yaungchi self-reliant library, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Soe Moe Thu, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Htein Lin and Patron of Library Supervisory Committee U Kyaw Win formally opened the library.

Myamma Alin

AMBULANCEDONATED:

A group of friends namely U Khin Zaw, U Kyaw Kyaw Lin, U Thet Naing Oo and U Aung Thu of Muse hands over documents related to an ambulance to Baydalan Social Service Association of Aungchantha Village in Madaya Township to Patron of the association U Win Myaing.

KYEMON



DISTRICT NEWS

Talks on Building Unity in Diversity 12 May

YANGON, 10 May—The Comprehensive Development Education Centre-CDEC will arrange the talks on Building Unity in Diversity at Thiri Annawa Hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation at the corner of Sethmu Hsaywa and Bayintnaung Roads in West Gyogon Ward of Insein

Township at 2pm on 12 May. U Tin Maung Than (Social Economic Development Policy Observation Team), U Billy Kan Myat, Dr Nyo Nyo Thin and U Gyaw Gun will express their opinions on their points of views.

Any interested person may attend it.—Kyemon

362,165 GSMs, WCDMAs installed in regions

YANGON, 10 May—According to installation of GSM, WCDMA telephone project, a total of 362,165 lines of telephones have so far been installed in regions, said Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications.

In the list of installation, a total of 13516 GSM telephone and 2173 WCDMA telephones have been installed in Nay Pyi Taw, 27462 GSMs and 793 WCDMAs in Sagaing Region, 6019 GSMs and 633 WCDMAs in Taninthayi Region, 16428 GSMs and 813 WCDMAs in Bago Region (East), 12327 GSMs and 717 WCDMAs in Bago Region (West), 14615 GSMs and 1170 WCDMAs in Magway Region, 49785 GSMs and 869 WCDMAs outside Mandalay City and 8618 GSMs and 3420 WCDMAs inside the city, 32157 GSMs and 2000 WCDMAs in Yangon Region (outside), 125794 GSMs and 21684 WCDMAs in Yangon Region (local), 315 GSMs and 365 WCDMAs at Mobile Phone

Exchange of Head Office, 20139 GSMs and 355 WCDMAs in Ayeyawady Region, totalling 327,173 GSMs and 34,992 WCDMAs.

With regard to mobile phone Internet service, installation charge for GSM 2.75G (EDGE) was set for K10,000 and K4 per minute in the past. At present, charge of Internet installation is set for K10,000 and K2 per minute for application. Charge of Internet at WCDMA (3G) does not change for K10,000 and K4 per minute up to now. Installation charge of Internet at CDMA 800 (EVDO) was reduced from K30,000 and K4 per minute to K10,000 and K4 per minute for application.—Kyemon

Cash donated to fund of Home for the Aged



MANDALAY, 10 May—A ceremony to set up the fund of Home for the Aged at the foot of Mandalay Hill was held at the home on 1 May morning.

The Deputy Chief Editor and staff of Sub-printing House (Mandalay) of News and Periodicals

Enterprise under the Ministry of Information donated K150,000 to the fund and K15,000 for the lunch to the administrator of the home.

Moreover, staff families donated refreshments for 74 older persons of the home to officials.—Nyunt Zaw (Sub-printing House-Mandalay)

Equipment for taking physical exercises installed at bund of Meiktila Lake

MEIKTILA, 10 May—Under the supervision of Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan, district and township level authorities installed equipment for health exercises for the local people

along the bund of south Meiktila Lake from Paukchaung Ward to Basic Education High School No. 1 in Nandaw Ward.

“I saw reinforced concrete posts and wire meshes along the bund on

Northern Lake in February. Now, we can see improvement of the bund on Southern Lake, erecting of reinforced concrete posts and fencing of wire meshes. Equipment of physical exercises have been installed there for the local people. It remains to install wire meshes there. Moreover, a plan is under way to grow shade trees and flowery plants along the ringroad of the bund. In Meiktila, a large number of people take physical exercises along the bund. The facilities provided at the bund of the lake benefit the local people and contribute to keeping Meiktila Lake clean and pleasant,” said a local people.—Kyemon

Photo shows equipment for taking physical exercises installed at bund of Southern Meiktila Lake in Meiktila.



Information for trafficking in person

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

In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as the 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.

UNIFORMS GIVEN: A ceremony to present uniforms to staff members of Tamway Township General Administration Department was held at the township administrative office on 3 May. Township Administrator U Thein Win presents uniforms worth K688,500 to staff members.—MYANMA ALIN



Township Writers Association formed in Thanlyin

YANGON, 10 May—The plenary meeting of Thanlyin Township Writers and Journalists Association of Yangon South District and the election of Township Writers Association were held at the office of Township Information and Public Relations Department on 29 April morning.

Patron of Township WJA U Myo Myint (Kyunchaung), Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Tin Htoo and Chairman of Township WJA U Saw Win

(Po Saw-Thanylin) made speeches.

Next, the meeting elected U Saw Win (Po Saw-Thanylin) as Chairman, U Maung Maung Oo (Thanlyin Maung Maung Oo) as vice-chairman, U Shwe Tin (Maung Nyo Hmaing-Thanylin) as secretary, Daw Moe Moe Thu (Kyi Mway Ein) as joint-secretary, U Zaw Pe (Maung Thway Yint) as treasurer and U Myo Myint (Cartoonist Equator) and U Thaw Win Kyi as executives of the new association.

Kyemon

Commerce graduates to organize workshop 13 May

YANGON, 10 May—The Myanmar Commerce Graduates Association will organize the workshop at 37/41 of the association on 50th street (lower block) in Botahtaung Township from 8 am to 12 noon on 13 May. The workshop is entitled

Module 16 Investments Property.

Those wishing to attend the workshop are to enlist at the association. For further information, may dial 291667, 09-73080269 and 09-5407553.

Kyemon

Puerto Rico aims to become fully bilingual by 2022



In this 10 July, 2010 file photo, Puerto Rico's Gov. Luis Fortuno speaks at an annual meeting of the National Governors Association in Boston.

INTERNET

SAN JUAN, 10 May—The governor of Puerto Rico is trying to do what more than a century of American citizenship has failed to accomplish: make Puerto Ricans fluent in English.

Gov Luis Fortuno, who has been mentioned as a possible Republican vice-presidential candidate, has proposed an ambitious, and what critics call far-fetched, plan to require all public schools to teach all courses in English instead of Spanish.

The US territory has had a long and contentious relationship with the English language, and many Puerto Ricans are skeptical about embracing it, fearing they will lose a key part of their identity and find themselves a step closer to statehood, a status that only about half of islanders have backed in recent polls. The governor wants Puerto Rico to become the 51st US state. But he says his plan is about economic necessity, not politics.

"Bilingualism opens doors and provides opportunity to our children so they can shine and become successful in a labor market that is increasingly competitive and globalized," he said. Only 12 of the island's 1,472 schools offer an all-English curriculum of the sort envisioned by Fortuno, while 35 other schools offer some courses in English, such as math and physical education, said Education Secretary Edwin Moreno.

"The main idea is to have a Puerto Rican who can communicate in Spanish as well as English," said Moreno, who acknowledged that he himself has an imperfect command of English.—*Internet*

Nigerian military arrests foreign 'oil thieves'

LAGOS, 10 May—Nigeria's military has arrested 21 Ghanians and five Nigerians for alleged oil theft as they operated two vessels in the country's main crude-producing region, authorities said on Tuesday.

The two vessels had a capacity of 650,000 metric tonnes of oil. A military spokesman said only one of the vessels was transporting oil at the time, but he could not give a figure for how much.

A joint military task force in the region "arrested 21 international oil thieves and five Nigerians on board vessels *MT Ani* and *MT Oso* with 650,000 metric tonnes capacity of crude oil," said Lieutenant Colonel Onyema Nwachukwu.

"The 21 non-Nigerians were Ghanians." The arrests



The Joint Task Force inspects a barge seized from oil thieves at Bodo waterways, Ogoniland in Rivers State in 2011.—INTERNET

occurred on Monday in Nigeria's Rivers State and were said to have occurred after a tip-off. The vessels were destroyed afterward.

Oil theft has been a growing problem in Nigeria, and Shell chief executive Peter Voser said last month

that there have been estimates that 150,000 barrels of oil and condensate is stolen in the country each day.

Nigeria, Africa's largest oil producer, has been producing between 2.0 and 2.4 million barrels per day in recent months.—*Internet*

Vietnam receives 2.5 m foreign visitors in first four months

HANOI, 10 May—Vietnam received 2.49 million foreign tourists in the first four months this year, up 22.9 percent year-on-year, according to a report by Vietnam's General Statistics Office on Thursday.

Of the total number, about 1.48 million visitors came to Vietnam for travel, posting an increase of 23 percent over the same period last year, said the report.

The number of visitors coming for business purpose were 429,500 person-times, up 26.7 percent and for visiting relatives were 441, 500 people, up 20.6 percent.

In April alone, the market witnessed a strong growth in number of Korean tourists to Vietnam with 71.1 percent increase over the same period last year. China still topped Vietnam's market of foreign tourists in the first four months with 513,200 person-times.—*Xinhua*



A passenger greets her friends as she gets off from the plane flying from Helsinki to Chongqing at Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport in Chongqing, southwest China, on 10 May, 2012.—XINHUA

South Africa eyes closer trade ties with EU

JOHANNESBURG, 10 May—South Africa's Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on Wednesday said the European Union (EU) is still South Africa's largest trade partner in the world.

The remark was made by the DTI Director General Lionel October as he spoke at the Europe Day celebration held here.

Europe Day is an opportunity for activities and festivities designed to bring the EU's institutions closer to the public. Speaking to the diplomats and African government officials, October highlighted that Pretoria's relations with the EU have matured over time and the organization "still remains the South Africa's largest trade partner in the world." According to the DTI, South Africa's export to the EU are growing and the composition of those export is becoming more diverse.

"We are gradually moving from mainly commodity-based products to a more diversified export," October said.

Xinhua

Autopsy delay clouds Peru dolphin die-off mystery



In this 28 April, 2012 photo, health ministry workers stand by carcasses of a pelicans on the shore of Pimentel beach in Chiclayo, Peru.—INTERNET

LIMA, (Peru), 10 May—The carcasses of dead pelicans still litter the beaches of northern Peru, even as the last of nearly 900 dolphins are cleared away.

The mass die-offs have Peruvian scientists searching for a cause and environmentalists raising questions about the government's ability to protect the Pacific nation's marine life, among the world's most abundant thanks to the Humboldt current that hugs most of its 1,500-mile (2,400-kilometre) coast.

S African rhinos at mercy of global smuggling network

PRETORIA, 10 May—Petty hunters, corrupt wildlife officials and Asian traffickers have all been snared in South Africa's crackdown on rhino poaching as special prosecutors battle syndicates feeding the trade in horns.

More than 160 people are currently before the courts, exposing the complex supply chain stretching from South African parks to Southeast Asian consumers, said Joanie Spies, a prosecutor with the Rhino Project.

"Slowly but surely we're moving upwards and getting higher people who did not pull the trigger," Spies told AFP.

The National Prosecuting Authority set up the team to help combat the dramatic surge in poaching that has seen more than 200 rhinos killed so far this year. The cases have exposed

corruption within the systems meant to protect the animals.

Private game owners, national park rangers and veterinarians have been arrested. Authorities have also caught pilots who flew helicopters to spot and dart the rhinos, and both small-time and professional hunters who shot them.

"There is a great level of organization involved," Spies said. Some rhinos are shot by small-time hunters hoping for a lucky break by capturing a horn that sells for more than its weight in gold in Asia, where it is used in traditional medicine.

Not all of these hunters know what they're doing. One man in April sawed off a horn from a fiberglass rhino serving as decor at a safari lodge.

Other rhinos are killed by professionals who have helicopter support in tracking

After weeks of study, investigators say they think they know why at least 4,450 pelicans have died: Hotter than usual ocean temperatures have driven a type of anchovy deeper into the sea, beyond the reach of many young pelicans.

But Peruvian scientists studying the deaths of dolphins and porpoises from early February to mid-April say it remains a mystery, due in part to the government's slowness in investigating the phenomenon.

Authorities were so late in gathering tissues from the mammals that crucial clues were likely lost, said the scientist heading the dolphin death probe, Armando Hung, head of the molecular biology lab at Cayetano Heredia University.

At the same time, local officials have been so slow in removing carcasses that the Health Ministry urged the public last weekend to stay away from beaches from Lima, the coastal capital, northward, though it did not identify any specific health issue.

Up and down the coast, disoriented pelicans have been seen standing on beaches where they don't normally alight. Some have even been seen walking along coastal roadways.

Beginning at the end of January, daily catches of about 5 tons of anchovetas a day by fishermen in the northern region of Lambayeque dwindled after they began finding the small fish dead on the beach, said Fernando Nique, president of the Puerto Eten fishermen's association.—*Internet*



File photo shows two white rhinoceros in Limpopo, South Africa. Petty hunters, corrupt wildlife officials and Asian traffickers have all been snared in South Africa's crackdown on rhino poaching as special prosecutors battle syndicates feeding the trade in horns.

INTERNET

and darting the animals before hunters shoot and dehorn them.

Whoever does the shooting, the horns can end up in the hands of the same Asian kingpins, Spies said.

Vietnamese and Thai nationals have been arrested for trying to smuggle horns abroad.

In one case, Thai national Chumlong

Lemtongtai faces trial for colluding with a South African game farm owner to stage legal trophy hunts.

He is accused of hiring Thai strippers and prostitutes as hunters who posed with the massive beasts' carcasses to document the kills to obtain some of the handful of legitimate export licenses for mounted rhino horns.

Internet

US drops plan to close rural post offices

WASHINGTON, 10 May—The US Postal Service said on Wednesday that it is abandoning for now its plan to close thousands of post offices in rural locations and instead will shorten their hours of operation.

The change represents a victory for US lawmakers and rural communities who created a backlash against the cash-strapped agency last summer when it began considering more than 3,600 post offices for closure this year.

Rather than shuttering offices starting next week, when a self-imposed moratorium on closings was set to end, the plan is to cut the operating hours of 13,000 locations with little traffic to between two and six hours a day.

"We've listened to our customers in rural America and we've heard them loud and clear - they want to keep their post offices open," said Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe. "There's no plan for closings at this point."

The new plan would save more money—roughly \$500 million annually compared to \$200 million under the old plan - and could placate some lawmakers in Washington who have been critical of the virtually bankrupt agency as it pushes for other controversial changes, such as ending Saturday mail or raising postage rates.

Reuters



Cindy Riesselman (L) and Deborah Meiners discuss the effects that the closing of the local post office would have on their town, in Dedham, Iowa, on 31 January, 2012.

REUTERS

S Korean C bank freezes key policy rate for 11 months

SEOUL, 10 May—The Bank of Korea (BOK) left its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 3.25 percent on Thursday, keeping its rate freeze stance for 11 straight months due to conflicting factors such as lingering downside risks to the economy and the concerns over inflationary pressure.

Governor Kim Choong-soo and monetary policy board members decided to freeze the 7-day repo rate at 3.25 percent at the May rate-setting meeting. The BOK has lifted the borrowing costs by a total of 125 basis points (bps) in five steps since July 2010.

The decision was in line with market expectations as experts predicted that the BOK will not move the policy rate because of lingering risks to the economy such as political uncertainties in Europe and worsening economic data at home and abroad as well as

the remaining concerns over supply-side inflationary pressure.

Downside risks to the Asia's No4 economy lingered due to uncertainties at home and abroad. South Korean economy created more than 400,000 jobs in March, but output in the mining and manufacturing sectors shrank 3.1 percent in March from a month earlier.

Xinhua

China foreign trade growth slows, surplus widens

BEIJING, 10 May—China's foreign trade rose 2.7 percent year-on-year to 308.08 billion US dollars in April, with a surplus of 18.42 billion US dollars, the General Administration of Customs (GAC) said on Thursday.

The growth rate represents a month-on-month slowdown and surplus has widened from the 53.5 billion US dollars logged in March, according to the GAC data.

Exports and imports growth in April both saw a pull-back on a monthly basis.

Exports amounted to 163.25 billion US dollars in April, up 4.9 percent year-on-year, while imports edged up 0.3 percent to reach 144.83 billion dollars.

For the first four months of the year, the country's total



Veterans of World War II present flowers to Eternal Flame in Bishkeke, capital of Kyrgyzstan, on 9 May, 2012. Commemorations dedicated to the 67th anniversary of Victory in Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945 were held here Wednesday.—XINHUA

London finance firms seen cutting 25,000 jobs in 2012

LONDON, 10 May—Jobs in London's finance sector will slump to their lowest level for 16 years as the euro zone crisis is predicted to cause over 25,000 layoffs in 2012.

That would push the number of jobs lost in the City of London since the top of the financial boom in 2007 to 100,000, the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) said.

The economics consultancy revised its forecast for the average number of London finance jobs for 2012 down to 255,000, the lowest level since the first quarter of 1996, from a prediction of 288,000 made six months ago. Many of the forecast additional layoffs have already taken place, it said.

Its analysis showed there were an average of 280,350 financial services jobs in London in 2011.

Additional cuts were down to the impact of the euro zone crisis on banks, despite interventions in the past few months by the European Central Bank (ECB) to provide easy cash to

lenders, the CEBR said.

Lenders were hit hard last year by euro zone troubles, which dented trading revenues, while regulations are also squeezing profits and causing firms to cut staff.

Major banks in the United States, Europe and Asia announced plans for more than 130,000 job cuts last year, according to a Reuters tally.

ECB actions were slowly filtering through to the banking system, however, and could help stabilize the City of London job market

from 2013, when the CEBR is forecasting a modest recovery.

It said London finance jobs may rise to 268,000 by 2016 - still well below staffing levels of the last decade.

"London remains the top ranked financial centre but its lead has narrowed," said Douglas McWilliams, CEBR chief executive, adding the gap was closing due to a combination of weak demand, regulation, high taxation and the competitiveness of Eastern financial centres.

Reuters



The Canary Wharf business district is seen behind the Olympic Park at Stratford, east London on 4 May, 2012.

REUTERS

Cancer death rate falls in Canada

OTTAWA, 10 May—Canada's cancer death rate is decreasing, according to data released on Wednesday by the Canadian Cancer Society.

Between 1988 and 2007, death rates caused by cancer dropped by 21 percent in men and 9 percent in women, resulting in almost 100,000 lives saved in the period.

Declines in death rates were seen in all four major cancers — lung, colorectal, breast and prostate — which still account for 53 percent of newly diagnosed cancers in both men and women.

The smaller decline in female death rate is due to an increase in lung cancer deaths among women and is believed to be the result of women's smoking rates not beginning to decline until the 1980s. By contrast, smoking rates among men began to drop two decades before and is believed to be a significant reason why cancer death rate for men dropped by 30 percent between 1988 and 2007.

More Canadians die of lung cancer every year than the combined deaths from breast, colorectal and prostate cancer, and it's the leading cause of cancer death among women, indicated the data.

Although smoking rates among Canadians has fallen from 50 percent in 1965 to 17 percent in 2010, it still accounts for 27 percent of all cancer deaths.—Xinhua

The venue of the World Economic Forum (WEF) is seen in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 9 May, 2012. More than 700 participants from over 70 countries are scheduled to attend here the forum from Wednesday to Friday to address the continent's transformation and seek solutions facing the land.—XINHUA



Two killed, 16 injured in vehicle pile-up in central Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 10 May—A pile-up of 17 vehicles on Wednesday caused the deaths of at least two people and injured another 16 on a highway in central Mexico, police sources reported. Officials said three cargo trucks and one police car were among the vehicles crashing into one another around 9:30 am local time (14:30 GMT) on a stretch of highway linking the capital of Mexico City with the northern state of Queretaro.

Police sources said it appeared a tractor trailer slammed into several cars that had been

stopped on the highway by a previous accident. Two other trailers also smashed into the pile-up.

Police placed the exact location of the multiple collision at Km 159 of the Mexico City-bound lane, near the town of San Juan del Rio, Queretaro. Rescue workers, paramedics and firefighters were dispatched to the scene to help the victims while traffic has been suspended along the roadway to facilitate rescue efforts and tow away the wreckage.—Xinhua

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MV TRANS PACIFIC-5 VOY NO (332)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV TRANS PACIFIC-5 VOY NO (332) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-5-2012 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.

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**Empire State Building IPO
change may help pay tax**

NEW YORK, 10 May—The controller of the Empire State Building has offered investors the opportunity to sell some of their shares and relieve some of the expected tax burden if a proposed initial public offering is approved before the end of the year, according to a federal filing on Tuesday.

But that may not be enough to help the 2,824 investors pay what could be a tax liability somewhere between \$50,000 and more than \$100,000 depending on the pricing of the IPO shares and where the investor lives. Malkin Holdings LLC, which controls the US skyscraper, has slightly bowed to pressure from investors by allowing them to sell between 19.5 percent and 17 percent of their shares if the IPO occurs before



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

31 December, according to the amended IPO form filed on Tuesday with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. They can sell another 30.5 percent to 33 percent after the first 180 days of trading for a total of 50 percent, according to two of two IPO-related documents filed with the SEC on Tuesday.

Reuters

**Prices soar, records tumble at Christie's
post-war auction**

NEW YORK, 10 May—A Mark Rothko 1961 oil painting set a new auction record for post-war art on Tuesday, soaring to \$87 million, while works by Gerhard Richter, Jackson Pollock, Yves Klein and Alexander Calder smashed artists' records at Christie's blockbuster sale

that achieved the highest-ever total for post-war art.

The auction house realized a total of \$388.5 million including commission against a pre-sale estimate of \$236 million to \$330 million, led by Rothko's "Orange, Red, Yellow."

The large-scale work

from the Pincus collection soared to \$86,882,500, breaking the artist's record of \$72.84 million and eclipsing the \$86.3 million paid for Francis Bacon's "Triptych, 1976" in 2008 as the most expensive post-war artwork at auction.

With 59 lots on offer

only three failed to sell, an almost unprecedented sell-through rate as determined bidders drove prices for many top-priced works well beyond their high estimates.

The staggering numbers seemingly bore out auction officials' contention that the art market, at least at the top echelons, continues to defy world economic and geo-political strife.

Reuters

**Weaker retail sales, jobs surveys raise risk of
longer slump**

LONDON, 10 May—British retail sales posted their biggest fall in more than a year last month and growth in the number of people placed in permanent jobs in Britain slowed, raising the risk of another quarter of economic contraction.

The bleak news from retailers will further complicate the Bank of England's decision on Thursday on whether to give another cash boost to the economy, which slipped into recession at the beginning of the year.

The central bank faces the dilemma of balancing weak growth with stubbornly high inflation.

The British Retail Consortium said on Wednesday that like-for-like retail sales - or sales at stores open for at least a year - plunged by 3.3 percent in value terms compared to April 2011, following a 1.3 percent rise in March.

The reading, the weakest since March last year, confounded analysts' forecasts for a 0.5 percent increase.

Stephen Robertson, BRC Director General, said the wettest April since records began had hurt sales of summer clothing and outdoor products, while a long Easter weekend early in the month

meant that some Easter shopping was shifted into



March. Shopping in March received an extra boost from unusually warm weather, which contributed to the

Shoppers search through clothes racks at Harrods department store during the post-Christmas sales in London on 27 Dec, 2011.—REUTERS

biggest increase in British retail sales in more than a year, according to the latest figures from the Office for National Statistics.—Reuters

**Bomb threat halts two
Southwest Airlines flights**

SANTA ANA, 10 May—Two Southwest Airlines flights with ties to Phoenix and Orange County's John Wayne Airport were grounded on Tuesday night following a threatening phone call, authorities said.

Both planes were cleared later in the evening.

The threat was made while Flight 1184 was en route to Phoenix from Orange County, Southwest spokeswoman Ashley Dillon said. The plane was taken to an isolation pad after it landed in Phoenix.

The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task force worked with the Phoenix Police Department to screen the plane at Sky Harbor, FBI spokesman Manuel Johnson

said.

The threat prompted Southwest to cancel another flight—Flight 811—which had been scheduled to travel from Orange County to Phoenix, Dillon said. The flight was canceled before passengers boarded in Orange County, she said.

Local authorities screened and cleared the plane at John Wayne Airport.

Dillon said the threat wasn't specific to either flight, but Southwest decided to screen the two planes. Both planes will remain where they are for the night.

Dillon said she could not say who received the threat or exactly what the threat entailed.

Internet

China to probe 'human flesh' pills claims

BEIJING, 10 May—China will investigate South Korean claims that the country is the source of smuggled capsules made from human flesh, but said it had found no such evidence yet, Chinese State media said on Wednesday.

The gruesome practice came to light Sunday when Korea Customs said it had

found 35 attempts to import from China 17,451 capsules containing the powdered flesh of dead babies, taken as a disease cure or to boost sexual performance.

A spokesman for China's Ministry of Health said on Tuesday that a previous investigation had uncovered no evidence such capsules were made in China, the official Shanghai Daily newspaper reported.

"The health authority has carried out a thorough investigation but so far no such capsules were found," spokesman Deng Haihua was quoted as saying.

Reports of the capsules first surfaced in South Korean

media in August last year, Deng said, adding the government would further probe the claims. The ministry declined to comment Wednesday when reached by AFP.

Korea Customs said pills were sent from at least four Chinese cities at the request of customers in South Korea, but were intercepted in the mail or in customs searches at airports. Some were hidden in packages of legitimate drugs to disguise their contents. The claims have raised ethical questions and worries the capsules could be contaminated with "super bacteria" and other disease-causing organisms.

Internet

This photo, released by Korea Customs Service on 8 May, shows capsules filled with powdered human flesh, in Daejeon. S Korea has intensified a crackdown on the smuggling of capsules from China containing the powdered flesh of dead babies, seen by some as a cure for disease, according to a customs official.

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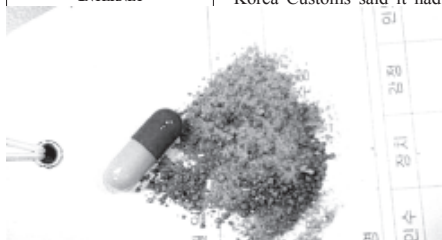


Photo taken on 8 May, 2012 shows the lightning in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province. A rain storm hit Changsha on Tuesday.

XINHUA

Gorilla taken to hospital for jaw surgery



A 432-pound silverback gorilla.

A 432-pound silverback gorilla made a trip to the hospital to be treated for a broken jaw inflicted by another gorilla at the zoo in Omaha, Neb., officials say.

Officials at the Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium said they believe Motuba, a 28-year-old gorilla affectionately nicknamed "Tubby," suffered the injury at the hands of Tattoo, a 14-year-old gorilla, the *Omaha World-Herald* reported.

Tubby was taken to the Nebraska Medical Centre and became the third zoo animal in six years to be treated at the facility.

Dr William Lydiatt, a head and neck surgeon and zoo volunteer who led Tubby's surgery team, said the procedure took about 30 minutes. He said the team removed the broken upper jaw fragment and three teeth.

Lydiatt said Tubby is expected to recover fully in two to three weeks.

Dr Julie Napier, the zoo's senior veterinarian, said Tattoo has been temporarily separated from the rest of the gorillas. She said he is "a youngster feeling his oats."

News Album

Zoo nurses Nelson the ugly baby parrot

An official at a German zoo said Nelson the parrot, rejected by his mother at birth has been described as possibly "the ugliest bird in the world."

Timm Spretke, deputy director of the Leipzig Zoo, said Nelson was immediately rejected by his mother, Owaka, despite being the only one of three chicks to survive hatching, *The Local* reported.

Spretke said zoo worker Petra Strecker has been feeding Nelson for the past seven weeks with a homemade parrot-food paste but the baby bird's survival is in question.

"He's not quite out of the woods yet because he's not yet taking food himself," Spretke said.

The parrot has gained a measure of celebrity, with the newspaper *Bild* describing him as "a cross between a roast chicken and an alien" and Britain's *Daily Mail* suggesting he "could be the ugliest bird in the world."

World's largest chess piece unveiled



Post-Dispatch reported.

"This piece serves as a monument to the chess culture we are creating in St Louis," club spokesman Mike Wilmering said.

Wilmering said the piece, which was unveiled Monday to commemorate the Tuesday start of the 2012 US Chess Championships, which has been hosted by the club since 2009, was certified by *Guinness World Records* as the largest on the globe.

The previous record holder, a 13.1-foot-high king, was built by Mats Allansson in Sweden in 2003.

A Missouri chess club has unveiled the "World's Largest Chess Piece," a 14 1/2-foot tall king weighing 2,280 pounds.

The piece, installed on the patio in front of the World Chess Hall of Fame in St. Louis by the Chess Club and Scholastic Centre of St. Louis, was formed by RG Ross Construction, *The (St Louis)*

Tourists drawn to Michigan prison

The founder of Michigan's Jackson Historic Prison Tour said tourists have been flocking in to see the 7-Block at the former State Prison of Southern Michigan.

Judy Gail Krasnow, who successfully lobbied state officials last year to have 7-Block added to the tour of the prison, which closed in 2007, said 400 tourists took the tour in 2008 and 3,200 people came out to see the prison last year, after the infamous block was added, the *Detroit Free Press* reported.

Krasnow said 7-Block is notorious for housing Dr Jack Kevorkian when he first arrived at the prison and for holding hundreds of men, women and children during the 1967 Detroit riot.

The tour founder said the prison is rife with stories. "I want to raise the spirit of Jackson's prison past," Krasnow said. "It's not an embarrassment. It's history."

Spears signs 'X Factor' deal

LOS ANGELES, 10 May—US pop star Britney Spears has signed a \$15 million deal to be a judge on "The X Factor" alongside Simon Cowell and LA Reid, *E!* News said.

"The contract is signed," a source close to the singer told the entertainment news network.

"There's been a lot of back and forth over the past few weeks as they negotiated the small details,

but she's on. It's all completed and Britney is beyond excited," the insider said. "She's ready for this.

She can't wait to sit down next to Simon at the judges' table and give this everything she's got.

She is excited about showing the world that she can do this, and do this well.

This is the perfect next stage in her career. Both Britney and Simon are very excited to work together."



US pop star Britney Spears

The show's producers have not yet announced who will serve as the host or fourth judge on Season 2 of the TV talent show.

Internet

Chastain hasn't time for 'Iron Man 3'

LOS ANGELES, 10 May—Jessica Chastain said on Facebook she won't be able to play a supporting role in Hollywood's "Iron Man 3" because her schedule is too hectic.

Chastain earned an Oscar nomination for her work in "The Help." Her other 2011 film credits include "The Tree of Life," "Take Shelter" and "The Debt."

E! News said she was in talks to play a "sexy scientist" who competes with Gwyneth Paltrow's character Pepper Potts for the hero's affections in the third installment of the "Iron Man" franchise.

But Chastain said she wouldn't be able to play the role as she'd hoped.

"Sorry to say that Iron Man 3 isn't going to work out," she wrote on her



Jessica Chastain

Facebook page Monday. "My schedule is jammed packed and I can't fit anything else in. The press announced my possible attachment far too soon. I know many of you wanted me to be involved, and I'm so sorry to disappoint you. Hopefully there'll be another Marvel film in my future. Shane Black and everyone on the IM3 team are really wonderful. I'm very excited to see the film when it comes out.—*Internet*

Gloria Estefan to appear on 'Glee'

MIAMI, 10 May—Cuban American singer Gloria Estefan confirmed on Wednesday, via Twitter, her upcoming participation in the successful musical television series "Glee" in the role of the mother of Cheerio Santana, played by Naya Rivera.

It is Rivera to whom Estefan directs her messages on Twitter: "I have to say that working with @NayaRivera was an amazing experience!"

In addition, Estefan has posted several photographs with part of the cast of the



Cuban American singer Gloria Estefan

Fox series. Also on her Twitter account, Estefan thanks the show's production team.

Other Latino performers who have joined the show in

guest roles include Ricky Martin, in the role of a sexy Spanish teacher, and actress Ivonne Coll, who will play the mother of Gloria Estefan's character.

According to what "Glee" creators Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk have said, viewers of the programme have shown they are very interested in knowing about the parents of the main characters, and that was the reason that they decided to include the characters created for Estefan and Coll.—*Internet*

Internet

Sofia Vergara and Nick Loeb break up

NEW YORK, 10 May—"Modern Family" star Sofia Vergara has broken up with stockbroker Nick Loeb, her boyfriend of more than two years, the *New York Post* reported on Wednesday.

The couple split during the weekend following a series of arguments and the actress attended Monday's Costume Institute Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan by herself.

"Sofia was confiding in friends at the ball that

she and Nick have split," an insider told the *Post*. "They have been fighting a lot recently and have been on the brink of splitting many times. It is not yet clear if they are over for good, but they are done as a couple for now."

The couple met at a Golden Globes party in 2010, the newspaper said.

Internet

"Modern Family" star Sofia Vergara has broken up with stockbroker Nick Loeb, her boyfriend of more than two years, the *New York Post* reported Wednesday. INTERNET



'Blown Away' tops US album chart

LOS ANGELES, 10 May—Carrie Underwood's "Blown Away" is No 1 on the US album chart, *Billboard.com* reported on Wednesday.

Coming in at No 2 on the *Billboard* 200 is Norah Jones' "... Little Broken Hearts," followed by the new

"Now 42" compilation CD at No 3, Adele's "21" at No 4 and BoB's "Strange Clouds" at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Lionel Richie's "Tuskegee" at No 6, Jack White's "Blunderbuss" at No 7, One Direction's "Up All Night" at No 8, the

"Smash" TV soundtrack at No 9 and Marilyn Manson's "Born Villain" at No 10.

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Falcao fires Atletico Madrid to Europa League glory



Atletico Madrid celebrate with the trophy after winning the UEFA Europa League final football match against Athletic Bilbao at the National Arena stadium in Bucharest on 9 May. This is their second Europa League trophy in three seasons.—INTERNET

BUCHAREST, 10 May—A double by Colombian striker Radamel Falcao inspired Atletico Madrid to a 3-0 win over fellow Spaniards Athletic Bilbao and their second Europa League trophy in three seasons.

Falcao, who also became the first player to win successive Europa League/UEFA Cups with different sides having scored the winning goal for Porto last

term, scored a brilliant first-half double to take his tally for this season's competition to 12. Brazilian attacking midfielder Diego, who missed the 2009 final for Werder Bremen against winners Shakhtar Donetsk because he was suspended, added a third late in the second-half to give Argentinian coach Diego Simeone a trophy just months after he took over the hotseat. Atletico's victory also

saw them break Barcelona's record of successive wins in European competition as they recorded their 12th to break the record of 11 set in the 2002/03 Champions League campaign.

Falcao, named after the great Brazilian footballer of the 1982 and 1986 World Cup teams, said he was especially pleased because people had advised him not to go to Atletico. "I cannot contain my joy," said the 26-year-old.

"After all that has been said, like that I made a mistake in going to Atletico, I showed them it was no mistake.

"We had highs and lows but we deserved to finish as we have done. The first goal? I didn't have an angle so I simply looked for some space.

"They told me to look for the far post from time to time, and this time I listened," he said with a smile. "As for my future well we don't know whether Atletico will play in the Champions League or Europa League next season.

INTERNET

Donald, McIlroy square off at Players Championship golf

NEW YORK, 10 May—Luke Donald has a chance to wrestle the world No 1 ranking back as he and Rory McIlroy go head-to-head for one of the few times this season at this week's Players Championship. The 23-year-old McIlroy returned to world number one with his playoff loss to Rickie Fowler last week at the Wells Fargo Championship. In the last 10 weeks, either Donald or McIlroy have been at the top six times.

"I think the last couple of months have not been as exciting because Rory and I really haven't been playing in the same events," Donald said.



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland hits a tee shot during a practice round prior to the start of the Players Championship on 9 May. McIlroy returned to world number one with his playoff loss to Rickie Fowler last week at the Wells Fargo Championship.—INTERNET

"I think that will change a little bit, and hopefully there will be some situations coming up in the next few months where we'll be playing in the same tournament and both having a chance to win the tournament."

McIlroy and Donald have competed in the same tournament just four times this year, including the Masters.

It was at the Masters where US Open champion McIlroy finished outside the top five for the only time this season. He easily made the cut but then shot rounds of 77-76 on the weekend to finish in a tie for 40th. McIlroy reached number one for the first time by capturing the Honda Classic in March.

Donald's game has come together after he got off to a slow start to the season. He placed out of the top 30 in five of eight tournaments but won the Transitions Championship. Four players have held the No 1 spot in the 18 months since Tiger Woods fell off the lofty perch.

But Woods is looking for good vibes at the Stadium Course this week to turn his fortunes around. The 36-year-old American is coming off his eighth missed cut of his career at the Wells Fargo event.

INTERNET

International Sports

London prepares with Olympic torch set to be lit

ATHENS, 10 May—The traditional ceremony to light the Olympic flame takes place at the ancient site of Olympia in Greece on Thursday, signalling the final countdown to the start of the Games in London. An actress playing a high priestess will light the flame using the direct rays of the sun, in a solemn occasion attended by the president of the International Olympic Committee, Jacques Rogge, as well as London organising committee chief Sebastian Coe. Greek President Karolos Papoulias is also expected to attend, despite the debt-ridden country in political paralysis after Sunday's parliamentary elections, which saw parties hostile to austerity measures gain ground.

After giving thanks to the god Apollo, "king of the sun and the idea of light", the flame will be handed over to the first relay runner, Greece's open water swimming champion Spyros Gianniotis.

He will then pass it to 19-year-old British boxer Alexander Loukos, who is of

Greek descent, and who got himself switched to sitting at a desk at the electricians where he is an apprentice so he didn't pick up an injury.

week-long torch relay, which will take it to five major Greek archaeological sites, including the Acropolis, before it arrives at the old



Actress Ino Menegaki (R), acting as high priestess, passes the Olympic flame in ancient Olympia. The traditional ceremony to light the Olympic flame takes place at the ancient site of Olympia in Greece on Thursday, signalling the final countdown to the start of the Games in London.

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Gianniotis said after the full rehearsal in the ruins of the Temple of Hera on Wednesday that the torch ceremony was "a very big moment" for him, adding: "It is very moving. I am trembling from the emotions. It is the highest honour for an athlete to do this." The ceremony marks the start of a

Olympic stadium in Athens, site of the first modern Games in 1896. A British delegation will receive the flame at a night-time ceremony on 17 May.

The last flame-bearers in Greece will be the weight-lifter Pyros Dimas and the Chinese gymnast Li Ning, who lit the cauldron at the last Olympics in Beijing in 2008.—INTERNET

Khan boxing rematch with Peterson cancelled

WASHINGTON, 10 May—The much-anticipated rematch between Lamont Peterson and British boxer Amir Khan has been cancelled after the American failed a drug test, Golden Boy Promotions announced.

Peterson and Khan had been due to fight on 19 May in Las Vegas, after the American took the WBA and IBF light-welterweight titles in December in a controversial split decision. But Golden Boy said Peterson's failed drug test

— reports said he tested positive for synthetic testosterone — combined with the Nevada State Athletic Commission's inability to hold a hearing in time led to the fight's demise.

"A failed pre-fight drug test administered by the Voluntary Anti-Doping Association (VADA) coupled with the Nevada State Athletic Commission's legal inability to hold a formal hearing on the matter of licensing Lamont Peterson ... has forced the cancellation of the event," Golden Boy said in a statement.

Khan reacted strongly to the news, putting the blame squarely on Peterson's shoulders.

"The fight is off! sorry

everyone the only person to blame is @kingpete26 I'll be looking for an opponent to fight 30 June," he said on Twitter. Both Khan and Peterson had agreed to random testing by VADA ahead of the rematch.

Peterson won their first bout in Washington in December by a score of 113-112 on two judges' scorecards while the other had Khan a 115-110 winner.

Following the fight, the British boxer — who won an Olympic silver as a 17-year-old in 2004 — claimed a "home-town decision" had robbed him of victory. The World Boxing Association ordered a rematch, saying it should take place within 180 days.—INTERNET



Lamont Peterson (L) and Amir Khan at a Press conference in Washington DC on 15 March. The much-anticipated rematch between the two has been cancelled after Peterson failed a drug test, Golden Boy Promotions announced.—INTERNET

Japan's Olympic swimmers defy altitude fears

TOKYO, 10 May—Japan's Olympic swimmers will prepare for this year's London Games by undergoing altitude training as planned, despite the death of Norwegian Alexander Dale Oen last week. World 100 meter breaststroke world champion Dale Oen died after suffering a heart attack at a high altitude training camp in Arizona, prompting Japanese officials to rethink their plans.

However, the Japan Swimming Federation (JSF) told Reuters on Thursday that plans for eight swimmers to train at altitude in France and the United States would "go ahead as planned" following an executive meeting.

Japan's swimmers asked for high altitude sessions in June and July not to be scrapped, local media reported, adding that doctors would be dispatched to monitor the athletes.

JSF director Koji Ueno had initially said Japan "could not send any athletes who have concerns about what happened (to Dale Oen) under any circumstances".



Kosuke Kitajima of Japan swims in the men's 200 meter IM during the AT&T Winter National Championships in Atlanta, Georgia 1 December, 2011.—REUTERS

Multiple Olympic champion Kosuke Kitajima, whose punishing altitude training sessions are well documented, will spearhead Japan's quest in London.

REUTERS

Blackpool set up Hammers play-off final date

BIRMINGHAM, 10 May—Blackpool will play West Ham in the Championship play-off final later this month after they edged Birmingham City 3-2 on aggregate after their play-off second leg match finished 2-2 here Wednesday.

It will mean an immediate return to the Premier League for the winners of the play-off final as they along with Birmingham were relegated last season.

Blackpool - who started their maiden Premier League campaign in great style but then their form dipped alarmingly leading to relegation - looked to be in firm control after taking a 2-0

lead at their hosts. Goals by Stephen Dobbie and Matt Phillips eased them into a comfortable lead but City, who have been ably managed by Chris Hughton since he stepped in after Alex McLeish left last summer, fought back.

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Blackpool's Matt Phillips, pictured in February 2012.

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

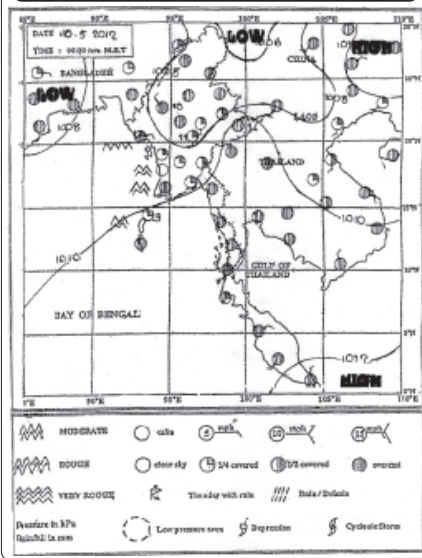
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- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:50 am
- 2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:40 am
- 3. International News
- 4:00 pm
- 4. Martial Song
- 4:00 pm
- 5. Joint Performance by State Orchestra and State Traditional Orchestra
- 4:35 pm
- 6. Song Of National Races
- 4:40 pm
- 7. Song Of Yesters Years
- 5:10 pm
- 8. Myanmar Language
- 5:30 pm
- 9. Sport Highlight
- 6:20 pm
- 10. Documentary
- 7:00 pm
- 11. TV Drama Series
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- 12. News
- 13. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 11th May, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	39/102	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	29/84	20/68	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayoi	35/95	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	23/73	14/57	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sgawing	39/102	23/73	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sgawing	41/106	27/81	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Tamubayi	35/95	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	38/100	26/79	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	39/102	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	40/104	29/84	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Man	34/93	25/77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	36/97	26/79	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
13	Rakhone	32/90	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	16/61	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	35/95	20/68	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	20/68	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	35/95	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nya Pyi Taw	38/100	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36/97	26/79	Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers	(40%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40/104	29/84	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Man United's Hernandez will not compete at Olympics

LONDON, 10 May—Manchester United striker Javier Hernandez will not play for Mexico at this summer's London Olympics, his club announced on Thursday. Hernandez, who turns 24 on June 1, had initially been called up as one of Mexico's three over-age players, but United have now agreed with the Mexican FA he will have the full summer off instead. United boss Sir Alex Ferguson told the club's website: "His form last season was fantastic. He's found the second year more difficult, but a lot of that is down to not having a summer break for three years and playing every

needs to perform in the Premier League." Hernandez, nicknamed Chicharito, will still be involved in Mexico's two World Cup qualifiers at the start of June. Hector Gonzalez Inarritu, Mexico's director of the national teams, said that Ferguson has denied permission for Hernandez to participate. "Alex Ferguson denied Javier Hernandez's participation in the Olympic games," Inarritu told a press conference. Other United players could also be called up for the Games with Ryan Giggs and Paul Scholes potential over-



Manchester United player Javier Hernandez kneels before kick off during a UEFA Cup League match on 16 February.

summer for his country. "Next year he will be fine as we have agreed with the Mexican Football Association that he is going to get the requisite rest he

age players for Team GB, along with Danny Welbeck, Phil Jones and Chris Smalling if they are not in the England squad for Euro 2012.

Internet

Basic vocational courses opened in Muse

MUSE, 10 May—The advanced tailoring course No 23 and the basic domestic science course 35 were opened at Women's Vocational Training School of Education and Training Department in Muse on 7 May morning. Deputy Commissioner U Moe Hein of Muse District General Administration Department made a speech. Principal Daw Nan Saw Yin explained the subjects to be conducted at the training school. The deputy commissioner and officials greeted the trainees. Altogether 42 trainees are attending the 14 weeks course.

District IPRD



CULTURAL COURSE CONCLUDES: The 5th Buddhism Cultural Course concluded at Lawka Marazain Monastery in Pinzin Village of Wetlet Township in Shwebo District on 30 April.

TOWNSHIP IPRD

Russia foils alleged plot on Sochi Olympics

MOSCOW, 10 May—Russia said on Thursday it had foiled a plot by Islamist militants to stage attacks on the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi and in the runup to the Games in the southern Russian city. The National Anti-Terrorism Committee NAC.L said Russian special services had confiscated weapons including mortar bombs and portable surface-to-air missiles during raids on May 4 and 5 in the breakaway Abkhazia region of Georgia, the former Soviet republic with which Russia fought a brief war in 2008. It said in a statement that the group behind the plot was the Caucasus Emirate, which is

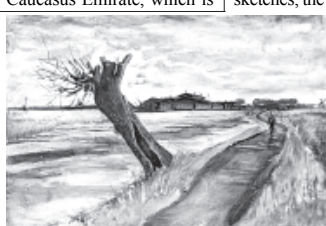


In this photo an old Soviet style statue of a reindeer breeder, left, is seen over the Black Sea resort of Sochi, southern Russia. Russia's secret service said on 10 May, 2012, that it had foiled terror attack plans in the Black Sea resort of Sochi ahead of the 2014 Winter Games.—INTERNET

service) was able to establish that the fighters planned to move the weapons to Sochi from 2012 to 2014 and use them to carry out terrorist acts before and during the Olympic Games," the NAC said.—MNA/Reuters

Van Gogh museum unveils new willow watercolor

AMSTERDAM, 10 May—A young Vincent van Gogh was so struck by a dead willow leaning "lonely and melancholy" over a pond near The Hague that he knew at once he had to paint it. "I'm going to attack it tomorrow morning," he wrote to his brother Theo on July 26, 1882. The Van Gogh Museum unveiled the painting Thursday, the first addition in five years to its world-famous collection of works by the postimpressionist master. At a time when the artist was still honing his skills in perspective, anatomy and proportion using pen and pencil sketches, the watercolor was a bolt from the blue, although its muted tones are still a far cry from the exuberant and colorful oil paintings that characterized Van Gogh's later works. "It's a very elaborate, well done watercolor and that's quite extraordinary in this period of Van Gogh's oeuvre," said Marije Vellekoop, the museum's curator of prints and drawings. "Out of the blue, in the summer, in July, he makes a series of watercolors ... with a lot of detail, but also very painterly, fluent." The willow trunk droops over the water and a path winds its way to the horizon, where a windmill stands near a railroad depot. Not unusually for a Dutch summer, gray clouds dominate the sky, but Van Gogh also captured the occasional splash of deep blue as the clouds broke.—Internet



This photo released by the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, Netherlands, on Thursday, 10 May, 2012, shows an 1882 water color of a pollard willow by Vincent van Gogh from his early Dutch period.—INTERNET

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—Organized by the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and Green Economy Green Group, an informal advanced meeting on green economy and green development between departmental officials and high-ranking officials from ADB and Green Economy Green Group took place at the Golden Palace Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Research Professor and Director International Programmes of Advanced Energy Centre of Stony Brook University of America and Leading Patron of Green Economy Green Group Dr Nay Tun and members, ADB Director-General Mr Kunio Senga and high-ranking officials, directors-general and deputy directors-general of related departments and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said the path to green development is a new policy that focuses on sustainable development and poverty alleviation. He then urged the participants to focus on technical methods and views on successful implementation of the tasks for green economy and green development.

Next, Dr Nay Tun underscored the importance of green economy, sustainable development and mitigation vs development and win-win cooperation.

The ADB director-general explained measures being taken to render assistance to Myanmar for its development and prospects for long-term cooperation. This was followed by a general round of discussion.

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Informal advanced meeting on green economy, green development held



Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun speaking at informal advanced meeting on green economy and green development between departmental officials and high-ranking officials from ADB and Green Economy Green Group.—MNA

Asia-Pacific Junior Golf Championship 15-18 May

YANGON, 10 May—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, the 33rd Asia-Pacific Junior Golf Championship 2012 will be hosted by Myanmar at Pun Hlaing Golf Course in Hliththaya Township from 15 to 18 May.

The championship will be categorized as 15-17 aged as group A, 13-14 aged as group B, 11-12 aged as group C and under-10 aged as group D.

Youth golfers from the Philippines,

Thailand, Hong Kong, India and Malaysia including Myanmar will take part in the championship.

The championship will be co-sponsored by Pun Hlaing Golf Club, Higer Bus (Myanmar), Elite Express, Srixon, Alpine and Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd.

For further information, contact Han Golf Management, Tel: 01-651374 and 09-2037671.

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First IRS Inter-Club Pencak Silat Championship concludes

YANGON, 10 May—The final match of the First Inter-Region/State Inter-Club Pencak Silat Championship 2012, organized by Myanmar Martial Arts Federation, was held at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik presented championship shield to Dagon Min Sit Naing club.

The director-general met selected players of billiards and snooker events at the office of the Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation at Aung San Stadium yesterday morning.

At the mess hall, he also met with managers, coaches and selected players of track and field, weightlifting, Karatedo and Taekwondo events and gave instructions on achieving success in the XXVII SEA Games as a national duty.

MNA

Fire drill demonstrated at CBM

NAY PYI TAW 10 May—The talks on hazard of fire was held in conjunction with the fire drill at the Central Bank of Myanmar yesterday morning.

Assistant Director U Win Myint of

Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement gave talks on fire preventive measures. It was attended by about 300 staff and officers of Central Bank of Myanmar.—MNA

Antarctic octopus study shows west Antarctic ice sheet may have collapsed 200,000 years ago



SCIENCE DAILY, 10 May—Scientists at the University have found that genetic information on the Antarctic octopus supports studies indicating that the West Antarctic Ice Sheet could have collapsed during its history, possibly as recently as 200,000 years ago.

Genes from more than 450 Turquet's octopuses, collected from species in the Southern Ocean that surrounds Antarctica, were analysed to shed new light

on how animals disperse across the varied ocean landscape. Adult Turquet's octopuses tend to live in one place and only move to escape predators, leading scientists to believe that creatures from areas either side of Antarctica would be genetically different.

The team from Liverpool, in collaboration with National University of Ireland Galway, and La Trobe University, Australia, however, found that the octopuses from Ross and Weddell Seas, which are now separated by the West Antarctic Ice Sheet, are genetically almost identical, suggesting that these two regions may have once been connected. Findings may contribute to recent studies

demonstrating the potential impact that increasing global temperatures could have on the changing Antarctica environment.

Dr Phill Watts, from the University's Institute of Integrative Biology, explains: "We looked at information gathered by the Census of Antarctic Marine Life, which allowed us to examine genetic data on a scale that had not been done before in this area of the world. We expected to find a marked difference between Turquet's octopuses living in different regions of the ocean, particularly between areas that are currently separated by approximately 10,000km of sea.

Internet

Williams beats Wozniacki in Madrid Masters comeback

MADRID, 10 May—Serena Williams staged a recovery at the expense of Caroline Wozniacki as the American reached the quarter-finals of the Madrid Masters 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 on Thursday in a battle of former number one players.

The comeback win in 1hr42min put Williams into a showdown with second seed Maria Sharapova, who earned her last-eight place when opponent Lucie Safarova withdrew before their match with stomach illness.

Williams sleep-walked through the opening set as Denmark's sixth seed had it all her own way in half an hour.

After trailing a set and 1-2, the momentum suddenly shifted in Williams' favour, with the ninth seed breaking for 3-2 with a backhand down the line and finishing a run of a dozen points in succession to lead 4-2.

Williams, the 2009

runner-up to Dinara Safina, levelled at a set each and ran off with the third to end with four breaks of serve in a disheartening loss for Wozniacki.

The Dane had been bidding for a sixth quarter-final of the season. Wozniacki, who won joint WTA-leading six titles in 2011 is still searching for her first of 2012.

Williams has now won ten straight matches and has



Williams, the 2009 Serena Williams of the US.



Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki

claimed the last six when facing Sharapova, the world number two and recent Stuttgart champion.

In the men's third round on the blue clay of the Caja Magica, Czech sixth seed Tomas Berdych ended the injury comeback effort of Frenchman Gael Monfils, the number 12, with a comprehensive 6-1, 6-1 victory. Monfils was playing for the first time since a March abdominal muscle problem. The flamboyant French player lost serve five times while never earning a break point against Berdych.

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