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Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union | * Non-disintegration of National Solidarity | * Perpetuation of Sovereignty

President U Thein Sein calls for more efforts in reform process for national development

In conducting reforms, morality and attitude of ward/village administrators and township administrators in performing administrative duties must be polished so that they can avoid corruption, bribery and unfriendly relations with the public

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar attended the work coordination meeting on more effectively carrying out the national and regional development tasks held at the President Office here at 9 am today and made a speech on the occasion.

The meeting was also attended by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Union ministers, region/state chief ministers, chairmen of self-administered zones, and officials.

In his address, President U Thein Sein said that the new government since its assumption of duties has been undertaking a series of reforms covering national solidarity, prevalence of peace and stability, ensuring security of the people, enhancing the international cooperation

and introduction of clean government and good governance with the aim of flourishing multiparty democratic system, and stressed the importance for those present to touch upon and continue implementing the ministry-wise, sector-wise tasks as well as the self-administered zone-wise and region/state-wise tasks that need reforms for enhancing the socio-economic status of the people as second-step strategic reforms.

In doing so, steps should be taken for effective reforms to fulfil food and shelter needs of the people, creating job opportunities as well as for ensuring improvement in education and health sectors. He underscored the need for seeking financial aids and supports from the international community and direct investments from sources at home and abroad as development tasks require finances, capitals, techno-

logy and human resources not relying solely on the State's funds.

To be able to effectively use the financial aids and supports of the international community in region-wise and sector-wise development, poverty reduction, human resource development as well as other development tasks set by regions and states, they are to be put under the proper management of the central committee, the work committee and region/state governments, he noted.

In doing so, the Myanmar Socio-Economy Advisory Council is to be formed so that social organizations and private sectors can make coordination among them and submit suggestions to the government. And social and economic organizations, private sectors are to strive to ensure the active participation of the people in the reform process.



President U Thein Sein delivers an address at work coordination meeting.—MNA

As national development calls for private sector development, associations, companies, public companies, cooperatives societies and foundations are the main forces engaged in the development of social-economic status of (See Page 8)

Significant Day Temperatures (11-5-2012)

Chauk	(42°C)
Monywa	(40°C)
NyaungU	(40°C)

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (11-5-2012)

Chaugzon	(1.89) inches
Mogok	(0.94) inch
Haka	(0.86) inch
Paletwa	(0.79) inch

British played central role in foiled bomb operation



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The headquarters of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) at Vauxhall Cross on the River Thames in central London in a file photo.

All eyes on London as Doha hosts first Diamond League



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This file photo shows athletes competing in the women's 1500m at the IAAF Diamond League event in Doha, in 2011.

Poulter, Laird share PGA Players lead



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Nepal winning battle against rhino poachers

Rescuers free trapped dolphin in Calif



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Divers cut away part of the metal walls Tuesday to make it easier for the dolphin to escape during high tide.

Libraries opened to broaden horizons of people

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May— Officials formally opened the libraries. Lin Yaung Chi Library was opened in Kalikyun Village and Phu Pwint Wai Library in Kinmoncho Village of Mogaung Village-tract in Thaton Township yesterday. Library was built at a cost of K 1 million by the State and Phu Pwint Wai Library by local people.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Favourable economic environment

Nations around the world have different ideas, systems, methods, policies and practical ways for their own development as without it they will face a lot of problems and difficulties in bringing prosperity and making their peoples happy and contented.

In this context, we all need development in serving our people which in fact is one of the vital objectives of the government in office. Normally development depends on economy whose growth and healthiness lays foundation for progress of multiple fields for rapid advancement of the country in this highly competitive world.

Accordingly, we need a robust economy enjoying sustainable progress as we see a number of countries around the world with high annual economic growth acting as the main driving force helping overcome global depression, economic crisis or meltdowns every time they appear apart from serving their own interest well.

Here creating an environment helpful to rapid economic growth plays a vital role in generating development for every sector. The basic requirement for a favourable economic environment in fact is peace and stability. Without it, we cannot expect anything good for us, and with it we can have everything and besides, our future will be brighter than ever. Confidently, the incumbent government is gaining more ground in the national peace process as almost all the ethnic armed groups have come to the negotiation table or already made peace with it.

Nowadays, the emergence of genuine democracy, the correct use of democracy according to its essence, national reconsolidation and restoration of ethnical unity are crucial factors which in reality are our common ground or in other words the national interest of Myanmar to create a favourable economic environment that guarantees multiple-sector development.



CASH DONATED: The members of the Lions Clubs International, Fukuoka, Japan visited Hninzigon Home for the Aged on 11 May. They donated K 1 million to the home and met older persons and viewed the ambulance they have donated.—NLM

Union Environmental Conservation and Forestry Minister meets foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May— Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received Director-General of Southeast Asia Regional Department of ADB Mr Kunio Senga and party including Research Professor of Stony Brook University-Advanced Energy Center & Director of International Programmes and Leading Patron Dr Nay Tun of Green Economy Green Group (Myanmar) at his office here at 8:00 am today.

Also present the call were Director-General U Sann Lwin

of the Planning and Statistics Department under the ministry, Acting Director-General of the Forest Department U Aye Myint Maung and Deputy Director-General of the Forest Department Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw.

They discussed programmes for environmental conservation administrative works, for promoting human resources development and sharing modern techniques, as well as mutual cooperation in implementing environmental conservation law, rules and regulations.—MNA

Dy FM receives Director-General of SEA Regional Department of ADB

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May— Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint received a delegation led by Director-General Mr Kunio Senga of the Southeast Asia Regional Department of Asian Development Bank at his office here this afternoon.

They discussed and exchanged views on future cooperation between the Asian Development Bank and Myanmar.

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Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint receives Mr Kunio Senga, Director-General of SEA Regional Department of ADB.—MNA



Dy H&T Minister receives DG of Southeast Asia Regional Department of ADB

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung received Director-General Mr Kunio Senga of the Southeast Asia Regional Department of Asian Development Bank and party at his office here this afternoon.

At the meeting, Director-General Mr Kunio Senga said that ADB Bank is ready to help Myanmar so as to develop the tourism industry.

The main plan of Myanmar tourism industry is drawn with the assistance of Norwegian Government and ADB, said

the deputy minister. Emphasis is being placed on blooming durable tourism sector as it is important. He asked ADB Mission to develop the tourism sector. The Conference and workshop on Responsible Tourism was held with the assistance of Hanns Seidel Foundation of Germany in February by Myanmar, said the deputy minister and he then held discussion on the matters related to development of tourism, numbers of hotels and room in Yangon, foreign investment hotels and numbers of room.—MNA

Dy Commerce Minister receives ADB SEA Director-General

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan received Director-General of Asian Development Bank for Southeast Asia Regional Department of Asian

Development Bank Mr Kunio Senga and party at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed trade matters between Myanmar and Asian Development Bank.—MNA

Dy Education Minister receives Director of Open Society Institute of US

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe received Higher Education Support Program Director Mr Jacques Fremont and party of Open Society Institute of the US at his office, here, this morning.

At the call, they discussed cooperation in training research and academic faculty members of universities between Myanmar and the US, and cooperation in upgrading university libraries.—MNA

Myanmar Traditional Chess Championship wraps up

YANGON, 11 May—The prize presentation for the Myanmar Traditional Chess Championship 2012 was held at Aung San Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here, this afternoon.

President of Myanmar Traditional Chess Federation U Win Aung donated K 1.5 million for the

championship to President of Myanmar Chess Federation U Maung Maung Lwin.

Officials awarded the players from the 1st to 12th positions.

Yangon Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Than Myint presented championship trophy to Nay Oo Kyaw Tun (Home Affairs).

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Yangon Information and Communication Technology Fair commences

YANGON, 11 May—Yangon ICT Fair (Computer & Mobile), jointly organized by Yangon Region Computer Professionals Association and Yangon Region Computer Entrepreneurs Association, was opened at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in U Wisara Street here this morning.

U Ye Yint Win of organizing committee of Myanmar Computer Federation explained purpose of organizing the fair.

Yangon Region Planning and Economy Minister U Than Myint, Region Computer Professionals Association Chairman U Min Oo, Region Computer Entrepreneurs Association U Htin Aung Khaing formally opened the fair and Region Electricity and Industry Minister U Nyan Tun Oo unveiled the signboard.

Officials awarded winners of Myanmar ICT Awards 2011 (Educational Project).

A total of 50 companies display 143 booths at the fair from 9 am to 5 pm till 13 May.—MNA

Obama says Europe should have followed US economic lead

SEATTLE, 11 May— President Barack Obama said on Thursday that Europe was still in a difficult place economically in part because it did not take some of the steps the United States did.

Addressing about 70 people at a fundraiser in Seattle, Obama said Europe's troubles were among the factors that could affect US growth, also mentioning high gasoline prices as a potential economic drag.

"We've still got headwinds. Europe is still... in a difficult state, partly because they didn't take some of the decisive steps that we took early on in this recession," Obama said at the event, which was held in a private home.

"Gas prices are still pinching a lot of folks," he said, referring to the US economy. The housing market is still very weak across the country. But the good news is that we have weathered the storm."

The health of the US economy could be decisive for Obama's re-election prospects on 6 November. His likely



US President Barack Obama waves as he walks out from the Oval Office of the White House in Washington on 10 May, 2012, before his departure to attend campaign events in Seattle and Los Angeles.—REUTERS

Republican opponent, Mitt Romney, has accused the Democrat of lacking the business acumen to steer the United States out of recession and bring down the unemployment rate.

Reuters

Mexican airport reopens after volcano activity

MEXICO CITY, 11 May— The airport in the central Mexican State of Puebla reopened on Thursday night after it was closed briefly by an ash cloud from a nearby volcano, said an official from the local government.

The airport closed earlier on Thursday after increased activity from the Popocatepetl volcano, which dumped ash on runways.

Mexico last month raised the alert level for the volcano Popocatepetl, 50 miles southeast of Mexico City, after it began pumping out red-hot fragments of rock and ash.

The country has been closely monitoring the 17,900-foot (5,450-metre) volcano, which has prompted school classes in nearby villages to be suspended on days of higher activity.

The airport in Puebla also closed for several hours



Passengers stand in line at the counter of a local airline at the airport in Puebla on 10 May, 2012. An ash cloud from a Mexican volcano on Thursday forced the suspension of flights to and from the international airport of Puebla, a major city southeast of Mexico City. Mexico last month raised the alert level for the 5,450 metre (17,900 foot) volcano Popocatepetl, which lies some 50 miles (80 km) southeast of the capital, after it began pumping out red-hot fragments of rock and ash.

REUTERS

late on Tuesday due to the concentration of ash billowing out of Popocatepetl. German carmaker Volkswagen's Mexican operations are based in Puebla.—Reuters

Montreal police seek four in subway smoke attacks

OTTAWA, 11 May— Montreal police are searching for four suspects after smoke bombs at least three subway stations disrupted service for thousands of commuters in Canada's second-largest city during the morning rush hour, police said on Thursday.

City police declined to

say why the four individuals were under suspicion, but they released photos, provided by a subway passenger, showing three women and a man riding in a train.

Earlier on Thursday, officers found three devices after receiving dozens of calls about dense smoke in several underground stations.

Thousands of commuters were stranded, but nobody was hurt.

Subway service in the city—the commercial capital of the mainly French-speaking province of Quebec—was fully restored around midday.

Quebec Premier Jean Charest, who is embroiled in a high-stakes battle with university students over proposed tuition increases, called the acts "unjustifiable."

Reuters

Police officers watch a train pass in a subway station in Montreal, on 10 May, 2012. Montreal's metro was shut down this morning after smoke bombs were set off in several of its stations.

REUTERS



Eight including five children killed in S Afghan roadside bombings

LASHKAR GAH, 11 May—Eight people, including five children, were killed on Thursday when two roadside bombings went off in the southern Afghan province of Helmand, a provincial police spokesman said. "A roadside bomb was detonated by a remote control in Musulmanai area of Musa Qala district at about 10 am on Thursday, killing seven civilian including five children and a woman," spokesman Farid Ahmad Farhang told Xinhua.

One man was injured in the incident, he said. He said a Local Police Force (ALP) unit arrived shortly after the blast but another bomb was exploded killing one ALP serviceman on the spot.

No group claims the responsibility for the attack. The official blamed Taleban insurgents for the attack. The Taleban insurgents announced on 2 May that they would launch a spring rebel offensive starting from 3 May across the country, saying their targets are foreign and Afghan troops as well as legislators and government functionaries.—Xinhua

Death toll in NW China storms climbs to 24

MINXIAN, 11 May—The death toll has climbed to 24 and 33 people remain missing after hail and torrential rains battered Minxian county in northwest China's Gansu Province on Thursday, the local government said on Friday.

At least 40 people were injured, according to latest reports released by the county's civil affairs bureau at 11 am.

The stormy weather lasted only an hour from 5 pm to 6 pm, but wreaked havoc in 17 of Minxian County's 18 townships and villages. In the worst-hit areas, precipitation measured nearly 70 mm. Hail and torrential rains cut power supplies in six townships, damaged several homes, hospitals, schools and 7,374 hectares of cropland and disrupted traffic on two interprovincial highways.

A total of 1,903 were evacuated following the storm for safety considerations. Minxian is a mountainous county in Dingxi City, with a population of 450,000. It is 150 km from Zhouqu County, where a devastating train-triggered mudslide killed more than 1,500 people in August 2010.—Xinhua



This screen shot taken on 11 May, 2012 shows a residential area flooded after a hail and rain storm in the Minxian County in northwest China's Gansu Province.

The death toll has climbed to 24 and 45 people are missing after hail and torrential rains battered Minxian county in Gansu Province on Thursday, the local government said on Friday.—XINHUA

Indonesian, Russian investigators probe into plane crash

JAKARTA, 11 May— Investigators from Indonesia and Russia have started investigation into the crash of Sukhoi super jet-100 plane in mountainous area of West Java, Indonesian investigator said here Friday. The Sukhoi commercial plane carrying Russian businessmen, officials of Russian embassy office in Jakarta and journalists, went down during a promotion flight on Wednesday at the Bogor regency near Jakarta.

"Russian investigators have headed to the scene since this (Friday) morning. They will investigate along with our investigators," Franswenas,

an investigator from Indonesian Transport Safety Committee told Xinhua by phone. The accident took place when the plane was trying to descend from an altitude of 10,000 feet to 6,000 feet on its way to return the air force base in East Jakarta, said Transport Ministry spokesman Bambang Ervan.

The pilot contacted the official at the traffic control in main airport in Jakarta, according to a report. One of the focuses of the investigation would be why the plane descended to a dangerous low level.

"Besides, the investigators would investigate classic cases, such as the aspects of human, aircraft and environment," he said.

Earlier the Russian investigative commission's spokesman Vladimir Markin said the commission would look into possible criminal cases stemming from the plane crash by investigating, among others, technicians who prepared the plane for the demonstration flight and Sukhoi Civil Aircraft employees responsible for the Sukhoi project, the Jakarta Post reported.—Xinhua



Indonesian soldiers along with members of a search and rescue team climb to the location of the Russian Sukhoi Superjet plane crash in Cidahu on 10 May, 2012. The difficult terrain has been an extreme challenge to the searchers.—INTERNET

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Rare snakes released in Louisiana

WASHINGTON, 11 May—Seven Louisiana pine snakes have been released into a pine forest in an effort to restore America's rarest snake to its natural habitat, scientists say.

The 6-month-old, 3-foot-long snakes from a captive breeding programme were released into a restored longleaf pine stand in the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana, the US Forest Service reported on Monday.

The pine snake, which can reach 4 to 5 feet as an adult with a striking pattern of black, brown and beige, is a rare sight in its native range in east-central Texas and across Louisiana, officials said. A non-venomous species, the Louisiana pine snake spends most of its time underground in burrows of its favourite prey, gophers, but its native habitat largely disappeared due to commercial logging

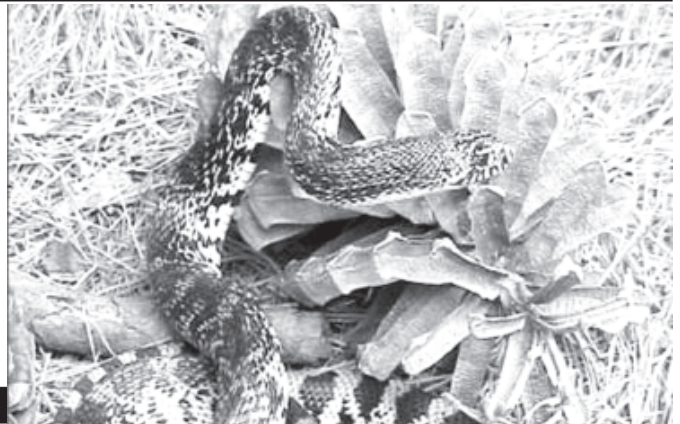
in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

There is concern that snakes in captive breeding programmes, which are the progeny of only 16 founder individuals caught in the wild, may be producing snakes that are not genetically diverse enough to survive when released. "In the best-case scenario, there would still be Louisiana pine snakes out there that we've never caught that can breed with the released snakes," Craig Rudolph, Forest Service Southern Research Station research ecologist, said.

"We have traps operating for thousands of trap days a year in Texas, for instance, and haven't caught a single snake in three years."

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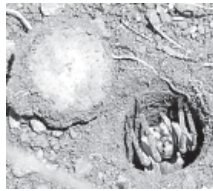
Louisiana pine snake.—INTERNET



New spider species found in urban setting

AUBURN, 11 May—Researchers at Auburn University say they've discovered a previously unknown trapdoor spider species in the heart of the city of Auburn, Ala.

The discovery in a long-urbanized area highlights how much remains to be revealed about life in our own world, Auburn biology Professor Jason Bond said. "The discovery of a new species in a well-developed



Trapdoor spider. INTERNET

area like this further demonstrates the amount of biodiversity on our planet

that remains unknown; we know so little about our home planet and the other organisms that inhabit it with us," Bond said.

The new species, *Myrmekiaphila tigris*, has been affectionately dubbed the Auburn Tiger Trapdoor spider in honour of Auburn University's costumed Tiger mascot, Aubie, a university release reported on Tuesday.

Trapdoor spiders construct subterranean burrows

that they cover with a hinged door made of mixture of silk and soil, and females spend nearly their entire lives in the single silk-lined burrow from which they forage as sit-and-wait predators.

Burrows can often be found in relatively young, secondary growth forests in natural areas of urban neighbourhoods, the researchers said.

The study was published in the open access journal *ZooKeys*.

Internet

Origin of domesticated horses pinpointed

CAMBRIDGE, 11 May — British researchers say they've used DNA science to settle the question of where modern domesticated horses originated.

Archaeological evidence had long suggested horse domestication originated in the western part of the Eurasian Steppe — Ukraine, southwest Russia and west Kazakhstan.

However, the large number of female lineages in the domestic horse gene pool suggested multiple domestication "events" across a wide geographic area.

Scientists at Cambridge University report a genetic database of more than 300 horses sampled from across the Eurasian Steppe shows the extinct wild ancestor of domestic horses, *Equus ferus*, was domesticated in the western region of the steppe, and that herds then were repeatedly restocked with wild horses as they spread across Eurasia.

"The spread of horse domestication differed from that of many other domestic animal species, in that spreading herds were augmented with local wild horses on an unprecedented scale," zoologist Vera Warmuth said in a Cambridge release.—Internet

China's phone maker Huawei hopes to make a name for itself

NEW ORLEANS, 11 May—Will Americans buy a Chinese smartphone? We're about to find out, as Huawei, one of the world's biggest phone makers, is planning a big push into United States (US) cellphone stores.

All four nationwide US phone companies will carry

Huawei smartphones this year, says Mr Francis Hopkins, a Huawei spokesman.

That's up from one right now — with AT&T.

Only two Chinese companies are well known consumer brands in the US: computer maker Lenovo, which entered the US market

by buying IBM's PC division, and Haier, an appliance maker with a German name.

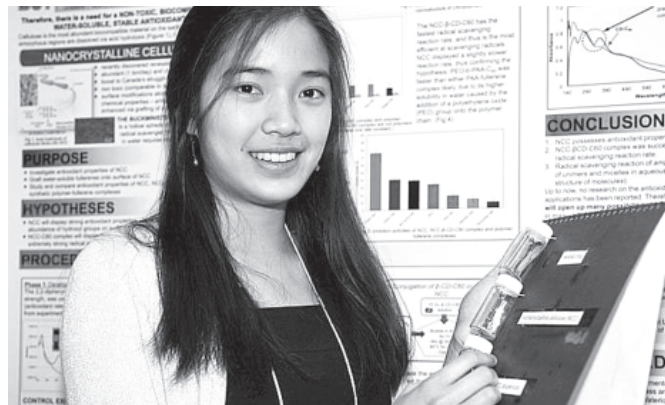
Huawei, by contrast, is pushing into the US market under its own power, and with a Chinese-sounding name (pronounced 'way-way').

Internet



The logo of the Huawei Technologies Co Ltd is seen outside its headquarters in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, on 17 April, 2012.—REUTERS

Singapore-born teen discovers tree pulp's anti-ageing benefits



Singapore-born teenager Janelle Tam who recently moved to Canada won a national science award on Tuesday for her groundbreaking work on the anti-ageing properties of tree pulp, officials said.—INTERNET

OTTAWA, 11 May—A Singapore-born teenager who recently moved to Canada won a national science award on Tuesday for her groundbreaking work

on the anti-ageing properties of tree pulp, officials said.

Janelle Tam, 16, won the US\$5,000 (S\$6,240) award in the 2012 Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge Canada for showing that cellulose, the woody material found in trees that enables them to stand, also acts as a potent anti-oxidant.

"Her super anti-oxidant compound could one day help improve health and anti-ageing products by neutralising more of the harmful free-radicals found in the body," Bioscience Education Canada said in a statement. Tam's work involved tiny particles in the tree pulp known as nanocrystalline cellulose (NCC), which is flexible, durable, and also stronger than steel.

Internet

World's rarest gorillas caught on camera

NEW YORK, 11 May—A video camera trap in Cameroon captured images of the world's rarest gorilla, a notoriously elusive species rarely observed by humans, conservationists say.

The camera trap in Cameroon's Kagwene Gorilla Sanctuary has collected the first video footage of the Cross River gorilla, a species with fewer than 250 individuals remaining, the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society reported on Tuesday.

In the footage, eight Cross River gorillas can be seen making their way along a forest path.

"This video gives us all a spectacular view into the hidden world of one of our closest relatives, which is in dire need of our help to survive," Steve Sanderson,

WCS President and CEO, said.

The government of Cameroon established the Kagwene Gorilla Sanctuary in 2008 for the sole purpose of protecting the Cross River gorilla, whose range is limited to the remote forested mountainous terrain on the border region of Nigeria and Cameroon.

The camera trap has provided researchers with a rare look at the species, WCS officials said. "The video represents the best images to date of Cross River gorillas, normally shy animals that flee at the slightest hint of human presence," WCS officer Christopher Jameson said.

"The footage provides us with our first tantalizing glimpses of Cross River gorillas behaving normally in their environment.—Internet

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Women with umbrellas walk past an electronic board displaying graphs of market indices outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 9 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Women take longer to overcome concussions

EAST LANSING, 11 May—Younger athletes and female athletes take longer to recover from concussions, researchers at Michigan State University say.

Study leader Tracey Covassin, a certified athletic trainer, found females performed worse than males on visual memory tests and reported more symptoms post-concussion.

Additionally, high school athletes after concussions performed worse than college athletes on verbal and visual memory tests, and some of the younger athletes still were impaired up

to two weeks after their injuries, Covassin said.

“This study confirms that age and sex have an impact on recovery, and future research should focus on developing treatments tailored to those differences,” Covassin said in a statement. “We need to raise awareness that yes, female athletes do get concussions. Too often, when we speak with parents and coaches, they overlook the fact that in comparable sports, females are concussed more than males.”

The study involved 300 concussed athletes from multiple states over a two-year period. All of the athletes

had previously completed a baseline test before taking three post-concussion tests, the same ones used in professional sports, after being injured, Covassin said.

“Younger athletes appear more at risk for second-impact syndrome, where a second concussion can come with more severe symptoms,” Covassin said. “While it is rare, there is a serious risk for brain damage, and the risk is heightened when athletes are coming back before they heal.”

The findings were published in the *American Journal of Sports Medicine*. *Internet*

SingTel Q4 net profit inches up, sees slim growth

SINGAPORE, 11 May—Robust performances by Singapore Telecommunications Ltd’s (STEL.SI) units in Indonesia and Thailand helped Southeast Asia’s largest telecoms firm reverse four straight quarters of falling year-on-year profits.

Underlying quarterly net profit was S\$1.02 billion, SingTel said on Thursday. That was slightly higher than

S\$998 million a year earlier but below the S\$1.06 billion average forecast from six analysts surveyed by *Reuters*.

SingTel, which has stakes in various mobile operators in Asia, said group revenue was seen growing at a “low single digit level” and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation was expected to be stable. Its earnings have been crimped in recent quarters by the \$9 billion acquisition of African mobile operations by its Indian affiliate Bharti Airtel (BRTINS) in 2010.

Net profit for the fiscal fourth quarter ended in March rose 30 percent to S\$1.29 billion, bolstered by an exceptional net tax credit of S\$270 million from an increase in the value of assets transferred to an associate.

SingTel’s attributable full-year net profit rose 4.3 percent to S\$3.99 billion but underlying net profit fell 3.3 percent to S\$3.68 billion.

The Singapore company controls around a third of Bharti Airtel, India’s biggest

mobile operator, which this month reported a ninth straight fall in quarterly profit partly due to amortisation and interest costs on its 3G network investments, as well as higher tax provisions.

Bharti’s earnings, on a downtrend since its expansion into Africa, have also been hit by intense price competition.

But SingTel’s Indonesian operation, PT Telekomunikasi Selular, had a 23 percent rise in quarterly net profit, driven by mobile data services on smartphones such as Blackberry (RIM.TO) and Apple’s (AAPL.O) iPhone.

SingTel, around 54 percent owned by Singapore state investor Temasek Holdings, recently set up a new structure to raise its presence in content and mobile applications as firms like Apple grab more revenues from mobile users globally.

The restructuring is the first major transformation by SingTel since it embarked on a multibillion-dollar drive a decade ago to buy stakes in operators in high-growth Asian countries such as India and Indonesia to boost earnings.

SingTel shares have risen 2.3 percent so far this year, underperforming the 10 percent rise in the benchmark *Singapore Straits Times* Index.

Reuters



A woman speaks on a mobile phone in front of a SingTel logo at the company’s headquarters in Singapore on 13 May, 2010.—INTERNET

Gold slides under \$1,600

NEW YORK, 11 May—Gold prices dropped again on Wednesday, sliding below \$1,600 and hitting their lowest point of the year on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. As the dollar index rose and equities headed south, gold shed \$10.30 to \$1,594.20 per troy ounce. That’s the lowest since 30 Dec when it was at \$1,565.30.

Silver shed 21 cents to \$29.24 per ounce. The dollar index rose 0.36 percent to 80.15 on the International Exchange, although the greenback was mixed in Asia and Europe.

The euro fell to \$1.2934 from Tuesday’s \$1.3007. Against the yen, the dollar fell to 79.64 yen from 79.87 yen. The British pound rose to \$1.6131 from \$1.6128. The dollar fell to 1.0023 Canadian dollars from 1.0024 Canadian.

The dollar dropped against the Hong Kong dollar, trading at 7.7633 from 7.7637. The Australian dollar fell to \$1.0042 from \$1.0051.—*Internet*

Toyota predicts a comeback

TOYOTA CITY, (Japan), 11 May—Japanese automaker Toyota Motor Corp said 2012 would be a year of recovery, projecting profits of \$9.5 billion through March 2013.

Toyota has been battered in recent years. Formerly the world’s largest automaker by vehicle sales, it earned \$21.5 billion in profits in 2008, *The New York Times* reported on Wednesday.

But a global economic slump hurt sales and the firm’s recovery was tripped up by massive recalls due to concern over cars that accelerated unexpectedly. Then, on 11 March, 2011, a devastating earthquake rocked the northeast coast of Japan.

That was followed by a tsunami that triggered a nuclear disaster at the Fukushima nuclear power plant.

The natural disasters led to production problems, as supplies of critical parts

became a major concern.

As if that wasn’t enough, while the country worked to rebuild, the yen grew in strength, which made exports more expensive abroad.

On Wednesday, Toyota said its net income in its last fiscal year—which runs March to March—had dropped 31 percent from 2010 to \$3.5 billion.

Toyota said it expected to sell 8.7 million vehicles in the current fiscal year, up 1.35

million from the previous 12 months. Revenue is expected to climb 18 percent to \$276 billion, *the Times* said.

“In recent years, we have suffered periods of hardship. This year, I am determined to show tangible results of all our internal efforts in order to reward our stakeholders who supported us during these difficult times,” Chief Executive Officer Akio Toyoda said in a statement.

Internet



Toyota will double-down on development in North America, including work for the Camry.—INTERNET

A medical assistant holds an insulin pen administered to diabetes patients. Hungarian diabetics who fail to stick to their diet will be deprived of more modern treatments from July, under a government decree published Monday aimed at cutting health spending.—INTERNET



Poll: 44-60 is middle aged, 60-plus is old

TALLAHASSEE, 11 May—Women and men agree the start and end of middle age occurs earlier for women than for men, US researchers found.

Anne Barrett, an associate professor of sociology Florida State University, and graduate student Erica Toothman analyzed two waves of nationally representative US data collected in 1995 to 1996 and 2004 to 2006 that examined how various factors influence people’s views of the timing of middle age. Most people think of middle age as beginning at age 44 and ending at 60, Barrett said. The study published in the journal *Advances in Life Course Research* found:

— Younger adults tend to see middle age as occurring at younger ages than do older adults.

— People who are more socioeconomically disadvantaged or belong to racial or ethnic minority groups tend

to view this stage as occurring earlier than do their peers.

— Others likely to view middle age as occurring earlier include those in poor health, those who began families young, those divorced and those without parents who

were alive.

Barrett described Americans as being in “the curious position of wanting to live a long life but knowing it requires moving into the most devalued stage of life—late old age.”—*Internet*

Recall for some rechargeable toothbrushes

OTTAWA, 11 May—Canada echoed a US recall on a brand of rechargeable toothbrushes on Thursday, based on seven incidents where the charging base malfunctioned. The Health Canada agency urged consumers to return Spinbrush Pro Clean SONIC Recharge Toothbrushes to the retailer because of the risk of fire, shock or burns. The units are manufactured by the Church & Dwight corporation, which advised consumers to stop using the toothbrushes and return them.

Both Canadian and US Food and Drug Administration warnings said the voluntary recall only affects certain models of rechargeable toothbrushes and not battery-powered units.

“This recall is limited to specific lots of the product ... DD9355 to 9365 and DD0002 to 0122 that were distributed between February 2010 and October 2011,” the Canadian warning said. The company said consumers with the affected units could call 1 888 709-4100 or check in at www.sonicrochargereturn.com.—*Internet*



Francois Hollande (L), France's Socialist Party candidate for the 2012 French presidential election, and Claude Bartolone (R), socialist deputy, in charge of Foreign Affairs in Hollande's team for 2012, at a Placo construction materials plant in Vaujours, northeast of Paris, in this 28 November, 2011 file photo.—REUTERS

Weak French industry gives Hollande early headache

PARIS, 11 May—Weak industrial output figures for March on Wednesday added to signs that France's Socialist president-elect Francois Hollande will inherit a sickly economy when he takes office next week, supporting his calls for more policy focus on growth.

Hollande, who has emerged as a figurehead for a fight-back against German-led austerity in the euro zone, will take power in the bloc's second largest economy on Tuesday, the same day that France publishes first quarter economic growth.

Worse-than-expected industrial output figures confirmed expectations that Hollande, who swept to victory in a closely fought election on Sunday, will take the helm of a weakening economy, in contrast with its

robust German neighbour. Statistics agency INSEE said industrial output fell almost twice as fast as predicted in March. It sank 0.9 percent compared with a Reuters forecast for a decline of 0.5 percent.

The size of the drop was attributable to temporary factors, with energy consumption plunging 14.2 percent after February's cold snap. March's decline in output contributed to an overall 0.1 percent fall over the first three months of the year.

However, following a worse-than-expected drop in consumer spending in the same month, the data painted a picture of an economy struggling to gain momentum.

"We are expecting a very light contraction in the French economy in the first quarter-

of the order of 0.1 to 0.2 percent," said Helene Baudchon, economist at BNP Paribas, adding that France should avoid recession by returning to growth in the second quarter.

French GDP grew 0.2 percent in the final quarter of last year, and the Bank of France said on Thursday it expected the economy to remain flat in the second quarter of this year.—Reuters

Blaze at Malaysia's Petronas gas processing plant kills one, injures many

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 May—A worker was killed and several others were injured on Thursday in a blaze at a Petronas gas processing plant in Malaysia's Terengganu state, the state-owned oil giant said in a statement.

Petronas Gas Berhad said the deceased, 31-year-old Rosli Mansor was servicing the plant in Complex A in the Kerteh Town under a scheduled maintenance shutdown when the fire broke out.

He died on the spot while

10 others were injured as authorities contained the fire less than 30 minutes later, fire department officials told Xinhua.

They were contractors of maintenance consortium Hyundai PFC.

Petronas said its

operations and gas supply to the peninsula's gas pipeline network were not affected.

Malaysian daily *The Star* quoted a witness as saying thick smoke billowed from the plant after two explosions that sent workers flying. Both the Kerteh fire department and Petronas said investigation is ongoing but declined to reveal the cause of the accident.—Xinhua

Afghanistan "faces tougher times" in next security handover

KABUL, 11 May—Afghanistan faces tougher security challenges in the next phase of a transition from foreign to Afghan forces as militants step up their attacks, Afghan officials said on Thursday.

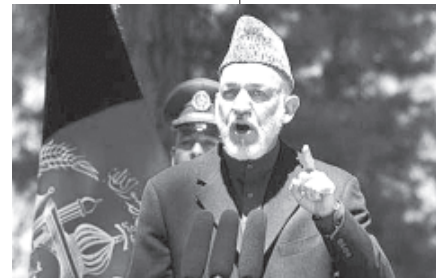
President Hamid Karzai is expected to announce on Sunday the transfer of 230 districts and the centres of all provincial capitals to Afghan control in the third phase of a handover before most NATO troops pull out by the end of 2014. "In 2014 we will face a national survival test, but our enemies have to know that this nation is committed to fulfill this process," Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, head of the transition process, told reporters in Kabul.

"The third stage is a difficult stage. We don't want to tell lies to Afghanistan's people, but these difficulties are not ones that have no solution. The fourth and fifth stages will be more difficult," Ahmadzai, a former finance minister, said.

Afghanistan and its Western backers plan a total of five

stages of security transfer, which will eventually include Taliban strongholds such as Kandahar and much of Helmand as well as volatile eastern provinces, among other areas.—Reuters

Afghan President Hamid Karzai speaks during a news conference in Kabul on 3 May, 2012. REUTERS



stages of security transfer, which will eventually include Taliban strongholds such as Kandahar and much of Helmand as well as volatile eastern provinces, among other areas.—Reuters

US downs test missile with new interceptor

WASHINGTON, 11 May—US forces said they had destroyed a target in the first successful test of the Navy's newest anti-missile interceptor, designed to protect allies from attacks by countries like North Korea and Iran.

A target ballistic missile was downed near Hawaii late on Wednesday by the latest Raytheon Co-built Standard Missile-3 interceptor, the Pentagon's Missile Defence Agency (MDA) said.

The advanced inter-

ceptor is key to the next phase of an anti-missile shield being built by the United States in and around Europe.

The United States plans to deploy increasingly capable SM-3 versions up to around 2020 to boost defences against missiles that could be fired by Iran and North Korea.

"Initial indications are that all components performed as designed," the agency said in an emailed statement.

The interceptor, called the SM-3 Block 1B, had failed to knock out its target in its maiden intercept test in September. This led to a continuing delay in Raytheon's production.

The shield under construction in Europe involves ground- and ship-based hardware as well as space-based sensors.

The SM-3 Block 1B interceptor is due to be deployed on land in Romania by 2015 in the second stage of President Barack Obama's "phased adaptive" approach to missile defence. It will also be used on ships equipped with Lockheed Martin Corp's "Aegis" anti-missile combat system.

Reuters

2012 challenging year for Asia Pacific

COLOMBO, 11 May—Asia Pacific faces another year of tough policy changes to stimulate growth with Sri Lanka also having to manage monetary policy, control inflation, provide jobs for youth and reduce high inequality, said a report launched here Thursday.

The latest United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) projections released in the report titled "Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2012" stated the region should concentrate on policy

changes that would stimulate and rebalance growth, promote regional cooperation to share risks and opportunities and implement long term structural reforms to cope with high commodity prices.

UNESCAP Economic Affairs Officer Vatcharin Sirimaneetham said that six policy changes are highlighted in the report as essential for the region.

The challenges include managing growth and inflation balance, coping with volatile capital flows, addressing job recovery,

rising social and income inequalities, dealing with disaster risks and rebalancing towards better quality growth. "In general, the region has room for fiscal and monetary policy responses. Governments can use these to respond to the crisis. Policymakers need to find their preferred inflation growth nexus," Sirimaneetham said. In the Sri Lankan context, a monetary policy to balance credit growth along with inflation with softer exports and domestic output growth would be beneficial for the country.—Xinhua



A Pakistani soldier stands guard near a damaged police van in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 10 May, 2012. 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. XINHUA

New Zealand families want miners' bodies recovered

WELLINGTON, 11 May—The grieving families of 29 men killed in a New Zealand mine explosion 18 months ago vowed on Friday to fight for the bodies to be returned after the new mine owner revealed no recovery was planned.

Solid Energy, which is buying the Pike River Coal mine, said it would not put more lives at risk attempting to bring out the dead men.

"The only safe, feasible and credible option for

recovering the men's bodies will be as part of a future commercial mining operation. This will take some years to develop and implement," Solid Energy chief executive Don Elder said.

The families of the miners — 24 New Zealanders, two Australians, two Britons and a South African — were irate after Elder told them there was only a five to 10 per cent likelihood of a successful

recovery.

Bernie Monk, whose 23-year-old son Michael died in the November 2010 explosions, told the *Zealand Herald* he was "mad as hell" and the families were pursuing legal options.

"I'm not going to give up. I want my son home for my family. My son deserves a burial," he said.

Anna Osborne, whose husband Milton was among the victims, said it was difficult hearing the reality



File photo of flames coming out of a ventilation shaft at the Pike River Coal mine near Greymouth on New Zealand's West Coast in November 2010. The grieving families of 29 men killed in a New Zealand mine explosion 18 months ago vowed on Friday to fight for the bodies to be returned after the new mine owner revealed no recovery was planned.—INTERNET

of the situation facing the families. "But we are going to get down and get our men out. I'm not giving up."

Monk said the families were also prepared to block

Solid Energy's efforts to remove coal from the site if it started mining before recovering the bodies.

Mining stopped at Pike River after the explosion and

the Pike River Coal company went into receivership soon after. An inquiry into the accident is expected to be completed later this year.—*Internet*



An Indian Rhinoceros (Rhinoceros unicornis) takes its calf to water in the Maghauri Chitwan forest, southwest of Kathmandu. The Himalayan country's endangered one-horned rhinoceros has increased its numbers significantly over recent years thanks to tightened security against poachers and community conservation programmes.—INTERNET

Nepal winning battle against rhino poachers

KATHMANDU, 11 May—In a nation where a civil war and years of political deadlock have stunted prosperity and development, the burgeoning rhino population is one of Nepal's rare success stories.

The Himalayan country's endangered one-horned rhinoceros has increased its numbers significantly over recent years thanks to tightened security against poachers and community conservation programmes.

Wildlife experts spent a month last year conducting

an exhaustive survey and counted 534 rhinos in Nepal's southern forests — 99 more than when the last such census was carried out in 2008.

"Despite all the hardship during the unrest in the country, we continued our support to the fullest extent to control poaching of rhinos and we are glad that our efforts have yielded positive results," said Diwakar Chapagain of WWF Nepal's wildlife trade control programme.

The wildlife organization, which has been involved in anti-poaching and anti-trafficking programmes as well

as habitat research for more than 30 years, expects numbers to keep improving.

The picture was not always so positive.

Thousands of greater one-horned rhinos, also known as the Indian rhinoceros, once roamed Nepal and northern India but their numbers plunged over the last century due to poaching and human encroachment on their habitat.

The animals are killed for their horns, which are prized for their reputed medicinal qualities in China and southeast Asia.

Internet

Maya lunar calendar notes discovered in Guatemala

WASHINGTON, 11 May—On the wall of a tiny structure buried under forest debris in Guatemala, archaeologists have discovered a scribe's notes about the Maya lunar calendar, which they say could be the first known records by an official chronicler of this ancient civilization.

These notes pertain to the same Maya calendar that is sometimes erroneously thought to predict the world's end on or about 22 December, 2012. The researchers who helped uncover and decipher the wall's inscriptions said the Maya calendar foresaw a vast progression of time, with the December 2012 date the beginning of a new calendar cycle called a baktun.—*Reuters*

Heavy fog halts passage of 170 ships in east China

QINGDAO, 11 May—Heavy fog shrouding the sea waters of the coastal city of Qingdao has halted the passage of over 170 ships, said local authorities on Thursday.

As of 1:30 pm on Thursday, all ports of Qingdao, Shandong Province, were closed due to the heavy fog. Qingdao marine affairs and immigration control authorities will continue to monitor the situation, according to Qingdao immigration control station.

The heavy fog descended early Wednesday evening. *Xinhua*

British PM faces scrutiny over ties to Murdoch

LONDON, 11 May—British Prime Minister David Cameron faces potentially embarrassing scrutiny of his ties to Rupert Murdoch on Friday when Rebekah Brooks, a former top lieutenant in the tycoon's media empire, appears at an inquiry into press standards. Brooks, once editor of the *News of the World* tabloid at the heart of the phone hacking scandal, is expected to be grilled about her ties with Cameron, who was eager to secure the support of Murdoch's newspapers ahead of the 2010 national election.

Cameron, who has said politicians' ties with Murdoch were far too cozy, is grappling with a series of disclosures from an inquiry he himself ordered that have shown the close social ties between government and Murdoch's most powerful executives.

"It's a worry because you just don't know what's there," one member of parliament from Cameron's Conservative party told *Reuters*, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the political sensitivity. "I think it could

be very difficult. I don't know any more than the next person but I do have a sense that it is going to be difficult."

Cameron's former spokesman, ex-tabloid newspaper editor Andy Coulson, told the inquiry on Thursday that he was given access to some of the government's most sensitive secrets though he did not have full security clearance.

When the inquiry turned to a meeting that has come to symbolize Murdoch's power over British politicians, Coulson was questioned about the *News Corp* chief's back-door visit to Downing Street for a 30-minute meeting



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron gestures outside 10 Downing Street in London 10 May, 2012. REUTERS

with Cameron shortly after the 2010 election. He denied any "grand conspiracy" between media tycoons and senior politicians, but did say that the fallout from the phone hacking scandal was forcing politicians to distance themselves from journalists and media bosses.

But the impression that the prime minister and finance minister George Osborne surrounded themselves with a coterie of privileged individuals for cozy dinners and horse riding in the English countryside has been pounced on by critics.

Brooks, who resigned as chief executive of Murdoch's British newspaper *News International* in the wake of the phone hacking furor, will be asked at the Leveson Inquiry about her long friendship with Cameron. The *Telegraph* newspaper has reported that Cameron texted Brooks up to 12 times a day, while the *Times*, quoting from a new biography of Cameron, reported on Wednesday that he had texted her before she quit to tell her to "keep her head up".—*Reuters*

Well-traveled Ore wolf photographed in Calif

GRANTS PASS, 11 May—A young male wolf from Oregon that has won worldwide fame while trekking across mountains, deserts and highways looking for a mate has had what appears to be his first close encounter with people, and got his picture taken, to boot. A federal trapper, a state game warden and a state wildlife biologist were

visiting ranchers in Northern California on Tuesday to notify them that GPS signals showed the gray wolf was in the area, when they stopped to look over a sagebrush hillside with binoculars, said Karen Kovacs, wildlife programme manager for the California Department of Fish and Game in Redding, Calif.

"There, all of a sudden, out pops a head, and there he is," she said. "He appeared very healthy."

The wolf was hanging out with three coyotes, and appeared curious about the people watching him. But he kept his distance, about 100 yards, Kovacs said.

"He has managed to stay off the radar as far as people getting visuals of this critter," she said. "His healthy distance has probably served



This 8 May, 2012 photo provided by the California Department of Fish and Game shows OR-7, the Oregon wolf that has trekked across two states looking for a mate, on a sagebrush hillside in Modoc County, Calif. A California Department of Fish and Game biologist spotted the wolf and took this photo while out visiting ranchers in the area.—INTERNET

him well up to this point." California wildlife biologist Richard Shinn snapped a photo, the first shot of the animal in color, and the department posted it on its website.

The sighting happened on private land in Modoc County, the sparsely settled northeastern corner of California. The wolf, known as OR-7, left the Imnaha pack in northeastern Oregon in September, shortly before the state put a death warrant on his father and a sibling for killing cattle. That order has been suspended while a challenge by conservation groups is heard in court. OR-7 is a descendant of wolves introduced into the Northern Rockies in the 1990s, and represents the westernmost expansion of a regional population that now tops 1,650.—*Internet*



The work coordination meeting on more effectively carrying out the national and regional development tasks in progress at the President Office.

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President U Thein Sein...

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the people. As there have now been offers of global nations to provide assistance to and to invest in the nation, the ministries

agriculture, industry, education, health, and should implement them area-wise and according to priority list.

Human resource



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham makes clarification.—MNA

and region/state governments should draw strategies and tactics based on national and regional development projects for ministry-wise and job-wise reforms covering such sectors as

development plays an important role after the capital. And there have now been demands for skilled works at different levels in banking, hotel and tourism industry and other

investment sectors. With this end in view, offers are being constantly extended to Myanmar citizens who have been abroad for various reasons to come back home. Those who were abroad include technicians, experts, businessmen as well as those who are engaged in different careers. The State would render necessary assistance to them if they have any difficulties in doing business in the nation.

It is necessary to allow the opening of universities, colleges and courses of international standard for generating more job opportunities and to invite more region-wise investments. In order to promote the education of needy children in faraway areas, skilled teachers must be turned out through international assistance. It is also required to allow private investment in opening hospitals and clinics in some areas for providing public healthcare and to supply drinking water and promote healthcare services in some areas of regions and states, which have difficult access to investment, through State

funds and international helps, he said.

Next, the President stressed the need for co-operative efforts for establishing agricultural and livestock breeding businesses and industries and developing health, education and human resources in order to improve living conditions of the national race organizations with which peace talks have been held and to create job opportunities for them.

In conclusion, the President said in conducting reforms, the morality and

attitude of ward/village administrators and township administrators in performing their administrative duties, must be polished so that they can avoid corruption, bribery and unfriendly relations with the public. When it comes to the efforts for national economic development, it is needed to do business and make investment in line with the laws, rules and procedures without irregularities and to mobilize public cooperation without putting reliance on a handful of people alone. Only then,

will the country be able to do good practices on a par with the international community, concluded the President.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham explained regional development, poverty alleviation and human resource development. Then, the participants discussed and proposed reform processes in their respective sectors.

The meeting adjourned at 5.20 pm and the second-day session continues tomorrow at 9 am.

MNA



Union A&I Minister U Myint Hlaing makes clarification.—MNA



Union Industry Minister U Soe Thein makes clarification.—MNA



Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min makes clarification.

MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister views rural development in Yinnabin Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye on 9 May morning arrived at Shwetaung Oo Tipitaka Dhammapala Vihara Monastery in Yinnabin Township to offer meals to the monks, where he inspected the place chosen for the construction of a hostel and progress of the construction site of a two-storey refectory.

Then, he paid homage to Alaungdaw Kassapa and then fulfilled the needs for greening of the environs.

After comforting the patients at Kapaing Village Station Hospital, the Chief Minister viewed progress of the construction of a new building in the Basic Education High School (branch) in Kapaing Village.—MNA

Kayah State Chief Minister donates alms to monks, nuns

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo, the State Hluttaw Speaker and the Deputy Speaker, and State Ministers donated alms to Members of Sangha and Nuns at rice donation ceremony at historic Myo Nam Shwe Pagoda in Loikaw on 5 May.

The chief minister addressed opening ceremony of basic vocational course and advanced tailoring course at Women's Domestic Vocational Training School on 7 May.

He provided quality paddy strains to district and township rehabilitation committee at State Agricultural Department Office.

MNA

Outstanding weightlifters awarded in sports



YANGON, 11 May—A ceremony to honour outstanding weightlifters and those who set new records in the sports trials of weightlifting event was held at the hall of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation at

Aung San Stadium on 5 May as part of efforts to make preparations to be able to achieve victories in the XXVII SEA Games.

Vice-President of the federation U Kyaw Aung Soe explained the purpose of sports trials and records of outstanding lifters.

Vice-President U Aung Chit of the federation gave a supplementary clarification.

The vice-presidents of the federation presented cash awards to outstanding weightlifters in the sports trials.—*Kyemon*

Insein WJA reconstituted as Insein Township Writers Association

YANGON, 11 May—The plenary meeting of Insein Township Writers and Journalists Association of Yangon North District and the election of Township Writers Association were held at the office of Township General Administration Department on 29 April morning.

The election commission formed with Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Hsan Oo,

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Hnin Kyi and Patron of Township Writers and Journalists Association Director Maung Yin Kyaw supervised the election.

The meeting elected U Phone Wai (Director Phone Wai) as chairman, U Bo Kyi (Dr Bo Thanmani-Taungdingyi) as vice-chairman, U Soe Win Maung (Shwe Taik Soe) as secretary, U Ye Tint (Mawgyun Ye

Khaing) as joint-secretary, Daw Myint Myint Thein (Tekkatho Mya Myinzu) as treasurer, U Win Myint (Maung Maung Win Myint-Hmukhin), U Soe Naing (Hla Moe Naing), U Maung Myint (Maung Nwe Myint) and U Than Soe (Myat Lan Naung-Padegon) as executives.

After that, they chose the chairman and the secretary of the township association as representatives to the conference.—*Kyemon*

Hsipaw plans to grow teak plantations

HSPAW, 11 May—Staff of Forest Department made preparations for growing over 30,000 teak plants on 50-acre commercial land on No. 20 block of Nanma forest reserve in Sanlaung Village of Hsipaw Township in Shan State (North) on 6 May for 2012-2013 fiscal year.

As part of contributing to environmental conservation, a plan was set to assign duties to each household to grow three teak plants, 20 hardwood plants, each village one acre of Eucalyptus, over 10,000 Mezali saplings and 25,000 firewood plants.

Myanma Alin

Phu Thit Wai Library opened in Pinlebu Township

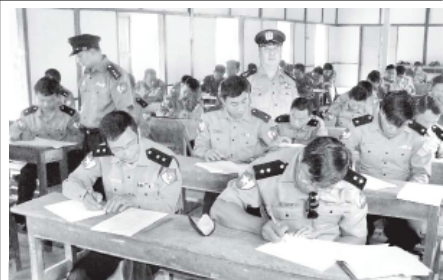
PINLEBU, 11 May—A ceremony to put Phu Thit Wai library into service was held in front of the library in Taungtaw-Shwehtigon Village of Pinlebu Township in Katha District of Sagaing Region on 28 April afternoon.

At first, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Yin Min Aung, Taungtaw-Shwehtigon Village Administrator U Than Aung and village elder U Aung Pe formally opened the library.

Next, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Thant Sin unveiled the signboard of the library. After that, the officials visited there.

The newly opened library was 24 feet long, 22 feet wide and 16 feet high one-storey building.

Myanma Alin



MODEL POLICEMEN TESTED: Police Code of Conduct was held for choosing model policemen at Basic Education Primary School I Yamethin on 5 May. Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Kyaw Teza, District Police Staff Officer Police Captain Yu Lwin and Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Soe Myint Win supervise the test.

MYANMA ALIN

Self-reliant library opened in Dagon Myothit (South) Township



YANGON, 11 May—A ceremony to open Bawa Lanhnyun library was held in Ward 25 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township in Yangon East District on 7 May morning.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner U Hlaing Soe Thant of District General Administration Department, Assistant Director U Myint Swe of Yangon Region Information

and Public Relations Department, Head of Township IPRD Daw Yi Yin Thwe and Ward 25 administrator U Htay Win formally opened the library.

Next, the deputy commissioner, the assistant director of Region IPRD and the staff officer of District IPRD donated 100 books each and the township administrator K 10,000, the ward administrator one 21-inch TV to the library.

The deputy commissioner and officials viewed reading of youths at the library.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Self-reliant concrete road commissioned in Mawlamyinegyun



MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 11 May—A ceremony to inaugurate self-reliant Mogok Kyauing concrete

road was held in Ward 12 of Mawlamyinegyun Township of Ayeyawady Region on 20 April morning.

On the occasion, Assistant Director U San Htay of Ayeyawady Region General Administration Department, Region Hluttaw representative U Aung Zaw Hlaing and wellwisher U Nyunt Tin formally opened the road.

The newly-opened concrete road is 535 feet long which was built at a cost of K 6.5 million by local people.

Myanma Alin

Signboard of Aung Naing Thu Cooperative Society put up

YANGON, 11 May—Aung Naing Thu Industrial, Agricultural, Livestock Breeding and Transport Services Cooperative Society put up its signboard at the office at 664 in Thumeikta 18th Street in Ward 1 of North Okkalapa Township of Yangon Region on 2 May morning.

Deputy Director U Hla Han of Yangon Region Cooperative Department unveiled the signboard of the society.

The cooperative society was set up by Thakin

Than Tin (a Col Than Tin (Retd) with the participation of disabled retired servicemen from Sagaing Region, Kachin State, Mon State, Mandalay Region and Kayin State and entrepreneurs.

The society will implement its businesses in line with the laws of the Ministry of Cooperatives.

The society is aimed at creating job opportunities for the disabled Tatmadawmen and their families and alleviating poverty.—*Saw Thein Win*

New building of BEPS opened in Einme

EINME, 11 May—Shwedaung Development Co Ltd donated 126x30 feet one-storey building in Letpangon Village of Einme Township in Myaungmya District on 6 May.

Likewise, Triangle Links Engineering Co Ltd and other wellwishers sponsored renovation of old building, construction of bridge, donation of uniforms and stationery.

Wellwisher and officials opened the new school building.—*Myanma Alin*

Use of natural fertilizer talked in Myaungmya Township

MYAUNGMYA, 11 May—With the aim of improving social-economic status of the farmers and boosting per-acre yield of crops, the clarification on usage of gypsum natural fertilizer distributed by Thiri Myint Myat Agriculture Company for improvement of farmlands was held at Mya Shwe Wah Hall in Myaungmya on 1 May

morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Ko Ko Latt made a speech.

Agriculturist U Hla Moe Aung gave talks on boosting production of crops due to use of natural fertilizer, production of high quality crops free from side effects.

It was attended by township level departmental

officials, village and ward administrators, clerks, farmers and agricultural staff. Officials replied to queries raised by local farmers.

Agriculture

Donate blood

Myanmar Libraries Foundation invites cash, book donations

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

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

Non-formal primary education discussed in Pathein



PATHEIN, 11 May—A coordination meeting on non-formal education was held in Pathein of Ayeyawady Region on 6 May morning.

Ayeyawady Region Minister U San Maung and Executive of Myanmar

Academy of Arts and Science Country Coordinator for Education for All U Tin Nyo explained non-formal primary school.

The district and township authorities discussed locations of non-formal primary school bases.

Officials responded to their discussions.

Later, they viewed commemorative equipment for non-formal education and documentary photos on works of increasing incomes.

District IPRD

DISTRICT NEWS

Tour guide course 1/2012 on 4 June-27 July

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—The 41st tour guide course No 1/2012 will be opened at the tourism school of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism in Yangon from 4 June to 27 July. Applications may be submitted at the training school, up to 18 May. The entrance test will be held on 20 May.

Chit Khin

New building of library opened in Hmawby Township

YANGON, 11 May—A ceremony to open Thuta Yeikmyon Library was held in front of the library in Bwetgyi Village of Hmawby Township in Yangon Region on 6 May morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Soe Lwin, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Aye Thein and Village Administrator U Win Naing formally opened the building.

At the ceremony, the Township Administrator made a speech. Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Aye Thein explained the development of libraries meeting five-point standard.

Next, he on behalf of the Myanmar Libraries Foundation presented 150 books and publications to Librarian U Kyaw Lin.

Township IPRD

Cash donated to fund of Shwethin Home for the Aged in Yamethin



YAMETHIN, 11 May—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund of Shwethin Home for the Aged was held at the home in Thilawa Ward 2 of Yamethin in Mandalay Region on 24 April morning.

At the ceremony, Major Han Tun Zaw (Rtd)-Daw Hay Mar Aung and family (Electronic Shop) of Watoe East Ward of Yamethin donated K 300,000 to the medical fund, families of Moe

Shwe Wah Gold Mining Company of Moehti Moemi region of Yamethin Township K 500,000, U Naing Lin-Daw Marlar Win and family of Ye Nyi Naung Gold Refinery K 500,000, Hill Missionary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandaçara K 100,000, U Ye Tint of MRTV K 20,000 in memory of U Lwin-Daw Tin Kyaw and U Kyi Aye-Daw Aye Shwe.

Chairman of the Home U Shwe, Secretary U Ngwe Thein and Treasurer U San Tint accepted the cash donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.—*Myanma Alin*



Opening of self-reliant Thuta Yeikmyon Library in progress at Bwetgyi Village of Hmawby Township.

Uniforms provided to GAD staff members

YANGON, 11 May—The uniform presentation of Dagon Myothit (South) Township General Administration Department

of Yangon East District was held at the hall of the township GAD on 2 May morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Myint Lwin made a speech.

Then, he presented uniforms to 47 staff members through Deputy Heads of Township GAD U Kyaw Myaing and U Aye Win Khaing.

The uniforms were worth K 849,500.—*Myanma Alin*

Basic fire fighting course concludes in Pyinmana



NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—With a view to enabling members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade of wards and villages of Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council, the basic fire fighting course No 4/2012 was opened at the office of Pyinmana Township Fire Services Department as of 25 April.

On 7 May, the course concluded at the office of the Township FSD.

In-charge of Pyinmana Township member of Nay

Pyi Taw Council Col Myint Aung Than made a speech.

Assistant Director Ye Kyawsa Win Myint of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department, Township Administrator U Kyaw Tint, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Than Myint, Head of Township Fire Services Department Ye Thurein Ko Ko Soe, ward and village administrators, wellwishers who donated uniforms and trainees.—*Township FSD*

Applications for damaged mobile phone SIM cards free of charge

YANGON, 11 May—Although the damaged and lost mobile phone SIM cards could be applied for new ones with K 50,000 as fine, now it can submit application for damaged SIM cards free of charge, according to an official at the press conference in the first week of May.

Those who lost SIM cards in Yangon Region may contact mobile communication stations in Pansodan, Shwegondine and Ahlon Township, Yangon

General Post Office, Yatanarpon Teleport shops and Elite shops for applications.

In the countryside, applications can be submitted through stations of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and phone shops they bought SIM cards.

Those who lost the SIM cards are to submit original documents and IDs and other related copies bringing along with damaged mobile phone SIM cards.—*Myanma Alin*

Micro-credit cooperative society formed in Nawngkhio



NAWNGKHHIO, 11 May—With the aim of realizing the rural development and poverty alleviation programme for development of cooperative tasks, Myat Yadana Micro-credit Cooperative Society was formed with the participation of government service personnel at the office of Township Cooperative

Department in Nawngkhio of Shan State on 23 April.

At the ceremony, Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department U Ba Nan explained the purpose of formation of the cooperative society.

Those present elected seven members of Board of Directors.

Township Cooperative

Take Fire Preventive Measures





A man passes cars on a showroom forecourt in west London on 6 November, 2008.

REUTERS

Consumer morale takes a knock in April

LONDON, 11 May—Consumer morale in Britain worsened in April as people became more worried about the availability of jobs and shied away from buying big-ticket items like cars, a survey by lender Nationwide showed on Friday.

The figures chime with surveys released on Wednesday which showed that British retail sales suffered their biggest annual fall in more than a year in April while the number of people placed in permanent jobs slowed.

Nationwide's consumer confidence index erased all of last month's gains, tumbling to 44 from March's nine-month high of 53, and was more than 30 points below its long-run average.

"The main consumer confidence index has seen a fall in recent months, with alternating rises and falls since

September last year," said Robert Gardner, Nationwide's chief economist.

"Nevertheless, the index has consistently remained well below its long-run average, signalling ongoing caution on the part of UK consumers."

The fall was broad-based, with consumers becoming more downbeat about both the current and future economic situation, the availability of jobs and their future household income.

"It is not surprising that confidence remains fragile, with the economy shrinking over the past six months and labour market conditions still weak," Gardner said.

A fall in inflation to 3.5 percent in March, from 5.2 percent last September, has helped households' purchasing power over the last six months but inflation is unlikely to retreat so sharply

again in the near term, Gardner said.

The Bank of England voted on Thursday not to give the struggling economy another injection of cash as concerns over high inflation outweighed the risk of a prolonged recession and renewed dangers from the euro zone debt crisis.

News that Britain has fallen back into recession could weigh on consumer morale, but the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics could provide a boost in the summer, Gardner said.

The survey was conducted between 26 March and 22 April, before the Office for National Statistics published GDP figures for the first quarter, showing the economy shrank by 0.2 percent from the previous three months, pushing it into recession.

Reuters

Dewey fires 450 people in New York

NEW YORK, 11 May—Dewey & LeBoeuf has terminated about 450 people at its New York office effective on Friday, according to a lawsuit filed by an employee who complained the law firm failed to give her adequate notice.

The employees received notice of the layoffs on Monday, according to the lawsuit. Angelo Kakolyris, a spokesman for Dewey, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The layoffs could be a death blow for Dewey, once one of the biggest law firms in the United States. The firm has been struggling for weeks with partner defections and debt, and it warned employees on 4 May that it could close its doors.

Thursday's lawsuit was filed by Vittoria Conn, a worker in Dewey's document production department, who said the company owes her 60 days of pay because it failed to give adequate notice. The action was brought in federal court in New York under federal and state laws that require employers to give 60 to 90 days' notice before mass layoffs. Conn said she was notified Monday that her last day would be Friday.

The lawsuit sought class-action status for others laid off by the company. Dewey "terminated approximately 450 employees at its Facility on or about 7 May, 2012, effective on or about 11 May," the lawsuit said.

In a letter sent to employees on 4 May, Dewey's management said it was "possible that adverse developments could ultimately result in the closure of the firm, which would result in the termination of your employment."

Separately on Thursday, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation said it would take over three pension plans



Pedestrians walk past a sign outside of the building housing the law firm Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP in New York, on 8 May, 2012.—REUTERS

covering 1,800 people sponsored by Dewey. The plans were underfunded by more than \$80 million, the federal agency said.—Reuters

Argentina seizes more than half ton of cocaine

BUENOS AIRES, 11 May—Argentina's Military Police (MP) on Thursday seized more than half a ton of cocaine in Pergamino, in Buenos Aires Province, 230 kilometres from the capital city of Buenos Aires, an MP spokesman said.

MP officers "intercepted a refrigerated van heading towards Buenos Aires" via national Highway 8, said the spokesman.

The van was stopped at an MP checkpoint, where trained dogs detected the cache buried under a false bottom, and inside the lateral bodywork of the vehicle.

The agents confiscated a total of 800 vacuum-packed bricks of cocaine weighing a little over half a ton, said the spokesmen, adding the van driver was arrested.—Xinhua

Global dairy demand drives surge in New Zealand cattle population

WELLINGTON, 11 May—The booming demand for dairy products from China and other emerging markets has led New Zealand's dairy cattle population to surge to more than 6 million, the government statistics agency announced on Friday.

Since 2010, the country's dairy cattle numbers had risen by 4.4 percent, or 259,000, to 6.17 million at the end of June last year, according to Statistics New Zealand.

About half of the increase was in the South Island,

traditionally predominantly sheep territory, but the number of sheep across New Zealand had dropped from 32.6 million in 2010 to 31.1 million last year, according to the agency's Agricultural Production Statistics.

Continued high primary produce prices influenced how farmers managed their stock, agricultural statistics manager Hamish Hill said in a statement.

Higher payouts for milk solids were behind the continuing increase in dairy

cattle numbers, while higher beef and venison prices meant farmers sent more stock for slaughter, leading to fewer beef cattle and deer in the 12 months to the end of June 2011.

Dairy product exports rose by 1.7 billion NZ dollars (1.33 billion US dollars), or 15 percent, to 12.9 billion NZ dollars last year, with China, Algeria and the United States leading the increase, according to Statistics New Zealand.

Xinhua

Bombardier profit drops; shares rise on outlook

TORONTO, 11 May—Canada's Bombardier Inc reported a sharp drop in quarterly sales and profit on Thursday partly because aircraft deliveries dropped but its shares rose as much as 6.5 percent as investors focused on the company's optimism outlook.

The stock, which had fallen after its results were announced, later reversed direction, gathering speed during an afternoon conference call as the world's third biggest commercial planemaker stressed that new orders were picking up and its backlog was healthy.

"Management is characterizing the poor result this morning as timing-related and is speaking very optimistically about new orders/deliveries in the balance of the year," explained RBC Capital Markets analyst Walter Spracklin in an email.

Bombardier's stock had dropped more than 10 percent in the week leading up to the

results.

The Montreal-based plane and train maker, which warned in March that aircraft deliveries would dip in 2012, said on Thursday revenue fell 25 percent as it introduced new aircraft and ramped up deliveries on complex new train orders.

First-quarter profit fell 14 percent to \$190 million, or 10 cents a share, from \$220 million, or 12 cents a share, a year earlier. Revenue declined 25 percent to \$3.5

billion. While profit matched analysts' expectations, revenue fell far short of the consensus estimate of \$4.52 billion, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

"Certainly the results across the board are weak. We weren't expecting a lot and we didn't get much," said PI Financial analyst Chris Murray. The company said lower revenues were anticipated, but it was able to contain costs to maintain profitability.—Reuters



A worker walks past the entrance to the Bombardier plant in Derby, central England, on 5 July, 2011.

REUTERS

Globe and Mail to introduce online paywall

TORONTO, 11 May—The Globe and Mail, one of Canada's biggest newspapers, plans to begin charging readers for access to articles on its website amid an industrywide search for alternatives to slumping print business. The Toronto-based newspaper has yet to decide how many articles a reader will be able to access for free or what price it will charge after that number has been reached, it said on Thursday. Staff are also being asked to

take unpaid leave over the summer to cut costs.

Publishers have struggled for several years to define a profitable business model for online content even as advertising and circulation of their traditional print products drop off.

Earlier this week, the publishers of the Toronto Star and the Sun chain of titles separately said weak print advertising sales weighed on their quarterly results.

The publisher of the country's biggest chain of daily newspapers, including the flagship National Post, posted a loss last month and said it might sell its headquarters as it cuts costs and reshapes for a digital age.

Several top-tier newspapers have initiated varying models by which readers must subscribe or pay for online content.—Reuters

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2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 14.5.2012 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone:95-1-291985, 291994,

Montana judge blocks transfer of Yellowstone bison

BILLINGS, 11 May—A Montana judge on Wednesday halted further transfers of Yellowstone National Park bison, dealing a significant blow to a government-sponsored conservation effort struggling to overcome livestock industry opposition.

The order from Judge John McKeon in Blaine County has the immediate effect of blocking the pending move of several dozen Yellowstone bison to the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.

McKeon said the animals must remain on the Fort Peck Reservation, where about 60 bison were transferred in March by state and tribal officials.

More broadly, the order blocks state wildlife officials from arranging future transfers of Yellowstone bison while a lawsuit against the programme from ranchers and property rights groups is pending.

The relocations are part of an attempt to curb the periodic slaughter of bison leaving the park. But many

ranchers fear the bison could spread disease and compete with cattle for grazing.

In his order for a preliminary injunction, McKeon said the potential injury to the plaintiffs in the case outweighed whatever damage the state might suffer if the bison programme is put on hold.—Internet



This 24 April, 2012 photo shows bison on the Fort Peck Reservation near Poplar, Mont.—INTERNET

LA mothers call US war on drugs a failure, seek policy change

LOS ANGELES, 11 May—A group of mothers gathered on Wednesday outside the Los Angeles Superior Court house to rally against the US hardball tactics against drugs, calling for more therapeutic drug policies.

Calling the US war on drugs a failure, organizers said this was their way to mark Mother's Day in advance, hoping it could shift the focus to the failed US war on drugs and bring about an end to discriminatory drug policies.

The rally represented a different stance on the US drug policies that focus mainly on punishment.

Diane Goldstein, a retired police lieutenant who has two children, joined the mothers for the rally. "As a mother, we want to save our children and protect them from drug dealers and cartels, but we are not doing (this) effectively through the harsh tactics of enforcement," she said.

Treatment will be more cost effective and efficient than imprisonment, she said, adding that a complete regulation of illicit drugs is the solution.

Xinhua

Hollande to meet EU's Van Rompuy, Juncker in Paris

PARIS, 11 May—French president-elect Francois Hollande will meet European Council President Herman Van Rompuy and Eurogroup head Jean-Claude Juncker in Paris this week before his trip to Berlin to discuss adding growth elements to Europe's fiscal compact.

Van Rompuy will meet the Socialist leader later on Wednesday and Juncker will meet him on Thursday, diplomatic sources and officials within Hollande's campaign team said.

"He will tell (Juncker) we need to get away from this focus on austerity which Europe is getting stuck in and which leads to stagnation," Jean-Marc Ayrault, head of the Socialist bloc in parliament and tipped as a possible prime minister under Hollande, said when asked about Hollande's meeting with Juncker.

"He will tell him the same thing he told the French during the election campaign, nothing else," he told reporters.

Hollande, who won Sunday's presidential election as voters punished Sarkozy for economic gloom, wants to launch an immediate challenge to German-imposed austerity policies in Europe after he is sworn in on 15 May.

He is calling for negotiations to add pro-growth instruments such as project bonds to the budget responsibility treaty agreed by European Union leaders in February.

Reuters

France's newly-elected President Francois Hollande is surrounded by the media as leaves his campaign headquarters in Paris on 7 May, 2012, a day after the French presidential election.

Reuters



Thousands march as Japan shuts off nuclear power

TOKYO, 11 May—Thousands of Japanese marched to celebrate the switching off of the last of their nation's 50 nuclear reactors on Saturday, waving banners shaped as giant fish that have become a potent anti-nuclear symbol.

Japan was without electricity from nuclear power for the first time in four decades when the reactor at Tomari nuclear plant on the northern island of Hokkaido went offline for mandatory routine maintenance.

After last year's 11 March quake and tsunami set off meltdowns at the

Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, no reactor halted for checkups has been restarted amid public worries about the safety of nuclear technology.

"Today is a historic day," Masashi Ishikawa shouted to a crowd gathered at a Tokyo park, some holding traditional "koinobori" carp-shaped banners for Children's Day that have become a symbol of the anti-nuclear movement.

"There are so many nuclear plants, but not a single one will be up and running today, and that's because of our efforts," Ishikawa said.—Internet

Military stop brings health care to rural Alabama

HAYNEVILLE, 11 May—An Air Force dentist pulls teeth in the oil-stained garage where the town's fire truck normally parks. A reservist in camouflage dispenses free medicine in the police department lobby. The doctoring on Wednesday was part of a military programme to provide free health care in poor areas of the South and whose latest mission came to one of Alabama's most improve-rished regions, where the teams have treated more than 12,000 people in less than two weeks. The work helps fill a gap in an area with few doctors and a multitude of medical problems, many of them linked to the obesity that is rampant in the state.

All day, people with high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, rotting teeth and failing eyes wait to see doctors, nurses and other uniformed health professionals from the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Navy Reserve at Hayneville City Hall, which has been temporarily converted

into a health clinic for the programme. Similar clinics set up in Demopolis and Selma have treated thousands more since opening 1 May; the temporary programme ends on Thursday. Leaving with an update on her blood pressure problems and a bag full of pills, Mamie Brenson, 45, of Selma was thankful for a rare chance to see a doctor. "I really love this," she said. "I'm happy for it, y'all."

Now in its third year in Alabama, the Pentagon's Innovative Readiness Training programme is administered in parts of the South by the Delta Regional Authority, a federal-state partnership that promotes economic development in parts of eight Southern states. The authority has brought similar health projects to Arkansas and Mississippi. Aside from the South, troops have provided health care and other services including dog inoculations and sewer repairs from Hawaii to Alaska.—Internet



Dr Tina Stoner, an Air Force dentist, treats an unidentified patient in a makeshift clinic in Hayneville, Ala, on 8 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Woman runs over husband in voting dispute

A woman intent on voting for one candidate in Wisconsin's gubernatorial recall primary election ran over her estranged husband, who backed another, police say.

A police report stated the incident involved Amanda Radle, 30, a recall proponent, and Jeffery Radle, 36, who supports recall target Republican Gov Scott Walker.

"She was planning on voting for a certain candidate and it wasn't the candidate he wanted her to vote for," Chippewa Falls Police Chief Wendy L Stelter said.

Police said after the two argued, Jeffery Radle stubbornly stood in his estranged wife's path and at one point jumped on the vehicle hood as she was trying to drive to the polls Tuesday, the *Chippewa Falls Herald* and *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reported. She allegedly didn't let his presence deter her and struck him with her sport utility vehicle, inflicting head, neck and back injuries that sent him to the hospital and led to her arrest, the newspapers said.

Amanda Radle was arrested after going to the Chippewa Falls Police Department to report the incident. She was released on \$500 signature bond on possible domestic battery and second-degree recklessly endangering safety charges. She was ordered not to have any contact with her estranged husband and a court hearing was set for 22 May.

Jeffery Radle was hospitalized in stable condition.

Stelter said she didn't know which candidate Amanda Radle favoured but her husband's brother, Mike Radle, said it was "one of the women candidates," which would have been either former Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk or state Sen. Kathleen Vinehout. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett won the Democratic primary and will face Walker in the June recall election.

It wasn't reported whether Amanda Radle cast a vote.



Divers cut away part of the metal walls Tuesday to make it easier for the dolphin to escape during high tide.

Rescuers free trapped dolphin in Calif

Rescue workers cut through the metal walls of an old wharf in Long Beach, Calif, to free a dolphin trapped behind the barrier, authorities said.

Port of Long Beach spokesman Lee Peterson

said the dolphin apparently followed some fish into the Long Beach Harbour construction site during high tide and was spotted trapped in an area about the size of a swimming pool Monday morning, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Wednesday.

Divers cut away part of the metal walls Tuesday to make it easier for the dolphin to escape during high tide. Officials said the animal swam away at some point early Wednesday. "The dolphin is gone," said Peter Wallerstein, director of Marine Animal Rescue in El Segundo. "The work that we did yesterday paid off... He swam out himself."

Wallerstein said the dolphin was healthy and unharmed by the ordeal.

Man attempts a robbery at a police station

A man remains in a Texas jail after allegedly attempting to hold up a police station, a report said. Police said Keithan Manuel, 18, entered the Police Department building in Wilmer, Texas, near Dallas, Saturday evening with a towel covering his hands and a demand for money.



Keithan Manuel

"A young man walked into the lobby and approached the dispatch window and told our communications officer, 'Give me all your money,'" is how Police Chief Victor Kemp described the incident.

Manuel did not have a weapon, but dispatcher Patrice Hughey said Manuel told her, "You know I have a gun, right?" "She called for officers immediately. The officers arrived and were able to take him down at gunpoint," Kemp said. Manuel, in Dallas County Jail on several charges,

including burglary, claims he visited the police station seeking information on a warrant, and was joking about the holdup, telling KTVT-TV, Dallas-Fort Worth, "I play like that all the time. I didn't think she would take it seriously." "You hear of those world's dumbest criminals every once in a while but you never think it's going to happen in your city," Kemp said.

News Album

Kate Winslet stunned by response to charity project

LOS ANGELES, 11 May—Actress Kate Winslet was amazed when her celebrity friends including actor George Clooney, Ben Stiller and Meryl Streep agreed to pose for photos in a battered old hat in aid of her autism charity.

The actress set up her Golden Hat Foundation in 2011, and wanted to raise its profile through an event, reports contactmusic.com.

Winslet invited her A-list pals including Jude Law, Christina Aguilera and Demi



Actress Kate Winslet

Moore to don her beloved trilby for a photo book. The

actress was stunned at the positive response from her Hollywood friends.

"So I came up with this idea... to send my favourite beaten-up trilby to as many well-known people as I could track down and ask them to photograph themselves wearing it," she added.

"I would then make a book of self-portraits... Amazingly, nearly every person I asked said yes," she said.

Internet



Socialite Nicole Richie

Nicole Richie's wardrobe secrets

LOS ANGELES, 11 May—Socialite Nicole Richie says she is selfish and refuses to tell her friends where to buy the best vintage clothes.

"Well I'm very selfish and I like to keep where I find my vintage clothes a secret. I'm constantly looking for the local flea markets, some cool underground places. I'm really just looking for something that represents me," contactmusic.com quoted Richie as saying. Richie has daughter Harlow, four, and two-year-old son Sparrow with husband Joel Madden. —Internet



Oscar-winning actress Gwyneth Paltrow.

Russell Brand to host MTV Movie Awards

NEW YORK, 11 May—British comedian Russell Brand is to serve as host of the 2012 MTV Movie Awards in Universal City, Calif, the cable network said on Thursday.

The 21st annual prize presentation is to take place 3 June at the Gibson Amphitheatre.

"This MTV Movie Awards will be more impressive than 'The Avengers' and you won't have to wait an hour for someone to hulk out," Brand said in a statement.

"With his amazing ability to span the full spectrum of comedy from the most high- to low-brow, Russell's smart, unpredictable wit uniquely connects him to our audience," said Stephen Friedman, president of MTV.



British comedian Russell Brand

"His rock 'n' roll sensibility and fearlessness give us the perfect partner with whom to take a leap of faith with as we meld the worlds of movies and music together on one very special night."

Internet

Eva Mendes proves Hollywood naysayers wrong



Hispanic film star Eva Mendes

LOS ANGELES, 11 May—Hispanic film star Eva Mendes is proud of her career

after many initially said that her look was not "commercial", she said at the US screening of the comedy "Girl in Progress". "When I started out, people said that my appearance was not commercial, that I was too ethnic and that perhaps I could do a few good films but not sell a product," the actress told EFE. "And here I am years later," she added.

The star of films such as "Training Day" (2001), "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003), "We Own The Night" (2007) and "The Spirit" (2008) has become a regular face on the lists of the most beautiful people in the movie industry and has been the image of numerous advertising campaigns for top fashion and cosmetics brands.

That radical change

makes her feel "very proud" for two reasons: being able to show her early critics how wrong they were and seeing how the concept of what it means to be an American has evolved. "That point of view has evolved and I'm part of that. I've been a witness to a great change," said Mendes, 38. Soon, Mendes will also come out with "Holy Motors", by French filmmaker Leos Karax, and "The Place Beyond the Pines", in which she appears with her boyfriend Ryan Gosling.

"I'm at a point in my career where I only do films that mean something for me. I hope that 'Girl in Progress' is successful, connects with people and opens doors to more works with minorities," she concluded. —Internet

All eyes on London as Doha hosts first Diamond League



This file photo shows athletes competing in the women's 1500m at the IAAF Diamond League event in Doha, in 2011. —INTERNET

LONDON, 11 May—The outdoor athletics season gets under way proper on Friday when the Qatar Sports Club hosts the first leg of the prestigious 14-meet Diamond League, with all eyes on this summer's Olympic Games in London.

Jamaican sprint star Usain Bolt will be absent, however, having preferred to make his season debut on home soil last weekend (with a world lead of 9.82sec over the 100m) and European bow in Ostrava, Czech Republic, later this month.

But a top-quality field has nevertheless been

assembled for the kick-off of the global circuit that also sees events held in Shanghai, Rome, Eugene (USA), Oslo, New York, Paris, London and Monaco before the London Olympics. The second part of the season recommences in Stockholm on 17 August, and takes in Lausanne (Switzerland), Birmingham (England) and Zurich before climaxing in Brussels.

World 800m champion David Rudisha of Kenya was in no doubt about what the season had in store.

"This year is an Olympic year and that is my main focus, my priority," Rudisha said.

"Doha is the first stepping stone towards that goal. "To win the Olympics is important and that is what I'm so far missing."

Comments echoed by many of the athletes gathered in a sweltering Doha where day-time temperatures are currently topping 40 degrees Celsius (104F) and organizers are hoping to attract more people into the stadium than last year's distinctly average attendance for the early-evening event.

Star draws include not only Rudisha, who was deprived of an early season showdown with Ethiopian upstart Mohammed Aman (late withdrawal), but also former joint world record holders Asafa Powell and Justin Gatlin facing off in the men's 100m. —INTERNET

Podolski slams bosses at relegated Cologne

MUNICH, 11 May—German international Lukas Podolski on Thursday slammed the management at relegated Bundesliga club Cologne ahead of his departure for English side Arsenal. "In three years I've known five coaches. Not easy to succeed in these conditions," said Podolski in an interview with the daily Bild.

The 26-year-old took the examples of clubs such as "Mainz, Hanover and Dortmund, who made good decisions for this post", supporting coaches and "not saying much during difficult times".

Cologne were beaten 4-1 by Bayern Munich last Saturday and finish in 17th position, ensuring relegation for the fifth time in the last 15 years.

But Podolski, who has won 95 caps for Germany, does not regret his return in 2009 to the club where he started his career, after a fruitless three seasons at Bayern Munich. "Returning wasn't a mistake. I'm more experienced,

more mature," said Podolski, who finished the season with 18 goals and was joint-fourth in the scorers' chart.

He said he was moving to Arsenal "to win titles" in a deal worth an estimated 13 million euros. —INTERNET



German international Lukas Podolski, pictured on 5 May, on Thursday slammed the management at relegated Bundesliga club Cologne ahead of his departure for English side Arsenal. —INTERNET

Play-off defeat pushes Hertha closer to relegation

BERLIN, 11 May—Hertha Berlin moved a step closer to relegation on Thursday after they suffered a 2-1 home defeat to second division Fortuna Dusseldorf in the first leg of the German league's relegation play-off.



Hertha Berlin's head coach Otto Rehhagel is seen on 5 May. —INTERNET

wasn't a problem for Poulter, who birdied all of the par-5 holes and called his round "definitely probably in the top 10 rounds of golf I have ever played."

"From nine, I had nine single putts," Poulter noted. "I didn't realize until someone just told me. All of those were decent chances, putts you would expect to hole." "There are a number of shots around this golf course which I get a good visual on and I guess it kind of focuses my mind, which is always good," he added.

Laird teed off on 10 and birdied 11 and 12. He made a brace of birdie putts from inside 10 feet at 16 and 17 to make the turn at four-under. —INTERNET

Berlin now have to overturn the deficit in Dusseldorf on Tuesday in the return leg with Fortuna, who finished the season third in the second division, now in pole-position to win promotion.

Berlin, who finished third from bottom of the Bundesliga, took the lead after just 19 minutes when Czech Republic defender Roman Hubnik rose to head the hosts into the lead in front of 70,000 fans at Berlin's Olympic Stadium. —INTERNET

Verdasco gives Nadal the blues; Federer, Djokovic win

MADRID, 11 May—Rafael Nadal went down in frustration as the second seed lost his first match of the season on clay, with Spanish compatriot Fernando Verdasco triumphing 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 on Thursday in the third round of the Madrid Masters.

"I never was in control of the match, I didn't know



Spanish Rafael Nadal returns a ball to Spanish Fernando Verdasco during their tennis match of the Madrid Masters at the Magic Box (Caja Magica) sports complex in Madrid. —INTERNET

how to win a point," said Nadal, who intimated he will not show up next year unless the controversial blue clay surface he abhors is modified.

Nadal's perfect record on the dirt for 2012 was marred as Madrid native Verdasco clawed out the opening set to stun multiple Monte Carlo and Barcelona champion Nadal, who, though he dug out the second set, succumbed in the decider.

"Movement is very important for me and I couldn't move. I couldn't hit the ball the way I wanted. I lost because I deserved to lose."

It was entirely another story for top seed Novak Djokovic, who needed two match points to beat Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 and Roger Federer, who rolled over Frenchman Richard Gasquet 6-3, 6-2. —INTERNET

Poulter, Laird share PGA Players lead



Ian Poulter of England hits an approach shot on the 18th hole at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Poulter fired a seven-under par 65 on Thursday to seize the early clubhouse lead in the first round of the \$9.5 mln event. —INTERNET

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, (Florida), 11 May—Ian Poulter and Martin Laird shared the first-round lead at the US PGA Tour's \$9.5 million Players Championship on seven-under par 65.

England's Poulter on Thursday put together four birdies in a row around the turn, finishing the day with eight birdies and one bogey, while Scotland's Laird birdied his final hole of an error-free round to join Poulter atop the leaderboard.

They were one stroke in front of American Blake Adams, who posted a 66 at TPC Sawgrass. Kevin Na and Ben Crane were at five-under 67. Tiger Woods, who missed the cut at Quail Hollow last week, was conspicuously absent from the leaderboard, firing a first-round 74.

"I didn't get a lot out of that round," Woods said. "It should have been probably one or two-under par. I just didn't score." That certainly

Blackburn Rovers' Yakubu reacts during their English Premier League soccer match against Wigan Athletic in Blackburn, northern England 7 May, 2012. —REUTERS



confirmed with a 1-0 home defeat by Wigan Athletic on Monday but B Balaji Rao, a director and member of the family that owns Venky's, is confident the club will quickly return to the elite group. "We were certainly not expecting to be relegated. It was the saddest

bit of news for me since my mother passed away," Rao told Friday's Times of India newspaper.

"But we will bounce back within a year. There will be lots of changes in the near future. We will bring in changes within the next month," he said. "In

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the last month, we have made the club debt-free."

Rao, however, declined to comment on manager Steve Kean's future, the newspaper said.

He reiterated the club was not up for sale and said most players were willing to help lead the club back into the top flight.

"We cannot hold back players. Those who want to leave may do so. But let me tell you, 80 percent of the players want to stay," he said. —REUTERS

Australia to host 2014 swimming PanPacs

SYDNEY, 11 May—The 2014 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships featuring many of the world's top swimmers will be staged in Australia, Swimming Australia said. The northern state of Queensland will host the long course event, held every four years, involving swimmers from the United States, Japan, Canada, Brazil, New Zealand and Australia. It will be the third time Australia has hosted the PanPacs following Brisbane in 1987 and Sydney (1999).

Swimming Australia on Friday said a decision on the venue was still to be confirmed. —INTERNET



This file photo shows swimmers starting off the blocks in the men's 800m freestyle final at the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in Irvine, California, in 2010. The 2014 Pan Pacific event featuring many of the world's top swimmers will be staged in Australia, according to Swimming Australia. —INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(12-5-12 09:30 am ~ 13-5-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
- * Kason Fullmoon Day, Significance of Region
- * News
- * The Fifth ISM Art Show
- * Music Programme
- * News
- * Kid's Talent "The Legends of Myanmar" (Part-1)
- * News
- * Owner of the Crown Good-Hearted Kyar Nyo Thwe (Part - I)
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Myanmar's Traditions and Culture "Golden Land"
- * News
- * Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Fish Soup"
- * News
- * Sons of the lake
- * Myanmar Movie "He sows when he reaps"

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(12-5-2012) (Saturday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:40 am
- 4. International News
- 11:00 am
- 5. Martial Song
- 12:10 pm
- 6. Delicious Dishes
- 12:25 pm
- 7. TV Drama Series
- 2:20 pm
- 8. One Village & One Product
- 4:20 pm
- 9. Cultural Dances
- 4:55 pm
- 10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm
- 11. International Science News
- 5:45 pm
- 12. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 7:00 pm
- 13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 16. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

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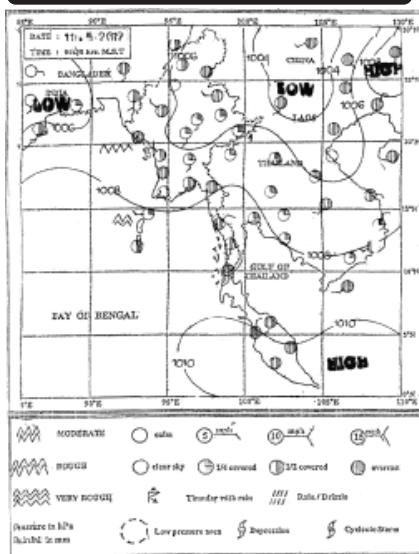
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 12th May, 2012

No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/42	23/73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	31/88	20/68	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayah	34/93	22/72	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	24/75	14/57	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	30/102	23/73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	40/104	25/77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Tanintharyi	34/93	23/73	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	37/99	25/77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	40/104	25/77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	40/104	28/82	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon	34/93	24/75	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	28/82	18/64	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	35/95	19/66	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	20/68	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	35/95	25/77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	38/100	23/73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36/97	24/75	Possibility of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40/104	28/82	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State, scattered in Shan and Mon States, isolated in Upper Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Tanintharyi Regions, Kachin State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State (1°C) above May average temperatures in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Northern Shan and Chin States and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C), Mawya and Nyaungtha (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Changune (1.89) inches, Mogik (0.94) inch, Hahka (0.86) inch and Pilewa (0.79) inch.

Ray inference: Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of day temperatures in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Olympic dream evaporates for Ronaldinho

SAO PAULO, 11 May—Brazilian star Ronaldinho is almost certain to miss out on a place in his country's squad for this summer's Olympic football tournament after being left out of the list for four upcoming friendlies. The 32-year-old former Barcelona man had hoped to play a part in Brazil's bid for Olympic gold in London but instead has paid the price for his inconsistent recent form with club side Flamengo.

David Luiz of Chelsea, AC Milan's Thiago Silva, Daniel Alves of Barcelona, Marcelo of Real Madrid and Hulk of Porto are among the players named in coach Mano Menezes' 23-man squad for the Games, along with Santos starlet Neymar.

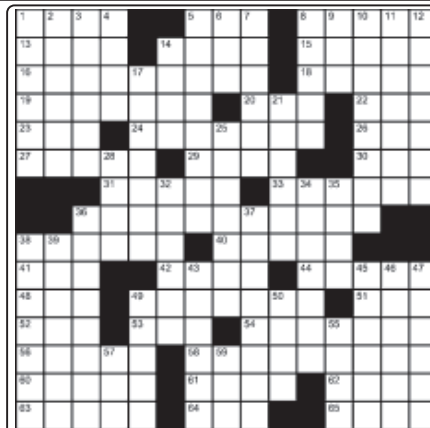
"Supporters need to understand that sometimes they think one man can be the solution to all of Brazilian football's problems and it does not work out like that," said Menezes.

"Now is the time to look at younger options." Brazil's Olympic hopefuls will face Denmark in Hamburg, Germany on 26 May, the United States on 30 May, Mexico on 3 June and Argentina on 9 June. Menezes will then confirm his final 23-man squad for the Olympics on 6 July.—Internet



FULLMOONDAY OF KASON OBSERVED: Decorated float went round Insein Township to present entertainments to the people who poured water at Bo trees across the township when the administrator of West Strand Road Ward and local people watered Bo tree on 5 May.

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Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1. Mercury and Mars
- 5. Half a dozen
- 8. Birch relative
- 13. ___-American
- 14. The "O" in S.R.O.
- 15. 1/100th rupee
- 16. Negative vote
- 18. Certain tribute

- 19. Reserve supply
- 20. Bauxite, e.g.
- 22. Caribbean, e.g.
- 23. Addis Ababa's land: Abbr.
- 24. Breastplates
- 26. Atlanta-based station (acronym)
- 27. Recombine audio tracks
- 29. Bad day for Caesar
- 30. Mozart's "L" ___ del Cairo"
- 31. One stroke over par

Down

- 1. Gossip
- 2. Recently (2 wds)
- 3. Unit of apothecary volume
- 4. Hit
- 5. Having more rough protuberances
- 6. "___ say!" (contraction)
- 7. Wood sugar
- 8. ___-ski
- 9. ___-tzu
- 10. Dilation of heart chambers
- 11. Core
- 12. Knock (hyphenated)
- 14. Double-reed woodwind
- 17. Loud electric horns
- 21. Something done to restore a broken chair
- 25. Excellent in all respects
- 28. Wading birds with long slender down-curved bills
- 32. Faust author
- 34. Everlasting
- 35. Expert
- 36. Victim of homicide
- 37. Food
- 38. Strong light brown paper (pl.)
- 39. Run
- 43. Coldest season
- 45. Flea market deal
- 46. Breakfast order
- 47. Character preceding a number (pl.)
- 49. A primary subtractive color for light (pl.)
- 50. Denials
- 55. ___-Altaic languages
- 57. Animation
- 59. Barely get, with "out"



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint back from Japan

YANGON, 11 May—A delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint arrived back here by air at 6.05 pm today after paying a goodwill visit to Japan for fostering the bilateral relations between Japan and Myanmar Hluttaws.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, chairmen and secretaries of Amyotha

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party being welcomed back by responsible persons at Yangon International Airport.

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Hluttaw committees, Amyotha Hluttaw Commission members, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito, the director-general of Hluttaw Office and officials.

Members of the delegation Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee Dr Khin Shwe, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Social and Cultural Community Affairs Committee U Win Maung, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Mining and Natural Resources Affairs Committee U Nay Win Tun, Deputy Director-General Daw Thida Tun of Amyotha Hluttaw and Assistant Director U Wunna Aung Myint of Amyotha Hluttaw also arrived back on the same flight.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May— Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has invited investors to do more investment in the hotels and tourism sector, pledging its assistance for them, said Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan at the meeting with a 15-member Singaporean business delegation at his officer here yesterday.

The Union Minister has thanked the 15-member delegation led by Mr Tan Soon Kin, Group Director (Southeast Asia Group) of International Enterprise (IE) Singapore Business Development Trip to Myanmar for their interest in the hotels and tourism sector in Myanmar, saying that the country has attracted tourists thanks to the reforms, peace and stability after the new government took office.

Myanmar offers a unique all-year round trips as it has tourist attractions including snow-capped mountains, cruises, lakes on highland, mountain ranges, beaches and archipelagos, he added.

Tourist arrival to Myanmar has increased from between 600 and 700 a day last year to 1500 today.

The ministry has been upgrading basic infrastructures and improving services for the tourism sector as it is getting off the ground in the country, he said.

The foreign investment plays an important role in development of the tourism sector in Myanmar and there are 31 hotels which have a total capacity of 5145 rooms invested by foreign countries hitting a total investment of US\$ 855.92 million, the union minister said.

Five projects for the tourism sector are still under construction, he added.

Singapore is the top in the list of foreign investment in Myanmar.

Mr Tan Soon Kin pledged that they will cooperate

Hotels and Tourism Ministry, S'porean entrepreneurs to cooperate for development of tourism sector



Union H&T Minister U Tint Hsan making speech to members of Singaporean Business delegation to Myanmar.—MNA

with the ministry for development of the hotels and tourism sector in Myanmar.

The meeting was also attended by representatives from International Enterprise (IE) Singapore Cathay

Cineplexes Pte Ltd, Kepple Land International Limited, Kheng Leong Co Ltd, Master Consult Services Pte Ltd, Park Hotel Group, Pontiac Land Group, Rajah & Tann LLP and UOL Group Limited.—MNA

Frustrated Defoe says he wanted to leave Spurs in January

LONDON, 11 May— Jermain Defoe has admitted that he asked to leave Tottenham Hotspur in January and that a loan move to Liverpool was a real possibility at the time.

He said that even though he was not playing regularly, he was fit and sharp and optimistic of being named in the England squad for Euro 2012 when it is announced on Wednesday.

Defoe, in his second spell with Spurs, has only started 11 Premier League matches

this season and come on 13 times as a substitute with manager Harry Redknapp preferring to start with Emmanuel Adebayor and Rafael van der Vaart in attack.

However, when he has come on he has generally done well and has scored 16 goals in all competitions this season.

"I didn't want to leave. I don't go thinking, 'I want to go to this club or that club'," he told the Daily Mirror newspaper.

"But in January I just wasn't playing enough and I

did go to the manager and ask to go out on loan.

"He said to me, 'I don't want you to go out on loan. We are trying to do something special here. Don't go.' And so I stayed. And I worked hard to keep myself sharp.

Internet



Archaeologists discover lost language

SCIENCE DAILY, 11 May—Evidence for a forgotten ancient language which dates back more than 2,500 years, to the time of the Assyrian Empire, has been found by archaeologists working in Turkey.

Researchers working at Ziyaret Tepe, the probable site of the ancient Assyrian city of Tušhan, believe that the language may have been spoken by deportees originally from the Zagros Mountains, on the border of modern-day Iran and Iraq.

In keeping with a policy widely practised across the Assyrian Empire, these people may have been forcibly moved from their homeland and resettled in what is now south-east Turkey, where they would have been set to work building the new frontier city and farming its hinterland.

The evidence for the language they



spoke comes from a single clay tablet, which was preserved after it was baked in a fire that destroyed the palace in Tušhan at some point around the end of the 8th century BCE. Inscribed with cuneiform characters, the tablet is essentially a list of the names of women who were attached to the palace and the local Assyrian administration.

Internet