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True patriotism

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

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

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Formation of Union Peace-making Central Committee

1. The Union Government led by the President elected under the Constitution has been striving for national development in close cooperation with the legislature and the judiciary. In its drive for national development, restoration of internal peace has been high on its agenda.
2. To be able to take a leading role in negotiating with national race armed groups, "Union Peace-making Central Committee" has been formed with personalities mentioned below.

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| (a) | U Thein Sein
President | Chairman |
| (b) | Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo
Vice-President | Member |
| (c) | Dr Sai Mauk Kham
Vice-President | Member |
| (d) | Thura U Shwe Mann
Speaker, Pyithu Hluttaw | Member |
| (e) | U Khin Aung Myint
Speaker, Amyotha Hluttaw | Member |
| (f) | Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services | Member |

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Formation of Union Peace-making Work Committee

1. With a view to discussing and making peace with national race armed groups, the Union Peace-making Work Committee has been formed with the following persons.

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| (a) | Dr Sai Mauk Kham
Vice-President | Chairman |
| (b) | General Soe Win
Deputy Commander-in-Chief of
Defence Services
Commander-in-Chief (Army) | Vice-Chairman |
| (c) | U Aung Min
Union Minister | Vice-Chairman |
| (d) | U Thein Zaw
Pyithu Hluttaw Representative | Vice-Chairman |
| (e) | U Ohn Myint
Union Minister | Member |
| (f) | U Soe Thein
Union Minister | Member |
| (g) | U Zaw Min
Union Minister | Member |

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects sports grounds, Hledan Overpass construction project in Yangon



Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint reported on traffic congestion at Hledan Junction, coordinated tasks of Yangon City Development Committee and duration of the project; CEO of Shwetaung Development Co Ltd U Aung Zaw Naing on digging of ditches, progress in expansion of road, digging and moving of underground electric cables, communication cables and pipelines, digging of new ditches; and Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe on expansion of Shwegondaing Junction, Tamway Junction and Bayintnaung Junction and measures for reducing traffic congestion.

In response, the Vice-President spoke of the need for perfect completion of the projects in the time of the new government, for keeping Yangon neat and clean as it is the commercial capital, for successful completion of the project in coordination with related departments as the increasing number of cars has caused traffic jam, for adoption of road network system with a master plan covering the whole city of Yangon and for letting the people know the estimated time of completion.

Afterwards, the Vice-President and party inspected progress in expansion of the road, construction of two motorways and paving of asphalt road and gave necessary instructions to officials.

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects progress in extension of stadium at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township.—MNA

YANGON, 18 May—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspected sports grounds and Hledan Overpass construction project here this afternoon.

Accompanied by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint, Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Immigration and Population

U Khin Yi, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, deputy ministers, the Yangon mayor and officials, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspected university tennis courts of the Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) on Thaton Road, Kamayut Township. Union Minister U Tint Hsan, Union Minister Dr Mya Aye, Region Chief Minister U Myint

Swe, President's Economic Adviser Dr U Myint, Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Director-General U Zaw Htay and Myanmar Tennis Federation President U Aung Maw Thein reported on renovation of the tennis courts and the Vice-President gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Vice-President and party went to the Hledan Overpass construction project site in Kamayut Township. At the briefing hall, Region Minister for

PERSPECTIVES

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Adapt or die

Through democratic reforms, we are entering a new age in which the government will have to plug all sorts of financial leaks hindering development process, or else it will become a failed state drifting away from its goal of leading its own people to prosperity and joy. First, it must find out the causes of these financial drains and their sources, and later it must find means to stop them in the most effective and less painful way to avoid unnecessary consequences and adverse effects.

Normally, most of the businesses large and small are run by the private sector in a democratic country. But some democracies have enterprises or business institutions financed or run by the government. Myanmar in its nascent stage of democracy still has many government-owned businesses most of which were set up when the country adopted socialist economy.

But now we are in the resolute democratization process that is introducing reforms in multiple sectors. As the whole economic sector is witnessing changes these government enterprises are also trying to adapt themselves to the changing trend and the market economy which democracy embraces. The important thing here is they should not become the business institutions showing financial losses or in other words financial drains. They must find means to stand on their own income in the long run as they are business organizations employing a large number of men and women. Their failure means many people will become jobless.

So, they must be well-organized and their staffs must be efficient capable of cutting expenses and increasing profits for their own survival in a democratic society where business competition is tough although business opportunities are bright. Otherwise, they will fall, and a democratically elected government will find privatization the best means to solve their problem. In this context, they have two alternatives - Adapt or die.

Union I&C Minister receives Secretary-General of CNIE and party

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May— Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received Secretary-General Mr You Jianhua of China NGO Network for International Exchange (CNIE) and party of the People's Republic of China at his office here this morning.

During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on the opportunities to provide assistance for socio-economic development, sustainability for development of rural libraries and perpetuation.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Director-General U Thein Aung of Myanmar Radio and Television, Managing Director U Ye Tint of Printing



and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Zaw Min Oo of News and Periodicals Enterprise and departmental officials.—MNA

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives Secretary-General Mr You Jianhua of China NGO Network for International Exchange (CNIE).—MNA

Dy Construction Minister inspects roads, bridges works



Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspects PyinOoLwin-Mogok road section.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May— Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint together with the Deputy Chief Engineer of Public Works, the Mandalay Region Superintending Engineer and officials concerned and responsible persons of companies engaging in road construction works inspected roads and progress of bridges works on PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road and Mandalay-Mogok Road in Mandalay Region on 13 May.

He then gave necessary instructions on work.

MNA

Deputy H & T Minister meets JMA Chairman



NAY PYI TAW, 18 May— Chairman, Senior Advisor Mr Hideo Watanabe of Japan-Myanmar Association (JMA) paid a call on Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung at the ministry here this

morning. The JIA Chairman during the meeting discussed preservation of old buildings in Yangon as historical evidences and proposed to build three-story luxury hotel

in Yangon.

The deputy minister in return explained potentials of tourism industry in Myanmar and preparations for adoption of tourism master plan.—MNA

Plenary meeting on forming Pabedan Township Writers Association

YANGON, 18 May— A plenary meeting with an electing ceremony to form Pabedan Township Writers Association was held at Maha Theindawgyi Dhammayon in Pabedan Township here on 13 May morning.

It was attended by Secretary of the committee for forming Myanmar Writers Association (Central) Maung Khaing Khant and township representatives, Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association and members.

On the occasion, the Patron gave an opening speech Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association extended greetings.

The meeting recognized Dr Khin Maung Nyo and

Maths private teacher U Aung Thaug as Patrons of the township writers association, journalist Than Swe (Pabedan) as Chairman, U Yan Kyi Aung as Vice Chairman, Seingyun San Maung as Secretary, U Thaug Sein as Joint-

Secretary, Wakema Soe Myint Aung as treasurer, Tin Htut and Shwebo Thiri Malaras as members, including journalist Than Swe (Pabedan) and Wakema Soe Myint Aung as conference representatives.

NLM



US eyes funding boost for Israel's "Iron Dome" shield

WASHINGTON, 18 May—The Pentagon will seek to provide Israel with an additional \$70 million in the coming months for its short-range rocket shield, known as the "Iron Dome," Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said after a meeting with his Israeli counterpart on Thursday.

So far, the United States has provided \$205 million to support the Iron Dome, manufactured by Israel's state-owned Raphael Advanced Defence Systems Ltd. The system uses small radar-guided missiles to blow up in midair Katyusha-style rockets with ranges of 3 miles to 45 miles, as well as mortar bombs.

But top Republicans have criticized President Barack Obama for what they

described as inadequate funding of US-Israeli missile defence cooperation in his 2013 budget request released in February amid deficit-reduction requirements.

Legislation moving through the Republican-controlled US House of Representatives would give Israel additional \$680 million through 2015, and some House lawmakers are seeking a deal with Israel to share production of the Iron Dome system with US weapons manufacturers.

Obama's fiscal 2013 budget request calls for \$3.1 billion in security assistance to Israel, part of a 10-year, \$30 billion US commitment, none of which was scheduled to fund Iron Dome. On Thursday,



An Iron Dome launcher fires an interceptor rocket near the southern city of Ashdod on 11 March, 2012.—REUTERS

Panetta said the Pentagon would seek additional funding for the Iron Dome programme over the next three years "based on an annual assessment of Israeli security requirements."

"My goal is to ensure

Israel has the funding it needs each year to produce these batteries that can protect its citizens," Panetta said. He said the \$70 million would be provided this fiscal year, which ends in September.

"This is assistance that,

provided Congress concurs, we can move quickly, to ensure no shortage in this important system," Panetta said in a statement after meeting Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak at the Pentagon.—Reuters

Russia to block inclusion of Syria, Iran in G-8 declaration

Moscow, 18 May—Russia will work to exclude Syria and Iran from the declaration of the upcoming Group of Eight summit, the Kremlin said on Thursday.

The situations in Syria and Iran will be discussed on the sidelines of the summit, and Russia will maintain its principles and avoid the inclusion of articles concerning the two countries in the declaration of the summit, Presidential aide Arkady Dvorkovich said.

"We believe the main floor to solve these issues, to make agreed positions is the UN Security Council. During the G-8 summit these topics could be discussed informally," Dvorkovich said.

Dvorkovich also said the summit would be held in a "maximum informal mode" as desired by the United States.

Russian President Putin earlier declined an invitation to the summit, citing the need to complete his new government. Instead, the newly appointed Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev will attend the event at the Camp David presidential retreat near Washington on Friday and Saturday.

Medvedev will hold several bilateral meetings during the summit, including one with US President Barack Obama, the official said, adding that talks between Medvedev and other participants would be mostly informal.—Xinhua

Storied battleship making final port call in Los Angeles



A man works around the rail near the stern of the US battleship "USS Iowa" in Richmond, California on 17 May, 2012.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 18 May—The USS Iowa, which ferried the late President Franklin D Roosevelt across the perilous Atlantic waters to a historic meeting with Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin in the dark days of World War

Two, will have to be towed to its final port call.

The battleship saw combat in the Pacific, survived a devastating explosion in a gun turret, and even a snub from the city of San Francisco. At the end of

its final voyage, the storied warship will have a permanent mooring in Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Harbour Commission voted unanimously on Thursday to create a permanent home for the ship at the city's port, where it will open as a floating museum.

The vessel, which saw service with the US Navy over six tumultuous decades, will become the only battleship museum on the US West Coast when it opens on 7 July.

"There's no more ships like this in existence in the active navies anywhere in the world," said Robert Kent, president of the Pacific Battleship Centre.—Reuters

UK climate policy can curb energy price shocks

LONDON, 18 May—Britain's climate policies can help shield the economy from oil and gas price shocks triggered by external factors such as the Arab Spring, an analysis commissioned by the government showed on Friday.

Energy price spikes can often dent economic growth, business investment and employment, as witnessed during the global financial crisis in mid-2008 when oil rose to nearly \$150 (95 pounds) per barrel, research group Oxford Economics said in a report.

Yet the negative impact on economic growth could be halved if the UK's climate policies manage to reduce the country's demand for coal, gas and oil, it said. The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) revealed the report ahead of the government's draft Energy Bill that is due to be published next week.

The bill will set out in detail how to reform the UK's electricity market, as well as how it can attract 110 billion pounds of needed investment to build new low-carbon plants. "The more we can shift to alternative fuels, and use energy efficiently, the more we can ensure that our economy does not become hostage to far-flung events and to the volatility of market forces," Ed Davey, secretary of state for energy and climate change, said in a statement.

Reuters

At least 36 die in bus accident in central Vietnam

HANOI, 18 May—At least 36 passengers died when a bus carrying nearly 60 passengers broke the banisters of Serepok Bridge on National Highway 14, which connects Dak Lak and Dak Nong Provinces in central Vietnam, and fell into

the river on Thursday night, the Vietnam News Agency reported on Friday.

According to the initial report, the bus, owned by a transport cooperative in Dak Lak Province, some 960 km south of capital Hanoi, was on the way to Ho Chi Minh

City. At around 10 pm, while crossing the Serepok Bridge, the vehicle suddenly crashed into the banister and fell into the river, from the height of 18 metres.

Rescue workers and local people were mobilized to save victims. By 3 am, rescue works finalized. A total of 34 people were dead on the spot and other two victims died in Dak Lak hospital, according to the report.—Xinhua

In this photo taken on 17 May, 2012, rescuers work to search for victims of a bus accident in central highland Province of Dak Lak, Vietnam.—INTERNET



A petrol tanker driver makes a delivery as drivers queue for fuel in Loughborough, central England on 28 March, 2012. REUTERS

China's top legislator Wu Bangguo starts visit to Croatia

BEIJING, 18 May—China's top legislator Wu Bangguo has arrived in the Croatian Capital, Zagreb, beginning an official goodwill visit to the country. In a written speech released upon his arrival, Wu says China is willing to work with the Croatian side to further advance the comprehensive cooperative partnership between the two countries.

Wu is scheduled to hold separate meetings with Croatian President Ivo Josipovic, Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic and Parliament Speaker Boris Sprem during his six-day tour.

Earlier, Wu met with the presidents of the First and Second Chamber of Dutch parliament Fred de Graaf and Gerdi Verbeet during his official visit to the Netherlands. China and the Netherlands have reached broad consensus on enhancing bilateral ties and parliamentary exchange.

Xinhua

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Amber preserves earliest pollination clue

GRENOBLE, 18 May—Amber from 100-million-year-old deposits in Northern Spain has preserved and revealed the first ever record of insect pollination,

scientists say. Specimens of tiny insects covered with pollen grains in two pieces of Cretaceous era amber are the first record of pollen transport

and social behavior in this group of animals, researchers said.

The amber featured inclusions of thysanopterans, also known as thrips, a group of tiny insects of less than 2 millimeters in length that feed on pollen and other plant tissue, they said.

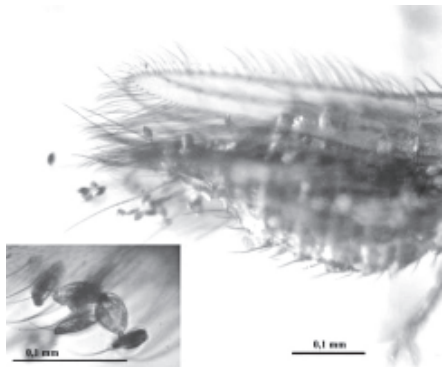
One of the amber specimens was studied with synchrotron X-ray tomography at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble, France, to reveal in three dimensions and at very high resolution the pollen grain distribution

over the insect's body.

Researchers have determined the pollen is from a kind of cycad or ginkgo tree, a kind of living fossil of which only a few species are known to science, an ESRF release reported on Tuesday.

"This is the oldest direct evidence for pollination, and the only one from the age of the dinosaurs," said Carmen Soriano, who led the investigation of the amber pieces with X-ray tomography at the ESRF.

"The co-evolution of flowering plants and insects, thanks to pollination, is a great evolutionary success story."—*Internet*



Gymnosperm pollen attached to the abdomen and wing of a thysanopteran in amber.

INTERNET

Sumatra said at risk from volcanoes

CORVALLIS, 18 May—Sumatra, hit by deadly earthquakes and tsunamis in recent years, is at risk from another natural phenomenon, researchers say — major volcanic eruptions.

Researchers from Oregon State University, working with colleagues in Indonesia in a study funded by the National Science Foundation, have documented six major volcanic eruptions in Sumatra in the past 35,000 years, and say most of them equaled or surpassed the explosive intensity of the eruption of Washington's Mount St Helens in 1980.

"Sumatra has a number of active and potentially explosive volcanoes and many show evidence of recent activity," Morgan Salisbury of the university's College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences said in an OSU release on Wednesday. "Most of the eruptions are small, so little attention has been paid to the potential for a catastrophic eruption.

"But our study found some of the first evidence that the region has a much more explosive history than perhaps has been appreciated," he said.

The Indian Ocean Region has a violent volcanic history. The 1883 eruption of Krakatoa between Sumatra and Java was likely the most violent volcanic explosion in recorded history, researchers said.

Internet

Windows 8 to monitor kids' Web activity

REDMOND, 18 May—Microsoft Corp says its Windows 8 operating system will allow parents to monitor children's Web activity and receive weekly reports describing kids' PC use.

In setting up secondary accounts, Windows 8 users will be able to check a box that says, "Is this a child's account? Turn on Family Safety to get reports of their PC use," *PC Magazine* reported on Tuesday.

The process requires no downloads, installation wizards or configuration, Microsoft said in a blog post.

The Family Safety features will be included in the upcoming Windows 8 Release Preview which is set for an early June release

Microsoft said. More traditional filtering options that let parents choose a list of approved Web sites, opt for child-friendly sites only, allow general interest sites only, or block adult sites, will

still be available in Windows 8, the company said.

The Web activity report option will allow parents to block access to any Web site by clicking a link in the e-mailed report, *PC Magazine* said.—*Internet*



Microsoft Windows 8 Family Safety report.—INTERNET

Wall art from France said world's oldest

DORDOGNE, 18 May—Anthropologists say a 1.6-ton block of engraved limestone found in southern France is the earliest evidence of wall art, dating to 37,000 years ago.

US and European researchers have been excavating at Abri Castanet, the site of the discovery, for the past 15 years, calling it one of the oldest sites in Eurasia bearing artifacts of human symbolism.

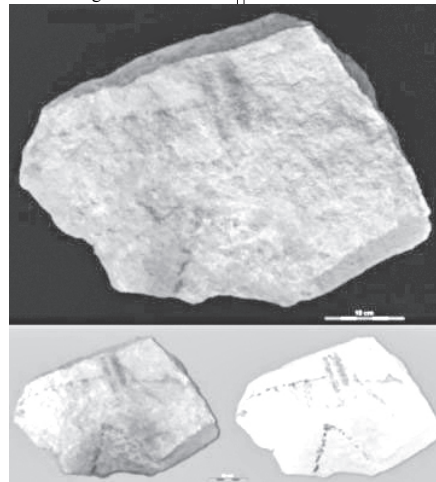
The site has yielded pierced animal teeth, pierced shells, ivory and soapstone beads, engravings, and paintings on limestone slabs of the Aurignacian culture of the Upper Palaeolithic era, which was located in Europe and southwest Asia.

"Early Aurignacian humans functioned, more or less, like humans today," said New York University anthropology Professor Randall White, one of the study's co-authors.

"They had relatively

complex social identities communicated through personal ornamentation, and they practiced sculpture and graphic arts," he said in an NYU release on Tuesday.

An engraved block of



limestone in what had been a rock shelter occupied by a group of Aurignacian reindeer hunters includes depictions of animals and geometric forms, researchers said.

Pictured are pieces of the discovery, which depict animals in red and black paint.

INTERNET

"This art appears to be slightly older than the famous paintings from the Grotte Chauvet in southeastern France," White said, referring to the cave paintings discovered in 1994.—*Internet*

Patient moves robotic arm by thoughts

PROVIDENCE, 18 May—Two US patients paralyzed by stroke learned to make reach-and-grasp movements with a robotic arm, guided by their thoughts, researchers say.

The trial's lead investigator, Dr Leigh Hochberg — an associate professor of engineering at Brown University in Providence, RI, and a critical care neurologist at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School in Boston — said the trial is evaluating an investigational device, the BrainGate neural interface system.

The system is a type of brain-computer interface intended to put robotics and other assistive technology under the brain's control, Hochberg said.

The sensor is a baby aspirin-sized square of silicon containing 100 hair-thin electrodes

that can record the activity of small groups of brain cells. It is implanted into the motor cortex, a part of the brain that directs movement, Hochberg said.

A report published in *Nature* highlighted the potential for long-term use and durability of the BrainGate system, part of which is implanted in the brain to capture the signals underlying intentional movement.

"For all of us involved, we were encouraged that the research is making the kind of progress that we had all hoped," Hochberg said in a statement. "Years after the onset of paralysis, we found that it was still possible to record brain signals that carry multidimensional information about movement and that those signals could be used to move an external device."—*Internet*



Baidu Chinese smartphone.—INTERNET

China search giant Baidu enters phone wars

BEIJING, 18 May—Baidu, China's Internet search giant, has announced its intention to enter the mass smartphone market with a phone running

its own mobile operating system.

The low-cost Changhong H5018, to be built by Foxconn, will be powered by Baidu's own Cloud OS.

With a price tag of less than \$158 it will face fierce competition in the low-end smartphone market, analysts said, as Baidu attempts to create a significant presence in China's booming mobile arena boasting the largest number of smartphone users in the world.

Low-cost smartphones by companies such as Huawei Technologies, ZTE Corp, HTC, Lenovo and Xiaomi are competing in that market, but Baidu's director of international communications said he felt the H5018 would do well.

"It's a terrific market opportunity for us, and Baidu is constantly adjusting, understanding what users are interested in," Kaiser Kuo told BBC News.

The phone will be offered with 100GB of cloud storage on Wangpan, the Chinese equivalent of Dropbox or Google Drive.

"The new handset is integrated with the cloud — and with our 100GB offering, I think that no one will be able to match that," Kuo said.

Internet

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Students can have fun without booze

PROVIDENCE, 18 May—Research indicates students in college can have as good a time at a party if they don't drink, US researchers suggest. Lori Scott-Sheldon of the Miriam Hospital in Providence, RI, analyzed data on 19 studies involving more than 1,400 US college students.

The study, published in the journal *Psychology of Addictive Behavior*, found students were less likely to drink alcohol when their beliefs about the positive effects of drinking were challenged.

"Being aware that it isn't the alcohol that causes the outcomes, but the positive expectancies associated with alcohol, triggered by the social setting, may help you limit or avoid drinking," Scott-Sheldon said in a statement.

Scott-Sheldon suggested young people list what they expected from alcohol and create arguments against the expectancies.—*Internet*



US HIV aid has prevented 741,000 deaths

People gather around lit candles to mark the upcoming World AIDS Day in Kathmandu on 30 November, 2011. The United States foreign aid programme that sends billions of dollars to African countries for HIV treatment and prevention has cut the number of people dying for any reason in those nations, a new study suggests. Researchers had previously shown that the initiative — the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, or PEPFAR — had prevented deaths from AIDS. But it was unclear if more people in those countries were only dying of tuberculosis or malaria instead, researchers explained. According to the new findings, about 741,000 deaths were averted in 2004 through 2008 in the 12 African countries with PEPFAR programmes, such as Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda.

REUTERS

GM chooses UK plant over Germany for new Astra

LONDON, 18 May—General Motors Co (GM.N) will build the next generation of its Astra compact in Britain after workers at its factory in Ellesmere Port, northwest England, overwhelmingly agreed to a new labor deal, leaving its plant in Bochum, Germany in danger of closure.

The US carmakers said on Thursday it would invest 125 million pounds (\$199 million) in the Ellesmere Port plant, where assembly of the new vehicle will start in 2015.

Britain's Unite union said 94 percent of those balloted voted in favour of changes to working conditions and that some 700 jobs would be created at the plant, securing its future until 2020. "It's almost certain that one of GM's German plants will now be closed, probably the plant in Bochum," a source close to the negotiations said.

GM, which sells under the Vauxhall brand in Britain, is expected to halt production

of the Astra, its most important model, at its main plant in Russelsheim, Germany, making the car only at Ellesmere Port and at Poland's Gliwice plant from 2015.

The source added that some production of GM's Chevrolet marque could be shifted from Asia to Europe, with Russelsheim the likely beneficiary. This would leave the Opel factory at Bochum as the most likely site to be closed.

The decision is one of the most dramatic so far as Europe's carmakers look to restructure or consolidate in response to more than four

years of falling demand and profits.

Many factories are running at partial capacity - analysts estimate automakers have cut some 3 million cars, or 20 percent, from their production lines — and still producers struggle to sell their wares.

Opel made a loss of \$750 million last year. The UK deal means an extra third production shift will be added at the Vauxhall factory to ensure 24-hour a day running, as well as the introduction of weekend working to guarantee the factory works at full capacity.—*Reuters*



A Vauxhall Astra Sports Tourer is parked outside the Vauxhall plant, before a news conference, in Ellesmere Port, northern England on 17 May, 2012.

INTERNET

Apple readies iPhone with bigger screen

TOKYO, 18 May—Apple Inc plans to use a larger screen on the next-generation iPhone and has begun to place orders for the new displays from suppliers in South Korea and Japan, people familiar with the situation said.

The new iPhone screens will measure 4 inches from corner to corner, one source

companies. It is likely all three of the screen suppliers will get production orders from Apple, which could begin as soon as June. That would allow the new iPhone to go into production as soon as August, if the company follows its own precedent in moving from orders for prototypes for key components to launch.

smartphone manufacturers have also moved toward bigger displays.

Aesthetics and design

A likely shakeup in the design of a larger-screen iPhone could go a long way in boosting its "wow" factor, convincing fans to trade in their old iPhones for new ones, said Shaw Wu, an analyst at Sterne Agee.

"Not only do users pay for features, but they also pay for aesthetics and design. That's as important, or more important, than features," Wu said. "People love the current design — but it's 18 months old."

The latest iPhone 4S was introduced in October of last year and essentially has the same form factor as the iPhone 4, launched in 2010.

Samsung, which this year became the world's largest cell phone maker, sold 45 million smartphones in the first quarter, and sales of the Galaxy phones outstripped the iPhone.

Apple was not immediately available to comment.

Apple's move toward a larger display for the next generation iPhone was earlier reported by the *Wall Street Journal*.

In addition to being Apple's rival, Samsung is also a major components supplier to the US computer,

tablet and phone manufacturer.

The share of the production of new screens that go to each of the three manufacturers working with Apple has not been determined, one source said.

Sales of the touch-screen iPhone now account for about one-half of Apple's total sales, and the phone has been a key source of growth for the company in Asia.

A report in March by a South Korea business newspaper said Apple would use a "retina" display on the next iPhone, the same technology in its latest iPad that enhance image quality.

Reuters



A man walks a screen displaying stock index outside a local bank in Hong Kong on 16 May, 2012. Asian stocks dived Wednesday after a failure by Greece's political leaders to form a coalition government set the stage for new elections next month.

INTERNET

Health Tip: Exercising in the heat

You shouldn't stop exercising during the summer months, just because the mercury has jumped to uncomfortable heights. But you should take precautions to protect yourself against heat-related illness. The American Council on Exercise offers these guidelines:

- * Drink plenty of water before, during and after exercise.
- * Don't exercise as vigorously as you normally do, especially during the first few days of hotter weather.
- * Pay attention to factors other than temperature, including humidity.
- * Exercise early in the morning or late in the evening, to beat the hottest temperatures.
- * Wear lightweight clothing that fits loosely.
- * Listen to your body and take a rest when you need it.

Internet

Lockerbie bomber prostate drug available

LONDON, 18 May — The drug many thought kept the Lockerbie bomber alive for years will be made available to men with advanced prostate cancer in Britain, officials say.

Officials at the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence said the drug abiraterone, or Zytiga, would be available for men with advanced prostate cancer who have already tried other treatments. Dr Harpal Kumar, chief executive of Cancer Research UK, the research charity that developed the drug, said abiraterone was licensed for use in Britain last September. The drug can extend a patient's life by an average of four months to 15 months, but men have been known to live on it for as long as five years, the *Daily Telegraph* reported.

Andrew Dillon, chief executive of NICE, said the drug costs almost more than \$4,700 per patient per month, but during the draft guidance Janssen, the manufacturer of the drug, submitted further information for the committee to consider, including "a revised patient access scheme which involves providing the drug to the NHS at a discounted price; further information on which patients would benefit most and clarification on how many patients could receive the drug," Dillon told the *Telegraph*.

"These factors enabled the committee to revise its preliminary recommendation and now recommend the drug for use on the National Health Service."—*Internet*

Motorboats under maintenance before rainy season



NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—The local people residing along Sittoung River from the north to the north are relying on it for economic, social, health, education and

other matters by boat. After the raining season, the local people crossed the river by temporary bridges. In the summer, the wooden boats were hidden under water due to over heat, and repairing works are carried out in pre-monsoon season. At a time when it will rains, the temporary bridges are to be taken off. The local people then entered the works. Thus, most of the local people focus on maintenance of boats for safety travel.—*Kyemon*

Cash donated to fund for construction of walls

YANGON, 18 May—The brick wall is being constructed on the eastern ward of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township of Yangon North District.

On 27 April, Secretary of Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control

Committee U Kan Myint, on behalf of the members of the committee and staff families, donated K 9 million to Secretary of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Shwe Kyaw and members who gave certificate of honour to wellwishers.

Any person may donate K 450,000 for each wall section.—*Kyemon*

SITTWAY, 18 May—With the assistance of Rakhine State Social Welfare Department, NGO Child Rights Working Group, Save the Children and European Commission, the workshop on rights of child was held at Rakhine State Hluttaw Hall on 10 May.

Speaker of the Hluttaw U Htein Lin and Rakhine State Social Affairs Minister Dr Aung Kyaw Min made speeches.

Township Writers Association reconstituted in Yankin Township

YANGON, 18 May—The reconstitution of Township Writers Association and plenary meeting was held at the hall of Yankin Township Administration Department on 13 May morning.

Meeting chairman Dr Tin Aung Shwe (Tin Aung Shwe-Researcher), Township Administrator U Win Aung and member of the organizing committee U Kyaw Win (Manoktha Kyaw Win) made speeches. Officials submitted the

annual report and financial report.

The meeting elected U Hla Toe (Toe Htet) as chairman, U Soe Myint (Htila Soe Myint Hte) as vice-chairman, U Khin Maung Nyunt (Reporter Khin Maung Nyunt) as secretary, U Htein Win (Pantanaw Htein Win) as joint secretary, U Tin Maung Win (Maung Myo Pya) as treasurer, U Myint Thein Pe (Myint Thein Pe-Meiktila), U Than Maung (Reporter Than Maung), U

San Win Moe (Yankin-San Win Moe) and U Shwe Sin Aung (Shwe Sin Aung-Hotel) as executives.

Chairman U Hla Toe (Toe Htet) and Dr Tin Aung Shwe (Tin Aung Shwe-Researcher) were selected as representatives to the conference.

The executive committee took oath in the presence of the meeting chairman, and new chairman U Hla Toe (Toe Htet) made an introductory speech.—*Ko Gyi Tha*

Workshop on rights of child held in Sittway



Kamayut Township reconstitutes writers association

YANGON, 18 May—Kamayut Township Writers and Journalists Association reconstituted the Writers Association at Basic Education Primary School No. 4 in Kamayut Township on 13 May.

Township commission members Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Htet Lin Naing, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw San San Aye and U Myint Lwin (Saya Po Kyawt) supervised election of U Tun Tun Oo (Nwe Oo Hlaing) as chairman, U Maung Maung Htay (Htiyu) as vice-chairman, U Kan Yin (Win Kyi Thant-Thayawady) as secretary, U Mya Hlaing (Kyaw Myint Naing-Dabein) as joint secretary, Daw Khin Yi (Khin Lay-Chemistry) as

treasurer, Daw Cho Mar Thin (Le Win Kyi Cho) and U Kan Shin (a) U Thet Hnin Swe (Thet Hnin Swe-Popa) as executives.

They selected U Tun Tun Oo and U Maung Maung Htay as representatives to the conference.—*Myanma Alin*

Respects paid to doyen literati

YANGON, 18 May—The second respect paying ceremony of Insein Township Writers and Journalists Association was held at its office in Insein Township on 29 April.

Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association U Phone Wai

(Director Phone Wai) and Vice-Chairman of the Association Ceremony Organizing Committee Leader U Bo Kyi (Dr Bo Thanmani-Taungdwingyi) made speeches.

They donated cash and gifts to 21 doyen literati. *Kyemon*

Head of State Department of Social Welfare U Soe Min explained progress of tasks.

At the workshop, the participants discussed raising the times of meeting for child rights committee,

coordination tasks to be carried out among departments and organizations, and participation of social organizations and local people in raising rights of child.—*District IPRD*

DISTRICT NEWS

Self-reliant supply of electricity undertaken in Yedashe Township

YEDASHE, 18 May—Concerted efforts were made for supply of electricity at Thedaw Village of Padaukkhin Village-tract in Yedashe Township of Bago Region.

On 10 May, the local people enjoyed supply of electricity.

“Over 1000 people from 150 households are residing

in Thedaw Village, 2.5 miles northwest of Yedashe. They made efforts for supply of electricity at their village on a self-reliant basis, spending about K 30 million.

“We had never dreamt to enjoy electricity along our life. We all the villagers thanked all staff members of Township Electrical Office,

Region Hluttaw representatives U Maung Maung Thet and U Thein Myint Tun for their contributions to supply electricity,” said a local people.

The supply of electricity on a self-reliant basis will contribute to development of the village.

Ko Lwin (Swa)



EXHIBITION OPENED: Yangon ICT Exhibition was opened at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Yangon on 11 May. Yangon Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo presents prize to Daw Khin Sanda Oo of Kamayut BEHS No. 2 in Myanmar ICT Awards 2011 (Educational Project) Contest. *KYEMON*



Child-centred teaching course 12-22 May

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—The opening ceremony of the

child-centred teaching course for basic education

teachers was held at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 12 May morning.

At the ceremony, Township Educator Officer U Aung Ko and Instructor Daw Htay Kyi of Mandalay Education College made speeches. Altogether 408 trainees are attending the training course from 12 to 22 May.—*Kyemon*



Towards a sound financial system: Regime Change

By San Thein

Myanmar has opened a new chapter in its financial sector by launching a new exchange rate regime of 'managed floating exchange rate' on the 1st day of April 2012, thereby abandoning its 35 year-old regime where the official rate of national currency 'Kyat' was pegged to the International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Right (SDR) at the rate of 8.50847 kyats per unit of SDR since 1977. It was indeed a bold step taken by the monetary authority. The main purpose of this far sighted move is to reinforce the momentum of the current economic reforms taken by the government. It ended the era of unrealistic exchange rate regime where official value of kyat in terms of the country's trading currencies had been grossly overvalued and impeded trade and investment. Under the new system, the external value of kyat will be determined not by the monetary authority but by the market forces of supply and demand. Being the monetary authority of the country, the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) is solely responsible for implementing a sound monetary policy for stabilizing the exchange rates so as to facilitate the smooth functioning of the country's trade and payment system to achieve a sustainable growth in the economy.

Multiple exchange rates

Pegging to the SDR under the old system had produced an overvalued official exchange rate and multiple currencies practices. Apart from the official rate of around 6 kyats per US dollar, there were black market rate, FEC rate, export earning rate, account transfer rate, Hundi rate etc. which had severely complicated business activities and drastically reduced the investors' confidence. Distortion in officially reported data, hindrances to trade and investment, and volatility in exchange rates were among the major factors causing negative impacts on the economy.

The new exchange rate regime, if properly implemented, will reverse the above negative impacts on the economy.

Importance of exchange rate

Expressing external value of local currency in terms of foreign currencies, an exchange rate regime links the domestic economy with the rest of the world through trade and investment. It serves as a major determinant of a country's international competitiveness. Foreign demand for a country's products depends not only on the prices expressed in its own currency but also on the conversion rates of foreign currencies into that currency. Depending on a country's prevailing economic and political situation, its currency appreciates or depreciates against its trading currencies. If the currency appreciates, the prices of goods and services expressed in terms of the country's trading currencies become higher in international markets and if it depreciates, the export prices of that country become cheaper in terms of other currencies. And therefore, a country with depreciating currency is normally gaining the competitive edge in its international trade - a major factor for having a favourable trade performance - whereas

a country with an appreciating currency may encounter trade deficits and unemployment problems. Volatility in exchange rates would jeopardize the country's trade and investment. A stable and predictable exchange rate regime facilitates promotion of the country's external performance.

Recent developments in exchange rates

Hovering around K 1000 per USD during the first half of 2010, the dollar value of Myanmar kyat declined considerably in 2011, reaching its lowest level in August 2011. Consequently, all the exporters were severely affected by this abrupt fall in the value of USD. Between January 2010 and November 2011, the rate declined from K1000 to K800 per US dollar, a 25 percent decline. Meanwhile, earning rates (exchange rates of export proceeds) declined from K1090-1093 per USD to K840-850, meaning an appreciation of kyat by 28-30 percent and thus weakening the competitiveness of local exporters in international markets.

Given these unprecedented exchange rate developments, one would wonder whether the country is suffering from the notorious Dutch disease caused by increased revenues from the sales of natural resources, while the local currency is appreciating against its trading currencies, reducing the competitiveness of its exports - a major cause of concern for the authority especially while the country is pursuing an export-led growth economic policy.

Technical assistance from IMF

As a member of the International Monetary Fund, Myanmar receives technical assistance from the institution which is convinced that this is an opportune time for Myanmar to change its exchange rate regime to have a market determined exchange rate while the country possesses a respectable amount of foreign exchange reserves due mainly to natural gas exports and inflows of foreign direct investment. With the cooperation of the International Monetary Fund, the monetary authority is trying to unify the exchange rates and lift restrictions on current international payments and transfers.

Step-by-step approach to exchange rate unification

The monetary authority tries to implement its unification agenda in a step by step manner. First in October 2011 it allowed six private sector banks (later 17 private banks) to become licensed money changers. Each bank displays at its counter windows the bid-offer (sell-buy) rates for four foreign currencies (the US dollar, FEC, the euro and Singaporean dollar). Anybody can come to the booth and buy and sell these currencies. In this way the central bank creates a currency market which helps the local banks familiarize foreign exchange dealing and seeks their cooperation in stabilizing the exchange rates.

Then in November 2011, the central bank granted authorized foreign exchange dealer licenses to eleven private banks to engage in international banking. Starting from April 2012, the Central Bank of Myanmar tries to

manage the exchange rates by holding foreign exchange auctions daily with these eleven domestic private banks. These banks submit their daily proposals to buy/sell foreign exchange of US dollars to the central bank. Based on these proposals, the central bank announces its daily reference exchange rates for the day's trading. The reference rate is used to set the mid-rate in both retail and wholesale currency markets. In the retail markets, banks' currency exchange counters can set their own rates within the bands of plus or minus 0.8 percent of the reference rate whereas the spread is narrowed to plus or minus 0.3 percent for wholesale inter-bank markets. In this way, the central bank, acting as one of the market players in currency exchange markets tries to set its market-determined reference rates through daily auctions.

Recently, the monetary authority has scrapped the so called 'export earning rate', which served as a major restriction on imports. Under this new policy, importers are free to use their moneys in their FE accounts in importing things from abroad. Import permits will be granted without securitizing whether the FE balances are export proceeds or not. The move would reduce market segmentation and ease appreciation pressure on the economy. Moreover, restriction on withdrawal of foreign currency from one's account has been relaxed: up to the amount of US\$ 10,000 can be withdrawn from one's FE account with one of the state-owned foreign trade banks, and for the amount over US\$ 10,000, settlement can be made by domestic account transfers. With the move, the Central Bank of Myanmar will stop injecting fresh FECs into circulation and FECs will gradually be phased out.

On top of the above, eleven private banks with authorized dealer licenses are setting up their SWIFT communication system and establishing their own correspondent banking network. They will soon be able to do full-fledged foreign banking and will provide trade financing and remittance services to their customers. Sooner or later, illegal Hundi remittance system will disappear in the country with the introduction of legal remittances through banks.

Avoidance of dollarization

In unifying the exchange rates, the important role of our national currency of 'Kyat' in the payment system should be preserved. The currency should be the linchpin of the country's payment system. The US dollar, although it is an international currency, should by no means be permitted to undermine the role of Kyat in the country's financial system. Dollarization of the financial system should be avoided. Otherwise it will replace the local currency, like in some ASEAN countries, in domestic pricing and trading of goods and services. To be able to avoid dollarization, foreign exchange earnings from exports of goods and services should be surrendered at prevailing market rates and importers should be allowed to acquire necessary foreign exchange at prevailing rates which are stable and predictable.

Fire destroys two houses in Ye



YE, 18 May—A fire broke out at a house on 3rd street in Thirinanda Ward of Ye in Mon State at 3.15 pm on 13 May. Members of Fire Services

Department, members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people put out the fire with the use of fire engines and private water tankers and the fire died out at 3.55 pm.

Two houses were destroyed in the fire.

Nay Myo Htut (Ye)

**DISTRICT
NEWS**

New tractors transported for state and region governments

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—New Holland 4010 brand tractors presented through India-Myanmar goodwill programmes on recent days were transported to States and Regions.

Along the routes, local farmers were interested in usage of new tractors.

In an interview with those from the group heading for Kayah State, the responsible persons replied



that Combine KS 9300 harvesters and New Holland 4010 tractors were sent under the India-Myanmar friendship programme to

State and Region governments for development of agricultural sector.

Kyemon

Formation of Union Peace-making...

(from page 1)

- (g) Lt-Gen Ko Ko
Union Minister, Home Affairs Ministry Member
- (h) Lt-Gen Hla Min
Union Minister, Defence Ministry Member
- (i) Lt-Gen Thein Htay
Union Minister, Border Affairs Ministry Member
- (j) Dr Tun Shin
Union Attorney-General Member

(k) U Min Zaw Secretary
Director-General, President Office

- 3. The Union Peace-making Central Committee shall be obliged to set policies for and supervise functions of Union Peace-making Work Committee.
- 4. The committee shall adopt procedures for dealing with transnational organizations, setting up funds and spending on peace-making process when necessary.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Formation of Union Peace-making Work...

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- (h) U Than Htay
Union Minister Member
- (i) U Khin Yi
Union Minister Member
- (j) U Win Tun
Union Minister Member
- (k) U Khin Maung Soe
Union Minister Member
- (l) Region or State Chief Ministers Member
 - (1) U La John Ngan Hsai
Chief Minister, Kachin State Government
 - (2) U Khin Maung Oo (a) U Bu Rel
Chief Minister, Kayah State Government
 - (3) U Zaw Min
Chief Minister, Kayin State Government
 - (4) U Hong Ngai
Chief Minister, Chin State Government
 - (5) U Tha Aye
Chief Minister, Sagaing Region Government
 - (6) U Myat Ko
Chief Minister, Taninthayi Region Government
 - (7) U Nyan Win
Chief Minister, Bago Region Government
 - (8) U Ohn Myint
Chief Minister, Mon State Government
 - (9) U Hla Maung Tin
Chief Minister, Rakhine State Government
 - (10) U Sao Aung Myat
Chief Minister, Shan State Government
- (m) Commanders Member
 - (1) Maj-Gen Zeyar Aung
Commander, Northern Command
 - (2) Maj-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw
Commander, North-East Command
 - (3) Maj-Gen Soe Htut
Commander, Eastern Command
 - (4) Brig-Gen Tun Tun Naung
Commander, Central-East Command
 - (5) Maj-Gen Than Tun Oo
Commander, Triangle Region Command
 - (6) Maj-Gen Tin Maung Win
Commander, South-East Command
 - (7) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Htay
Commander, Coastal Region Command
 - (8) Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing
Commander, Western Command
 - (9) Maj-Gen Soe Lwin
Commander, North-West Command
 - (10) Brig-Gen Nyo Saw
Commander, Southern Command
- (n) Maj-Gen Zaw Win
Deputy Minister Member
- (o) U Tun Tun Oo
Deputy Attorney-General Member
- (p) Pyithu Hluttaw Representative National Races Member
 - (1) Daw Dwe Bu
Kachin National Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
 - (2) U Soe Rel
Kayah National Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
 - (3) U Saw Thein Aung
Kayin National Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
 - (4) U Ngun Maung

Chin National Pyithu Hluttaw Representative

(5) Daw Mi Yin Chan
Mon National Pyithu Hluttaw Representative

(6) U Ba Shein
Rakhine National Pyithu Hluttaw Representative

(7) U Stephen
Shan National Pyithu Hluttaw Representative

(8) U Hla Tun
Naga National Pyithu Hluttaw Representative

(9) U Kyin Wan
"Wa" National Pyithu Hluttaw Representative

(q) Amyotha Hluttaw Representative National Races Member

(1) U Zakhon Ting Ring
Kachin National Amyotha Hluttaw Representative

(2) U Hsan Rel
Kayah National Amyotha Hluttaw Representative

(3) U Saw Tun Mya Aung
Kayin National Amyotha Hluttaw Representative

(4) U Pau Hlyan Lwin
Chin National Amyotha Hluttaw Representative

(5) U Saw Ohn
Mon National Amyotha Hluttaw Representative

(6) U Ohn Tin
Rakhine National Amyotha Hluttaw Representative

(7) U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than
Shan National Amyotha Hluttaw Representative

(8) U Myat Ko
Naga National Amyotha Hluttaw Representative

(9) U Hsai Paung Nup
"Wa" National Amyotha Hluttaw Representative

(r) U Tin Myo Kyi Secretary
Director-General, Union Government Office

- 2. The Union Peace-making Work Committee shall discharge the following duties in implementing the tasks for reaching peace agreement.

(a) **The State Level Peace Talks**

- (1) To halt the attacks of both sides
- (2) To reside at the designated places agreed by both sides
- (3) Not to move with arms in any other regions except the designated places
- (4) To set up the liaison camps without arms at the appropriate places agreed by both sides
- (5) To coordinate matters on forming a delegation, time and venue to hold discussions with the Union Level Peace-making Group

(b) **Union Level Peace Talks**

- (1) To reside together in the Union
- (2) To agree on non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty
- (3) To mutually engage in economic activities and development works in accord with the laws
- (4) To cooperate in the fight against narcotic and psychotropic substances
- (5) To stand for election by establishing party
- (6) To accept the constitution and if any amendments, they are to be carried out with the majority's consent in the Hluttaw
- (7) To unconditionally return to the legal fold for eternal peace and to equally live, move and earn a living in line with the constitution
- (8) To coordinate to be transformed into an armed organization in line with the constitution

- 3. Measures taken by the Union Peace-making Work Committee are to be reported to the Union Peace-making Central Committee in real time.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham...

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Hledan Overpass project is being undertaken by YCDC and Shwetung Development Co Ltd. It is of steel beam and RC type. The proposed length is 2507 feet. The motorway will be 44 feet and 8 inches in width with three-foot wide pedestrian lane on each side. The overpass



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects Universities' tennis courts of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar).

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham looks into progress of Hledan Overpass in Kamayut Township.—MNA

will be 50 feet and 8 inches wide and the clearance will be 18 feet high and it can withstand 60 tons of loads.

Afterwards, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party proceeded to the national badminton gymnasium at the corner of Anawrahta Street and Kyonegyi Street. Myanmar Badminton Federation President U Maung Maung Swe reported on condition of badminton courts.

The Vice-President inspected the badminton courts on the first and second floors and left necessary instructions.

On arrival at the Youth Sports Training Camp

(Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township in the afternoon, the Vice-President and party were welcomed by Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw and members, officials of the Ministry of Sports, U-13 selected women footballers and U-14 selected men footballers.

U Zaw Zaw reported on lawn preparations of the football ground, progress in extended construction of stands and roofs. The Vice-President inspected extension of sports ground and training of athletes and seats to be installed at the stands and left necessary instructions.

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Kayah farmers observe Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing met 40 Kayah national farmers led by Project Manager Daw Tin May Oo of Care Myanmar Group from Dimawhso Township, Kayah State at 288-acre Paletwe hybrid paddy plantation near Aungchantha Village, Zabuthiri Township, here

yesterday morning.

Speaking to the farmers, the Union Minister called for a switch to quality and high yield strains to expand and maintain the market. He then presented Paletwe hybrid rice to the farmers who were conducted round 100-day-old Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations by agriculturalists.

The farmers also observed 100-acre advanced farmland near Tegyigon Village, Zabuthiri Township, 100-acre advanced farmland near West Kyargu Village in Dekkhinathiri Township and 500-acre farmer educative farmland in Nyaungbingyisu in Pobbathiri Township.

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Sagaing Region Chief Minister inspects foundry in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye paid an inspection tour to foundry of Thiha Tun Co. Ltd in Monywa yesterday afternoon and he viewed production of small tractor installed with 22 Hp one-cylinder diesel engines, 28 Hp tractor and accessories. He then inspected

sanitation of Thiha Tun foundry and environs and thriving physic nut plantations in integrated farm. At the briefing hall of foundry, he met board of directors of the company, Monywa Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee and entrepreneurs.

Regional Technological Advisor to the

United Nations Development Programme Mr Gernot Laganda and party paid a call on Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye at Win Unity Hotel in Monywa and discussed possible dangers in climate change for Water Resources and Food Security in Myanmar Arid Zone.

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63rd ASEAN Science and Technology Committee Meeting concludes



NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—The 63rd ASEAN Science and Technology Committee Meeting continued for the final day at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) in Zabuthiri Township today, attended by Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo, representatives from ASEAN member countries, and representatives from China, EU, Japan and the USA.

At the meeting,

The 63rd ASEAN Science and Technology Committee Meeting in progress at MICC.

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representatives from ASEAN-China, ASEAN-EU, ASEAN-Japan and ASEAN-USA exchanged views on

development of science and technology and passed resolutions for future plans.

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UMFCCI to hold its 21st anniversary in Nay Pyi Taw

YANGON, 18 May—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry has arranged to hold its 21st anniversary at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) in Nay Pyi Taw at 1:30 pm on 25 May.

Not to fail to be present the anniversary, advisors, CEC members, EC members, sister organizations, distinguished persons have been invited and informed for smooth transport to Nay Pyi Taw. Those wishing to join with the transport plan are to dial 214344 to 214349 (Fax-214484) at UMFCCI on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street in Lanmadaw Township, not later than 23 May.—MNA

Donate blood

Union Minister for Information and for Culture receives representatives of Chinese company



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives Mr Lu Guooung and party of Chinese Sports, International Economic and Technological Cooperation Co Ltd.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received Mr Lu Guooung and party of Chinese Sports, International Economic and Technological Cooperation

Co Ltd at the Ministry of Information, here, at 2.15 pm yesterday.

They cordially exchanged views on arrangements for providing necessary technological and mechanical assistance

to hold the opening and closing ceremonies of the XXVII SEA Games 2013 on a grand scale similar to that of regional and international sports competitions, training for performers by experts for participating in the opening

and closing ceremonies, and fulfilling necessary technology and machinery to be used in TV broadcasting works.

Present at the call together with the Union Minister were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin and departmental heads.

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How to address climate change in Central Myanmar discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—National preliminary meeting on implementation of the project to the impact of climate change to water resources and food sufficiency in Myanmar's arid zone jointly organized by Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry and the UNDP took place at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister addressed the

balance, it is now facing the consequences of climate change. Cyclone Nargis and Giri, record high temperatures in central Myanmar and floods and water scarcity are vivid effects of the climate change.

The mitigation of climate change impact and adaptation to climate change are a must. However, such works could not be accomplished by government department alone but with the cooperation of competent organizations, and changing of behavior and lifestyle of each individual.

change in the future.

Shwebo and Monywa in Sagaing Region, Myingyan and Nyaung U in Mandalay Region and Chuak in Magway Region are selected as the project areas. The project will last four years. It has been proposed to implement the project under three sections—to address the reduction in fresh water resources areas due to climate change, to produce and breed weather-resistant crops strains and animals, Information on evaluation of possible loss due to climate change and monitoring climate change.



Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun delivering an address at national preliminary meeting on implementation of the project to the impact of climate change to water resources and food sufficiency in Myanmar's arid zone.—MNA

climate change as the major threat to survival and prosperity of mankind. Despite the fact that Myanmar is blessed with temperate climate and is making strenuous efforts to conserve the ecological

The project aims to reduce the impact of climate change, increased rainfall and droughts to the farmers in arid zone of Myanmar, to enhance the competence of farmers and to enable the people to adapt to climate

Mr Gernod Laganda, UNDP Asia Pacific Regional technical expert, also spoke on the occasion. Next, personnel of the UNDP explained the proposed project, followed by suggestions of the attendees.

After the meeting, the Union Minister discussed follow-up plans for implementation of the project and acceleration of environmental conservation works with Mr Gernod Laganda.—MNA

Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry



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Union F&R Minister receives US, Japanese guests separately

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received Vice-President for Asia Ms Tami Overby and party of US Chamber of Commerce at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, here, this morning.

They discussed that as the US government is lifting the sanctions against Myanmar step by step due to reforms of the Myanmar government, greater investment opportunities will come into Myanmar; and the US Chamber of Commerce and the UMFCCI will join hands in the tasks for development of economy and for mutual cooperation matters.

The Union Minister also received President & Chief Executive Officer Mr Takashi Hinino and party of Daiwa Securities Group Inc at 10 am.

At the call, they discussed concerted efforts of Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd of Japan, Tokyo Stock Exchange and the Ministry of Finance and Revenue for emergence of stock exchange and investment market in Myanmar, matters related to providing necessary technology and expertise and mutual cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Win Than and officials.—MNA



Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun meets Vice-President for Asia Ms Tami Overby and party.

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UMFCCI to hold talk on 19 May

YANGON, 17 May—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Action Aid Myanmar have arranged to hold a talk on Understanding the Growth Paradigm-Care for Ecology & Future in Myanmar at UMFCCI Office Tower on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street in Lanmadaw Township here at 2:00 pm on 19 May.

The talk is to be spread by sharing knowledge of Professor of Public Policy Dr. Marilyn Waring of AUT University in Auckland. Those interested may contact International Relations Department at UMFCCI (Ph: 214344) Ext- (107), (122).

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AFC (C) Certificate Coaching Course, MA Referee's Course commence



NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—The Asian Football Confederation-(AFC) (C) Certificate Coaching Course & MA Referee's Course for Ministry of Defence, jointly organized by Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) and Asian Football Confederation (AFC), was opened at the training school at the head office of MFF on 14 May morning.

At first, trainees were introduced individually. Speaking on the occasion, Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw said, "As the trainees are military officers and

corporals of young age, it is delighted at prospects of Myanmar football arena. In the golden era of Myanmar football sports when the trophies were achieved in the Asian Olympic Games and Asian Cup, and fair play ward in the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, selected prominent footballers of Tatmadaw Bahadur, Tin Aung (goalkeeper), Ba Yi, etc and referees played in the significant role of the football arena. I firmly believe new generation coaches and referees who are reliable for football arena of Myanmar will emerge from

the training course."

After that, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw donated 300 footballs to Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Tin Maung Win.

Later, they posed for documentary photo together with the trainees.

Altogether 32 trainees each are attending the Asian Football Confederation (C) Certificate Coaching Course and the MA Referee's Course.

The former course will last two weeks and the latter, five days.

Zaw Min Aung (107)

Phu Pwint Wai Library put into service in Hmawby Township



YANGON, 18 May—A ceremony to open the new building of Phu Pwint Wai Library was held in Kalagyigon Village of Bantbwegon Village-tract in Hmawby Township of Yangon Region on 10 May morning.

Staff Officer Daw Khin Thida Oo of Yangon North District Information and Public Relations Department, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U San Tun, Writer U Nay Lin (Maung Cho Wai) and

Village Administrator U Mya Win formally opened the new building.

At the ceremony, the staff officer of District Information and Public Relations Department explained the purpose of opening the library.

The head of Township Information and Public Relations Department, on behalf of the Myanmar Libraries Foundation, donated 150 books and publications to the Village Administrator.

Myanma Alin

ROAD INAUGURATED: Self-reliant Khaingthitsa concrete road was opened at the road in Ward 7 of Maubin on 10 May. Ward Administrator U Tun, Road Construction Committee Chairman U Tin Shein and Vice-Chairman U Saw Naing formally open the road.

DISTRICT IPRD

MDA to hold educative talk

YANGON, 18 May—Organized by Myanmar Dental Association (Central), an educative talk was held at its hall on Thanthuma Road in Thingangyun Township, here, at 9 am on 20 May with the sponsorship of Zizawa.

Professor Dr Daw Myint Myint San will give talks on

introduction to implant supported fixed prostheses, Dr Myat Nyan on implant Prosthetic Options: Removable Denture Prostheses.

Interested dentists, house surgeons and students may attend it.

Myanma Alin

Stake drive for school building in Muse

MUSE, 18 May—The cash donation for construction of new building was held at No. 2 Basic Education High School in Homon Ward of Muse in Muse District in Shan State (North) on 13 May morning.

At first, the township education officer and Chairman of the Construction Committee U Thaug Tun explained the purpose of building the school structure.

Wellwishers donated cash to Township Administrator U Mya Han and officials.

The Township Administrator, Hluttaw representatives, the head of District Settlement and Land Records Department, responsible persons of Muse Nationalities Co Ltd and wellwishers drove stakes for the building.

Myanma Alin



Vietnam to invest in rice sector for first time

YANGON, 18 May—According to Myanmar Rice Industry Association, Vietnam has agreed to put investment in paddy production which is the main product of Myanmar.

An official of Myanmar Rice Industry Association said that the main theme of foreign investment is to systematically provide assistance for production of quality rice, development of agricultural technology and operating of rice mills.

"It will be the first time of foreign investments in focusing on development of paddy sector. Vietnam on its part will invest about US\$ 100 million on development of the paddy sector of Myanmar. At

present, the association started observation at field. It is expected to implement the plan in harvesting time of monsoon paddy," he said.

At present, Myanmar rice faces competitiveness in the market due to some requirements in its quality and cheap price of India's

rice. However, export of rice from Myanmar is in normal status.

There are about 18 million sown acreage of paddy across the nation. The larger number of sown acre is located in Deltaic area of lower Myanmar. Thus, rice of the region can be exported.

Khin Yadana



Fire breaks out in Mahlaing Township

MAHLAING, 18 May—A fire broke out in Hsedaw Village of Thabukkon Village, six miles south of

Mahlaing in Meiktila District at 7.10 pm on 12 May. The fire started from the house of Soe Myint Lay, 42,

of the village. The local people put out fire in time not to blaze other houses.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Yamethin Township WJA holds plenary meeting

YAMETHIN, 18 May—Organized by Yamethin Township Writers and Journalists Association, the plenary meeting and election of new executives were held at the reading room of Yamethin District Information and Public Relations Department in Yamethin Township on 6 May morning.

Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association U Soe Myint recounted his experiences in attending the emergency literary conference. Secretary of the Township WJA U Hlaing Than Tint read the

report of the association. Treasurer U Nyunt Shwe submitted the financial statement.

Election commission member Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Nyunt Hsan Tun explained the election process.

Later, U Tin Hla (Tekkatho Maung Lu Hla) was elected as Chairman of the Township Writers Association, U Nyunt Shwe (Reporter Nyunt Shwe) as Secretary and Daw San San (Aye Mya Aye) as Treasurer.

Myanma Alin

MWEA member leaves for Thailand



YANGON, 18 May—Member of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association Ma Phyu Sin Thant left here by air on 13 May morning to attend the SME Cluster Development Training to be held in

Mekong Institute of Thailand from 14 to 25 May.

She was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Treasurer Daw Myint Myint Aye of MWEA and executives.

Myanma Alin

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV FORE SIGHTER VOY NO (3)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV FORE SIGHTER VOY NO (3) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19-5-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER S'PORE
PTE LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

**YATANARPON TELEPORT CO., LTD
OPEN TENDER INVITATION**

1. Yatanarpon Teleport Company Limited has scheduled to make underground fiber cable installations along the following highways on which cost for implementation shall be settle in Myanmar Kyat Currency.

- (a) Gwegyo -Yenanchaung -Magway (48 Core)
- (b) Taunggyi - Kyaington -Tachileik (96 Core)

2. Interested Myanmar National award Private Companies having experience in underground fiber cable installation work may submit tender to Yatanarpon Teleport Co., Ltd not later than 20.6.2012, Saturday 12:00 hrs.

3. May appear and enquire and purchase Tender Forms and detail information at the following address.

**Yatanarpon Teleport Co., Ltd.
Universities Campus, Hlaing Township.
Phone No. 01-652233**

Waiver as a son

The eldest son of U Marmad Sharif and Daw Hla Hla Win, Maung Aung Cho Lat (12/Ma Ga Ta (Naing) 072539), had been treated hurt to parent, brothers and sisters many times, therefore he was waived, we will never solve any problem, with him later.

Humbly Request not to inquire about it
U Marmad Sharif and
Daw Hla Hla Win.

Four Turkish soldiers die in clashes with PKK

ANKARA, 18 May—Four soldiers of Turkish security forces were killed and five others injured during clashes with the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) members on Thursday, local newspaper Today's *Zaman* reported on its website.

The clashes happened in the southern province of Hatay and eastern province of Hakkari separately, said the report, adding that four PKK members were also killed in the fighting in Hatay.

PKK members opened fire on security forces in Hatay Province when the soldiers were conducting an operation in a forested area in rural area of Amonaslar, according to a statement posted on the website of Hatay Governor's Office. Meanwhile, the PKK attacked a military outpost with mortars in Hakkari Province in the town of Derecik in Semdinli on

Thursday afternoon, killing one soldier and injuring four others, including one civilian.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Since then, more than 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the group.

Xinhua

Five hurt in emergency plane landing in Munich

FRANKFURT, 18 May—Around five people were injured when a small regional airliner made an emergency landing in Munich after smoke was reported in the cockpit and cabin, and skidded off the runway, according to the airport and police.

The Air Dolomiti twin-

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PHUONG NAM 68 VOY NO ()

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: RK SHIPPING & TRADING
PTE LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1220)

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING
(MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797



British actor Sacha Baron Cohen sits on a camel during a photocall on the Croisette for his latest movie "The Dictator" in Cannes on 16 May, 2012. "The Dictator" is Cohen's fourth comedy film featuring the story of Admiral General Aladeen, a dictator from the fictional North African country of the Republic of Wadiya.
INTERNET

New York state says jobless rate steady at 8.5 pct

NEW YORK, 18 May—New York state's unemployment rate was unchanged in April from March at 8.5 percent but the state has won back all the private sector jobs lost during the recession, the state's Department of Labour said on Thursday.

New York's jobless rate is up from 8 percent in April

2011 and is above the national rate for April of 8.1 percent.

Only four other states have regained all the jobs lost during the Great Recession: Alaska, Louisiana, North Dakota and Texas, said Kevin Jack, a state labour market analyst. The states that are farthest from achieving this goal are: California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio,

he said. New York only made the list of winning states with a 0.1 percent increase in the number of private sector jobs, adding 8,300 positions.

"The state's private sector job count now stands at 7,319,600-an all-time high," the Department of Labour said in a statement. New York's fastest growing sectors were professional and business services, which added 51,400 positions from April 2011 to April 2012; educational and health services, which grew by 31,100; and leisure and hospitality, which added 16,100 people. The downstate region around New York City added most of the jobs-70,600 - versus the upstate addition of 20,300. Job gains were concentrated in New York City, which added 63,000 workers.—Reuters

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PLATINUM JADE VOY NO (PJ/V05/12)

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S HUB SHIPPING SDN-BHD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV AN HUA JIANG VOY NO (163)

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

**'Disco Queen'
Donna
Summer dead
at 63**

MIAMI, 18 May—Disco music icon Donna Summer died in Florida on Thursday after a private battle with cancer, TMZ reported. She was 63.

The celebrity news Web site said she had been working on a new album in recent weeks.

The five-time Grammy Award winner is known for the 1970s anthems "Last Dance," "Hot Stuff" and "Bad Girls."—Internet



Disco queen Donna Summer.—INTERNET

Oxford invites Nevada Bunny Ranch pimp to debate

Britain's Oxford University has invited a famous Nevada brothel owner to participate in a debate about the legalization of prostitution.

Dennis Hof, 65, founder of the Moonlite Bunny Ranch, said he and one of his prostitutes, Cami Parker, will travel to the school to argue for the legalization of prostitution alongside Fiona Godlee, editor-in-chief of the *British Medical Journal*, and adult entertainer Johnny Anglairs, *The Sun* reported.

Arguing against the legalization of prostitution will be Julie Bindel, author

and co-founder of Justice for Women, feminist activist Julia Long and activist Ellie Levenson.

Hof said he was honored by the school's invitation.

"I'm going to shock some people, I'm sure," Hof said. "I was very excited and honored when I got the formal invitation from Oxford. I couldn't turn down the opportunity to speak where so many famous people have been before me. I'm going to show them how my ranch is the model of prostitution — I think they are going to like it." "My life has been a party for 20 years. When you



Dennis Hof's Moonlite Bunny Ranch in Nevada.

legalize it you take out all of the criminal elements and get safer sex," he said. "These girls are educated, young

businesswomen. Cami's going to show that, she'll be there to ask any questions people want answering."

Bees trap Texas couple in bathroom

Texas firefighters said they received a call about hundreds of bees swarming in a house while they were already out on an identical call.

The Marion Fire Department said it received two calls about the insects invading separate homes, KSAT-TV, San Antonio,

reported.

"Same call twice in one day is kind of unusual," Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Rodriguez said.

"I think this is the fourth or fifth call we've had for bees this year already. It gets hot and dry and then it rains. That's what brings them back out."

Jason Williams said he was getting ready to watch a movie with his wife, Jennifer, when they noticed a few bees in the bedroom and looked to find hundreds of the insects swarming.

He said the couple hid in a back bathroom and fled the house after dousing some of the bees in a mixture

of soap and water.

"There was a lot of bees, man. That's all I saw was bees everywhere," Williams said. "It was enough to scare a big guy like me."

News Album

'Swamp People' star Mitchell Guist died of natural causes



Photo of "Swamp People" star Mitchell Guist courtesy of The History Channel.—INTERNET

NEW ORLEANS, 18 May— "Swamp People" star Mitchell Guist died of apparently natural causes while building a houseboat,

Louisiana officials said on Wednesday. Assumption Parish Sheriff Mike Waguespack told CNN the alligator hunter appeared to suffer from a seizure and fell backward on Monday on the Intercoastal Waterway. Attempts to revive Guist, 47, were unsuccessful and he was pronounced dead on Monday at Teche Regional Medical Centre in Morgan City.

Waguespack told E! News on Wednesday the preliminary report from an autopsy performed on the reality TV star's remains showed Guist died of natural causes.

"More details will be released when the final report is made" in four to five weeks, he said.

E! News said it was unclear whether Guist's body has been released to his family yet.

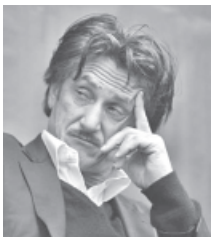
"Right now, we're thinking about him almost every minute," Brian Catalina, executive producer of The History Channel's "Swamp People," told CNN. "We've lost a really important part of our family and a treasured friend." Guist starred on the show alongside his brother, Glenn.

"The two were inseparable. These guys were born in the same house that they both still lived in, up until yesterday.

They were two peas in a pod for sure. Neither had ever married. They were just as brothers as you could be," Catalina said.—Internet

Penn and Nemcova reconcile

LOS ANGELES, 18 May— Petra Nemcova resumed dating ex-boyfriend Hollywood star Sean Penn shortly after ending her engagement



Hollywood star Sean Penn

to Jamie Belman, sources told USMagazine.com. The Czech fashion model called off her wedding plans with the British actor last month.

The couple had been together for about two years. "Petra started going on dates with Sean right after the split," an insider told USMagazine.com.

Nemcova, 32, and Penn, 51, first dated for a few weeks in 2008. Nemcova was previously engaged to Simon Atlee, who died in the 2004 tsunami that hit South Asia where the pair were on



Petra Nemcova

holiday. Penn has two adult children with ex-wife actress Robin Wright. They were a couple for more than 20 years before their divorce was finalized in July 2010.

Internet

Man crashes Lexus into backyard pool

Police in California said they arrested an alleged drunk driver who drove through a cinder block wall and submerged his Lexus in a backyard swimming pool.

The California Highway Patrol said Modesto Cabral, 40, of La Puente was allegedly drunk around 5:25am when he

crashed through the wall and plunged his car into a family's pool, the *West Covina San Gabriel Valley Tribune* reported.

Officer Steve Licon said Cabral, who climbed out the window of the car, suffered only minor injuries. Cabral was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Chocolate pyramid breaks world record

The Qzina Institute of Chocolate & Pastry in California announced it broke the world record for the largest chocolate sculpture by recreating a Mexican pyramid.

The sculpture of the Kukulkan pyramid in Chichen Itza, created by corporate chef Francois Mellet, measures 6 feet high and 12 feet by 12 feet at its base.

Guinness World Records confirmed the 18,239.5-pound sculpture



At 18,239.5 pounds, the chocolate sculpture is the largest in the world.

beat the previous record of a 10,736.5-pound chocolate sculpture.

Qzina officials said they plan to destroy the sculpture 21 Dec to coincide with the end of the Mayan calendar.

Actor Nick Stahl reported missing

LOS ANGELES, 18 May— Nick Stahl's wife Rose has reported the actor missing, the Los Angeles Police Department confirmed.

Stahl, 32, is best known



Actor Nick Stahl

for his roles in "Sin City," "In the Bedroom," "Bully," "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" and "The Man Without a Face." The former child actor also starred in HBO's "Carnivale" and has amassed more than a dozen film and TV credits in the past three years.

His wife filed a missing person's report Monday, stating she last saw him on 9 May and fears his disappearance is drug-related, TMZ said.

Stahl's representative declined to comment on the situation, the celebrity news Web site said.

Internet

Longtime partners Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie recently announced their engagement. INTERNET

Jolie buys Pitt helicopter, flying lessons

NEW YORK, 18 May— Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie recently paid nearly \$1.6 million on a helicopter and flying lessons for her fiancé Brad Pitt, the *New York Post* said.

Jolie, who has six children with Pitt, is a certified helicopter pilot. "They've had a helicopter pad installed in

the grounds of their south of France home, Chateau Miraval, so Ange thought it would be nice to buy Brad a helicopter as a surprise present," the *Post* quoted an insider as saying. "But even though Brad has his private pilot's license, he still needs to take a few flying lessons, which he'll start straight away."—Internet

'Blown Away' tops US album chart

LOS ANGELES, 18 May— Carrie Underwood's "Blown Away" is No 1 on the US album chart for a second week, Billboard.com reported on Wednesday.

Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard 200 is Adele's "21," followed by Lionel Richie's "Tuskegee" at No 3, the "Now 42" compilation CD at No 4 and Norah Jones' "Little Broken Hearts" at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Silversun Pickups' "Neck of the Woods" at No 6, One Direction's "Up All Night" at No 7, Jack White's "Blunderbuss" at No 8, Tank's "This Is How I Feel"

at No 9 and Luke Bryan's "Tailgates & Tanlines" at No 10.—Internet



Carrie Underwood



Manchester United's South Korean midfielder Park Ji-Sung, seen here in December 2011, has expressed his desire to stay on at the English Premier League giants despite an uncertain future at Old Trafford.—INTERNET

Park keen to stay at Man United

MANCHESTER, 18 May—Manchester United's South Korean midfielder Park Ji-Sung has expressed his desire to stay on at the English Premier League giants despite an uncertain future at Old Trafford. "It's true that I said I want to retire at United," the 31-year-old told reporters on his arrival in South Korea on Thursday.

"But what I want does not always translate to reality. It becomes more feasible when the whole situation clicks."

Park finished the season with United, Premier League

runners-up to rivals Manchester City, without a medal for the first time since he joined the club in 2005.

He appeared in 17 league matches and scored just twice, sparking speculation that he could leave.

Park, entering the final year of his contract, admitted he had a disappointing season.

"But I want to forget the past and think about what I have to do in the future," he said. "I do not have time to think about next season. I need to rest mentally and physically."—Internet

Wigan manager Martinez to hold talks with Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, 18 May—Liverpool have been granted permission to speak to Wigan Athletic manager Roberto Martinez about taking over from Kenny Dalglish who was sacked on Wednesday. Wigan chairman Dave Whelan told Sky Sports: "I've always said that when a big club comes he (Martinez) will have permission to talk to them and... they don't come any bigger than Liverpool."

"I gave him permission and he'll be talking to them soon. I don't know when, but it will be quite soon."

Dalglish was sacked on Wednesday after leading Liverpool to a disappointing

eighth place in the Premier League although they won the League Cup and reached the FA Cup final. Although Wigan finished a lowly 15th they had a fine end to the season with Spaniard Martinez again showing his managerial credentials on a tight budget by rallying his struggling team.

"I would love to keep Roberto," Whelan added on Thursday. "He is a great manager but unfortunately in this day and age of football there are two or three clubs looking for managers and I think Roberto is on the list of every one of them. "If Liverpool are serious then we may lose him."—Reuters



Wigan Athletic manager Roberto Martinez during their English Premier League match against Stoke City, on 22 May, 2011.—REUTERS

AC Milan sign midfielders Montolivo and Traore

MILAN, 18 May—AC Milan have strengthened their midfield with the signing of Italy's Riccardo Montolivo and Mali's Bakaye Traore who were both free agents, the Serie A runners-up said on Thursday.

Montolivo, 27, spent seven years at Fiorentina, where he was club captain, scoring 17 goals in 230 appearances, while 27-year-old Traore, who has joined from AS Nancy, scored 11 goals in 72 games in all competitions for the French Ligue 1 side.

Montolivo has signed a four-year deal, while Traore

Olympic torch handed over to London delegation

ATHENS, 18 May—The Olympic torch was formally handed over from Greece to organizers of the London 2012 Olympic Games in a ceremony here on Thursday.

In damp weather at the Panathenaic Stadium that hosted the 1896 Olympics, the torch was presented to Princess Anne by the president of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, Spyros Capralos.

"It is with deep emotion and exceptional honour that I hand over the Olympic flame, wishing you every success in the organization of the Olympic Games in London," Capralos said.

Princess Anne, Queen Elizabeth II's daughter, who is a former Olympian and current British Olympic Association president, headed a British delegation that included London 2012 chairman Sebastian Coe, Olympics Minister Hugh Robertson and London Mayor Boris Johnson.

"For the past eight days our two countries have connected in a very special

way in the spirit of peace and friendship of the flame and the values of this great Olympic movement," Coe said in reference to the Greek torch relay that has been running since the torch was lit at Olympia last week.

"Today's handover is

in Britain were getting ready to welcome the torch.

"If the Olympic Games is about celebrating the best athletes in the world, the Olympic spirit is about celebrating the best in ourselves and our neighborhoods. We have



Actress Ino Menegaki at the role of the high priestess hands the torch with the flame to the Greek Olympic Committee president, Spyros Capralos during the handover ceremony of the Olympic flame for the 2012 London Olympics at the Panathenaic stadium in Athens.

INTERNET

an occasion of international significance and of importance as the flame belongs to the world."

He said millions of people

found the very best in our torchbearers who like Olympic athletes will inspire a generation," Coe said.

Internet

Pacesetter Palmer eyes redemption in Texas



Ryan Palmer plays a shot from a sand trap on the second green during first round play in the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club, on 5 April, 2012.—REUTERS

IRVING, 18 May—Twelve months after losing a playoff for the Byron Nelson Championship in Irving, Texas, Ryan Palmer had redemption on his mind after taking control of the tournament in Thursday's

opening round.

The 35-year-old American made the most of ideal scoring conditions at the TPC Four Seasons Resort Las Colinas, firing a flawless six-under-par 64 to grab a one-shot lead. Australian Marc Leishman recorded a pair of eagles on his back nine to card a 65, ending a surprisingly calm day level with Germany's Alex Cejka who posted a bogey-free round.

Americans Scott Piercy, Charley Hoffman, Bill Lunde and Matt Kuchar, the world number five who won the Players Championship on Sunday, were among a group of seven players knotted on 66. Though Palmer struggled with his driving over the last

four holes on the challenging layout, he was delighted to stay at the top of the leaderboard, largely thanks to his superb short game.

"I had big pull hooks on my last four tee shots and I fought my way in," the Texan told reporters after making three birdies on each nine.

"I kind of locked up on my tee shots, but that's what the short game is there for, and fortunately it was good today. It's great to be in this spot again."

"Continuation from last year, that's what's cool about the whole thing. It was great. I felt great all morning, warm-up was great. I knew everything was going in the right direction."—Reuters



Portuguese referee Pedro Proenca, pictured in March 2012, will take charge of this weekend's Champions League final between Chelsea and Bayern Munich, UEFA announced on Thursday.

INTERNET

Man Utd call time on Owen's career

MANCHESTER, 18 May—Manchester United have called time on Michael Owen's Old Trafford career after the striker revealed on Thursday that he would not be offered a new contract by the club.

The 32-year-old former England star confirmed the development in a post on the micro-blogging site Twitter.

"The Manager informed me after our testimonial match on Tuesday that the club would not be offering me a new contract," wrote Owen, whose existing deal expires this year.

The former Liverpool, Real Madrid and Newcastle striker joined United on a free transfer in 2009 but has rarely been given an extended run in the club's starting line-up, while injuries have restricted him to just four appearances this season.—Internet



Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson (R) with English forward Michael Owen for a training session in Manchester, north-west England, on 22 February, 2012. United have called time on Owen's Old Trafford career after the striker revealed on Thursday that he would not be offered a new contract by the club.

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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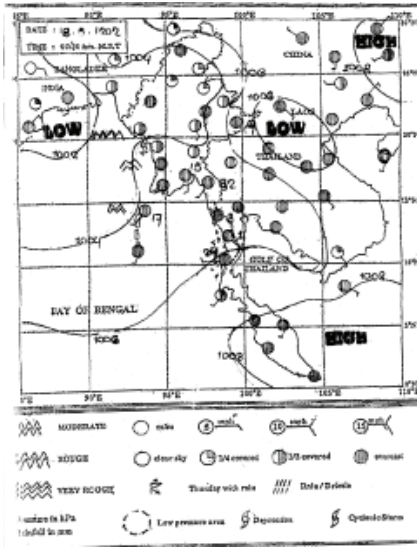
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- * Culture Stage Development of Rural Areas... Benefits of Milch Cow Breeding
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- * Myanmar Movie "Servant of Love"

MYANMAR TV

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- 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:40 am 2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am 3. Health Programme
- 8:05 am 4. Documentary
- 11:25 am 5. Game for Children
- 11:50 am 6. Round Up of the Week's TV Local News
- 1:05 pm 7. TV Drama Series
- 2:00 pm 8. Dance of National Races
- 4:20 pm 9. Cultural Dance
- 4:30 pm 10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Philosophy)
- 5:20 pm 11. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 5:35 pm 12. Game for Children
- 6:35 pm 13. Celebrity and Dinner
- 8:00 pm 14. News
- 15. Gitaadagale Phwintbaohn

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 19th May, 2012

No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29.102	23.73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
2	Kayah	32.90	22.72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
3	Kayah	32.90	24.75	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
4	Chin	29.84	18.59	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
5	Upper Sgaw	40.104	21.70	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
6	Lower Sgaw	44.111	23.81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
7	Tainthaya	32.90	25.77	Likelihood of widespread rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
8	Bago	35.95	27.81	Likelihood of scattered rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
9	Magway	43.109	29.84	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
10	Mandalay	42.108	29.84	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
11	Mon	32.90	25.77	Likelihood of widespread rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
12	Yangon	35.95	25.77	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
13	Rakhine	35.95	27.81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	29.84	18.64	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	35.95	17.63	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	38.100	22.72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
17	Aeyawady	38.100	29.84	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Bay Pyi Taw	39.102	24.75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangan	35.95	25.77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	42.108	29.84	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	(60%)

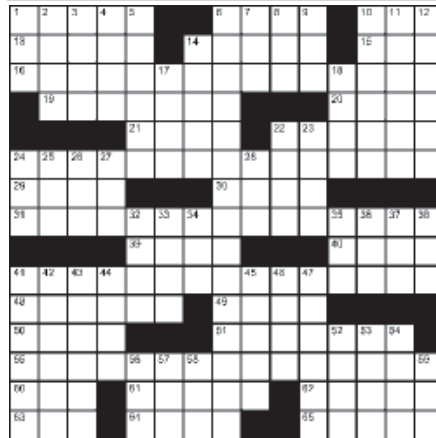
During the past 24 hours, rain or thunderstorms have been widespread in Yangon and (mainly) Regions, Kayah State, scattered in Aeyawady Region, Shan and Mon States, isolated in Sgaw, Mandalay and Bago Regions, Rakhine and Kayah States, and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were 1°C to 4°C above May average temperatures in Sgaw Region, Kayah, Northern Shan and Rakhine States, 0°C to 0°C above May average temperatures in Magway Region, Eastern Shan and Chin States and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were: Chin (4°C), Sgaw (4°C) and Mon (4°C) each. Monsoon, Myanmar and Magway (4°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were: Phayun (4.4) inches, Aeyawady (1.54) inches, Mandalay (1.26) inches, and Sgaw (0.53) inches and Hmawbi (0.71) inch.

Weather is cloudy in the Andaman Sea, East Central Bay and Southern Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Squalls with moderate to rough sea and likely storms off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in State of the Sea squalls may reach (30) to (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of advance of Southwest monsoon into the Southern Myanmar areas.

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. Small northern India hand drum
- 6. Bind
- 10. 100 lbs.
- 13. "Snowy" bird
- 14. Indicates
- 15. Police, with "the"
- 16. A loan for a personal item (2 wds)
- 19. Pretended
- 20. Ancestry
- 21. Not yet final, at law
- 22. Breathed noisily during sleep
- 24. "Yikes!" (2 wds)
- 29. Dwarf buffalo
- 30. Go-__
- 31. Bodyguard to British monarch (3 wds)
- 39. Beehive, e.g.
- 40. Brawl
- 41. July 4 (2 wds)
- 48. One who requires something
- 49. "Aquarius" musical
- 50. IV part
- 51. Curved
- 55. South African province settled by Boers in 1836 (3 wds)
- 60. "Sesame Street"

- watcher
- 61. Cy Young, e.g.
- 62. Add up
- 63. "A Chorus Line" number
- 64. Contradict
- 65. Hex

Down

- 1. P.I., e.g.
- 2. Eastern pooh-bah
- 3. Bikini parts
- 4. "___ go!" (contraction)
- 5. Adjust
- 6. Anyone (4 wds)
- 7. "Much ___ About Nothing"
- 8. The "p" in m.p.g.
- 9. "C" ___ la vie!"
- 10. Actress Bloom
- 11. Richard ___, German composer
- 12. Some suits
- 14. Grace word
- 17. Arabic for "commander"
- 18. Hardly haute cuisine
- 22. "Buona ___" (Italian greeting)
- 23. Remaining after all deductions (variant spelling)

- 24. Bender
- 25. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
- 26. Long, long time
- 27. Congratulations, of a sort
- 28. Amscrayed
- 32. Bound
- 33. "... happily ___ after"
- 34. Checkers, e.g.
- 35. "All the Things You ___"
- 36. Free from, with "of"
- 37. Bygone bird
- 38. Chester White's home
- 41. Altogether (2 wds)
- 42. Brain cell
- 43. Formal argument
- 44. "Our Time in ___" (10,000 Maniacs album)
- 45. Dog-___
- 46. "Good going!"
- 47. Pastry shells
- 52. Above
- 53. "Soap" family name
- 54. And others, for short
- 56. "Crikey!"
- 57. "Concentration" pronoun
- 58. Buff
- 59. Add-on

Gong Li's Singaporean husband confirms divorce rumours

BEIJING, 18 May—China-born actress Gong Li's husband, Singaporean businessman Ooi Hoe Seong, confirmed on Wednesday that they got divorced three years ago, reported Chinese media. "This is true ... Gong Li and I are indeed divorced," Ooi told Chinese media. Ooi revealed that they had "never quarrelled" in their 13 years together, but eventually decided to amicably part ways in 2009 because of the nature of their work. "She is an actress who often goes overseas to shoot. I am a businessman who often travels overseas on business. These few years, we have been apart more often than we have been together. "There was more friendship than romantic love between us," explained Ooi. He went on to stress that they may no longer be man and wife,

but they still kept in touch. "It was an amicable separation with no conflicts over asset division ... We are still good friends and call each other during Christmas and the Lunar New Year," said Ooi. Ooi also shed light on Gong's controversial decision to become a Singaporean in 2008. "She loves China very much. All her relatives are in China. "The real reason why Gong Li became a Singaporean, besides showing her loyalty and commitment to our marriage, was that it also made it more convenient for her to travel around the globe for her film projects," said Ooi. When asked about reports that claimed Gong is now in a relationship with a Frenchman 13 years her junior, Ooi said he did not know anything about it, but would "sincerely wish them well" if the reports turn out to be true. Ooi appeared to still care a great deal for his ex-wife. He described Gong as a "very good person", and requested that the media not cause her any trouble.—Internet



Gong Li

RMGCC 3rd Anniversary Charity golf tournament to kicks off on 26 May

YANGON, 18 May—The RMGCC 3rd Anniversary Charity golf tournament, organized by Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club, will be held on a grand scale at the above-mentioned golf club on 26 May. The incomes from the golf tournament will be donated to the orphanage associations. Any one may

take part in the tournament with entrance fee. The tournament will be categorized as two classes through System 36. Handsome prizes will be awarded to the winners. For further information, dial 01-639445, 01-639435-9 and hot line phone 09-8636395.

Myanma Alin



ROAD CONSTRUCTED: Under the supervision of Township Administrator U San Min, local people participate in concreting 4th East Manbye Street on a self-reliant basis in South Ward 2 in Thakayta Township of Yangon Region on 8 May.

MYANMAALIN

Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal and party leave for ROK

YANGON, 18 May—A delegation led by Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe left here by air at 10 am today to attend the Asian Constitutional Tribunals and Similar Organizations Conference to be held in Seoul of the Republic of Korea at the invitation of Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Kang Kook.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Hsan Myint and U Myint Kyaing and officials.

Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe was accompanied by member of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Soe Thein.

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Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe and party seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for Seoul of the Republic of Korea to attend Asian Constitutional Tribunals and Similar Organizations Conference.—MNA

Labutta TV Retransmission Station starts airing programmes through UHF system

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Labutta TV Retransmission Station in Ayeyawady Region is broadcasting MRTV programmes through 1 KW VHF System Channel 5. Now for better coverage, the programmes are also being aired with 3 KW UHF System Channel J-13 starting 8 May. The villages in Labutta, Ngaputaw, Pyinsalu and Myaungmya Townships can now enjoy TV programmes broadcast with 3 KW UHF.

At present, Labutta TV Retransmission Station will continue airing programmes with both VHF System Channel 5 and UHF System Channel J-13 till 31 May. As from 1 June, they will be aired only with KW UHF System Channel J-13 through UHF antenna.—MNA

Briefing on recounting 22nd AGM of Chin State MCWSC

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—A briefing on recounting the 22nd Annual General Meeting of Chin State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee was held at its office in Haka on 16 May with an opening address by Patron Daw Wah Wah.

Chairperson Daw Aye Aye Myint recounted the annual report of 2011 and meeting resolution and future work programmes submitted at the AGM and provided cash assistance for district, township and sub-township MCWAs.

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Educational fund contributed to Mawlamyine MTE

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—The retirees and officials in service with the Myanma Timber Enterprise contributed cash assistance to education of offspring students of the enterprise at

the Deputy General Manager's Office of Myanma Timber Enterprise in Mawlamyine of Mon State yesterday.

The wellwishers donated K 2.24 million for a

total of 112 students ranging from basic education primary to higher education level from Taninthayi Region, Kayin State and Mon State.

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Where Champions League final will be won and lost



LONDON, 18 May—A look at how the Chelsea and Bayern Munich teams compare tactically and where the game might be won or lost ahead of the Champions League final at the Allianz Arena:

Bayern keeper Manuel Neuer, competing in his first Champions League final after reaching the last four with Schalke 04 last season, has been outstanding in Europe and

saved two penalties in Bayern's shootout with Real Madrid in the semi-finals.

But an erratic performance in their 5-2 defeat to Borussia Dortmund in the German Cup final last Saturday, including a blunder that led to the fifth goal, will have done little to boost the Germany international's confidence.

His opposite number,

Petr Cech, like the Chelsea team in general, had an erratic first half of the season but has regained his old form in recent months.

He played a key role in the semi-final second leg in Barcelona, producing several brilliant saves as the Londoners withstood a fierce attacking onslaught at the Nou Camp after being reduced to 10 men following the first-half dismissal of John Terry.

Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes will need to reshuffle his backline with left back David Alaba and central defender Holger Badstuber suspended and Anatoly Tymoshchuk looks set to partner Jerome Boateng in the heart of defence instead of Badstuber.

Internet

Ancient giant turtle fossil was size of smart car



SCIENCE DAILY, 18 May—Picture a turtle the size of a Smart car, with a shell large enough to double as a kiddie pool. Paleontologists from North Carolina State University have found just such a specimen — the fossilized remains of a 60-

million-year-old South American giant that lived in what is now Colombia.

The turtle in question is *Carbonemys cofrinii*, which means "coal turtle," and is part of a group of side-necked turtles known as pelomedusoids. The fossil was named *Carbonemys* because it was discovered in 2005 in a coal mine that was part of northern Colombia's Cerrejón formation. The specimen's skull measures 24

centimeters, roughly the size of a regulation NFL football. The shell which was recovered nearby — and is believed to belong to the same species — measures 172 centimeters, or about 5 feet 7 inches, long. That's the same height as Edwin Cadena, the NC State doctoral student who discovered the fossil.

"We had recovered smaller turtle specimens from the site."

Internet

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (18-5-2012)

Pyapon	(1.61) inches
Kyaikkhami	(1.54) inches
Mawlamyine	(1.26) inches
Maubin	(0.94) inch
Kawthoung	(0.94) inch
Hmawby	(0.71) inch

US HIV aid has prevented 741,000 deaths



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British actor Sacha Baron Cohen sits on a camel during a photocall on the Croisette for his latest movie "The Dictator" in Cannes on 16 May, 2012.

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Pacesetter Palmer eyes redemption in Texas



Ryan Palmer plays a shot from a sand trap on the second green during first round play in the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club, on 5 April, 2012. PAGE 14