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Our Three Main National Causes

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

Consecration ceremony of bronze Buddha Image and golden throne held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—The consecration ceremony of bronze Buddha Image and golden throne donated by President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win was held at Shwe Moat Htaw Pagoda in Patheingyi of Ayeyawady Region yesterday morning.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun, Ayeyawady Region ministers, region level departmental personnel, members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, members of social and religious organizations, townsmen and local people.

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The congregation received the Five Precepts from members of Sangha and shared merits gained.

The Union Minister, the Region chief minister and guests offered meals to members of Sangha.

Union Minister U Thein Nyunt, Chief Minister U Thein Aung, Deputy Cooperatives Minister U Than Tun, Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint and officials attended opening of 16-bedded station hospital in Wetchaung village in Kyaunggon Township.

Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, Region Social Affairs Minister U San Maung, retired Attorney-General U Aye Maung and Chairman of Max Myanmar Company U Zaw Zaw formally opened the hospital.

The chief minister unveiled the stone inscription and sprinkled it with scented water.



Consecration ceremony of bronze Buddha Image and golden throne donated by President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win in progress at Shwe Moat Htaw Maha Pagoda in Patheingyi of Ayeyawady Region.—MNA

The Union Minister, the Region chief minister, Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint and the retired attorney-general addressed the ceremony to hand over the hospital.

U Zaw Zaw donated K 430 million for construction of the hospital through Region Social Affairs Minister U San Maung who also accepted donations of wellwishers.

The chairman of Max Myanmar Co handed over documents related to the hospital to the deputy health minister.

A local spoke words of thanks. The Union Minister, the chief minister

and officials viewed round the hospital capable of providing medical treatment to over 81387 villagers from five village-tracts in Kyonpyaw Township.

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EP-2 Minister inspects diesel-fired power station in Kengtung

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe visited State electrical engineer office in Kengtung, Shan State (East)

on 18 May. The Union Minister heard the reports on distribution of electricity, reduction of unit losses, safety measures and staff affairs.

After that, the Union Minister inspected sub-power station (33/11 KV) and 500-KVA Diesel-fired power station and fulfilled the needs.—MNA



Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe inspects 500-KVA diesel-fired power station in Kengtung.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (21-5-2012)

Kyiekkhame	(2.48) inches
Manaung	(2.20) inches
Thaton	(2.13) inches
Gwa	(1.89) inches
PyinOoLwin	(1.48) inches
Maubin	(1.38) inches
An	(1.30) inches
Heho	(1.10) inches
Loikaw	(1.06) inches

Significant Day Temperatures (21-5-2012)

Chauk	(45°C)
Kalay	(45°C)
Moonywa	(40°C)
Myingyan	(45°C)
NyaungU	(45°C)
Pakokku	(45°C)

PERSPECTIVES

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Help civil servants say no to bribery

The country is now marching towards a better future with the steady transformation of economic, political and social sectors. And necessary amendments to the relevant laws and regulations are being made, and economic and investment policies and investment laws are under review to be compatible with other countries.

At a time when direct foreign investments are being invited, it is necessary for all the civil servants to help the country prove its integrity to the international community.

Looking at from the point of view of the country going through a transition, it seems inevitable that we still have to cope with the issue of corruption, which is one of the major setbacks to the democratization process, although the new administration does not tolerate the dishonest behaviour.

It's no exaggeration to say that the people have long been fed up with corruption and bribery cases, all of which wreck the competitiveness of businesses and industries at the expense of the country's interest.

Corruption not only adds unnecessary costs at the expense of consumers but also instills the negative mentality, especially among the youth, that corruption is acceptable. Even in the light of recent corruption scandals, it seems some departmental officials still cannot refuse a bribe.

The country will never be reformed unless the corruption issue is seriously tackled and those found guilty are properly held responsible for their actions. The country would not face serious financial problem if there is no corruption and irregularities deeply entrenched in some government departments.

It is imperative that the new administration proves the validity of every case that is brought to public attention. If an investigation pinpoints any culprit, he or she must be punished as an example. In this context, the need for a review of the judicial system becomes apparent. We can no longer allow corrupt civil servants to get away with their selfish actions.



Under the age is of late U Tin Maung, Daw Tein Thein and family at No.15 (A) Myayadana street in Yankin Township, Yangon donated K 1 million to Jivatadhana Sangha Hospital through Chairman of Board of Administration U Maung Maung.—MNA

Union Mines Minister attends China-ASEAN Mining Cooperation Forum and Promotion Exhibition



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik speaks at China-ASEAN Mining Cooperation Forum and Promotion Exhibition 2012 at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Province in PRC.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik attended China-ASEAN Mining Cooperation Forum and Promotion Exhibition 2012 at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Province, the People's Republic of China on 11 May.

The forum was attended by the Guangxi Province governor, the deputy minister of Land and Resources of China and related high-ranking officials from 10 ASEAN countries.

The Union Minister suggested promotion of cooperation between China and ASEAN nations for further development in mining and production and explained matters related to management and investment potentials in mining sectors of Myanmar.

The Union Minister and party met Guangxi Province Governor Mr Ma Biao at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Center and Deputy Land Resources Minister of China Mr Wang Min at Liyuan Resort separately and discussed matters of mutual interest in mining sector of the

two countries. The Union Minister and party also visited mining exhibition, machinery exhibition, jewellery exhibition and special vehicle exhibition.

The Union Minister and party observed finished jade products at Jade Art Work showroom of Gendale Plaze in Beijing on 13 May and called on Vice-President Mr Zhanf Keli of China Non-Ferrous Metal Mining Group Co Ltd and Vice-President Mr Geng Zhiyuan of Myanmar-China Association on 14 May.

In meeting with General Secretary Mr Chen Lu Ping of CPC Jieyang Committee and Chairman of Gems Merchants Association Mr Xai Yihai in Jieyang on 15 May, the Union Minister discussed matters related to finished jade products development and sales promotion of gems emporium.

On 16 May, the Union Minister and party visited Hong Kong Gems Polishing Training School in Hong Kong. They discussed sales promotion of gems emporium with personnel of district administration organ of Hong Kong on 17 May and arrived back here on 18 May.—MNA

Chinese cultural troupe stages entertainment show in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Chinese cultural troupe staged Myanmar-China friendship entertainment show at National theatre on 18 May, enjoyed by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and wife.

Among the spectators were members of regional organizations, and their wives, Mandalay-based Consul-General Mr Yu Boren and wife, Indian Consul-General Dr Madan Mihan

Sethi, and enthusiasts.

The entertainment featured single singing, playing of Chinese traditional musical instruments, Beijing opera, circus, magic, ballet and duet singing.

The region chief minister and the Chinese Consul-General after the show presented bouquets to the cultural troupe and posed for documentary photo.

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1486th Anniversary of Prophet Day marked

YANGON, 21 May – A ceremony to celebrate the 1486th Anniversary of Prophet Day was held at Yuzana Garden Hotel here yesterday evening. Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs. Chairman of the Central Committee for celebrating the 1486th Anniversary of Prophet Day

Haji Major Tin Maung (Retd) delivered an opening speech. Next, Union Minister Thura U Myint Maung spoke on the occasion.

Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe presented a gift of honour to U Htay Naing of Myanmar Railways, who risked saving an old woman and her grandchild from being run over by a train on 10 April. Then the ceremony came to an end.

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UMFCCI, Chinese guests discuss signing of MoU

YANGON, 21 May—Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Vice-Presidents U Aung Lwin and U Tun Aung and CEC received Mr You Jianhua of China NGO Network for International Exchange and party of the People's Republic of China at the Federation on 16 May.

They cordially discussed signing Memorandum of Understanding with the Federation.

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Books for rural libraries in Pyawbwe

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—The donors have been contributing to various kind of journal to self-reliant libraries so as to broaden the knowledge of the villagers.

So, a family of U Tin Aung Swe & Daw Khin Moe (Shweleikpyar Robe) donated 236 issues of journals to the self-reliant libraries opened in the villages of Pyawbwe Township through Township Staff Officer U Phone Naing of the Township Information and Public Relations Department. Next he spoke words of thanks.

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NATO to hand combat role to Afghans as it seeks way out of war

CHICAGO, 21 May—NATO will hand over the lead role in combat operations to Afghan forces across the country by mid-2013, alliance leaders said on Sunday as they charted a path out of a war that has lost public support and strained budgets in Western nations.

A NATO summit in Chicago on Monday will formally endorse a US-backed strategy for a gradual exit from Afghanistan, a move aimed at holding together an allied force scrambling to cope with France's decision to withdraw its troops early.

President Barack Obama and NATO partners want to show their war-weary voters the end is in sight in a conflict that has dragged on for more than a decade while at the same time trying to reassure Afghans that they will not be abandoned.

"There will be no rush for the exits," NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said as the summit got under way. He sought to put up a show of unity even as France's new President Francois Hollande vowed to stick by his pledge to withdraw French troops by year's end,

two years earlier than the alliance timetable.

NATO's plan is to shift full responsibility to Afghan forces for security across the country by the middle of next year and then withdraw most of the alliance's 130,000 combat troops by the end of 2014, Rasmussen said.

While foreign forces will continue to fight the Taliban and other militants as necessary—and it may be very necessary—the new mission for US and NATO troops will assume a new focus on advising and supporting Afghan soldiers.—Reuters



US President Barack Obama (front, 3rd R) and Secretary General of NATO Anders Fogh Rasmussen (front, 2nd R) point out a feature as leaders pose for a family photo at the NATO Summit in Chicago on 20 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Putin to dominate new Russian government

Moscow, 21 May—Russian President Vladimir Putin will unveil a government dominated by loyalists on Monday, leaving Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev limited scope to pursue his reform agenda and entrenching the Kremlin's grip over the economy's commanding heights.

Medvedev, 46, named premier after Putin returned to the Kremlin on 7 May, has pledged to launch pro-growth policies and a privatisation drive to wean Russia's \$1.7 billion economy off its dependence on oil. But, even



Russia's President Vladimir Putin.—REUTERS

though the partners in Russia's ruling 'tandem' announced they would switch jobs long ago as last September, the lengthy and secretive process of forming a government has raised concerns that it will be riven by factional conflict.

Medvedev, speaking at a Group of Eight summit at the weekend where leaders discussed how to contain the euro zone's debt crisis, rebutted the skeptics.

"The government will be substantially renewed—that's why forming it has taken longer than in the past," he said at Camp David, US President Barack Obama's retreat outside Washington. "We have a plan of action ... that was tested in the first phase of the crisis," Medvedev told reporters. "If needed, we can put it into effect—in that sense all our guns are loaded."—Reuters



Residents walk near a damaged car after clashes between Sunni Muslim Future supporters and a pro-Syrian group in Tariq al-Jadideh District area in Beirut on 21 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Two killed, 18 wounded in Beirut clashes

BEIRUT, 21 May—Two people were killed and 18 were wounded in overnight clashes in Beirut, Lebanon's *National News Agency* said on Monday, the latest bloodshed fuelled by tensions over the uprising in neighbouring Syria.

Fighters firing rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns clashed for most of the night in the Tariq al-Jadideh district of the Lebanese Capital.—Reuters

Greek leftist brings message to Europe: "Let's talk"

ATHENS, 21 May—The charismatic Greek leftist who could determine the fate of the euro begins a tour of European capitals on Monday carrying a single message: it's time to talk.

In an interview on the eve of his first visit abroad since his surprise rise in a 6 May election, Alexis Tsipras veered occasionally into the combative rhetoric that has seduced disaffected Greek youth and alarmed Brussels and Berlin.

But he also stressed repeatedly that he wants negotiations to keep Greece in the euro. He said he was looking to forge ties with likeminded European figures, including new French President Francois Hollande, who want to soften austerity policies by finding new ways to encourage growth.

"The first reason we are taking this trip is because we want the governments of these important European Union countries, France and Germany, to see what we stand for: what is being transmitted in Europe about us is not what we represent and want," Tsipras told *Reuters* at the office of his SYRIZA party.

He will not be meeting government officials, but will see fellow leftists in France and Germany, including former French presidential candidate Jean-Luc Melancon and Klaus Ernst and Gregor Gysi of Germany's The Left. He will hold news conferences in both capitals to get his message to a wider audience.



Head of Greece's Left Coalition party Alexis Tsipras (C), accompanied by party officials, leaves from the Presidential palace following a meeting with political leaders and the Greek President in Athens on 15 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Fed by dry brush, wildfires persist in Southwest

PHOENIX, 21 May—An Arizona wildfire whipped up by winds and dry conditions threatened to trigger more evacuations on Sunday, just as firefighters were nearly done battling the biggest of four blazes in the state.

Fires in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado have forced the evacuation of several small towns and torched more than 65 square miles (168 square km) of forest, brush and grass in the US Southwest.

The Arizona blazes were the first major wildfires in the state this year after a record 2011 fire season in which nearly 2,000 fires consumed more than 1,500 square miles (3,900 square km), according to the National Interagency Fire Centre.

The so-called Gladiator Fire was the greatest concern for firefighters on Sunday. After getting a respite from winds on Saturday, they faced a combination of dry vegetation and higher winds on Sunday and the days ahead.

"We're expecting more extreme fire behavior today. The fuel is dry and conditions are dangerous," said Michelle Fidler, a spokeswoman for the departments fighting

the fire.

More evacuations were possible, she said. The Gladiator fire, named after an old mine in the area, destroyed four structures and forced about 350 residents of the old mining town of Crown King to leave their homes earlier in the week. It also prompted the evacuation of three tiny and remote Arizona communities on Friday.

The fire, which was 10 percent contained, has burned more than 20 square miles (51 square km).—Reuters



Firefighters prepare to use a helicopter to survey the Gladiator Fire in Cleator, Arizona on 17 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Two killed, five injured in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 21 May — Two people were killed and five others wounded in separate bomb attacks in central Iraq on Sunday, the police said.

In Iraq's northern central province of Salahudin, a civilian was killed when a sticky bomb attached to his car detonated in al-Qadisiyah District in northern the provincial capital City of Tikrit, a source from the provincial operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a roadside bomb went off near a police vehicle in the same district, injuring two policemen, the source said.

Salahudin Province is a Sunni-dominated province. Its capital City of Tikrit, some 170 km north of Baghdad, is the hometown of the former President Saddam Hussein.

Near Baghdad, a civilian was killed and three others wounded when a roadside bomb ripped through Tarmiyah area, some 30 km north of the Iraqi Capital, a local police anonymously told *Xinhua*.

Sporadic attacks are still common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease in violence since its peak in 2006 and 2007 when the country was engulfed in sectarian killings.

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NASA chooses rocket for Orion launches

CAPE CANAVERAL, 21 May—NASA says it will modify an existing and proven Delta IV rocket second stage to launch an Orion spacecraft on an unmanned test flight in 2017.

A manned flight to lunar orbit is planned for four years after that, the agency said.

The Boeing upper stage is “the only means available

to support the immediate in-space propulsion needs” for the excursions, NASA said in a statement.

An internal study of in-space propulsion systems available in the United States, Europe and Japan determined the Delta IV upper stage “is the only known in-space stage requiring relatively minor modifications” to meet mission

requirements as well as the launch schedule, NASA said.

The Delta IV second stage is powered by a single Pratt & Whitney RL-10B2 engine fueled by liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.

Both Orion missions will be launched from complex 39B at Kennedy Space Centre on early versions of NASA’s new heavy-lift Space Launch



Artist's impression of Orion capsule with crew. INTERNET

System, Florida Today reported.—Internet

Undersea turbine powers Scottish island

EDAY, (Scotland), 21 May—An undersea turbine using tidal power to generate electricity performed successfully in initial tests off the coast of Scotland, a private energy company said.

The 100-foot-high, 1-megawatt turbine, lowered into position during winter storms off the Orkney Islands, is powering homes and businesses on the island of Eday, officials with Scottish Power Renewables said.

The test is part of a plan to create a 10-megawatt tidal power array in the Sound of Islay, they said.

The test, which began in December, is part of a larger project for the Islay project that intends to install more turbines “as early as feasible” between 2013 and 2015, the energy company said.

“The performance of the first HSI 1000 device has given us great confidence so far,” SPR Chief Executive Keith Anderson said in a company release on Thursday. “Engineers were able to install the device during atrocious weather conditions, and it has been operating to a very high standard ever since.”

Internet



Merging tech companies could deepen digital divide

of new communication technologies such as cellular

abandoning obsolete technology and embracing technology that is faster, better, cheaper and more convenient,” he said. “But the risk is that we may be creating a digital divide — not necessarily a divide between the rich and poor, but between the information rich and information poor.”

Rural customers could replace land line telephones with cellular phones, for example, but most cell phone companies charge a fee for each minute of use — metering — while most fees for land lines are unmetered and are paid through a fixed monthly charge, he said.

Frieden said there are doubts cellular service will prove to be as dependable as landlines.

“Cell phone companies have these colourful maps that

show how well they cover areas,” Frieden said. “But there are lots of places — including places in rural Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York — that do not have cell phone service, or offer limited services not suitable for broadband, Internet access.”

“There are other forms of competition now,” Frieden acknowledges, “but these alternatives are not fair or adequate everywhere.”

Internet

A shoppers talks on her cell phone as she looks for deals at a Best Buy store on 25 November, 2011 in Chicago.

INTERNET



UNIVERSITY PARK, 21 May—As communication companies merge telephone, television and Internet services, some customers may be left on the wrong side of the digital divide, a US researcher says.

Telephone companies are asking government regulators to free them of their traditional role as a public utility, citing the availability

of new communication technologies such as cellular

phones and fiber optic cable that make copper-based telephone land lines obsolete. However, not all these alternatives are as affordable and as ubiquitous as copper landlines, a problem that could leave many rural residents underserved, Penn State telecommunication researcher Rob Frieden says.

“Moving away from copper lines is an example of

Whales can ‘turn down’ their hearing

HONOLULU, 21 May—Whales can “adjust” their super-sensitive hearing, used to hunt and navigate, and can turn it down when they anticipate loud noises, US researchers say.

Scientists at the University of Hawaii conducted a study using a trained false killer whale, or marine dolphin, named Kina.

Paul Nachtigall and a colleague, Alexander Supin from the Russian Academy of Sciences, said they suspected Kina might have the ability “to control the level of her hearing.”

They placed sensors contained within soft latex suction cups on Kina’s body to measure the electrical activity in Kina’s brain as it responded to sound as she hunted.

The researchers monitored the whale’s brain while they played a “neutral tone,” an innocuous beep, then followed that with a 5-

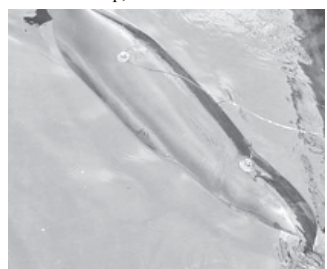
second pulse of 170 decibels, equivalent to the loudness of a rifle shot.

Over time, they said, Kina learned this neutral tone was a warning signal and turned down her hearing sensitivity when she heard it, so the sensors recorded a smaller signal from the subsequent loud noises.

Marine mammals such as dolphins, sperm whales and killer whales that use echolocation for hunting may have evolved this rapidly adjustable hearing to protect themselves from their own clicks and buzzes, Nachtigall said.

“They sounds they produce are very loud — they can be over 230-decibel pulses, and then must listen immediately for very quiet echoes,” he told the BBC.

“Her whole head is an ear. There are many paths for sound to travel up to her actual ears,” he said.—Internet



Sensors attached to suction cups on Kina’s body took measurements of her brain activity.—INTERNET

System can help the blind navigate indoors

RENO, 21 May—A low-cost indoor navigation system for the blind based on human-computer interaction can run on a standard smartphone, US engineers say.

Computer science engineering researchers at the University of Nevada, Reno, presented their accessible navigation system called Navatar at two national conferences in the last two

weeks, the university reported in a release on Friday.

The system uses digital 2-D architectural maps that are already available for many buildings and uses low-cost sensors such as accelerometers and compasses available in most smartphones to allow users with visual impairments to navigate indoor environments.

“Existing indoor naviga-

tion systems typically require the use of expensive and heavy sensors, or equipping rooms and hallways with radio-frequency tags that can be detected by a handheld reader and which are used to determine the user’s location,” Kostas Bekris of the university’s Robotics Research Lab said.

“This has often made the implementation of such systems prohibitively expensive, with few systems having been deployed.”

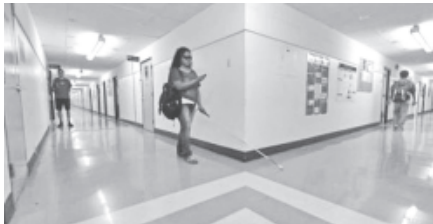
Navatar locates and tracks the user inside the building, finds the most suitable path based on the user’s special needs and gives step-by-step instructions to the destination, Bekris said.

“Nevertheless, the smartphone’s sensors, which are used to calculate how many steps the user has executed and her orientation, tend to pick up false signals,” researcher Eelke Folmer said.

“To synchronize the location, our system combines probabilistic algorithms and the natural capabilities of people with visual impairments to detect landmarks in their environment through touch, such as corridor intersections, doors, stairs and elevators.

“This is a very cool mix of disciplines, using the user as a sensor combined with sophisticated localization algorithms from the field of robotics,” Folmer said.

Internet



Dora Uchel, a university student, demonstrates the indoor navigation system for the visually impaired. She was one of several visually impaired students and community members who helped test the low-cost accessible system that operates with a standard smartphone.—INTERNET

Earth’s carbon sinks keeping up with CO2

BOULDER, 21 May—Earth’s ecosystems are still capable of soaking up more carbon as greenhouse gases accumulate in the atmosphere, a US study finds.

Researchers with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say the research contradicts several recent studies that suggested the world’s natural “carbon sinks” have reached or passed their capacity, and in fact total capacity has increased roughly in line with rising emissions, ScienceNews.org reported.

“The sinks have been more than able to keep up with emissions,” Pieter Tans, an atmospheric scientist at NOAA’s Earth System Research Laboratory in Boulder, Colo., said. Measurements of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide show levels are rising steadily, from 316 parts per million in 1959 to 392 parts per million today.

Forests can sequester carbon dioxide through photosynthesis, while oceans take it up proportionally as levels rise in the air, researchers said. Researchers monitored 42 marine sites where carbon dioxide levels have been measured for decades to analyze how much CO2 was in the atmosphere above each of these sites over time.

“Less carbon dioxide has remained in the atmosphere, relative to the amount of fossil fuel emissions, today compared to 50 years ago,” Tans said. Exactly how the sinks are keeping up is unclear, researchers said.

One possibility is that forests are regrowing in parts of the world more than scientists had thought, or the oceans may be taking up significantly more carbon than had been estimated, they said.—Internet

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Students have a nutrition break mid-morning consisting of milk, juice, an orange and either mini sausage roll or Vegetarian Italian bagel at Belmont High School in Los Angeles, California on 18 May, 2009. High school kids in California, a state that limits the junk food sold in vending machines, eat fewer calories in school than kids in states without such regulations, according to a new study.—REUTERS

Health Tip: Tame your food cravings

Food cravings can pull you off course when you're trying to diet and eat in a healthful way.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics offers these suggestions to help you curb food cravings:

- * Cravings often are short-lived. Try to wait at least 20 minutes before you act on a craving.
- * Opt for a healthier alternative to what you crave. Choose fat-free chips instead of potato chips, or bake an apple for a sweet treat.
- * Buy your favourite treats in single-serving sizes. For example, buy a single cookie, rather than a whole box.
- * Have regularly scheduled snack times and enjoy a healthy snack that you've already stocked.
- * Indulge in a social treat — rather than food — by calling a friend.
- * Keep a log of your cravings. Record what you were doing when you craved, how long you felt the craving and how you handled it.—Internet



A labourer operates the engine of a locally built canoe, which contains a plastic drum used in siphoning crude oil for illegal refinery, along the Diebu creek in Nigeria's Bayelsa state on 15 May, 2012. Nigeria is Africa's largest crude oil exporter but its production capacity has been slashed by thieves drilling into pipelines passing through winding creeks and waterways in the vast delta. The underground industry is thought to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars a year.—REUTERS

Antibiotics prevent UTIs better than probiotics

NEW YORK, 21 May—Antibiotics are still better than probiotics at preventing urinary tract infections, but at least "good bacteria" don't add to a person's antibiotic resistance, a new study concludes. Recurring UTIs are common among some women and low-dose antibiotics are sometimes used to prevent them. The worry is that overuse of the drugs also reduces their effectiveness by making disease-causing bacteria like E coli resistant.

"This is an increasing worldwide problem, resulting into less and less treatment options for (severe) bacterial infections in all countries of the world," Dr Suzanne Geerlings, from the Academic Medical Centre at the University of Amsterdam in The Netherlands and one of the new study's authors, wrote in an email to Reuters Health.

Geerlings and her colleagues recruited 252 women between January 2005 and September 2007 for a trial to compare the use of antibiotics and probiotics to prevent UTIs.

The participants, who lived in communities surrounding the medical centre, were all postmenopausal — a time when vulnerability to UTIs increases because of hormonal changes, according to the researchers.

All the participants reported having had at least three UTIs in the year before the trial began, and the average number was seven.

The women were separated into two groups of about the same size. One group took a single dose of the antibiotic co-trimoxazole (Bactrim, Septra and others) every day for twelve months, while the other group took two

capsules containing Lactobacillus rhamnosus GR-1 and Lactobacillus reuteri RC-14, both types of beneficial bacteria, daily.

All the participants also took placebo pills so the patients and the people dispensing the pills wouldn't know who received which treatment — to minimize any influence on the study's results. The researchers then tracked how many UTIs occurred in each group of women over a year. They also collected vaginal swabs and samples of the women's urine and feces every month to test for the presence of good bacteria and infection-causing bacteria like E coli.

In addition, women took a monthly survey asking about symptoms of UTIs, side effects, other infections and antibiotic use. Overall, the antibiotics were slightly better at keeping UTIs at bay. About 69 percent of the women in the group taking the antibiotic had one or more UTIs within the year. On average, the antibiotic group had 2.9 UTIs per woman.

As for the probiotic group, about 79 percent had a UTI within the year, with an average of 3.3 UTIs per woman.

The women taking the antibiotic also seemed to go twice as long without a UTI — six months, compared with

three months among women taking the probiotics.

Based on the women's urine and feces samples, however, resistance to a range of antibiotics seemed to increase within the first month in the antibiotic group.

Before the study, about 20 percent to 40 percent of E. coli in samples from all the women's bodies were resistant to co-trimoxazole.

At the 12-month mark, between 80 percent and 95 percent of the bacteria were resistant in the women taking the antibiotic.

Rates of resistant E coli were slightly lower at 12 months in women taking the probiotics than when the study began.

Similar changes in antibiotic resistance were seen for a range of other antibiotics, including ciprofloxacin and gentamicin, among both groups of women — which the researchers speculate might be because the same mechanism in certain bacteria allows them to resist several different drugs.

The absence of increased resistance among women taking the probiotics means that "lactobacilli may be an acceptable alternative for prevention of UTIs, especially in women who dislike taking antibiotics," the researchers wrote in the Archives of Internal Medicine. The study, however, had several limitations.

Reuters

Overseas companies target China's ageing population

BEIJING, 21 May—China, which has one of the world's largest elderly population, has attracted more and more overseas companies in selling products and services for the aged, *China Daily* reported. Martin Cook, chairman of a British company selling products for the elderly and disabled, said: "It (China) is a massive, massive market."

In the 1990s, Cook outsourced his manufacturing to China and imported the products into Europe. In April, he set up an office in Shanghai to sell products in China.

Cook said the most popular product his company sells in China was a plastic ramp system made in Denmark, which costs 300 yuan (USD 47).

Terada Daisuke, from a leading service provider in Japan, said his group will share "Japanese professional nursing skills" in China by providing services in design and operation of nursing homes. More than 185 million Chinese were 60 or older by the end of 2011, according to the ministry of civil affairs. Lu Ying, director of social welfare and charities under the ministry of civil affairs, said the government alone can never meet the needs of the rapidly ageing population.

"The increase in the elderly population has helped to create new business opportunities," Lu said. Lu estimated that old-age support services have a potential market value of more than 450 billion yuan (over USD 70 billion).—Internet



Luara Crystal, 5, who suffers from brittle bone disease, lifts a weight next to her physical therapist during a session at the Association for the Aid of Disabled Children in Sao Paulo, on 19 March, 2012. REUTERS

Fitness may reduce hypertension risk

COLUMBIA, 21 May—People who have a parent with high blood pressure can reduce their risk of hypertension with moderate exercise, US researchers say.

Lead author Robin P Shook, a doctoral candidate in the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, said the study tracked a group of 6,278 predominantly Caucasian

adults ages 20-80 for an average 4.7 years. Thirty-three percent of participants reported a parent had hypertension.

When the study began, all participants were healthy, did not have hypertension and achieved an exercise test score of at least 85 percent of their age-predicted maximal heart rate. During the study, 1,545 participants developed hypertension.

The study, published in the journal *Hypertension*, found high levels of fitness were associated with a 42 percent lower risk of developing hypertension, and moderate levels of fitness with a 26 percent lower risk.

People with both a low level of fitness and a parent with hypertension had a 70 percent higher risk for developing hypertension, compared with highly fit

people with no parental history, Shook said.

"The results of this study send a very practical message, which is that even a very realistic, moderate amount of exercise — which we define as brisk walking for 150 minutes per week — can provide a huge health benefit, particularly to people predisposed to hypertension because of their family history," Shook said in a statement.

Internet



Monitors show the value of the Facebook, Inc stock at the closing bell at the NASDAQ Marketsite in New York, on 18 May, 2012. In late trading, Facebook shares were only a few cents above the company's initial public offering price of \$38, after opening 11 percent higher, rapidly heading south to touch their initial price and then rebounding by several dollars. REUTERS

Monmyat Cooperatives Ltd provides cash assistance to member fire victims

MYINMU, 21 May—A ceremony to provide cash assistance to member fire victims in Kyansittha ward by Monmyat Micro Credit Cooperatives Ltd took place at Cooperatives Ltd in Myinmu Township on 6 May. At the ceremony, the Sagaing Region Minister for Planning and Commerce delivered a speech. After that, deputy director of Cooperatives of Sagaing Region Daw Tin Yi explained tasks being carried out for rural development and poverty alleviation. Chairman of

Ltd U Shwe Mann also explained the objectives and works and undertakings for socio-economic development.

Afterwards, the Region Minister and head of Region Cooperatives donated K 150,000 per to fire victims.—*Myanma Alin*



Specialists give educative talks on health in Shwepyitha

YANGON, 21 May—A medical team led by Medical Superintendent of Insein Hospital Dr Aung San gave educative talks on health, at Shwepyitha Township People's Hospital in Shwepyitha Township in Yangon North District, on 19 May.

The medical team comprising specialists and 50 members is giving free medical treatment to 465 local people in cooperation with Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo,

head of Township Health Department Dr Mi Mi Khaing and health staff, ward

administrators and social organizations.

Myanma Alin



Farm, Forest and Agriculture Course opens in Yesagyo

YESAGYO, 21 May—Opening of Farm, Forest and Agriculture Course (16/2012), jointly conducted by Agriculture Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and OISCA International, was held at training school in Pakhangyi village, Yesagyo Township in Pakokku District on 17 May.

At the ceremony, Pakokku District

Administrator U Khin Maung Yi, Second secretary Mr Hideki Wata from Japanese Embassy and principal Mr Keisuke Fujii delivered opening speeches. After that, head of Pakokku District Agriculture Department explained facts about the course. It was also attended by district level departmental heads, officials from Japanese

Embassy, Yesagyo Township Administrator U Khaing Tun and departmental heads, course instructors and trainees.

Kyemon

K 200 lottery tickets available in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 21 May—K 200 lottery tickets are available at Internal Revenue Department in Chanayethazan Township on 84th Street in Mandalay. Other lottery shops sell for K 250 per ticket.

Kyemon

Sein Gay Har provides care to unhealthy aged in Seesar home

YANGON, 21 May—To mark Mothers' Day, Sein Gay Har family donated meals and provided care to the aged in Seesar home for the unhealthy aged together with Mar Mar Noodle, Ahamattaya (foodstuff) and Happy Chicken Shop, at the home in Dagon Myothit (South) on 13 May. Last year, Sein Gay Har had undertaken natural environment conservation, social works, health and education works and social welfare. In addition, Sein Gay Har also planted more than 1000 teaks in Hlawga Park, donated cash to schools, made collective blood donation in National Blood Bank, provided assistance for child education. They will carry out social works.—*Kyemon*



Educative talks on establishing rural house and environmental conservation held

THAYAWADY, 20 May—Educative talks on

establishing rural house, growing hardwood, establishing teak plantation and environmental conservation, took place on Basic Education Middle School in Hlelangu village in Thayawady Township on 16 May.

Head U Win Tan of Township Forest Department and staff gave educative talks. Forest Department of Thayawady Township will grow 15000 teak saplings, 63000 hardwood saplings, 12,000 saplings for village-own plantations and 40,000 saplings for distribution in the coming rainy season.

Forest Department



Meeting of MNL Committee and Club Owners held

YANGON, 21 May—Myanmar Football Federation held meeting of MNL Committee and Club Owners at Executive Room in Sedona Hotel on 19 May. At the ceremony, President of MFF U Zaw Zaw delivered a speech. Afterwards, club owners and officials presented difficulties and necessities. The MFF President and officials discussed the reports.

It was also attended by Director-General

U Thaug Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department from the Ministry of Sports, club owners and officials, media and MFF branch incharges.—*Zaw Min Aung*



DISTRICT NEWS

TRAFFIC RULES KNOWLEDGE DESSEMINATED:
Under the leadership of Bago Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee, reduction of traffic accidents was held in the region.
On 14 May, Commander of Kyaukdaga Township Police Force Police Captain Thein Win and members distribute pamphlets on traffic rules to road users.
TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE



Union Hotels and Tourism Minister meets hoteliers of small, medium licensed hotels



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan addresses the hoteliers of the licensed medium and small hotels existing at the centre of Yangon.—MNA

YANGON, 21 May— Together with the Director-General and officials concerned of the Hotels and Tourism Services, Myanmar Hoteliers Association Chairman U Yan Win and members, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan yesterday noon held a meeting with the hoteliers of the licensed medium and small hotels existing at the centre of Yangon.

Afterwards, the Union Minister got to May Shan Hotel where he looked around the reception, bedrooms and restaurants. He went on to Garden Guest House at the corner of 32nd Street and Maha Bandoola Street, and Okinawa Guest House in the 32nd Street (Lower Block).

It was known that Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services has been providing those interested especially national races and foreign investors in making investments in that field since it found that there should be enough hotels in Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and Inlay for hotel accommodations to tourists.

It is Yangon where there are about 190 hotels, motels and inns, which can serve a total of 8000 bedrooms.

Toll gates along Yangon-Mandalay Highway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section) inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint on 14 May morning met with staff at the office of Public Works Main Workshop (North) in Mandalay Region, and stressed the need for those present to upgrade and innovate machinery as they are imperative in construction works, to ensure systematic application of machines, vehicles and machinery and to discharge duties in unity in accordance with the set rules and regulations.

In the afternoon, the deputy minister proceeded to Sagain toll gate, Thigon toll gate (Meiktila), Thabyenguni mini-toll gate, Pyinsi mini-toll gate, Kankaung mini-toll gate and Thigon mini-toll gate and left necessary instructions.

MNA



Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspects Toll Gate on Yangon-Mandalay Highway.—MNA

Besides, there are a total of 140 hotels with reasonable prices in downtown Yangon and its suburbs, which about 1500 bedrooms can be supplied.

At the meeting with the hoteliers of Yangon Hotel Zone at Panda Hotel in Lanmadaw Township, the Union Minister said that the country now sees about 1500 tourists daily. Among them, about 1000 get hotel services. It would be much better than before only if the hotels under three stars contribute to the needs though there are about 8000 hotel bedrooms in Yangon.

He then urged those to be all eyes for doing their work to keep the tourism industry increase in rate.—MNA



Dy H & T Minister receives Jhon Swire Investment Group Director

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung met Director Mr Charles Bremridge of Jhon Swire Investment Group of Singapore and General Manager Mr George Richard Horsington of Swire Pacific Offshore Operations Pte., Ltd. at his office this afternoon. At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on investments in construction

of hotels in Myanmar and aviation and sea transport by Jhon Swire Investment Group of Singapore.

The Deputy Minister discussed procedures and regulations relating to foreign investment hotel industry in Myanmar and flights schedule to Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay that would benefit tourism industry and arrangement for cruise liners.

MNA

Trainees from Malaysia Armed Forces Defence College (MAFDC) Course No. 32/2012 arrive

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May — Course instructors and trainees from Malaysia Armed Forces Defence College (MAFDC) Course No. 32/2012 led by

Commandant of MAFDC First Admiral Aris Adi Tan bin Abdullah arrived here by air this afternoon. They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport

MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister attends opening ceremonies of hospital, monastery building

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye, Region ministers and Region level departmental heads attended opening of Shwe Tawwin Hospital in Dawnachan ward in Monywa on 19 May.

Managing Director of the hospital Dr San Myint Aung explained purpose of opening the hospital.

Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein, Medical Superintendent of Monywa Hospital Dr Than Htut, Chairman of Shwe Tawwin Healthcare Company Dr Myan Lin formally opened the hospital.

The Region Chief Minister unveiled the inscription and sprinkled water on it. He also attended the merit-sharing ceremony for donation of a monastery building at Dhammanayaya Dhammayon in Shwe Taung Oo Tipataka Dhammapala Maha Vihaya Monastery. The Region Chief Minister and officials paid respect to Sayadaw Dr Nyaññisara of Sitagu Buddha University in Sagaing and supplicated on religious affairs.—MNA

Chief Justice of Yangon Region High Court receives Vice-President of Yunnan Provincial Supreme People's Court

YANGON, 21 May— At the invitation of U Win Swe, Chief Justice of Yangon Region High Court, a delegation led by Mr Wang Shuliang, Vice-President of the Yunnan Provincial Supreme People's Court

currently in Myanmar paid a call on the Chief Justice of Yangon Region High Court and justices at region chief justice hall this morning.

They discussed judicial affairs and also studied criminal cases.—MNA

Commandant of NDSI of Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters arrives

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—A goodwill delegation led by Commandant of National Defence Studies Institute (NDSI) of the Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters General Padetgam Jansaewoke arrived in Yangon by air this morning.

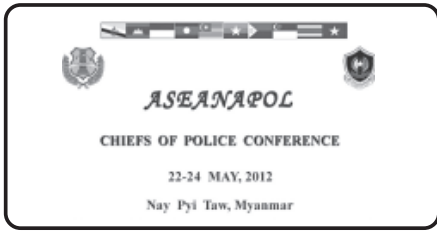
The delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by

Commandant of Defence Services Medical Academy Brig-Gen Thit Lin Ohn, Commandant of Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science Brig-Gen Zaw Myint and senior military officers, Thai military attaché to Myanmar and officials.

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Correction

Please read "Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership" instead of "multilateral strategic partnership" in the last sentence of the third paragraph appeared in this daily issued on 15, May 2012. Error is regretted.—Ed



Ceremony to give guidance on bone marrow transplant held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—The health sector of the country is steadily increasing although it cannot compare with that of developing countries. In the past, the lifespan of man is 55 years and that of woman is 65 years. With the introduction of healthcare services such as ensuring availability of potable water, use of fly-proof latrines, vaccination, nutrition and laying down health plans, the lifespan of man has increased to 65 years while that of woman to 68 years. Much more still have to be done in that regard when compared with countries in the region. In taking reforms, it is required to have the strengths capable of bringing about reforms, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at the ceremony to give guidance on bone marrow transplant held at the meeting hall of National Blood Centre here on 18



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin inspects Yankin Children's Hospital.—MNA

May morning.

At the ceremony, Professor Dr Rai Mra clarified on the formation of Bone Marrow Transplant Centre, background history of efforts for bone marrow transplant, and Director Professor Dr Nay Win reported on formation of Bone Marrow Transplant

Centre and efforts being made for bone marrow transplant.

Next, the Union Minister enquired after Baby Cho Cho Win, one of conjoined twins of U Khin Win-Daw Cho Cho Win, of Kyinpinsan Village in Paukkaung Township who was at the new-born intensive

care unit of Yangon General Hospital and attended to the needs.

Afterwards, the Union Minister proceeded to Yankin Children's Hospital and inspected management of child ward, fulfillment of medical equipment and medical wards.—MNA

MMCWA President receives Thai ambassador's wife

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Wife of Thai ambassador to Myanmar Mrs Thepayasuda Suvanajata paid a call on President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Mon Mon Aung and CEC members, at MMCWA Office in Dekkhinathiri Township here on 18 May.

At the call, MMCWA Secretary Daw Tha Zin Nwe explained objectives, formation, duties, development and care of mothers and children.

After that, the President presented gifts to the guest. Mrs Thepayasuda Suvanajata signed in visitors' book. Afterwards, she viewed documentary photos of MMCWA's activities and Myttasanyay clinic.—MNA

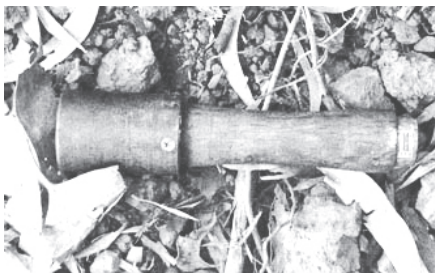


President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Mon Mon Aung presents Wife of Thai ambassador to Myanmar Mrs Thepayasuda Suvanajata a gift.
MNA

KIA armed group blows up two trucks

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Seven uniformed members of KIA armed group intercepted two six-wheel trucks steered by Thaug Htway and Aung Naing en route from Muse to Lashio on Muse-Lashio Union Highway near a pine forest between Nantpaw bridge and Nantoun village in Muse Township with gunfire at 10.20 pm on 19 May.

They distorted K 80,000 from the first driver and let four drivers and assistances run away before they blew up the trucks,



throwing two grenades onto driver's seat of each vehicle.

Despite no casualty, the fronts of vehicles with License plate numbers 81/7876 and 81/7880 were

damaged with two windows broken and windbreakers shattered. A grenade bearing words KRL 68 embedded on iron body with 2.5 inches length and 1.5 inches in

Tournament organization course for table tennis (2012) concludes

YANGON, 21 May—Under the patronage of Myanmar Olympic Committee and Sports and Physical Education Department, tournament organization course for table

tennis (2012), co-organized by Myanmar Table Tennis Federation and International Table Tennis Federation, was concluded at the Union Hall of Kyaikkasan Sports Ground in Tamway Township, Yangon Region, this afternoon.

MOC General Secretary Sports and Physical Education Department Director General U Thaug Htaik made a concluding speech and Asia Table Tennis

diameter and 5-inch wooden handle was found unexploded at the scene. One of the two destroyed vehicle have been removed and the regular passage of vehicles resumed earlier yesterday morning.—MNA

Union General Secretary of Malaysia Mr Chan Foong Keong explained the facts about the course. The director general then presented completion certificates to the trainees. MTTF President U Kyaw Kyaw awarded outstanding trainees.
MNA



Myanmar military delegation leaves for Kunming

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May— A goodwill delegation led by Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office left for Kunming of the People's Republic of China by air this

morning. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen San Oo, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region

Command Headquarters Commodore Maung Oo Lwin, military officials and the Chinese Military Attache to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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A delegation led by Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office leaves for Kunming of the People's Republic of China.

MNA

Union F&R Minister receives Japanese and Thai guests



Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun receives Deputy President of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation of Japan Mr Hiroshi Minoura and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May— Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received Deputy President of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation of Japan Mr Hiroshi Minoura and party at his office at 9 am today. They had a discussion on plans for cooperation in Myanmar banking development, technical assistance, development of human resources and cooperation between the banks of the two countries.

Similarly, the Union Minister met President of Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Mr Charamporn Jotikasthira and party at his office at 4 pm today. During the call, they discussed efforts

for emergence of trade markets of loan certificates and capital markets in Myanmar under cooperation between SET and the Ministry of Finance and Revenue so as to facilitate development of Myanmar's economy, providing of necessary technical aids and expertise and cooperation in mutual interest.

Also present were

Deputy Minister U Win Than, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials.—MNA

Deputy Minister U Win Shein delivers speech at the work coordination meeting on maintenance of Ayeyawady river water system and utilization of water way.—MNA

Deputy Minister U Win Than, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials.—MNA

MNA

Union A&I Minister inspects cotton, sugarcane, paddy plantations



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspects cultivation of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton in 500-acre cotton plantation in Nyaungbingyisu Village.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May— Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspected cultivation of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton in 500-acre cotton plantation in Nyaungbingyisu Village in irrigation area of the left canal of Ngalaik Dam here this morning.

Managing Director U

Zaw Tun Myint of Myanmar Sugarcane Enterprise conducted the Union Minister around special high-yield sugarcane plantation.

The Union Minister called for disseminating scientific cultivation methods and increasing sugar production.

On arrival at Paletwe Basmati hybrid paddy

plantation, Director-General U Kyaw Win of Agriculture Department reported to him on success of 100-acre strain production in Shwetaung Research Farm in Wundwin.

He also visited 100-acre plantation in Kyaku Village under joint venture of Shwethanlwin Company and CETC Company of China.

MNA

Union minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May— Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint received delegation led by President of US-ASEAN Business Council Ms Frances A Zwenig at the ministry here this afternoon.

They discussed matters related to development of competent human resources and cooperation in science and technology fields.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo, Acting Director-General of Advanced Science and Technological Department Dr Aung Kyaw Myat.

MNA

Coord meeting for maintenance of Ayeyawady river water system and utilization of water way

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—A coordination meeting for maintenance of Ayeyawady river water system and utilization of water way was held at Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems this afternoon, attended by Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Adviser San Myint (Col-Retd) of the President Office, Dr U Win Thein (Professor-Retd) of Yangon Institute of Technology, Amyotha Hluttaw Delegate U Soe Myint (Director-General-Retd) of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, U Hla Myint Thein (Deputy Director-General-Retd) and responsible personnel from the ministry of Transport.

At the meeting, the Deputy Minister for Transport said that the committees need to form so as to implement action plan for the effective use of Ayeyawady River and maintenance of Ayeyawady river water system, long-and-short term plan and work implementation practically.

Afterwards, the director-general of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems explained main plan to develop Ayeyawady River and replied the queries asked by those attendees.—MNA



Thutapadaytha library opens in Thongwa Township

YANGON, 20 May—Opening of Thutapadaytha library was held in Kaingkone village in Thongwa Township, Yangon South District on 16 May. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Thauang, staff officer Daw Tin Tin Htway of Township Information and Public Relations Department and village-tract administrator U Tin Tun formally opened it.



After that, the Township administrator delivered speech. And the staff officer explained the perpetuation of library that meets five standards, increase in numbers of books and

publications and purpose of opening it. Officials accepted 100 books and publications donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation, 50 books by the township administrator,

one radio by Township IPRD, 50 books and publications by the chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization, 50 books and publications by U Aung

Kyaw Soe and Daw Nyein family of Thuwunna Township of Yangon Region and 75 books and publication by U Tin Tun Gyi family of Kaingkone village.—*Township IPRD*

DISTRICT NEWS

Writers association formed in Hline Township

YANGON, 21 May—A Plenary Meeting and meeting on formation of writers association were held at Hline Township Information and Public Relations Department on 20 May. At the ceremony, executive committee members of Township Writers Association were elected in the presence of commission members including deputy head U Tun Naing. U Myat Soe (Myat Soe Hlaing) was elected as chairman; Maung Maung Tun Aung (health) as vice-chairman; Min Sat Paing as secretary; U Cho San as joint secretary; Dr Kyaw Lwin as treasurer and U Win Wai Naung, U Aung Kyaw Min, Daw Myint Myat Thida Aye and Daw Ei Ei Myat as members. After that, chairman and vice-chairman were elected as conference delegates.—*Township IPRD*



Chairman U Soe Win of Maubin Township Home for the aged accepted K 1.5 million donated by (U Ba Wan) and wife Daw Tin Nyunt and family residing at No.172, Anawrahta street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon on 5 May.—*MYANMA ALIN*

Workshops on capacity building of staff held in Putao

PUTAO, 21 May—Workshops on capacity building of staff in Information and Public Relations Department, development of self-reliant libraries and human resources development, was held at Putao District IPRD in Kachin State on 10 May. At the ceremony, Staff Officer U Aung Kyaw Tun of District IPRD explained purpose of holding the workshop and process. Staff officers from Khaung-

lanphu, Nagmon and Putao, Machanbaw townships and Pannadin Sub-township, participated at the workshops. After that, Head of State IPRD U Nyunt Shwe reviewed the discussions.

District IPRD

Faked eggs sold in Myitkyina

MYITKYINA, 21 May—Myitkyina of Kachin State sees a lot of faked chicken eggs imported from border area soon. These eggs are flowing into Mawlu, Nanseeaung and Mawhant regions by Myitkyina down-trains. The faked eggs are sold together with real ones. Local people are now buying cheap faked eggs.—*Kyemon*

Pyigyimyatshin car market faces nosedive

MANDALAY, 21 May—Mandalay Pyigyimyatshin car market faces nosedive soon as the government allows citizens to import cars freely without permit from abroad. According to the brokers, the car prices are likely to fall and Japanese car companies would invest in Myanmar. Cars are in low demand as people keep watchful eyes on market condition.—*Kyemon*

Fire breaks out in Amarapura Township

MYITNGE, 21 May—A fire broke out in Sauktawwa village, Amarapura Township in Mandalay Region on 14 May.

The fire started from the home of Ko Aung San Oo and destroyed one house. Two fire engines from Amarapura Township Fire Brigade and one from Myitnge Railway rushed to the scene.

It could be put out at 1.45 pm. Myitnge Police Station takes action in connection with it.

Kyemon

Food poisoning occurs in Einme Township

EINME, 21 May—A total of 17 people suffered from food poisoning at a wedding ceremony in Phokelchaung village in Einme Township on 15 May. The victims were sent to Myaungmya People's Hospital.

The same day, eight others were also suffered from poisonings and six others on another day. They were sent to Myaungmya Private Hospital. Among them, U Kyaw Htoo aged 43 is in critical condition and 38 are experiencing dizziness and vomiting. The Lukaung village administrator and police station are giving close care to them after opening health care center.

Myanma Alin

Yesagyo Township sees Paethwe hybrid paddy plantation

YESAGYO, 21 May—Pakokku District Administrator U Khin Maung Yi inspected farmer educative farm (100-day Paethwe hybrid paddy plantation in irrigated area of Shwechaung electric power pumping station in Yesagyo Township in Magway Region on 17 May. He gave instructions on systematic paddy harvesting, making preparations for putting paddy under covers and systematic harvesting in term of model plot for prescribed yields.



Kyemon

Oxygen concentrator donated to Kawlin Township People's Hospital

KAWLIN, 21 May—A ceremony to donate an oxygen concentrator worth K 480000 to Kawlin Township People's Hospital

in Sagaing Region took place at the hospital on 15 May. U Thein Maung (Retd school head) Yu Dairy Product trading family

handed over it through head of Township Health Department Dr Maung Maung Soe.

Myanma Alin

UNIFORMS PROVIDED:
A ceremony to present uniforms to staff members of Botahtaung Township General Administration Department was held at the hall of the township department on 11 May. Township Administrator U Thant Zaw Oo provides uniforms worth K 461,000 to the staff.
GAD



Alibaba buys back 20 percent stake held by Yahoo for \$7.1 billion

SHANGHAI, 21 May— Chinese Internet entrepreneur Jack Ma is buying back up to half of a 40 percent stake in his Alibaba Group from Yahoo Inc for \$7.1 billion, in a deal that moves the Chinese e-commerce leader closer to a public listing.

Under the agreement, Yahoo will sell half of its stake in Alibaba for at least \$6.3 billion in cash and up to \$800 million in new Alibaba preferred stock. The deal, announced in a joint statement on Monday, caps years of talks between the

two firms over Alibaba reclaiming some or all of the 40 percent stake that Yahoo bought for about \$1 billion in 2005.

A source familiar with the deal said Yahoo built in incentives for Alibaba, which operates the popular Chinese online marketplace Taobao, to hold an initial public offering by end-2015.

Yahoo, which has come under fire from shareholders for failing to take aggressive action to reverse a decline in advertising revenue in the face of competition from

Google Inc and Facebook, will hand most of the sale proceeds to its stockholders.

"For Yahoo it's a decent compromise, they were never going to keep all the 40 percent stake and expect to see these guys IPO. I think they sold it off at a pretty reasonable valuation," said Michael Clendenin at RedTech Advisors in Shanghai. "Yahoo still has a lot of bigger problems ahead of them, I mean, they are a portal so they're going the way of the dodo bird."

"Credit to Jack Ma, he's a wheeler and dealer and he got a very good deal on this one," he added.

According to the statement, Alibaba would buy back half of Yahoo's remaining stake—a 10 percent holding—at the IPO price or allow Yahoo to sell those shares in the offering before end-2015. Alibaba Group is valued at \$30-35 billion.

Reuters



Employees play table tennis inside the headquarters office of Alibaba (China) Technology Co Ltd on the outskirts of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province in this 17 May, 2010 file photograph.—REUTERS

Government proposes exposing New Zealand airlines to foreign control

WELLINGTON, 21 May— The New Zealand government is proposing to scrap foreign ownership limits on New Zealand airlines, Transport Minister Gerry Brownlee announced on Monday.

However, Air New Zealand, the national carrier, would be exempt from the new rules, said Brownlee in a statement to launch a discussion document on New Zealand's international air transport policy.

Brownlee said the policy review proposed continuing to seek inter-government agreements with liberalized investment criteria, provided certain criteria were met.

The review proposed removing limits on foreign ownership of New Zealand airlines, which were currently set at 25 percent ownership by any one foreign airline, or 35 percent by foreign airlines in total.

"It is important to note that changes to the ownership

of Air New Zealand are not being considered as part of this review," Brownlee said.

New Zealand control of Air New Zealand would "take precedence over any changes to general policy," said Brownlee, referring to the government's plan to sell down its shareholding in Air New Zealand to 51 percent.

The document also outlined immediate priorities for negotiating new air services agreements focusing on East Asia and South America.



People hold a sedan chair decorated as an ambulance in a parade during the Markham International Sedan Chair Challenge 2012 in Markham, Ontario, Canada, on 20 May, 2012. This annual event included some components such as sedan chair races, a parade with costumes and decorations and so on.

XINHUA

Cambodia launches first ever life insurance

PHNOM PENH, 21 May— Cambodia launched the first ever life insurance here with the official inauguration of Cambodian Life Insurance Company (Cambodian Life) on Monday, seen as another landmark in the kingdom's financial market after the opening of stock market in mid-April.

Cambodian Life is a joint venture established on 10th January, 2012 by Cambodia's Ministry of Economy and Finance and four other partners, namely PT Asuransi from Indonesia, Asia Insurance from Hong Kong, Bangkok Life Assurance and Bangkok

Insurance Public from Thailand. The Ministry holds 51 percent of stake in the joint venture.

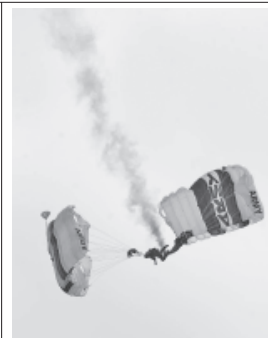
Operating throughout the whole country, Cambodian Life is tasked to provide life insurance products in the form of private voluntary for Cambodian people's safety nets, which is a new mechanism going to supplement the country's social security system under the Labour Law. As a newly-born enterprise, only three types of insurances are found on the company's product list, so far, namely mortgage insurance, whole life

insurance and term insurance.

According to the company's product introduction, the Mortgage Insurance has a coverage period of 2-20 years on the insured person's outstanding loan with a minimum amount of 1,500 US dollars; the Whole Life covers the insured up to 90 year old under the condition of natural death, accident death and death of disease; while the Term Insurance provides life coverage for a limited period of 3, 5 or 10 years under the condition of natural death, accident death and death of disease.—Xinhua

US Army Golden Knights parachute team performs during the annual US joint services open house and air show at Andrews Air Base outside Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 20 May, 2012.

XINHUA



Australia's Qantas to cut 500 jobs

SYDNEY, 21 May—Australia's largest airline Qantas Airways announced on Monday that it will cut 500 jobs following a review of its heavy aircraft maintenance and engineering operations in Australia.

The airline said it would consolidate heavy maintenance work into Brisbane in Queensland and Victoria's Avalon.

Qantas said the restructure was necessary as there was not enough heavy maintenance work required for three separate facilities and the introduction of new technology and modern aircraft would lead to a further 60 percent reduction in heavy maintenance requirements over the next seven years.

As a result of the restructure, heavy maintenance on Boeing 737 aircraft will move

from its base at Tullamarine in Melbourne and be maintained in Brisbane along with B767 aircraft and Airbus A330s, the airline said. The base at Avalon will continue to maintain Boeing 747s.

"There will be a net reduction of 500 positions as a result of the restructure," Qantas said in a statement on Monday. The airline said 422 jobs would go from its Tullamarine and 113 positions would be axed at Avalon.

But 30 new line maintenance jobs will be created in Melbourne and five in Sydney, Qantas said. The airline said consolidating heavy maintenance and other engineering initiatives would save the company up to 100 million AU dollars (98.54 million US dollars) annually.—Xinhua

Possible engine problem delays US rocket launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, 21 May—The launch of a privately owned Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station was delayed on Saturday when a computer detected a possible problem with one of the rocket's engines, a Space Exploration Technologies official said.

Preparations for the company's trial cargo run to the International Space Station proceeded smoothly until 4:55 am EDT (0855 GMT) when an onboard computer aborted the launch.

"Liftoff ... we've had a cutoff. Liftoff did not occur," said NASA launch commentator George Diller, caught off guard by the sudden, last-minute turn of events.

launch 0.5 seconds before liftoff, SpaceX president Gwynne Shotwell told reporters.

"Just like a pilot at the end of a runway revs the engines and looks at the gauges. We were revving the engines, we were looking at the gauges and we decided not to fly," Shotwell said, adding that the problem was

unlikely to be a sensor issue.

The company's next launch opportunity is at 3:44 am EDT (0744 GMT) on Tuesday.

It is trying to send the unmanned rocket, carrying a Dragon cargo capsule, to the International Space Station, and would be the first private company to do this.

Reuters



The SpaceX Falcon 9 test rocket is being prepared for launch from Complex 40 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida 18 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Bangladesh's trade deficit widens to 6.59 b USD in first 3Qs

DHAKA, 21 May—Bangladesh's trade deficit swelled to 6.59 billion US dollars in the first three quarters of the current fiscal year ending next month, a 13.04 percent increase from a year earlier, official statistics showed on Sunday. Statistics of the Bangladesh Bank showed that the country exported 17.683 billion US dollars of goods while it imported items worth 24.269 billion US dollars in the July-March period of the current fiscal year (July 2011-June 2012).

The overall trade deficit in the same period of last fiscal year was 5.826 billion US dollars when Bangladesh's export earning and import payment stood at 16.012 billion and 21.838 billion US dollars respectively, the bank data showed. In the first nine months of the current fiscal year, it showed, Bangladesh's export and import earnings surged 10.44 percent and 11.13 percent respectively compared with a year earlier. The south Asian country's trade deficit swelled by over 42 percent year-on-year to 7.33 billion US dollars last fiscal year.—Xinhua

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Valerie Trierweiler (C), companion of France's President Francois Hollande, listens to a student who explains about the preparation of a meal as she stands next to US First Lady Michelle Obama (R) as they visit the Gary Corner Youth Centre in Chicago, on 20 May, 2012. Michelle Obama showed off her neighbourhood on the South Side of Chicago to some NATO visitors on Sunday, taking five other first ladies to a youth centre for lunch and for a musical performance by the children.
 REUTERS

Guatemala volcano spits lava and ash

GUATEMALA CITY, 21 May—Guatemala's Fuego volcano belched burning lava and black ash into the sky early Saturday, leading the government to issue an airplane advisory and close sections of highway.

The volcano, about 25 miles (40 kilometres) southwest of the capital, erupted about 2:45 am (0745 GMT), spewing a column of ash up to 16,400 feet (5,000 metres) above the crater and launching burning red lava nearly 1,300 feet (400 metres) high.

The national emergency commission issued an advisory, warning planes not to fly within a 25-mile (40 kilometres) radius of the volcano. The La Aurora international airport in Guatemala City remained open.

The commission also closed two stretches of highway threatened by lava flows that reached the base of the mountain.

Guatemala's four active volcanoes have a history of causing shut downs. In 2010, an explosion at the Pacaya volcano about 25 miles (40 kilometres) south of Guatemala City coated the city in a thick layer of black ash and rock, forcing hundreds of families to evacuate and closing the international airport.

Reuters

Annular eclipse seen across Japan

TOKYO, 21 May—An annular solar eclipse was visible over a wide area of Japan on Monday morning, giving thrills to observers across the nation.

For the first time in 932 years, the rare astronomical event could be seen from a wide area of Japan including Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka. It was seen from Kagoshima Prefecture in the southwest to Fukushima in northeastern Japan.

An annular eclipse occurs when the sun, moon, and Earth are exactly in line. Instead of obscuring the sun, the eclipse creates a bright ring, called an annular, around the moon's silhouette.

In Japan, the moon began sliding in front of the sun from around 6 am.

At Cape Muroto in western Japan, a partial eclipse began at around 6:15 am, and the "ring of fire" was formed about one hour later.

The point where the annular eclipse is visible moved from west to east in a quick succession, from Osaka to Nagoya to Tokyo and then Fukushima.

The eclipse was visible in more places than anticipated because the



The image shows beads of sunlight shining through rugged valleys on the edge of the moon.—NHK

weather cooperated at the last minute, despite forecasts for cloudy skies in many areas.

In Shiojiri, Nagano Prefecture, central Japan, NHK cameras caught a high-definition image of Bailey's beads — a spectacle only visible during fleeting moments of the annular eclipse. The image shows beads of sunlight shining through rugged valleys on the edge of the moon.

Observation events were held on land, sea and in the air. Some elementary schools held viewing parties.

Astronomers say the next time an annular eclipse can be seen across such a wide area will be 300 years from now, in 2312.—NHK

Saudi police seize heroin

MEDINA, 21 May—The Saudi Highway Patrol in Medina seized 35 kilograms of heroin which were hidden in a truck spare tire, officials said.

Highway patrol officers pulled over a car on Friday after noticing suspicious behaviour and discovered the heroin while conducting a search of the vehicle, the Saudi Gazette reported.

Brig Gen Misfer al-Asadi, director of Highway Patrol Department, told al-

Medina newspaper that the heroin was discovered during a traffic stop.

"The driver was on his way to Medina to deliver the drugs when he was apprehended by highway patrol officers and referred to the Narcotics Department in Medina."

Saudi Arabia still suffers from a serious drug trafficking problem despite many law enforcement drug units and hefty punishment, Arab News said.—Internet



A worker steers a boat and a pontoon on the Limmat River during sunny spring weather in Zurich on 14 May, 2012. At background left are the church towers of the Fraumuenster and St Peter and on the right the Grossmuenster church.
 REUTERS

Horse rescued from Pacific Ocean

A horse that fled from a California beach photo shoot was rescued after swimming more than two miles out to sea.

Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol Officer Ryan Kelly said William, a 7-year-old Arabian horse, was spooked by the water in the evening and ran into the water from the Summerland beach, CNN reported.

Rescuers including the nearby Carpenteria Fire Department and Santa Barbara County's search and rescue team took to the water in search of the equine, which was located swimming toward oil rigs more than two miles offshore in the Santa Barbara Channel.

"Firefighters were able to hook the animal's reins

with a boat hook and bring it alongside a paddleboat," the report said.

The horse was escorted back to dry land with rescue workers taking turns holding the animal's head up over the water.

The horse was released back to its owner after being examined at a local animal clinic, officials said.

Woman swallows toothbrush

Israeli doctors say they were able to safely remove a toothbrush from a woman's stomach after she accidentally swallowed it.

Bat-El Panker, 24, came home from work on 11 May, and went to brush her teeth. When she bent over the faucet with the toothbrush in her mouth, she said it slipped down her throat.

Panker told Ynetnews she tried to get it out, but to no avail. She rushed to the hospital and had an X-ray, but the doctors couldn't see the toothbrush, and sent her

home. In pain the next day, Panker went to another hospital. She underwent more X-rays, and ultrasounds, but the toothbrush was still nowhere to be found.

Finally, when the doctors sent her to have a CT scan, there it was.

Dr Uri Segel, director of the hospital's gastrointestinal unit, managed to fish it out of her stomach using an endoscopic instrument, sparing Panker surgery.

Panker expressed her thanks to Dr Segel, and her anger with the first round of

doctors who didn't believe her.

"We're just people who want a little help when we're hurting, and it's important that doctors listen," she said.

Montana man world's oldest clown



A Michigan couple said their family will no longer be eating fast food after the woman's 14-year-old son found a piece of a human finger in his Arby's sandwich.

Jamie Vail and Joe Wheaton said the

woman's son, Ryan Hart, discovered the finger fragment when he bit into his Arby's junior roast beef sandwich at the Jackson restaurant and spit the object out to identify it as a piece of finger, the *Jackson Citizen-Patriot* reported.

Jackson Police and the Jackson County Health Department determined a worker had cut her finger on a meat slicer at the restaurant moments prior to the incident. Steve Hall, environmental health director for the Jackson County Health Department, said he believes other workers stepped in to the woman's station without being aware of what had taken place.

Vail said she has obtained a lawyer but has not yet decided on a course of action.

Wheaton said the long-term consequences of the incident are clear.

"We don't eat fast food no more," Wheaton said.

News Album

A former Montana rancher and carpenter has made it into the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the world's oldest clown.

Floyd Creekmore, who still performs as Creeky the Clown at the age of 95, told the Voice of America he got his training from clowns when the circus came through town.

"Barnum and Bailey Circus come through Great Falls and most of the kids would go up to the circus grounds and they could get little jobs and they'd work for a ticket to get into the circus," he said. "I went and found the clowns and I got a lot of pointers from the clowns."

Creekmore says he would have run off to join the circus if he had the opportunity. Instead, he worked as a ranch hand, ran his own ranch and became a carpenter.

When he retired in 1981, he joined Shriners International. The group, which helps sick children, runs its own circuses and Creekmore got a chance to tour the northwestern states.

Banjo icon Doug Dillard dead at 75



Banjo icon Doug Dillard

NASHVILLE, 21 May—Bluegrass star Doug Dillard has died of a lung infection in Nashville, his family said. He was 75. Dillard died on Wednesday, a publicist said.

With his brother Rod, Douglas Flint Dillard was part of The Dillards, a top-tier bluegrass band that helped popularize the genre in the 1960s and was inducted into the Bluegrass Hall of Fame in 2009.

The Dillards made regular appearances on television's "The Andy Griffith Show" as The Darlings, with Griffith — as Sheriff Andy Taylor — frequently sitting in with the group. They have been credited with laying the groundwork for the development of country rock music, the *Los Angeles Times* said.—Internet

Cops 'break-up' party as Paris Hilton and LiLo enjoy wild night out

LONDON, 21 May—Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan, who have long-standing reputations as Hollywood wild ones, recently partied at a LA home until 7 in the morning. However, there was so much noise and ruckus in the Hollywood Hills residence that the neighbours called the police to intervene, according to onlookers.

After the party broke up, both the actresses reportedly made a quiet exit.

Hilton was later spotted leaving the property wearing dark sunglasses and a cap along with her friend, oil heir

Brandon Davis, the *Daily Mail* reported.

Meanwhile, Lohan is understood to have made an undercover exit, hiding under a towel in the back seat of a friend's car.—Internet



Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan



Demi Moore

Colin Firth to play Noel Coward in Vegas

HOLLYWOOD, 21 May—Colin Firth will play Noel Coward in "Mad Dogs and Englishmen," the producers announced in Cannes, France. The film centres on the real-life saga of the sophisticated British playwright-actor's two-week run at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas in 1955.

The next step is to find a director for the film, which *The Hollywood Reporter* says has no release date. The newspaper said "Mad Dogs" is being produced by BiteSize Entertainment, a newly launched company led by Gene Kirkwood, who oversaw "Rocky," and Mevio CEO Ron Bloom.—Internet

Colin Firth arrives on the red carpet at the 84th Academy Awards at the Hollywood and Highlands Centre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 26 Feb, 2012.—INTERNET

Demi Moore to play Elizabeth Olsen's mum in first movie since split

LONDON, 21 May—It seems that Demi Moore is keen to bounce back to work following her painful split from Ashton Kutcher and subsequent meltdown.

The 49-year-old has been cast as Elizabeth Olsen's mother in forthcoming film "Very Good Girls".

It will be a big step for the Ghost actress, as she would for the first time be stepping in front of a camera since the revelations about her estranged husband's fidelity and her later hospitalisation.

Moore and Olsen will be joined by teen idol Dakota Fanning along with award-winning thespian Peter Sarsgaard in the new movie, the *Daily Mail* reported.

The film will tell the tale about two best friends who have just graduated from high school who decide the best way to become adults is to lose their virginity.—Internet

I'm not egotistic: Adam Levine

NEW YORK, 21 May—Singer Adam Levine says it's annoying when audiences mistake his confidence for a big ego.

Levine, the vocalist of band Maroon 5, insists fame hasn't changed him.

"I'm still the same. I'm stubborn, combative, rambunctious, confident. My



Singer Adam Levine

confidence is often misunderstood for egotistical. It's usually just people who are jealous of self-confidence who say that." femalefirst.co.uk quoted singer as saying.

Maroon 5's latest album "Overexposed" includes the current hit "Payphone", featuring Wiz Khalifa.

The band has also collaborated with pop princess and fellow "The Voice" judge Christina Aguilera on the smash hit "Moves Like Jagger".

Internet



Actress Gwyneth Paltrow

Gwyneth Paltrow gets Greenfield to edit newsletter

LOS ANGELES, 21 May—Actress Gwyneth Paltrow is such a fan of actor Max Greenfield's TV comedy "New Girl" that she has asked him to be the first guest editor of her weekly online newsletter. "This past September, I made a discovery that has made my life a better, happier place the show 'New Girl', of course! I fell in TV love with Schmidt, played by Max Greenfield, who's the kind of guy you lusted after at your cousin's Bar Mitzvah. I asked him to edit our issue this week. Enjoy. And thank you, Max," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Paltrow as saying.

The actor, who uses his blog to list his favourite things and offer tips about summer vacations, style and food, said: "I recently connected with Gwyneth Paltrow and explained to her how much I love goop. Being all that Gwyneth is, she has allowed me to write a piece for the site."—Internet

Lippi relieved with fast start as Guangzhou coach

GUANGZHOU, 21 May— Celebrated Italian coach Marcello Lippi declared the future was bright for Guangzhou Evergrande after winning his first match in charge of the Chinese champions.

Guangzhou beat Qingdao Jonoon 1-0 on Sunday to go four points clear at the top of the Chinese Super League in Lippi's first match since being appointed on Thursday.

"I have been here for three days. But the team has played in a total of 17 matches in the past three months.

I found the team is a little bit tired," the 2006 World Cup-winning coach was quoted as saying by the Asian Football Confederation website (www.the-afc.com) on Monday.

The 64-year-old took over from South Korean Lee Jang-soo, who had led the big-spending club to the last 16 of the Asian Champions League.

"The players need some time to adjust its new position and condition," said Lippi, adding he was relieved to get a victory in his first game.

"In my career, with Juventus, (Inter) Milan or the Italian national team, my debut match has always been a loss. So I was a little bit afraid about the first match actually.

"Now I have the opposite result, I feel very happy and have more confidence for the future."

Lippi is the biggest big name to join Chinese soccer following Shanghai



Coach Marcello Lippi (L) gestures as Guangzhou Evergrande football club team member Qin Sheng (2nd L) stands next to him during a training session after a signing ceremony during a rainy day in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province on 17 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Shenhua's signing of French striker Nicolas Anelka from Chelsea.

Former France international Jean Tigana had been Shanghai's manager before the club fired him last month after a poor start to the season.

Chelsea striker Didier Drogba has also been linked to Shanghai, although his heroics in helping the London club win the FA Cup and Champions League could put a move to China on hold.

Reuters

Napoli win first trophy since Maradona era

ROME, 21 May—Napoli won their first major title since the Diego Maradona era, denied Serie A champions Juventus the double and handed their captain Alessandro Del Piero an unhappy end to 19 seasons at the club by beating the Turin side 2-0 in the Italian Cup final on Sunday.

Edinson Cavani broke the deadlock with a penalty just after the hour and Marek Hamsik finished off a counter-attack as Napoli claimed their first trophy since the Maradona-inspired team won Serie A in 1989/90.

Juventus had substitute Fabio Quagliarella set off in the 89th minute for a full-blooded elbow in the face of Salvatore Aronica after only 17 minutes on the pitch.

"This was a club that didn't exist, said Napoli president Aurelio De Laurentiis, a film-maker who refounded the club after it was declared bankrupt in 2004 and led it from Serie C back to the top flight.

"In a few years we've brought something home,



Napoli's Edinson Cavani celebrates after scoring against Juventus during their Italian Cup final at the Olympic stadium in Rome, on 20 May, 2012.—REUTERS

above all the knowledge that Napoli exists, lives and can be the world champion of the sport." Napoli coach Walter Mazzarri said: "It seemed unthinkable to beat Juve.

"They hadn't ever lost this season (in Serie A) and to beat them 2-0 was magnificent work. The team has done something extraordinary in the last three years: Cavani, (Ezequiel) Lavezzi, Hamsik are on everyone's lips, but it's an entire team that should be acclaimed as one." "This was

the 51st game of the season. Anyone who plays football knows that playing these games at that level is hard. We have paid in the championship for this. You can lose to anyone in our league, and we dropped too many points."

Although Juventus had completed their 38-match campaign in Serie A without losing, there was some debate over their 2-2 Italian Cup draw after extra time against AC Milan in their semi-final second leg.—Reuters

Spain's Munoz wins LPGA Match Play crown

GLADSTONE, 21 May— Spain's Azahara Munoz defeated Taipei's Candie Kung 2 and 1 in Sunday's final to capture the \$1.5 million LPGA Sybase Match-Play Championship and claim her first LPGA title. With the match squared through 10 holes, Munoz birdied to win the par-5 11th and went 2-up when Kung dropped the par-3 12th with a bogey. The Spaniard surrendered the par-4 14th with a bogey but won the par-3 16th with a bogey as Kung double bogeyed and when both parred the 17th, Munoz claimed her first tour crown.



Azahara Munoz of Spain hits her tee shot on the first hole during the Sybase Match Play Championship at Hamilton Farm Golf Club in Gladstone, New Jersey.

INTERNET

Kung, who eliminated World No 1 Yani Tseng in the third round, was denied her first LPGA victory since 2008.

In earlier semi-finals, 49th-ranked Kung defeated 37th-ranked US veteran Vicky Hurst 2 and 1 while 19th-rated Munoz ousted 15th-ranked American Morgan Pressel by the same margin to set up the final at Hamilton Farm Golf

Club. Munoz won the final three holes to eliminate Pressel, who has not won an LPGA event since 2008 and was undone by a slow-play penalty on the 12th hole. Pressel won the par-5 second and fifth holes with birdies while Munoz won the par-3 third with a birdie. Pressel won the par-4 ninth with a birdie and appeared to have taken the 12th for a 3-up edge.

But Pressel, who was warned about slow play as she started the back nine, took 39 seconds more than the maximum 90 seconds to make her putt at the 12th and as a result forfeited the hole, her lead plunging to 1-up.

Internet

My time at United is running out, says Berbatov

SOFIA, 21 May—Striker Dimitar Berbatov wants to leave Manchester United because he feels he has fallen out of favour with manager Alex Ferguson. "My time at Manchester United is running out," the 31-year-old Bulgarian told bTV on Sunday. "I no longer feel like a valuable part of this team."

The Premier League club took up an extra year's option on the former Bulgaria captain's contract in March despite him slipping down the pecking order at Old Trafford.

"I think I did well in the

Chelsea players wave to fans as they ride during an open-top bus parade along Kings Road in west London.—INTERNET



LONDON, 21 May—Tens of thousands of Chelsea fans gave their team a hero's welcome on Sunday as they made an open-top bus parade through their west London home after their Champions League win over Bayern Munich.

Blue-clad fans lined the streets and roared their delight as the hero of Saturday's victory, Didier Drogba, held the trophy aloft, flanked by captain John Terry, who was suspended for the final in Munich.

The bus was em-

Tens of thousands greet victorious Chelsea team

blazoned with a banner proclaiming 'Champions of Europe' and Drogba, who scored the decisive spot-kick in the penalty shoot-out, milked the cheers of the crowd.

Fans cheered, hung from lampposts and sounded horns as the bus passed along the route. Midfielder Frank Lampard, who was the captain in the final, told the crowd: "We've been here a long time waiting to win this thing and it was the most amazing night of all of our careers.

"And we're just so pleased to come back here and celebrate with all our fans. You've been amazing. Thank you, thank you, thank

you. The best club in the world — easy." It was the first time that Chelsea have won Europe's biggest club prize and fulfilled the ambition of their oligarch owner Roman Abramovich, who has pumped hundreds of millions of pounds into the club.

The Russian owner and interim manager Roberto di Matteo were onboard as the bus made its way through the streets of south-west London.

Veteran Drogba, 34, could be on his way out of Stamford Bridge after a hugely successful eight-year stay, but he was met with chants of "we want you to stay" by grateful fans lining the route.—Internet

Worst moments of my career with Chelsea, Torres says

MADRID, 21 May—Chelsea's Spanish striker Fernando Torres has said he has had the worst moments of his career with the club this season and needs clarity about his future role with the newly-crowned European champions.

Torres told Spanish sports daily As he had been bitterly disappointed at being left out of the starting lineup for Saturday's Champions League final and said if it had not been for the support of the fans during a difficult campaign he would have "thrown in the towel".

"This season I have felt things that I had never felt before," As quoted Torres as saying.

"I felt that they treated me in a way that I was not expecting, not in the way we spoke about when this club signed me," added the former Liverpool player.

"We have had a lot of conversations and at the end of the season we will talk to see what happens with my future because what I have experienced this year is not a role for me, the one I thought I would have when I came, I am not happy," he said.



Chelsea's Spanish forward Fernando Torres celebrates with the trophy after winning the UEFA Champions League on 19 May.—INTERNET

"A victory like the one in Munich provides some compensation but I want them to tell me what is going to happen in the future.

Reuters



Striker Dimitar Berbatov

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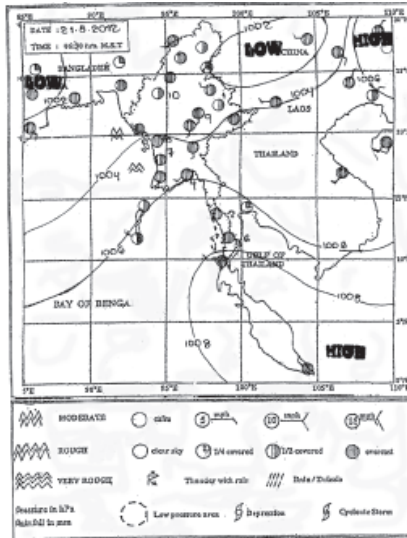
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 22nd May, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	36.97	26.79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	26.79	22.72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayah	29.84	23.73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	27.81	15.59	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sgawing	40.104	27.81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sgawing	40.104	27.81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	32.90	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	33.91	26.79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	41.106	27.81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	40.104	27.81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	30.86	24.75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	33.91	24.75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	32.90	24.75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	26.79	18.64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	36.97	21.79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	36.97	23.73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	35.95	26.75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	38.106	26.75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33.91	26.75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40.104	27.81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Yamethazi Region, Kayah, Kayah and Mon States, scattered in Upper Sgawing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan and Rakhine States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (4°C) below May average temperatures in Kayah State, (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Lower Sgawing Region, Shan and Chin States, (5°C) to (6°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sgawing Region and Kachin State and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chak (42°C) Kalye, Mawmya, Myingyan, Nyang (40 and 40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukse (2.49 inches) and Mawmya (2.20) inches, Thawon (2.13) inches, Gwa (1.89) inches, Pyaw Oa (1.84) inches, Maun (1.58) inches, Am (1.50) inches, Haha (1.40) inches and Lokan (1.06) inches.

Bay Inference
Monsoon in strong in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and weather is partly cloudy to mainly elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days
Thundery conditions in the Deltaic areas.

2,000 convicted then exonerated in 23 years

WASHINGTON, 21 May—More than 2,000 people who were falsely convicted of serious crimes have been exonerated in the United States in the past 23 years, according to a new archive compiled at two universities.

There is no official record-keeping system for exonerations of convicted criminals in the country, so academics set one up.

The new national registry, or database, painstakingly assembled by the University of Michigan Law School and the Centre on Wrongful Convictions at

Northwestern University School of Law, is the most complete list of exonerations ever compiled.

The database compiled and analyzed by the researchers contains information on 873 exonerations for which they have the most detailed evidence. The researchers are aware of nearly 1,200 other exonerations, for which they have less data.

They found that those 873 exonerated defendants spent a combined total of more than 10,000 years in prison, an average of more



In this 27 March, 2007, file photo, Audrey Edmunds poses at the John C Burke Correctional Centre in Waupun, Wis, 10 years into serving her 18-year conviction and sentence for shaking a baby to death, while babysitting.—INTERNET

than 11 years each. Nine out of 10 of them are men and half are African-American.

Nearly half of the 873 exonerations were homicide cases, including 101 death sentences. Over one-third of the cases were sexual assaults.

DNA evidence led to exoneration in nearly one-third of the 416 homicides and in nearly two-thirds of the 305 sexual assaults.

Researchers estimate the total number of felony convictions in the United States is nearly a million a year.

The overall registry/list

begins at the start of 1989.

It gives an unprecedented view of the scope of the problem of wrongful convictions in the United States and the figure of more than 2,000 exonerations "is a good start," said Rob Warden, executive director of the Centre on Wrongful Convictions.

"We know there are many more that we haven't found," added University of Michigan law professor Samuel Gross, the editor of the newly opened National Registry of Exonerations.

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Shipwreck off Mayotte kills five

PARIS, 21 May—Two adults and three children died after a fishing boat sank off Mayotte, an archipelago located in the northern Mozambique Channel in the Indian Ocean, France's BFM Television reported on Sunday.

Fifteen people were still missing after the accident occurred late Saturday afternoon, the BFM quoted a source from the French Ministry of Overseas

Territories as saying.

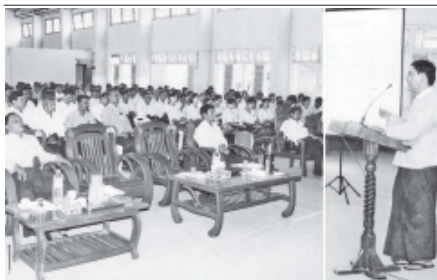
The boat was carrying 43 people from the nearby independent nation of the Comoros.

The archipelago of the Comoros voted to become independent from France in 1975, while the Mayotte islanders opted to remain under French rule. Mayotte became an overseas department of France in 2011.

Xinhua

MCPA-certified exams on 17 June

YANGON, 20 May—Myanmar Computer Professionals Association (MCPA) will hold MCPA-certified exam centers in Yangon Region, Mandalay Region, Ayeyawady Region, Sagaing Region and Shan State on 17 June from 9 am to noon simultaneously. Those interested may sit for MCPA-certified Fundamental Software Engineer (FSE) and MCPA-certified Network Associate (NA). The deadline for registration is 13 June. Examinees in Yangon have to sit at Myanmar Info-tech in Hlaing Township. Those who passed the exams will have chances to apply for oversea scholarship to be awarded by Myanmar Computer Federation. For more information, may enquiry at MCPA Office and dial 652276 and 0973088300.—Kyemon



Head of Mon State Revenues Department U Tin Tun Naing delivered speech at clarification on taxation held at Chaungson Township on 2 May.—KYEMON

World's biggest dairy firm to develop China specific products in Shanghai

WELLINGTON, 21 May—New Zealand-based Fonterra, the world's biggest dairy company, announced on Monday it is to develop unique products for the booming Chinese market at new innovation centre in Shanghai.

The development of innovative products designed to meet the needs of Chinese consumers was critical to the integrated milk business the company was building in China, Fonterra chief executive officer Theo Spierings said at the opening, according to a statement issued by Fonterra.

"Demand for dairy nutrition is expected to double by 2020 and the way people consume dairy will change. The opening of the state-of-the-art Shanghai Innovation Centre will help us build and grow beyond our current product and ingredient offerings and better meet the needs of local Chinese consumers and customers," Spierings said.

"China is a significant priority in Fonterra's global strategy and our innovation center will help us develop unique products and formats that suit the needs of the local population," he said.

"As incomes rise across China, people are looking for nutrition that supports the health of their families, particularly young children, and dairy is one of the most nutritious foods there is. People's lives are also becoming busier, which means they're often looking for dairy products that they can eat on the go or use to make quick, easy and nutritious meals."

Fonterra China president Phillip Turner said the Shanghai Innovation Centre would allow Fonterra to work more closely with major customers and the foodservice industry, and carry out product training courses for major customers.

Xinhua

Public request for decreased power supply

There are 18 hydro-power stations, one coal-fired power station and 10 gas-fired power stations totalling 29 across Myanmar and they are supplying electric power to all the regions of the country.

With a full storage capacity of water in monsoon, the hydro-power plants can generate a maximum of 1270 megawatts of electricity. But the decreased level of water in the dams in summer can generate a maximum of about 1000 megawatts only.

Being operated with gas, gas-fired power plants can generate an average of 340 megawatts of electricity annually. All the power stations can therefore generate a maximum of about 1610 megawatts of electricity in the rainy season and a maximum of about 1340 megawatts in summer.

The nationwide electricity consumption in monsoon is only 1560 megawatts at a maximum. As production exceeded consumption in this season, enough electricity could be distributed to the people, factories, workshops and businesses.

However, power consumption in summer is far more than that in monsoon, and there can be a maximum of 1850 megawatts of electricity in the hot season. Since the consumption exceeded the generation of 1340 megawatts, electricity was alternatively distributed to the public, factories, workshops and businesses, dividing them into three groups.

Meanwhile, Post Nos. 73, 206, 207 and 208 of Shweli-Mansan 230-KV Power Grid were destroyed in a mine blast on 19-5-2012. Consequently, 200 megawatts of electricity being generated by Shweli Power Plant was subtracted from the total amount.

As there have been only about 1100 megawatts of electricity nationwide, State-owned steel plants, cement plants, fertilizer factories and river-water pumping projects and private industries have lost about 500 megawatts to supply to the public as a priority.

In order to ensure enough power supply in summer, plans are under way to build more power plants as a long-term project in cooperation with General Electric Co and Caterpillar Co of the United States of America.

As a long-term project, plans are also being made to build a 600-megawatt coal-fired plant near Yangon on a joint-venture basis with J Power Co of Japan and a 500-megawatt gas-fired power plant in collaboration with BKB Co of the Republic of Korea.

Myanmar has invited local and foreign companies to invest in electricity generation for boosting power supply.

The people are requested to understand the current situation in which electricity is being alternately supplied to the public dividing them into three groups, and to save electricity.

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Self-reliant suspension bridge opened in Htilin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—A suspension bridge across Thanthe Creek linking Ohndwe Village and Kunze Village in Htilin Township, Gangaw District, Magway Region, was opened on 17 May. Secretary U Win Maung of Htilin Township Rural Socio-economic Development Committee and Village Administrator U Aung Swe formally opened the suspension bridge.

The bridge, 230 feet in length and 3 feet in width, was built at a cost of over 10 million kyats—K 4 million by U San Win and wife of Namtaw Village, Homalin Township and the remaining by local wellwishers.—MNA

Sharapova wins Rome, fans rage at men final call-off



Maria Sharapova (2nd L, front) of Russia and Li Na (2nd R, front) of China pose for photograph during the awarding ceremony of the women's singles final at the Rome Masters tennis tournament in Rome, Italy, on 20 May, 2012. Maria Sharapova won 2-1 to claim the champion.—XINHUA

ROME, 21 May—Maria Sharapova won her second straight Rome title on Sunday, defeating China's Li Na 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/5), in a match full of momentum shifts, a lengthy rain delay, and noisy distractions from football fans.

"It was a crazy match," said Sharapova. "Either one of us could have won it. There really is no loser. "It was really difficult with so many swings.

It was tough having to wait two hours. It's difficult to have a loser and a winner, but I'm happy. "It's great to beat someone with the level she played last year," added Sharapova, after defeating the defending French Open champion.

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Nadal beats Djokovic to win Italian Open



ROME, 21 May—Rafael Nadal won his record sixth Italian Open title Monday by beating top-ranked Novak Djokovic 7-5, 6-3.

Djokovic made 41 unforced errors in the match, including a double-fault on the last point to give Nadal his 49th career title and his 35th on clay.

Djokovic played well at the start but the turning point came midway through the 10th game when a line judge called

the Serbian's shot out. The umpire overruled the decision, but Nadal won the replayed point then held his serve to make it 5-5.

The victory is Nadal's third Italian Open victory in four years, with his winning streak interrupted last year by Djokovic. The win also moved Nadal back to No. 2 in the rankings, ahead of Roger Federer.

Monday's match was the first time the same two players competed in back-to-back finals since the tournament began in 1930.

Nadal broke first in the fifth game of the first set but Djokovic broke back when the Spaniard hit a forehand into the net.

Djokovic appeared to be in control of the match, holding to love, while Nadal was struggling with his serve, only landing 48 percent of his first attempts.

However, Djokovic appeared to be affected after a long rally ended with the overturned line call. Had the Serb won the point, it would have given him two break points.

But Nadal held and then broke in the next game, drawing Djokovic to the net before sending a sharp volley past him.

Djokovic was so angered that he smashed his racket against a net post and was given a warning.

Nadal took the first set with the second of three set points after Djokovic hit long. And the Serbian was immediately broken again in the second set as Nadal continued to control the match.

Donovan, Altidore, Onyewu to join US camp

TAMPA, 21 May—Strikers Landon Donovan and Jozy Altidore and defender Oguchi Onyewu were among 11 players announced on Sunday by US Soccer as additions to the American training camp ahead of 2014 World Cup qualifiers.

US coach Jurgen Klinsmann welcomed Los Angeles Galaxy forward Donovan and four other Major League Soccer players plus Borussia Dortmund forward Terrence Boyd as Sunday arrivals at Orlando, Florida, for twice-a-day workout sessions.

Sporting Lisbon's Onyewu is set to arrive on Monday, a week ahead of AZ Alkmaar's Altidore, who figures to be in the final 23-man roster picked from 27 hopefuls for five upcoming matches that Klinsmann will select next Friday.

"We are excited now to get towards full numbers with the MLS guys and also the players from Europe who are coming in with great form," Klinsmann said.

"We want them to pick up the rhythm as



Strikers Landon Donovan, pictured here in April 2012, and Jozy Altidore and defender Oguchi Onyewu were among 11 players announced on Sunday by US Soccer as additions to the American training camp ahead of 2014 World Cup qualifiers.—INTERNET

fast as possible and make them understand that we are taking the next couple weeks very seriously."

Donovan is the all-time US scoring leader while Altidore scored 19 goals for AZ Alkmaar this season.—Internet

Montpellier clinch maiden title as season ends

AUXERRE, 21 May—Montpellier players kept their cool to clinch a maiden Ligue 1 title with a 2-1 win at AJ Auxerre although the match descended into chaos as police were called in after local fans pelted the pitch with flares, tomatoes and toilet paper to interrupt the game three times on Sunday.

Nigeria's John Utaka scored the two goals after relegated Auxerre had opened the scoring through Olivier Kapo.

Montpellier finished the season on 82 points, leading second-placed Paris St Germain, who won 2-1 at Lorient, by three points.

Eden Hazard scored three in his farewell game as third-

placed Lille, who will be in the Champions League playoffs next season, beat Nancy 4-1.

Olympique Lyon, who had nothing to gain or lose, finished fourth with a 4-3 defeat by visitors Nice. Girondins Bordeaux, fifth, secured a Europa League spot with a 3-2 victory at St Etienne.

Dijon and Caen were relegated to Ligue 2 with AJ Auxerre. "It's incredible, I can hardly find the words,"

Montpellier keeper Geoffrey Jourdain told Canal+ as fans descended on to the pitch to celebrate the title.

"Our only goal was to stay in the top flight and in the end we are champions. I'm going to enjoy it because it will probably be the only time it

happens to me."

The joyous celebrations at the end were in stark contrast to the crowd trouble that repeatedly marred the second half of the contest.—Reuters



Montpellier's Karim Ait Fana reacts after scoring against Lille during their French Ligue 1 soccer match at the Mosson stadium in Montpellier, 13 May, 2012.—INTERNET