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True patriotism

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

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

President U Thein Sein receives police chiefs of ASEAN and heads of police force of dialogue partners countries

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received police chiefs of ASEAN and heads of police force of dialogue partner countries and representatives from Interpol Secretary Office, who are attending the 32nd ASEANAPOL Conference being held in Nay Pyi Taw, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and the director-general of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and police chiefs of ASEAN and heads of police force of dialogue partners and representatives from Interpol Secretary Office pose for documentary photo.

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UEC meets parties participated in 2012 by-elections



Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye makes discussions with parties participated in 2012 by-elections.

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NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye met political parties which fielded candidates in 2012 by-elections at the commission office here this morning.

Chairman U Tin Aye, the secretary and members of the commission, chairmen and secretaries of central executive committees of political parties which participated in by-elections, independent candidates, UEC officials, local media and guests attended the meeting.

In his opening address, Chairman U Tin Aye guaranteed that UEC would try its best for ensuring next elections freer and fairer by reviewing weak and strong points of 2012 by-elections. He quoted international election monitors as saying that the by-elections was a free, fair and peaceful one. The commission chairman called for cooperation of the political parties with the UEC.

Officials of the political parties discussed weaknesses and strengths of the by-elections and made suggestions.

UEC Secretary U Win Ko made sector-wise clarifications.

The concluding remarks of the commission chairman brought the meeting to an end.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (22-5-2012)

Thaton	(1.26) inches
Pyay	(0.95) inch
Loilem	(0.79) inch

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 23 May, 2012

Knowledge-based industries

Apart from financial resources, human resources development plays an important role in the national democratization process as it calls for rapid progress of knowledge-based industries that ensures sustainable and robust national economic growth which in turn facilitates reforms the country is carrying out in various sectors.

Truly, we are seeking and harnessing various means effective in paving the way towards peace, progress and prosperity through accelerating our reform process a source of power we are relying on for our own brighter future.

In this context, we are picking up the pace of our reform process through the might of knowledge-based industries acting as one of its main driving forces to bring us all towards peace, progress and prosperity or in other words democracy as aspired by the people.

When it comes to knowledge-based industries it includes businesses from banking, insurance and tourism to high-tech and high-end industries that require a large number of highly-qualified human resources such as technicians, intellectuals and academics and the research and development programs in which people of these three given categories are also the main working force.

Accordingly, we need a constant source of highly-qualified human resources supply for the long-term growth of knowledge-based industries and a good education system in which teachers of both basic education and higher education sectors can concentrate their efforts totally on well-rounded progress of their students will be one of the best answers to start producing and recruiting professionals.

Dy Education Minister meets Vice-President of Japanese Science Council

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe received a delegation led by Vice-President Dr Fumiko Kasuga and party of Science Council of Japan, at his office here this morning. At the call, they held discussion on becoming a member of Science Council of Asia by Myanmar. Also present at the call were Director-General U Bo Win of Education, Planning and Training Department, Pro-rector of Yangon University Dr Pho Kaung and officials.—MNA



A decorated float entertaining the public to mark the 66th Fire Brigade Day at Chanayethazan Township on 4 May.—TUN HLA AUNG (MDY)

Union Minister meets project managers of FM-International Oy Finnmap Co, NIRAS Co



NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received a delegation led by Project Manager Mr Jyrki Anttonen of Finland-based FM-International Oy Finnmap Co and Project Manager Mr Ville Hokka of Demark-based NIRAS Co, at his office here yesterday morning. At the call, they discussed drawing and

implementation of forest sector projects and cooperation.

Also present at the call were Director-General U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department under the Ministry, Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department and Deputy Director-General U Tin Tun of Planning and Statistics Department.—MNA



UMFCCI Vice-Presidents, CEC meeting with Mr You Jianhua of China NGO Network for International Exchanges and party. (News reported)—MNA

Myoma Gonsaung library opens in Pyawbwe Township

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—A ceremony to open Myoma Gonsaung library in Myoma village in Batta village-tract in Pyawbwe Township, was held at the library on 18 May. Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Myint Soe, staff officer of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Phone Naing and Patron of library committee U Aung Soe, formally opened it.

After that, Mandalay Region Hluttaw

representative U Tin Oo delivered a speech and the Township IPRD staff officer discussed perpetual existence of the library. Then, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative donated K 50000; the Region Hluttaw representative, K 0.1 million; the Township IPRD staff officer, 189 books and publication; and wellwishers, books and publication.—MNA

Phoe Yarzar Library opened in Yebyu Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Phoe Yarzar Library was opened in Paleku village in Yebyu Township in Dawei District of Taninthayi Region this morning.

Township Administrator U Tint Naing and Staff Officer U Soe Nyunt Shwe of Dawei District Information and Public Relations Department addressed the opening ceremony.

Wellwishers including Taninthayi Region Hluttaw Representative U Shwe San donated cash, publications and furnishings.

Taninthayi Region Hluttaw Representative U Tun Myint, Township Administrator U Tint Naing, Staff Officer Daw Phyu Phyu Shein of Township IPRD formally opened the library. Myanmar Libraries Foundation and local people financed the construction of the library building.—MNA

Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Nan Malar Swe gave educative talks on public-centred approach TB preventive measures at Aungmyethazan Township Administration Department, Mandalay on 22 April. TUN HLA AUNG (MDY)



18 charred to death, 25 injured in major rail mishap in southern India

NEW DELHI, 22 May—At least 18 people were charred to death and more than 35 others sustained injuries in a major rail mishap in the southern Indian State of Andhra Pradesh just before dawn on Tuesday, a senior railway police official said.

“The mishap happened when a passenger train, the Hampi Express, rammed into a stationary freight train near Penukonda station in the state’s Anantapur district at 3:15 am (local time). The train was going from the state’s

Hubli District to the neighbouring state of Karnataka’s Capital Bangalore when the collision took place,” the official said, on condition of anonymity. Such great was the impact of the collision that two coaches of the passenger train caught fire. As a result, 18 passengers were charred to death and those injured have been admitted to a local hospital where the condition of some are said to be serious, the official said, adding that preliminary probe has revealed that the

driver of the passenger train may have overshot the signal. The death toll is likely to go up later in the day as several passengers are still feared trapped inside three damaged coaches of Hampi Express, two of which derailed and caught fire after the collision, say railway officials. “The exact number of trapped people is not known yet, but efforts are on in full force to bring them out safely. Doctors are working hard to give relief to all the injured,” Anil Saxena, Public Relations



The TV grab taken from CNN-IBN shows train collision accident happened in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, on 22 May, 2012. At least 18 persons were killed and dozens of others seriously injured when a passenger train crashed into a goods train in Andhra Pradesh early Tuesday, said police. XINHUA

Officer of Indian Railways told the media in the national capital.

He added: “The engine and the first three coaches of

the Hampi Express have been badly affected due to the collision. The first bogey is guard-cum-luggage-cum passenger coach, the second

and third are general compartments. While the first and the third coaches have derailed, the second remained on the tracks.”—Xinhua

Niagara Falls firefighter Matt Rozon and an unidentified man are lifted from the Niagara gorge by an aerial fire truck in Niagara Falls on 21 May, 2012.—REUTERS



BUFFALO, 22 May—A man survived a 174-foot (53-metre) plunge over Niagara’s Horseshoe Falls on Monday

Man survives plunge over Niagara Falls

but sustained life-threatening injuries, Canadian police said.

The man, whose name has not been released, became only the third person known to have lived through a fall

seeing the man climb over a retaining wall about 20 feet above the brink of the falls at mid-morning and deliberately jump into the swift waters.

He surfaced a few seconds later in the lower Niagara River Basin below, near an observation platform, police said.

He “was located by a Niagara Parks Police officer along the rocky shoreline as he collapsed in waters that were up to the subject’s waist,” police said in a statement.

In a rescue that lasted about 30 minutes, staff from several agencies extricated the man, thought to be about 40 years old.

He had sustained life-threatening injuries and was

flown by an air ambulance to a hospital in Hamilton, Ontario, for treatment, the statement said. Police were investigating how and why he went over the falls.

The Horseshoe Falls, one of the world’s most popular tourist attractions, sends about 675,000 gallons (2.6 million liters) of water over its edge per second. It is one of two massive waterfalls, along with the American Falls, that span the US-Canada border.

Decades ago, daredevils would tempt fate and go over the Horseshoe Falls in barrels or other protective devices - and were often killed. That is now an illegal stunt that can result in a fine or jail time.

Reuters

Suicide bomber kills 90 in Yemen, al-Qaeda vows more attacks

SANAA, 22 May—A suicide bomber in army uniform killed more than 90 soldiers in the heart of the Yemeni Capital on Monday and an al-Qaeda affiliate threatened more attacks if a US-backed campaign against militants in the front-line state did not stop.

The bombing, which wounded more than 200 people, underscored the dangers Yemen faces as it battles Islamist militants entrenched in the south and threatening shipping lanes in the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.

The explosion left scenes of carnage in Sanaa’s Sabaeen Square, where the military had been rehearsing for a parade. Body parts lay strewn across a 10-lane road not far from the presidential palace.

“We had just finished the parade. We were saluting our commander when a huge explosion went off,” said soldier Amr Habib. “It was a gruesome attack. Many soldiers were killed and others had their arms and legs blown off.”

US President Barack Obama said he was very concerned about extremist activity in the country, a major front in its global war on al-Qaeda, and pledged continued help to counter it.—Reuters



Forensic policemen collect evidence at the site of a suicide bomb attack at a parade square in Sanaa on 21 May, 2012.—REUTERS

WHO chief warns “two danger zones” for world health development

GENEVA, 22 May—World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Margaret Chan warned on Monday that squeezed funds and rise of chronic non-communicable disease were “two danger zones” for the world public health development. “In these difficult financial times, I see an extremely dangerous tendency to measure how

much health can be bought for a given amount of money,” Chan made the remarks when addressing the 65th World Health Assembly, held from Monday to Saturday, adding this can be dangerous, especially for a disease like HIV/AIDS.

Chan said that the lack of funds might mean that the UN goal in fight against diseases

like HIV/AIDS be missed. “We have good reason to believe that the UN target of having 15 million people on treatment by 2015 will not be met,” she said. Chan also stressed that non-communicable diseases including cardiovascular disease and diabetes would cast “the longest dark shadow” over progress in global health.

WHO data showed that

rates of obesity nearly doubled in every region of the world from 1980 to 2008. Worldwide, one in three adults has raised blood pressure, while one in 10 adults has diabetes.

She pledged that the WHO is giving the prevention and control of these diseases the utmost priority.

“These are the diseases that can cancel out the gains of modernization and development,” she said.

Xinhua

Bruised Merkel returns home to more policy fights

BERLIN, 22 May—Angela Merkel returns from one of her most difficult foreign trips in recent memory on Tuesday to face more, severe tests of her long-standing command over the policy agenda in Germany and Europe.

The chancellor looked unusually isolated at a weekend G8 meeting in Camp David, where new French President Francois Hollande teamed up with host Barack Obama to push back against the bitter austerity medicine Merkel has prescribed for reeling euro zone members. That conflict will continue to haunt her this week at an informal summit of EU leaders on Wednesday and at a meeting with German opposition leaders the following day, where she must defuse an escalating row that could delay approval of her cherished “fiscal compact” on budget discipline.

The man that Merkel was relying on to push these new fiscal rules through parliament, her chief whip Peter Altmaier, was abruptly shifted to the post of environment minister last week and will now have his hands full getting Merkel’s stalled energy transformation plan back on track.

All this comes against the backdrop of



German Chancellor Angela Merkel carries a coffee to her seat at the 2012 NATO Summit in Chicago, on 21 May, 2012. REUTERS

embarrassing conflicts within her centre-right coalition over childcare subsidies and data protection, that have left Merkel looking indecisive and her government inept before a federal election in September of next year. Some leading German commentators are likening Merkel’s troubles to the last months of her predecessor Gerhard Schroeder’s reign, although no one expects her to gamble on early elections as he did.

Instead, people close to the chancellor suggest, she may be forced into compromises she would not have considered in the past, when her political standing seemed unassailable.—Reuters

Six people killed, 15 injured in Iraq’s violence

BAGHDAD, 22 May—Six people were killed and 15 others injured on Monday in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in Iraq, the police said.

The deadliest incident in the day occurred near Baghdad when gunmen using assault rifles attacked a police checkpoint near a government-owned facility in Taji area, some 20 km north of Baghdad, killing three policemen and wounding two others, an Interior ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a roadside bomb exploded in Baghdad’s western district of Ameriyah, injuring three civilians, the source said. Elsewhere, a sticky bomb attached to a government car went off at an Iraqi army checkpoint in Abu Ghraib area, some 20 km west of

Baghdad, killing the driver and wounding a soldier and two civilians, a local police source anonymously told Xinhua.

Also in Abu Ghraib, another sticky bomb attached to a civilian car detonated at a parking lot of a government building, killing the driver and injuring a passer-by, the source said.—Xinhua

Correction
Please read “The United States, the European Union, Canada and Australia have all moved in recent weeks to ease or suspend sanctions on Myanmar” in paragraph 9 in the news under the heading of “Obama nominates ambassador to Myanmar” appeared on page 3 of this daily issued on 20 May, 2011. ED

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NASA's space shuttle "Endeavour" sits on Runway 15 shortly after landing at the Kennedy Space Centre on 1 June, 2011. Crews will now safe the orbiter and prepare it for its towback to the Processing Facility.—INTERNET

LA museum gets gift for shuttle home

LOS ANGELES, 22 May—The Los Angeles museum that will house space shuttle Endeavour has received an "extraordinary" financial gift to create the display facility, officials said. Lynda Oschin, wife of the late philanthropist Samuel Oschin, chairs the foundation that made the gift to the Air and Space Centre at the California Science Centre, the Los Angeles Times reported on Thursday.

At Oschin's request, museum officials did not disclose the amount of the gift but termed it "transformational" for the free state-run museum adjacent to the University of Southern California.

"It's a huge boost," Science Centre

President Jeffrey N Rudolph said.

"It gives us enough money to ensure we can complete the architecture and exhibit design."

The Science Centre has now raised nearly half the \$200 million it needs to transport Endeavour from Florida, build a temporary hangar, and design and construct a permanent museum wing, to be called the Samuel Oschin Air and Space Centre.

Samuel Oschin, who died in 2003, made his fortune at a savings and loan company and in real estate and was an avid fan of science, math and astronomy, the Times said.

Internet

Rhine river 5 million years older

TUBINGEN, 22 May — Evidence from fossils suggests the Rhine, one of Europe's major rivers, is 5 million years older than previously believed, German researchers say.

"Up to now it has been assumed that the Proto-Rhine is around 10 million years old," said Madelaine Bohme at the Senckenberg Centre for Human Evolution and Palaeoecology at the University of Tübingen.

"But based on our examination of fossils from a site near Sprendlingen we now believe that the river is at least 5 million years older," Bohme said in a release from the centre on Wednesday.

The age of the sands in the area, which contain numerous fossils, has often

been the subject of scientific debate, she said.

"For this reason we examined a new sample with over 300 mammalian fossils, leaves and fossilized wood," she said. "In the process we found the teeth and bones of different deer species that lived in Central Europe at the beginning of the Middle Miocene—in other words, in the period between 14 and 16 million years ago."

Because the findings were made in the oldest known deposits of the Rhine, she said, the river must be at least 5 million years older. "The results of the examinations of fossil plant residues that were found above and below the mammalian sites reinforce our conclusions" about the river's age, she said.—Internet



Fossil antlers of the deer Paradiocerus elegantulus, a sign of the beginning of the mid-Miocene. = 14 to 16 million years ago.—INTERNET

New building material to absorb cesium developed

KYOTO, 22 May—A Japanese research group says they have succeeded in developing a building material that could filter most radioactive cesium from contaminated water.

A research group at Kinki University's Faculty of Engineering in Hiroshima Prefecture applied a method using plaster found in traditional Japanese architecture.

The traditional material called "Shikkui" usually mixes lime with sand, but the group used zeolite powder instead of sand.

The newly developed material is permeable.

Researchers say that during tests that filtered cesium dissolved in water, the material absorbed over 99 percent of the cesium.

The group says the material could be used to safely store debris and soil contaminated by radiation by preventing radioactive substances from seeping out.

Researcher Atsushi Taga says the result was unexpected. He says he hopes the material will be used to store contaminated debris from the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant.—NHK

1,000 years of Australasia climate studied

MELBOURNE, 22 May—Scientists say climate records from Australasia show there are no other warm periods in the last 1,000 years that match the warming experienced since 1950.

A study led by researchers at the University of Melbourne used a range of natural indicators including tree rings, corals and ice cores to study Australasian temperatures over the past millennium and compare them to climate model simulations.

"Our study revealed that recent warming in a 1000-year context is highly unusual and cannot be explained by natural factors alone, suggesting a strong influence of human-caused climate change in the Australasian region," researcher Joelle Gergis said on Wednesday in a release.

Using natural records such as tree rings, corals and ice cores is fundamental in evaluating regional and global climate variability over centuries before direct temperature records began to be kept in 1910, she said.

Australasia is the geographic region consisting of Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea and neighbouring islands in the Pacific



Australasia has been hotter in the last 50 years than any period in the last 1,000 years.—INTERNET

Ocean. Records provided by decades of work by more than 30 researchers from Australia, New Zealand and around the world were collated to provide data for the study. The records not only provide a climate picture of the past but are also a significant platform to reduce uncertainties associated with future climate variability, Gergis said.

The study published in the Journal of Climate is part of a global collaboration working to reconstruct the last 2,000 years of climate across every region in the world.—Internet

"Anonymous" affiliate claims hacked Chicago police site as NATO opens

CHICAGO, 22 May—A group affiliated with the hacking activist group Anonymous said it made a "hacktivist" attack on the Chicago Police Department and related websites on Sunday as part of protests against the summit of the NATO military alliance.

The Chicago City Council web site (www.cityofchicago.org) was inoperable on Sunday morning for a period, as was the police department site, which is accessible via the council web portal.

"We are aware of the potential issue with the city's website and are working with the appropriate federal authorities to address the situation," city council spokesman Pete Scales said in a statement.

The group Anti-SecurityOPS, which said on Twitter that it does not represent Anonymous "as a whole" but was "one small piece to the puzzle," claimed responsibility for the attack and said there would be others.



A police officer stands watch before an anti-NATO protest march in Chicago on 20 May, 2012.—REUTERS

"We are actively engaged in actions against the Chicago Police Department and encourage anyone to take up the cause and use the Anti-SecurityOPS Anonymous banner," the group said in a statement on www.cyberwarnews.info. "We are in your harbor Chicago, and you will not forget us."

An FBI agent with the joint information office set up for the NATO summit said the

web attack was under investigation.

"I don't think we are at a point where we can call this terrorism," the agent said.

Chicago has been the site of several protests in the past week in the run-up to the opening of the NATO meeting.

Hacking attacks by Anonymous and its affiliates since 2010 have targeted Mastercard and Visa. Reuters

London police collecting cellphone data

LONDON, 22 May—London's Metropolitan Police have begun extracting cellphone data from suspects held in custody, a move critics say is a "possible breach of human rights law."

The data being recovered includes call history, texts and contacts, and will be retained whether or not any charges are brought against suspects, the BBC reported on Thursday. Using new

technology created by forensic firm Radio Tactics, cellphone content can be extracted using purpose-built terminals in police stations to produce a printout of data from the phone as well as a digital records that can be saved.

The Metropolitan Police said data extraction would only be done if there is significant suspicion the cellphone was used in connection with criminal activity.

Campaign group Privacy International has criticized the move. "We are looking at a possible breach of human rights law," spokeswoman Emma Draper told the BBC.

"It is illegal to indefinitely retain the DNA profiles of individuals after they are acquitted or released without charge, and the communications, photos and location data contained in most people's smartphones is

at least as valuable and as personal as DNA."

While the current system uses only fixed extraction terminals in police stations, portable versions of the technology exist, Draper said.

"Examining suspects' mobile phones after they are arrested is one thing, but if this technology was to be taken out onto the streets and used in stop-and-searches, that would be a significant and disturbing expansion of police powers."—Internet



Cellphone data extraction.—INTERNET

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A Motorola Droid phone is seen displaying the Google search page in New York on 15 August, 2011.

REUTERS

China approves Google's Motorola deal

BEIJING, 22 May—China said on Sunday it had granted conditional approval to Google's plans to acquire Motorola Mobility Holdings (MMH), clearing the last regulatory obstacle to a deal that will help the search company's plans to develop its own smart phones.

The approval, which Google (GOOG) had announced on Saturday, comes nearly eight months after the application for the \$12.5 billion purchase was submitted and requires that the No 1 search company keep its Android operating system free and open for at least five years.

"At the end of the five years, the Ministry of

Commerce will continue to assess the state of the Chinese smart phone operating system market," said a statement posted on the ministry's website.

Google's Android software is the top operating system for Internet-enabled smart phones.

The company wants phone-maker Motorola for its 17,000 patents and 7,500 patent applications, as it looks to compete with rivals such as Apple Inc (AAPL) and defend itself and Android phone manufacturers in patent litigation.

US and European regulators approved the deal in February.

Reuters

S Korea's industrial power sales slow in April

SEOUL, 22 May—South Korea's industrial electricity sales slowed last month compared with a month before due to less working days and slower export growth, a government report showed on Monday.

Sales of industrial electricity, a gauge of industrial activities, reached 21.22 billion kilowatt-hours in April, up 1.7% from the same month last year, according to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy. For the first four months of this year, industrial power sales grew 3.5% on-year to 85.89 kilowatt-hours.

The April growth was down from an on-year expansion of 4% tallied in the previous month, and a

9.1% increase a year earlier.

The slower growth was mainly attributed to less business days caused by the April general election. Slower export growth also contributed to weaker demand for industrial electricity. The Asia's No.4 economy logged a 4.8% on-year contraction in exports in April.

Meanwhile, electricity sales for educational facilities, households and general usage grew 2.8%, 3.2% and 2.5% respectively in April on an on-year basis.

Total power sales, including industrial and household sector, came in at 38.5 billion kilowatt-hours in April, up 2% from a year before.—Xinhua



A currency dealer monitors exchange rates in a dealing room at the Korea Exchange Bank in Seoul. Asian markets slumped and the euro fell further on 18 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Scientists discover way to 'starve' cancer cells

SINGAPORE, 22 May—Scientists from the National University of Singapore (NUS) have discovered a way to kill cancer cells — by 'starving' them of energy.

NUS said on Thursday that the discovery paves the way for more effective cancer treatment. The research revolves around a drug-led compound, BPTES.

The scientists, who are from the Department of Biological Sciences and Mechanobiology Institute, said the compound can deprive cancer cells of energy and stop them from growing into a tumour. The compound is undergoing pre-clinical trials as a potential drug.

NUS said this is the first time a research group has provided evidence showing how a drug-led compound suppresses tumour formation.

Building on the new findings, the NUS team also derived positive results for a dual-drug treatment regime involving BPTES.

The team found that it kills kidney and breast cancer cells more effectively.

NUS said the next step is

to conduct more studies to determine whether a combination of drugs would be even more effective.

The research team will also look into how it can make BPTES more efficient, as well as ways to lower its side-effects.—Internet



UK to award contracts for work on nuclear subs

CHICAGO, 22 May—Britain is set to announce this week the award of 350 million pounds of contracts for design work on new nuclear-armed submarines, a government official said on Sunday, a move that may cause friction in the coalition government.

The decision signals that Prime Minister David Cameron's centre-right Conservatives remain committed to acquiring a costly new nuclear submarine fleet despite calls from their junior Liberal Democrat coalition partners to consider a cheaper alternative nuclear deterrent. The government will announce which companies have won the 350 million pounds of contracts for initial design work on the submarines this week, a British

government official at the NATO summit in Chicago said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The official declined to say which companies had won the contracts but said they would go to British companies and safeguard or create 1,900 jobs in Britain's submarine-building industry, which is dominated by defence giant BAE Systems (BAES.L).

Britain currently has four Vanguard class submarines carrying Trident nuclear missiles but the vessels are due to go out of service in the 2020s.

The Conservatives want to build a new class of submarines to carry Britain's nuclear deterrent at a cost of around 25 billion pounds,

even though spending on non-nuclear defence and other government departments is being slashed to rein in a big budget deficit.

The centre-left Lib Dems have argued for cheaper alternatives, such as putting nuclear missiles on existing Astute submarines.

In a gesture to the Lib Dems, whose support has plunged since the coalition was formed after the 2010 election, the government announced last year it would study the feasibility of alternatives.

The government's decision to award the contracts signals it is wedded to a like-for-like replacement for its existing nuclear deterrent regardless of what the study may conclude. British

Health Tip: Keep cloth grocery totes clean

Reusable grocery totes may be friendly for the environment, but they can also befriend harmful bacteria. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics suggests how to keep grocery totes clean:

- * Regularly wash grocery totes either by hand (use hot, soapy water) or in the washing machine.

- * Bag separately in plastic any fish, poultry or meat before placing them in a tote. Be sure to separate these products from prepared or packaged foods.

- * Carefully clean any kitchen areas (such as a counter) where you place totes while unpacking.

- * Don't leave totes in the trunk of your car; store them in a cool, dry place.—Internet

Juice may be acidic enough to hurt teeth

LONDON, 22 May—Many parents give children smoothies and juice every day, unaware their high-acid levels and sugar content can destroy young teeth, a British doctor says.

An investigation by *The Sunday Telegraph* reported the acid levels of popular juice drinks — including one more acidic than vinegar. Dr Kathy Harley, dean of the dental faculty at the Royal College of Surgeons, said 50 percent of 5-year-olds now have signs of damage to their tooth enamel caused by excess acid in their diet. Tooth enamel begins to be destroyed when acid levels in the mouth drop below 5.5 on the pH scale — 7 is neutral — while 1 is a strong acid.

Water has a pH of 7, and milk is just below at 6.8, but the investigation found "This Water," a product sold in Britain that contains lemons and limes that describes itself as a "juice drink blended with pure squeezed juices and pure spring water," had a level of 2.7 — more acidic than cider vinegar, which has a pH level of 2.9.

The other fruit drinks tested included: Tropicana orange juice, Coppella apple juice, Innocent smoothies, Capri Sun orange drink and Robinsons Fruit Shoot apple and blackcurrant low-sugar drink all had acid levels ranging from 3.3 to 3.8.

However, the most acidic beverage tested was Coca Cola, with a pH level of 2.5 and 12.5 teaspoons of sugar in a 17.5-ounce bottle, the *Telegraph* said.—Internet



Wind turbines are seen in La Ventosa on 7 Feb, 2012. Surrounded by towering turbines in every direction, the town of La Ventosa — which means "the windy place" in Spanish — is at the heart of a wind power boom in the country. Mexico, the world's 14th biggest economy, still punches well below its weight in terms of wind energy, ranking 24th on the planet in installed capacity last year, according to the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC). But the market is growing fast. By the end of this year, the national wind energy association expects Mexico to jump to number 20 on the list.—REUTERS

Traffic rules inspected in Indaw Township

INDAW, 22 May—A team led by Police Sergeant Tun Tun Oo of Traffic Police Force inspected traffic rules enforcement and took actions against traffic rules violators, on Mandalay-Myitkyina Strategic road near Sebinthaya market in Mawlu model village in Indaw Township, yesterday. Actions were taken against 14 violators. And educative talks on traffic rules were given.—Kyemon



Mon Myat Micro Credit Cooperatives Ltd holds AGM



MYINMU, 22 May—Mon Myat Micro Credit Cooperatives Ltd held its annual general meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year, at Dhammayon of Matgin

monastery in Myinmu Township today. At the ceremony, Chairperson U Shwe Mann and head of Township Cooperatives Department Daw Myint Myint Thein delivered speeches. Afterwards, vice-chairman U Mya Thein read out executive's report and director U Soe Tint submitted future works and sought the approval. Then, Chairman awarded 102 members who repaid loan without fail. A total of 437 members attended it.

Myanma Alin

Talks on control of human trafficking in Mingala Taungnyunt Township

YANGON, 22 May—Talks on human trafficking control was held at Mingala Taungnyunt Township General Administration Department on 17 May. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Zeya Ohn delivered an address and

then Township Police Officer and township law officer gave talks on human trafficking control. It was attended by Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nwe Nwe Win and executives, departmental

officials and wards administrators.

Myanma Alin

RMGCC 3rd Anniversary golf tournament on 26 May

YANGON, 22 May—RMGCC 3rd Anniversary golf tournament, organized by Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club, will be held at the golf club on 26 May. Any golfers may participate in the tournament. The purpose of holding it is to donate fees to the orphanages. Handsome prizes will go to winners. Myanmar Brewery Co., Ltd is diamond sponsors; Super Power and Singtech, Platinum sponsor; Royal Modern Furniture, Red Link and Alpine, gold sponsors; Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel, Karaweik Palace, MAI, Canon, CP, Taylormade, Transview and Crest Link, silver sponsors. For more information, may dial 01-639445-7 and 01-639435-9 and hotline 09-8636395.

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BOOKS AND STATIONERY DONATE: A ceremony to donate 150 dozen of exercise books and stationery to Basic Education Primary school No. 18 in Thingangyun Township by Saya U Shwe Ziwa, U Aung Zaw Latt, U Aung Myat Thet and U Thawda family, was held at the school on 20 May. SAN SAN KYI (THINGANGYUN)

LinyaungU library opens in Kayan Township

YANGON, 22 May—Opening of LinyaungU library in Payapyo Village in Payapyo village-tract in Kayan Township, Yangon South District, was held on 18 May.

At the ceremony, Township administrator U Tin Myint, staff officer of Township Information and

Public Relations Department Daw Ei Zar Hlaing and village administrator U Than Aung formally opened it.

After that, officials accepted 150 books and publications donated by Myanmar Library Foundation, 100 books and

publications by Township administrator, 50 books by Chairperson of Township MCWA and 100 books by Township IPRD. The library was built with contribution of K 0.5 million by Myanmar Library Foundation and K 0.3 million by local people.

Myanma Alin



Educative talks for young ladies given in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 22 May—Educative talks for young ladies, jointly organized by Kawthoung District and Township Women's Affairs Organization was held at Chaungsalan village in Shwepyesoe village-tract, Kawthoung Township on 13 May in conjunction with the donation of books and publications to libraries. It was attended by Chairperson of Kawthoung District Women's



Affairs Organization Daw Cho Cho Thein and members,

Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Mar Kyi and members, members of WAO and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, youths and townselders. At the ceremony, the District WAO Chairperson explained the purpose of donation of books and publications and the Township WAO chairperson gave educative talks.

TOWNSHIP IPRD

Myanma traditional cane ball competition held in Thaton

THATON, 22 May—Myanma Traditional Cane Ball competition, organized by Cane ball Sub-committee of Thaton District Sports and Physical Education Department, was held at the District gymnasium in Binhlai ward in Thaton yesterday. A total of 16 teams from the district and teams from Mawlamyine, Mudon and Hpa-an townships and Bago Region. Selected cane ballers of Myanmar Cane Ball Federation

demonstrated cane ball skills. Assistant Director U Aung Myint Oo of District Sports and Physical Education Department, Chairman of District Cane Ball Sub-committee U Than Lwin and members and fans enjoyed the competition.

Daw Yi Yi Lwin and members donated K 15000 to District Cane Ball Sub-committee through the Sub-committee chairman and vice-chairman U Aung Soe Khaing.

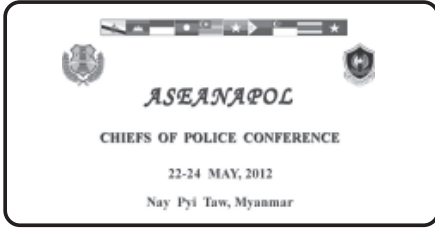
Kyemon

Afterwards, District Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson

DISTRICT NEWS



UNIFORMS PROVIDED: A ceremony to present uniforms to staff members of Yangon South District General Administration Department was held at the meeting hall of District GAD on 21 May. District Administrator U Sai Thaw Win provided uniforms worth K 550000 to the staff. —GAD



Trainees of Primary Teachership Training Course seek Chief Minister's advice

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—The demonation-receiving ceremony of trainees of the three-year Primary Teachership Training Course No. 44 of University for Development of National Races was held at No. 1 BEHS of Dawei yesterday morning. Present on the occasion were Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko, the Chief Justice of the Region High Court, region ministers, region-level departmental officials, social organizations, course instructors and trainees.

The Region Chief Minister made a speech on the occasion. In his address, the Region Chief Ministers said that Myeik University and Dawei University were opened in the Region to local people to be able to pursue higher education within their reach, adding Myeik and Dawei also saw the technological university and university of computer studies each, and the Region has been facilitated with 44 high schools, 66 middle schools and 1000 primary schools where altogether 262046 students are pursuing education, he said.

The Region Chief Minister stressed the need for trainees to abide by rules and disciplines set by the university, to strive for flourishing of Union Spirit while in studying, to respect Our Three Main National Causes and the 12 objectives of the State, to make efforts for implementing the seven objectives of the university, to try their best to become outstanding trainees and to strictly follow disciplines set for trainees.

Next, the Region Chief Minister presented K330,000 for trainees through two trainees, and Maung Aung Naing Htet of Myeik Township spoke words of thanks.

The three-year Primary Teachership Course is being attended by 11 trainees from Taninthayi Region.—MNA



32nd ASEANAPOL Conference held for the first day. (News on page 16)—MNA

Coordination meeting on passing of Intellectual Property Rights Law held



NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—A coordination meeting on passing of new Intellectual Property Rights Law, was held at the Ministry of Science and Technology here this noon, with an address by Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint.

In his speech, he said : there are four drafted bills—patent law, Industrial Design Law, Trademarks and Service Marks Laws and Copyright Law regarding new Intellectual Property Rights Law. Necessary amendments to the bill will be made in coordination with Union Attorney-General Office and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Myanmar is in urgent need of Intellectual Property Rights Laws as the country sees a lot of foreign investments. Laws that protect Intellectual Property Rights should be in line with international standards as ASEAN Community will emerge in 2015. Intellectual Property Rights Laws can protect fundamental rights of citizens and generate country's economic development and a flow of foreign investments.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, departmental heads and officials from the ministries, officials from Region and State governments, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Engineering Society, Myanmar Motion Pictures Association and Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and Myanmar Music Association.

MNA

Union Commerce Minister meets Ghanaian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Ghanaian Ambassador Mr Daniel Kwasi Abodakpi of Ghanaian Embassy based in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia, at his office this afternoon. At the call, they had a cordial discussion on potential for trade and economic cooperation between Myanmar and Ghana.—MNA

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint addresses a coordination meeting on passing of new Intellectual Property Rights Law.

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Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint meets Ghanaian Ambassador Mr Daniel Kwasi Abodakpi of Ghanaian Embassy based in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia.

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Deputy Home Affairs Minister receives Chairman of US-ASEAN Economic Council and party

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint received a delegation led by Chairman of US-ASEAN Economic Council

Ms Frances A. Zwenig at his office here at 11 am today. At the meeting, they had a discussion on matters of mutual interest.

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Diplomats explore Kawthoung, Dawei

YANGON, 22 May—Diplomats led by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint and Patron of Diplomatic Corps Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua and wife, ambassadors, charge d'affaires, resident representatives of UN agencies and their spouses left Yangon for Taninthayi Region on 19 morning to witness development and explore beauty in the region.

Region Electricity and Industrial Minister Dr Win Aung and officials welcomed the diplomats at Kawthoung Airport.

They observed Pachen River and went sightseeing in Kawthoung.

The region minister hosted dinner to the diplomats at Andaman Club Resort Hotel.

On 20 May, they proceeded to Dawei where Region Development Affairs



Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint and diplomats being welcomed by ethnic damsels at Dawei Airport.—MNA

Minister U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo and responsible persons welcomed them.

Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko hosted dinner to the diplomats at Town Hall of Dawei.

They visited Dawei Special Economic Zone

being implemented by Italian Thai Development Public Co Ltd where Chairman of Dawei Special Economic Zone Management Committee Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin and the

company chairman explained about Dawei SEZ and answered queries raised by the diplomats.

They then looked round the project site and took the flight which landed Yangon at 5 pm.

MNA



Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint, diplomats at Ngarthone lone mountain viewpoint in Kawthoung.

MNA

Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar meets foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein received President Mr Charamporn Jotikasthira and party of Stock Exchange of Thailand, at his office yesterday morning. The meeting focused on cooperation of providing assistances for capital market development in Myanmar. Likewise, Deputy President Mr Hiroshi Minoura and party of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation paid



a call on the Governor, at the same venue, at 11 am. At the call, they had comprehensive discussion on extension of banking services cooperation with

Myanmar banks.

In the afternoon, the Governor met IMF Staff Visit Mission. They discussed providing technical assistances in

reform and development of monetary sector of Myanmar. Also present at the call were heads of departments.

MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister pays official visit to the United States of America

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—The Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin arrived back by air this morning after paying an official visit to the United States of America from 16 May to 17 May 2012 at the invitation of the Hon. Mrs Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

During the visit, the Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin met with Senator John McCain at his office in the United States Senate Building at 5 pm on 16 May. On 17 May 2012, the Union Minister also met with Senator Mitch McConnell at 9.30 am and the Chairman of the East Asia & Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Senator Jim Webb at 11.00 am respectively at their offices in the Senate Building. During the meeting, the US Senators reiterated their support for the on-going reform process in Myanmar. They also discussed on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperations between Myanmar and the United States, including lifting of all sanctions imposed against Myanmar as early as possible. The Union Minister updated the Senators on recent political, economic and social developments of Myanmar as well as progress on the peace building efforts of the Myanmar Government with national races armed groups.

Afterwards, the Union Minister attended the luncheon hosted by Mr Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Bureau, at the Webster Dinning Room of the Department of State.

The Union Minister called on the Secretary of States, Hon. Mrs Hillary R. Clinton at the Department of State on the same day at 2 pm. At the meeting, Secretary Clinton reaffirmed the continued support of the US on the on-going reforms being undertaken in Myanmar. She informed the decision of the US government on the appointment of US Ambassador to Myanmar in over 20 years, easing of economic, trade and financial restrictions on Myanmar to support economic and social development of Myanmar. The Union Minister also updated the Secretary of State on Myanmar's efforts of democratic transitions and national reconsolidation process.

Afterwards, the two foreign ministers held a joint press meeting at the Department of State and replied to the queries raised by the media.

The Union Minister also met with Deputy Secretary of State William J Burns at his office and had a frank and cordial exchange views on promotion of bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and the United States at 3.15 pm.

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Swire Investment Group eyes investment in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung met delegation led by Mr Charles Bermridge of Swire Investment Group at the ministry here this morning.

They discussed matters related to running Hong Kong-Yangon flights as of coming open season by Cathay Pacific Airlines owned by the conglomerate and investment by Swire Pacific Offshore Operations Pte Ltd in Myanmar.

The Union Minister said in response to discussions that Hong Kong and Myanmar are no strangers to cooperation in aviation business, the plan to operate the scheduled flights is welcomed and necessary assistances would be rendered to invest in Myanmar's ports and offshore sea.

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*The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.*

Union Electric Power No. 2 Minister receives Chinese, Thailand-based guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe received a delegation led by Vice President Mr Xu Haiyun of Huaneng Lancang International Energy Co Ltd of China at his office here this morning. At the meeting, they had a discussion on investment of Huaneng Lancang Co Ltd in implementation of the 500-megawatt gas-fired plant, volume of gas to be used as to proposal for construction of the plant and feasibility study for completion of the project phase by phase before 2014 for prompt supply of power to the nation.

Similarly, the Union Minister received a delegation led by Chief Executive Officer Mr Kovit Kantapasara of General Electric International Co., Inc based in Thailand and had a discussion on installation of TM 2500 Mobile Power Generation generators of the company to satisfy power demand in summer, ensuring double power supply by upgrading of Frame 6 and Frame 5 gas-fired power plants under flange to flange system and construction of new power plant with 6FA Gas Turbine Generator for medium-term power supply.

The Union Minister also received a

delegation led by Deputy Chief Engineer Mr Chen Jiaheng of Hydrochina Kunming Engineering Corporation of China and discussed progress of drawing the Myanmar power plan being implemented under contract signed on 14 February 2012 between the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 and Hydrochina Kunming Engineering Corporation, completion of the three-phase of the project by February 2013, difficulties encountered and giving training on drawing of power system project to Myanmar engineers in China.

MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw Committees meet officials on Yangon tour

YANGON, 22 May—The joint team of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace Making Committee and Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee held a meeting on their Yangon Region tour at Yangon Region Government Office this morning.

It was attended by Chairman U Thein Zaw and members of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace Making

Committee, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Chairman U Sai Paung Nat and members of Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee, Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and representatives of Yangon Region Hluttaw, Yangon Region ministers, members of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, ethnic leaders, party representatives and officials.

Pyithu Hluttaw

Committee Chairman U Thein Zaw extended greetings and Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Amyotha Hluttaw Committee Chairman U Sai Paung Nat and Speaker U Sein Tin Win delivered addresses.

They also made clarifications in response to the discussions of those present on general issues.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by Committee Chairman U Thein Zaw.

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IMF ready to help Myanmar's reforms



Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein receives Deputy Division Chief, Ms Meral Karasulu of Asia & Pacific Department of International Monetary Fund.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—A delegation led by Deputy Division Chief, Ms Meral Karasulu of Asia & Pacific Department of International Monetary Fund (IMF) paid a call on Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing

Thein at the latter's office at 2.30 pm on today.

Both sides had a cordial discussion on planning affairs, promoting private sector, establishment of money market and information network, technical aids to manage loans and foreign assistance,

opening courses.

Also present at the call were the director-general of Planning Department, the director-general of Central Statistics Organization, the deputy director-general of Foreign Economic Relations Department and responsible persons.—MNA

Dy H&T Minister receives Thai delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung met a delegation led by Deputy Director General Ms Suchada Thaibunthao of Thailand International

Development Cooperation Agency and Development Cooperation Officer Mr Grisada Phakakam from Thai Embassy in Yangon, at his office here this morning.

At the meeting,

they discussed matters related to opening of hospitality courses in cooperation with Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Thailand International Development Cooperation



Deputy Minister U Htay Aung meets Deputy Director General Ms Suchada Thaibunthao of Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency and Development Cooperation Officer Mr Grisada Phakakam.—MNA

Agency (TICA) for human resource development, opening of short- and long-term courses and scholarship to be awarded by Thailand.

The deputy minister explained opening of hotels tourism courses in Myanmar, holding of workshop on responsible tourism industry with the help of Hanns Seidle Foundation, drawing of responsible tourism policy law (bill) with help of foreign scholars from 22 May to 5 June, plans underway for drafting Tourism Mater Plan with the help of Norway and drawing of rules and regulations related to foreign investment laws.

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Coordination meeting of sports clubs in Mandalay Region held

MANDALAY, 22 May—Coordination meeting of sports clubs in Mandalay Region that will compete in Inter-Region/ State Challenge Cup Tournament 2012, was held at the meeting hall of Mandalay Region Sports and Physical Education Department, Mandalay Region on 15 May. It was attended by assistant directors and staff officers from District and Township Sports and Physical Education Department, Sport Sub-committee



chairmen, secretary and members. The Challenge Cup Tournament 2012 will be held in Nay Pyi Taw from 12 June to 23 July and includes 29 sports.—*Kyemon*

24/7 electricity supply in Tangyan Township

TANGYAN, 22 May—For the supply of electricity in Tangyan round the clock, installation of power lines through Lashio-Mongyal-Tangyan 66-KV power grid project is under progress in Tangyan Township. According to Township electric engineer, it has been completed by 80 percent and distribution of electricity will start with about 2000 electric meters after completion.

Kyemon

DISTRICT NEWS

Coordination meeting on disposal of rubbishes held in Thingangyun Tsp

YANGON, 22 May—Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of Yangon City Development Committee held coordination meeting on disposal of dry and wet rubbishes, at Thingangyun Township General Administration Department on 18 May. At the ceremony, Deputy Head of YCDC Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department U Khin Win explained the collecting of litters and disposal of dry and wet rubbishes. Afterwards, officials from districts and township Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Departments discussed piles of rubbishes in the wards and townships, collecting of rubbishes and dissemination of knowledge on systematic disposal of rubbishes.—*Myanma Alin*



Pyinnyabeikman library opens in Hlegu Township

HLEGU, 22 May—Opening of Pyinnyabeikman library in Kyaukai village in Thayagon village-tract in Hlegu Township was held at the library on 20 May. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Aung Ko, Township Information and Public Relations Department Staff Officer Daw Than Than Hla and village-tract administrator U Hla Aye formally opened it. Then, opening of village administrator's office and rural dispensary followed.

Township IPRD



Writers association formed in Nyaungdon Township

NYAUNGDON, 22 May—A plenary meeting on formation of writers association was held in Nyaungdon Township Information and Public

Relations Department on 17 May.

At the ceremony, Chairperson U Myo Min presented report of executive of Township Writers and Journalists Association and member U Nyunt Bo (Nanda-Aunglan), financial report.

After that, U Maung Aye (Maung Aye-Nyaungdon) was elected patron; U Tin Shwe (Maung Nay Lin- Pan Hlaing Myay), Chairman; U Nyunt Bo, secretary; U Myo Swe (Maung Ye Mon-Nyaungdon), treasurer and U Tin Shwe (Maung Nay Lin- Pan Hlaing Myay), delegate to conference.

Myanma Alin

Meeting on raising reading habit held in Tamway Township

YANGON, 22 May—Meeting on raising reading habit and development of Alindan library in Ponnagon ward in Tamway Township, Yangon East District was held today. At the ceremony, Township Information and Public Relations Department Staff Officer Daw Hla Hla Myint and party held discussions on raising reading habits and perpetual existence of library. After that, ward administrator U Khin Maung Yi also discussed future works for raising reading habit.

Kyemon



Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship 2012 on 5-8 June

YANGON, 22 May—Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship 2012 golf tournament, mainly sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, will be held at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon, Insein Township here from 5 to 8 June. Only amateur golfers who have H' Cap 0-12 level may entitle to compete in the tournament. It will be held in line with R & A Rules and Limited (St Andrew) and regional regulations. Those wishing to participate in it are to register along with K 20000 competition fees not later than 2 June. For more information, contact Han Event Management and dial 09-2037671, 09-73130474 and 09-49102009.—*Myanma Alin*

Educative talks on cultivation of teak plantations given in Letpadan

LETPADAN, 22 May—Educative talks on establishing rural house, growing teaks and hardwood and environmental conservation was held at Kyunkalay village, Letpadan Township on 17 May. At the ceremony, head of Township Forest Department U Naing Nay Thein and staff gave talks on benefits of growing plants. It was attended by the village administrator and local residents. Forest Department of Letpadan Township will grow 130000 saplings including teaks, hardwoods and shady trees in the coming rainy season.—*Forest Department*

Writers association formed in Kyauktaw Township

KYAUKTAW, 22 May—A ceremony to hold plenary meeting and formation of Writers Association was held at Sasana Beikman of Kyauktaw Township on 13 May. At the ceremony, deputy administrator of Township General Administration Department U Sein Hla Maung acted as chairman of selection committee and staff officer of Township IPRD Daw Aye Mya Than and patron of Township writers association U Saw Maung (Pathein Maung Saw Maung), as members. U Than Saw (Than Saw-Law) was elected chairman; U Ba Thuang (Thumyat Mahaangmyay), secretary; and U Kyaw Hla Thein (Mahuyar-Kyauktaw), treasurer.—*Myanma Alin*



EDUCATIVE TALKS GIVEN: Educative talks on reducing crimes is being given by Township Police head Police Captain Than Shein, at Hmawby Township General Administration Department in Yangon Region on 18 May.—*TOWNSHIP POLICE FORCE*

Westfield gives a peak at World Trade Centre plans

LAS VEGAS, 22 May—The first shops could throw open their doors in the redeveloped World Trade Centre by March 2015, Australian mall operator Westfield said on Monday, 13-and-a-half years after the New York landmark was destroyed in the 11 September attacks. The redevelopment of the World Trade Centre is years behind schedule and billions of dollars over budget. After years of negotiation, Westfield last week signed a

deal with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for a \$1.25 billion joint venture to lease the retail space at the World Trade Centre.

Westfield, one of the world's biggest mall owners, said the first retailers for the redeveloped site could be announced by the first half of 2013, with an opening date set for March 2015.

Potential tenants of the rebuilt World Trade Centre got a peak at what the new shopping area may look like

during a trade conference in Las Vegas on Monday.

Westfield Co-Chief Executive Peter Lowy said 352,000 sq feet of shopping would be spread over three above-ground levels and two below ground. Westfield is also entitled to operate another 90,000 sq feet of retail space among the 8.8 million sq feet of office space under construction.

Lowy said Westfield planned to be selective about possible tenants. "We're going to do something that no one can imagine," Lowy told Reuters during the International Council of Shopping Centres annual convention, or RECon. He declined to give further details.

The stores will cater not only to the people who will live and work at the World Trade Centre, but also to the masses of tourists who visit the National 11 September Memorial Park and Museum, as well as the proposed performing arts centre.

Reuters



An artist rendering of retail shops at the redeveloped World Trade Centre, supplied by D-Box branding Agency on 21 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Five US inspections made so far over Russian missile forces

MOSCOW, 22 May—The United States has conducted five inspections of Russia's missile forces in the past six months, a Russian military official said on Monday.

As part of the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), US inspectors have held five inspections since December in the sites of Russia's Strategic Missile Forces, Rocket Forces Commander Lt Gen Sergei Karakayev

told local media.

Under the framework of the new treaty, Russia and the United States could conduct 18 annual inspections to verify each other's strategic offensive weapons, Karakayev said, adding that the two sides exchange information on their strategic offensive arms on 1 March and 1 Sept each year.

The new START treaty, which came into force last

February, obliges the two countries to hold limited numbers of deployed land-based and sea-based intercontinental ballistic missiles, heavy bombers, warheads and launchers.

The treaty's duration will be 10 years and it may be extended for no more than five years.

Xinhua

New Zealand to ban foreign-flagged fishing boats

WELLINGTON, 22 May—New Zealand is to ban the use of foreign-flagged fishing boats in its waters to improve working conditions for crews and monitoring of catches, the government said on Tuesday.

New Zealand has the fifth-largest exclusive economic zone in the world, extending from 12 to 200 nautical miles offshore, and the fishing industry relies heavily on foreign vessels. The zone produced NZ\$1.5 billion (\$1.1 billion) in exports last year.

The vessels, often low-cost ship operators based in Asia, are chartered by New Zealand fishing companies, but operate under the laws of their home countries or countries they are registered in.

An inquiry into conditions on the chartered vessels found examples of physical abuse of the crews, dangerous working conditions, underpayment of wages and illegal deductions.

"Reflagging will provide greater protection to the crew as they will be employed by a New Zealand-based party under a New Zealand employment agreement," Labour Minister Kate Wilkinson said in a statement.

Local fishing companies will have four years to change.

Last year, officers of the Korean-registered Oyang 75 were charged with breaking fishing rules, and most of the ship's largely Indonesian crew walked off the vessel because of the conditions onboard.—Reuters



Japan remains world's top creditor nation in 2011

TOKYO, 22 May—Japan remained the world's largest creditor nation in 2011 with a net 253 trillion yen (about 3.19 trillion US dollar) in foreign assets at the end of 2011, said Japanese government on Tuesday.

According to the data released by the Ministry of Finance, the figure slightly increased by 0.6 percent, 1.5

trillion yen more than 2010, for the 21st consecutive year at the top.

Japan's gross foreign assets was 583 trillion yen, 3.3 percent grow from the previous year.

The Ministry of Finance's information also said that China is in the second place, followed by Germany.—Xinhua

Xinhua

A blind person uses the tool of screen readers to surf the internet at the Library for Disabled Person in Hohhot, capital of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 20 May, 2012. The library opened for public on Sunday.

Xinhua



Artists perform lion dance for residents at a square in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 21 May, 2012. An art performance organized by the local government was presented to citizens here Monday.—XINHUA

Bomb threat forces evacuation at Utah spy site, FBI says

SALT LAKE CITY, 22 May—A bomb threat forced the evacuation of a National Security Agency facility under construction in Utah on Monday but investigators found nothing suspicious and declared the site safe, an FBI spokeswoman said.

The spy agency facility is being built at Camp Williams, a military base just south of Salt Lake City. The Army Corps of Engineers is

overseeing the \$1.2 billion project. FBI spokeswoman Deborah Bertram declined to say how the threat was received but said it led to an evacuation at the site.

FBI agents spent several hours at the site after the threat was received. "We found nothing suspicious," Bertram said, later adding that the agency had "cleared the scene." The Army Corps of Engineers said in a statement

that work on the site, called the Utah Data Centre, was to resume on Tuesday. US officials have released few details on the purpose of the centre.

The National Security Agency is in charge of collecting and analyzing foreign communications and protecting US government communications and information systems.

Reuters

Singapore's wholesale trade rebounds in Q1, higher price matters

SINGAPORE, 22 May—Singapore's domestic wholesale trade in the first quarter of 2012 climbed 3.4 percent on year, mainly due to higher sales of food, beverages and tobacco products, the Department of Statistics said on Monday.

The petroleum and petroleum products, ship chandlers and bunkering sectors recorded growth of 8.5 percent and 11.5 percent respectively. However, their sales figures were much more related to the price issues, which respectively declined by 6.2 percent and 4.4 percent compared with the previous year after removing price effect.

Meanwhile, foreign wholesale trade soared 12.7 percent on a year-on-year basis in Q1, mainly due to a growth of 21.5 percent on year in telecommunications and computers sector. After

adjusting for price changes, foreign wholesale trade increased 8.6 percent.

The government owed the sharp increase of foreign wholesale trade to higher prices compared to a year ago. Among all the sectors, petroleum and petroleum products surged 21.1 percent on year and ship chandlers and bunkering sectors increased 13.5 percent. After removing the price effect, foreign wholesale trade volume of the petroleum and petroleum products sector increased by a smaller 6.1 percent while that of the ship chandlers and bunkering sector declined marginally by 0.5 percent.

Earlier statistics released that Singapore's economy enjoyed a strong rebound in Q1 of 2012 with GDP growth of 10 percent compared with the previous quarter.

Xinhua



**Ministry of Information
Invitation for open tender of
News and Periodicals Enterprise
to purchase Ink and Printing Materials**

1. Ink and Printing Materials will be purchased for News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information-

(1)	Web Offset Ink (Black)	25000 Kgs
(2)	Sheetfed Offset Ink (Black)	2500 Kgs
(3)	P.S Negative Plate (889 x 586 x 0.3)mm	2000 Shts
(4)	P.S Negative Plate (889 x 609 x 0.3)mm	1000 Shts
(5)	P.S Negative Developer	200 Liters
(6)	Wipe On Aluminium Plate (650 x 550 x 0.24)mm	4000 Shts
(7)	Coating A+B Set	200 Sets
(8)	Ortho Film (Sheet) (22" x 32") 50 Sht/Box	240 Boxes
(9)	Film Developer	1200 Liters
(10)	Film Fixer	600 Liters
(11)	A3 Toner Hp Laser Jet 5000N	60 Boxes
(12)	Gum Arabic	450 Liters
(13)	Web Offset Ink (Cyan)	5000 Kgs
(14)	Web Offset Ink (Maganta)	5000 Kgs
(15)	Web Offset Ink (Yellow)	5000 Kgs
(16)	CTP Machine (Kodak)	
	(a) Thermal Plate (889 x 609 x 0.30)mm	7800 Shts
	(b) Developer	300 Liters
(17)	CTP Machine (Fuji)	
	(a) Thermal Plate (889 x 609 x 0.30)mm	7800 Shts
	(b) Developer	150 Liters
	(c) Replenisher	300 Liters
	(d) Gum	150 Liters
2. Application forms of open tenders and detailed may be taken out from following address, from 09:30 hr to 16:00 hr from (25-5-2012) to (7-6-2012) daily.
3. The open tenders are to be submitted to Office No.7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, in the presence of the members of the tender committee from 09:30 hr to 16:30hr on (8-6-2012). The tenders, later than the designated date, will not be considered.

**Procurement Committee
Ministry of Information
Office No. (7), Nay Pyi Taw
Tel: 067-412327, 067-412323**

25 cellphones seized from Pakistani jail

ISLAMABAD, 22 May—At least 25 cellphones have been recovered from different barracks of a Pakistan jail during a search operation, Online news agency reported on Monday. The phones were allegedly allowed by the jail superintendent.

The recovery was made from Adiala jail in Punjab province's Rawalpindi district where the search was launched following transfer of the jail's superintendent who had allegedly allowed mobile phones without any check, the report quoted reliable sources as saying.

Batteries, chargers and phone SIM cards were confiscated from jail inmates in various barracks during the search operation carried out by the Adiala jail assistant superintendent.—*Internet*



Students walk out of a showroom at the headquarters of Samsung Electronics in Seoul on 28 October, 2011. REUTERS

Samsung's mobile chief says has options to settle war with Apple

SEOUL, 22 May—Samsung Electronics' (005930.KS) mobile division chief JK Shin said on Sunday the South Korean technology giant was still seeking to resolve differences in its international patent war with Apple Inc APPL O.

"There is still a big gap in the patent war with Apple but we still have several negotiation options including cross-licensing," Shin told reporters at Seoul airport shortly before his departure for the United States. Asked about the

prospects for Samsung's memory chip business, Shin said the 4G chip shortage was expected to continue until early in the fourth quarter of this year.

Shin was accompanying chief executive Choi Geesung, who was scheduled to meet his Apple counterpart Tim Cook in a US court on Monday to resolve patent lawsuits over smartphones and tablets.

Each firm claims its international patents have been infringed by the other. *Reuters*



A Twitter page is displayed on an Apple iPhone in Los Angeles on 31 October, 2009. REUTERS

Pakistan blocks Twitter over "blasphemous content"

networking website, a senior government official said.

"This has been done under the directions of the Ministry of Information Technology. It's because of blasphemous content," said Mohammed Yaseen, chairman of the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA).

"They (the ministry) have been discussing with them (Twitter) for some time now, requesting them to remove some particular content," he said.

Pakistan blocked access to Facebook, Twitter,

YouTube and about 1,000 other websites for nearly two weeks in May 2010 over blasphemous content.

Any representation of the Prophet Mohammad and blasphemous by many Muslims, who constitute the overwhelming majority in Pakistan.

PTA chairman Yaseen did not specify which users or messages had prompted the ban. The Internet Service Providers Association of Pakistan said its members have been asked to block Twitter indefinitely, but no

reason has been provided by the government.

Yaseen said the ban would be lifted after ongoing discussions between the Pakistan government and Twitter about the allegedly blasphemous material are resolved. Officials from the Ministry of Information Technology and from Twitter were not immediately available for comment.

Twitter has become increasingly popular in Pakistan in recent years, its users including politicians and government officials.

Reuters



East Timorese dancers perform during the 10th Independence celebration in Dili on 20 May, 2012. East Timor on 20 May celebrated 10 years of independence, which its new president said allowed the poverty-stricken nation to gain "maturity" as UN forces ready to leave at year's end. INTERNET

NATO launches limited missile shield operation



TOKYO, 22 May—NATO leaders have formally agreed to implement a missile defence system for Europe with a mind toward intercepting missiles launched from Iran.

The agreement allows a partial activation of the European missile shield, limited to a US Aegis warship

in the Mediterranean.

The agreement was reached by the leaders of the 28 member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Chicago on Sunday.

At a news conference, NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen declared that the system has

entered interim capability. He called it a first step toward protecting the people and the territory of the member nations.

The US says the system's current capability is limited to interceptor missiles on an Aegis-equipped warship in the Mediterranean and a radar system in Turkey. NATO plans to deploy US interceptor missiles in Spain, Turkey, Romania and Poland by 2018.

It is feared that the activation of the NATO missile defence system will fuel Russian concerns that the system is designed to counter its nuclear capability.

The NATO meeting is expected to wind up on Monday with discussions on the planned withdrawal of NATO-led forces from Afghanistan.—*NHK*

Woman to command British navy frigate

LONDON, 22 May—A 16-year veteran of the Royal Navy has achieved a significant first, becoming the first woman to command a British warship.

Commander Sarah West becomes captain of *HMS Portland*, a Type 23 frigate, on Tuesday, *The Guardian*

reported. The vessel is currently based at Rosyth in Scotland and is expected to be sent to the Persian Gulf or the South Atlantic after a refit.

West called the promotion "the highlight of my 16 years in the Navy so far." "It is a challenge I am fully

trained for and ready to undertake," she said.

As the *Portland's* captain, West will be in charge of a crew of 185, most of them men. While women have been part of the Royal Navy since World War I and have made significant advances in the past two decades, the service is still about 90 percent male.

"The navy has had women commanders before, but none of them have made that leap up to the big warships," a defense official said. "It is a significant step up, but she definitely has the experience to do this."

West, 40, served in the Gulf on board *HMS Sheffield* and was involved in planning for the 2003 Iraq invasion.

Commander Sue Moore, 43, was recently put in charge of the First Patrol Boat Squadron, becoming the first woman to head a small boat group. Women have also skippered minesweepers and other small boats.—*Internet*



People look on after the gantry of the Baltic Container Terminal fell down onto shipping containers at the waterfront in Gdynia, Poland on 17 May, 2012. Three people were injured in the accident.—INTERNET

More than 200 bison escape ranch

Authorities in Iowa said there may be "a few stragglers" among the more than 200 escaped bison that were rounded up.

Osceola County sheriff's deputy Lt. Seth Hofman said the more than 200 bison escaped in the evening from the Frick and Joe Buffalo Ranch north of Ashton, and the animals quickly spread across five counties, including Nobles County in Minnesota, the Worthington (Minn.) *Daily Globe* reported. "We had a lot of concerned citizens call

in, because buffalo sightings are pretty unusual," he explained.

Hofman said searchers on horseback and 4-wheelers managed to round up most of the creatures, but some of the animals had to be put down for safety reasons. He said the sheriff's department received a few scattered calls about large animals roaming.

"There might be a few stragglers, but I think we've got them pretty well taken care of," Hofman said.



American bison graze in a lush meadow in Yellowstone National Park, in Wyoming.

Woman charged in sea shell stabbing

Authorities in Florida said a woman is facing a felony charge after allegedly stabbing a man in the shoulder four times with a sea shell.

Port St Lucie police said the 41-year-old victim told officers he and Patricia Wehr, 40, "went out for drinks because she had to be in court tomorrow for a battery charge ... and she was stressed" and they argued upon returning home early 15 May, TCPalm.com reported.

The man said Wehr, who he described as intoxicated, scratched his face and bit his ear before following him into the kitchen and stabbing him in the shoulder four times with a "sea shell similar to a thin conch shell," the police report states.

Wehr, who told police she wanted the man out of her home, was arrested and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

News Album

Tightrope walker practices for Niagara walk

A famous tightrope walker preparing to walk the high wire over Niagara Falls is practicing in New York by walking a tightrope near some local businesses.

Nik Wallenda, 33, a seventh-generation member of the legendary Flying

Wallendas circus performing family, is walking high wire this week over Niagara Falls, NY, parking lot with a TGI Friday's restaurant, a Starbucks, a Sheraton hotel and the Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel serving as substitutes for the falls, which

he plans to cross 15 June, *The New York Times* reported.

"This is about mind games," he said while crossing the high wire. "Right now, I'm putting myself at the top of the falls." Wallenda said his practice sessions have been drawing crowds of 100 to 200 people.

He said the keys to his performances are prayer and practicing.

"Wire-walking, it's about doing it," Wallenda said. "The more I do this, the more comfortable I get."

Dubai's Burj Khalifa is currently the tallest building in the world.



Burglar's disguise—underpants

Security footage at a Fruitland, Idaho, coffee shop caught two robbers making off with a safe—one of them wearing underwear on his head as a disguise.

Eight security cameras at the Big Star Coffee Shop caught the robbery on tape around 4:34 am on 18 May, *The Idaho Statesman* reported. Two men busted in, one with a bandana over his face, the other hiding behind a pair of undies.

"They kicked in the back door and went right for the safe," said owner Jason Wilson, who suspects one of the culprits to be a disgruntled former employee.

Their plan came up short when they found the big safe, weighing more than 200 pounds and bolted into cement, was impossible to steal. Instead they made off with a smaller safe containing less than \$500.

"Who robs something with underwear on their head?" Wilson riddled. "I think the underwear shows they're not the smartest criminals—or the most well-prepared."

An employee discovered the robbery at 5:30 am, after the masterminds left considerable evidence at the scene. Police were investigating.

Jennifer Lopez really beautiful, says Jane Fonda

LONDON, 22 May — Veteran actress Jane Fonda, who is fit and fab at 73, says Jennifer Lopez is one of the most beautiful women she has met.

In fact, Fonda says she is hooked to reality show

"American Idol" because she loves to see what looks Lopez adopts for the show.

"I like looking at Jennifer Lopez. She is really, seriously beautiful," contactmusic.com quoted her as saying.

Lopez is one of the judges on the singing talent hunt show.

Internet

Veteran actress Jane Fonda. INTERNET



Slash proud of Guns N' Roses

LOS ANGELES, 22 May—Slash, former lead guitarist of Guns N' Roses, says he is very proud of his time with the band and insists he will always include the band's songs in his live shows.

"I'm very proud of what we did in that band, but it's nice to be recognised for something you've got going on right now," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Slash as saying.

Despite having success with his band Velvet Revolver as a solo artist, the guitarist admits nothing compares to the time when his first band made it big in 1987 with their debut album "Appetite For Destruction".



Slash, former lead guitarist of Guns N' Roses

The 46-year-old guitarist still includes songs from his time in both Velvet Revolver and Guns N' Roses in his solo sets. He says he always liked working as a team when he was with any group.

"I'm not a dictator, there are no egos—everybody has great ideas for the songs.

Every band I've ever been in, I tried to make it always just about the music, never about who was the star," he said.

Internet



Singer Taylor Swift

Swift dating Foster The People frontman?

LOS ANGELES, 22 May—Singer Taylor Swift is reportedly dating Mark Foster, the founder of band Foster The People's. The couple was recently snapped together on a lunch date.

The singer was spotted enjoying lunch with Foster at Cafe Roma here. But they tried to avoid being caught on camera by leaving the eatery separately, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Swift is no stranger to high-profile relationships. She has previously dated singer Joe Jonas, actors Taylor Lautner and Jake Gyllenhaal, while Foster had been linked to actress Michelle Trachtenberg.—Internet

Robin Gibb of Bee Gees fame dead at 62

LONDON, 22 May—Robin Gibb of the Bee Gees, whose "Saturday Night Fever" album helped disco dominate 1970s pop music, died Sunday in England, his family said. He was 62.

A statement posted on Gibb's Web site and attributed to his family said he died "following his long battle with cancer and intestinal

surgery," CNN reported.

Gibb had been hospitalized in London for colorectal cancer and pneumonia and was in a coma before he awoke last month. His wife, Dwina Murphy-Gibb, told ITV News at the time the singer-songwriter was "really happy" and "just wants to get out" of The London Clinic and go home.

"They gave him an under 10 percent survival chance and he has beaten the odds,"



Robin Gibb arrives on the red carpet before the World Music Awards at the Sporting Club in Monte Carlo, Monaco, on 18 May, 2010. Gibb died on 20 May, 2012, in England at age 62.—INTERNET

Gibb's son, Robin-John, said. "He really is something else."

With the death of Robin Gibb, Barry Gibb, 65, is the sole remaining member of the Bee Gees. Robin's twin brother, Maurice, died in 2003. A younger brother, singer Andy Gibb, died from a heart infection at age 30.

The Bee Gees scored pop hits with "I Started a Joke," "How Can You Mend a Broken Heart" and "Lonely Days" before turning to disco in the mid-'70s. Their music for the film "Saturday Night Fever" catapulted them to international superstardom with hits like "Stayin' Alive," "Night Fever" and "How Deep Is Your Love." The trio were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997.

Robin Gibb was born 22 Dec, 1949, in England. He and his brothers were raised in Manchester before the family moved to Australia, where they began performing on television shows. In addition to his wife, Robin Gibb is survived by his daughter, Melissa and sons Spencer and Robin-John.—Internet



Singer Jessie J

Jessie J wants own perfume

LONDON, 22 May—Singer Jessie J says she has big plans for the future, including creating her own fragrance as well as designing her own range of clothes.

"I'd love to have my own TV show, my own clothing line, my own perfume. Everyone wants their own perfume, right?" contactmusic.com quoted the singer as saying.

"I want to start up charities. I want to earn money to give it away. I want to do campaigns," she added.

The 24-year-old is known for her eccentric dress sense, but she says she has

taken a conscious decision to tone down her fashion choices.

"I have calmed down my look. Is it really necessary to wear all that jewellery and make-up at 7 am and look like a drag queen? When you're tired you start to over-compensate for it by wearing too much bling," she said.

"I love getting dressed up but I want to be remembered for singing. I am styling myself at the moment. Fashion is something that I love to do. But I am definitely not making everything about image," she added.

Internet

Barca's Abidal leaves hospital after liver transplant



Barcelona's Eric Abidal (L) fights for the ball with FC Copenhagen's Jesper Gronkjaer during their Champions League match at Nou Camp stadium, on 20 October, 2010.—REUTERS

MADRID, 22 May—Barcelona defender Eric Abidal was released from hospital on Monday six weeks after having a liver

transplant, the Spanish club said in a statement.

"Given the particular nature of this recovery process, Abidal will have to

undergo regular hospital checkups," a medical note said on their official website.

The France international, 32, underwent a lengthy operation on 10 April with an organ donated by his cousin Gerard.

He had previously had surgery to remove a tumour from his liver in March last year and returned two months later to lift the Champions League trophy at Wembley.

Barcelona have one more game left this season, the King's Cup final against Athletic Bilbao at Madrid's Calderon on Friday.

It will be coach Pep Guardiola's last official game at the helm before he steps aside for his assistant Tito Vilanova to take charge for next season.

Reuters

Cheyenne Woods is pictured in 2009. The 21-year-old niece of 14-time major winner Tiger Woods, has signed with her uncle's agent, Mark Steinberg, and is set to start playing in LPGA Tour events this year.—INTERNET



A new Woods, Tiger's niece Cheyenne, tees off

NEW YORK, 22 May—Cheyenne Woods, the 21-year-old niece of 14-time major winner Tiger Woods, has signed with her uncle's agent, Mark Steinberg, and is set to start playing in LPGA Tour events this year.

In a Monday statement posted on the Excel agency website, Cheyenne Woods said she plans to play in LPGA events this year on sponsor exemptions and seek a full-time spot on the women's golf tour through the qualifying tournament.

"I am really looking forward to pursuing my goals and dreams to compete on the highest level," Woods said. "As I begin my

professional career, I am confident and excited about working with Excel as they help shape my future." Woods posted the lowest scoring average at Wake Forest University and has graduated with a communications degree.

The daughter of Tiger Woods' half-brother Earl Woods Jr missed the cut at the 2009 Wegmans LPGA while playing on a sponsor's exemption. Steinberg has represented Tiger Woods since 1998 and departed IMG to work at Excel a year ago.

"We are excited about the opportunity to represent Cheyenne," Steinberg said.

Internet

Schweini apologises for snubbing German president

MUNICH, 22 May—Bayern Munich midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger on Monday apologised for not shaking the hand of German President Joachim Gauck after the German club's Champions League defeat to Chelsea in Munich at the weekend.

A photo of a vacant-looking Schweinsteiger, the losing team's silver medal in his hand, walking past Gauck's extended hand without even looking at the president featured in most German newspapers on

Monday. Schweinsteiger missed his penalty kick in the decisive shootout as Chelsea won 4-3 on penalties after the tie had ended 1-1 after extra-time.

"It's absolutely not the case, it's a misunderstanding," Schweinsteiger said in a statement issued through the Bavarian club of the apparent snub. "If you put yourself, even a little bit, in my situation and if you look at the photo, you can see I'm completely in my own world after such a disappointment.—Internet

Garcia wants to keep Cole at Lille

PARIS, 22 May—Lille coach Rudi Garcia said on Monday he would love to have former England international midfielder Joe Cole back for next season provided they reach agreement with his English Premier League side Liverpool.

The 30-year-old has returned to Liverpool after a season on loan at the 2011 Ligue 1 champions where he scored four times in 27 appearances and Garcia admitted he would be interested in having him back.

"From a sporting angle we would like to keep him," said Garcia, who is resigned to losing his Belgian playmaker Eden Hazard in a multi-million euro deal during the summer.

"But he does not belong to us and he has not discussed matters with Liverpool.

"It is a very fluid



Lille's midfielder Joe Cole (R) is congratulated by defender Franck Beria after scoring a goal during the French LI football match Lille vs Ajaccio in April. Lille coach Rudi Garcia said Cole back for next season provided they reach agreement with his English Premier League side Liverpool.—INTERNET

situation. The only certainty for the moment is that he is returning to Liverpool, the club to which he belongs."

Should Cole return to Lille he would have Champions League football to look forward to, as they finished third in Ligue 1 last season, whereas Liverpool finished eighth and have only a Europa League

campaign ahead of them owing to their success in the League Cup.

Cole joined Liverpool on a four year contract in 2010 on a free transfer from Chelsea but failed to impress in his first season and was sent out on loan by then manager Kenny Dalglish at the beginning of last term.

Internet

Drogba tells Chelsea team-mates he's off

PARIS, 22 May—Ivory Coast great Didier Drogba has told his Chelsea team-mates he is leaving the newly-crowned Champions League winners because he doesn't fancy spending time on the substitutes bench, France Football said on Monday.

The 34-year-old - who scored the late equaliser and then the decisive penalty in the shootout win over German side Bayern Munich on Saturday — is quoted by the magazine as saying he burst into tears when he told the rest of the squad during their open top bus parade with the trophy on Sunday.

"We (he and his team-mates) will not be together next season," the magazine cited Drogba as saying.

"As I have decided to leave, I wanted to tell them their faces.

"Only that I couldn't do it. They made me break down. Even if it has been

three years that I have said I wanted to leave, I found it hard to admit that it was finished with me and the club.

"Especially that I had no great desire for this end. But I don't envisage sitting on the bench watching others play at a time when the club is looking at putting together a new team.

"So there we go, I am readying myself for a great leap into the unknown.

"It will be another adventure," added Drogba, who is out of contract having been at the club since 2004 after joining from Marseille.

English media have linked the Ivorian target man - scorer of 55 goals in his 84 international appearances - with Chinese side Shanghai Shenhua, where his former Chelsea team-mate Nicolas Anelka is player-coach.

Internet



Chelsea's Ivorian forward Didier Drogba celebrates after scoring a goal during the UEFA Champions League final match on 19 May. He has told his team he is leaving the squad.—INTERNET

Balotelli must create right headlines: Prandelli

ROME, 22 May—Italy coach Cesare Prandelli said on Monday he wanted to see headlines only about what volatile Italian striker Mario Balotelli did on the pitch and not off it during next month's European Championship. The 21-year-old Manchester City star has been included in Prandelli's squad despite several moments of injudicious behaviour on and off the pitch last season.

However, Prandelli, who is desperately light of striking options, made it clear that Balotelli was on probation.

"In my opinion, he has to see it as an extraordinary occasion for him as it is for the national side," said Prandelli.

"It is a time for him to be written about for what he does on the pitch and not what he has done off it."

Prandelli added that in the bigger picture he did not see Italy winning the tournament - they last reached the final in 2000 - but certainly restoring some of the lustre lost when they became the first defending champions to go out in the World Cup finals group stages in 2010.

Internet



Italy's forward Mario Balotelli, looks on during a training session ahead of the Euro 2012. Italy coach Cesare Prandelli said he wanted to see headlines only about what the volatile striker did on the pitch and not off it.

INTERNET



Bayern Munich midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger, pictured, has apologised for not shaking the hand of German President Joachim Gauck after the German club's Champions League defeat to Chelsea in Munich at the weekend.

INTERNET

PSG to play stateside Chelsea, Juve friendlies

PARIS, 22 May—Paris Saint-Germain will play Chelsea in New York and Juventus in Montreal in friendlies as part of their July summer tour, the club announced on Monday.

After a two-week training camp in Burgenland, Austria, PSG will travel to the United States and Canada from 19 to 31 July. The Qatari-backed Parisian club will play newly-crowned Champions League winners Chelsea on 22 July at the Yankee Stadium in New York, the first time a football match will be played in the baseball arena.

PSG will then go on to play Italian champions Juventus on 31 July in Montreal's Olympic Stadium.

Internet



Paris Saint-Germain's midfielder Thiago Motta celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal vs Lorient on 20 May.

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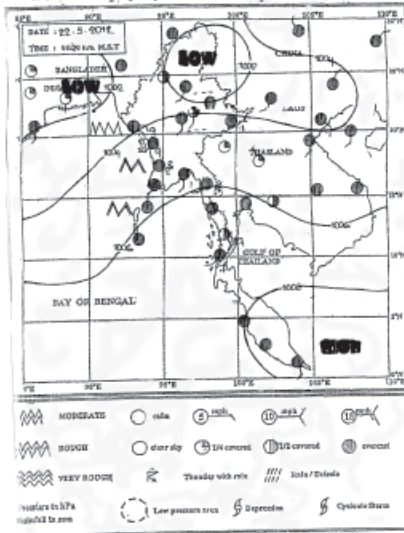
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- 6. Songs of National Races
- 4:30 pm**
- 7. Teleplay (Htar)
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- 8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Years (Business Management)
- 5:20 pm**
- 9. International Science News
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- 10. "ASEAN" Programmes
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- 11. Documentary
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- 12. Traditional Boxing
- 7:05 pm**
- 13. Documentary
- 7:40 pm**
- 14. Alinka Wat Yi Music Troupe
- 8:00 pm**
- 15. News
- 16. Korea NG Award
- 17. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 23rd May, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	36/97	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	27/81	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayah	32/90	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	28/82	16/61	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sgawing	40/104	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sgawing	41/106	23/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Lanthlang	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	35/95	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	40/104	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	41/106	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	33/91	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	36/97	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	31/88	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	34/93	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	34/93	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeayawady	36/97	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	38/100	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36/97	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	41/106	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy over Chin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Sgawing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah and Kayah States, scattered in Yangon and Ayeayawady Regions, Kachin State and fairly widespread in the remaining Regions and States. Day time temperatures were (°C) to (°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sgawing Region, Kachin and Chin States, (°C) below May average temperatures in Kayah and Kayah States and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Mandalay, Kalewa and Chank (41°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Thabeik (1.20) inches, Pyaw (0.95) inch and Lathleng (0.79) inch.

Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

Bay Inference: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

State of the Sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Monsoon will be moderate in the Andaman sea.

World's tallest tower, the Tokyo Skytree, opens

TOKYO, 22 May—The world's tallest tower and Japan's biggest new landmark, the Tokyo Skytree, opened to the public on Tuesday.

Nearly 8,000 visitors were expected to take high-speed elevators up to the observation decks of the 634-meter (2,080-foot) tower to mark its opening. Some reportedly waited in line more

than a week to get the coveted tickets for a panoramic view, though Tuesday ended up being cloudy in Tokyo.

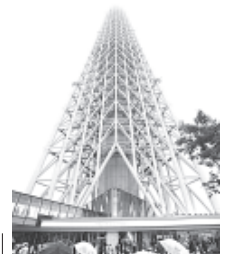
Skytree is recognized by Guinness World Records as the tallest tower, beating out the Canton Tower in China, which is 600 meters (1,968 / 2 feet).

The world's tallest structure is Dubai's Burj Khalifa, which stands 828

meters (2,717 feet). That's in a different category because it's a skyscraper, not a tower.

The Skytree will serve as a broadcast tower for television and radio, along with being a tourist attraction. It replaces the 333-metre-tall (1,092 1/2-foot-tall) Tokyo Tower—a symbol of Japan's capital since 1958 — as the broadcast hub.

Internet



Visitors wait in front of the entrance of the Tokyo Skytree in Tokyo, on 22 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Youth joblessness near crisis peak: ILO

GENEVA, 22 May—Youth joblessness is almost back at its peak following the outbreak of the global economic crisis and is unlikely to ease until at least

2016, the International Labour Organization warned on Tuesday.

The ILO said nearly 75 million youths or 12.7 percent of people aged 15 to 24 will

be out of work this year, up from 12.6 percent in 2011.

The jobless total is creeping towards the 75.4 million unemployed in 2009 when the financial crisis caused the number to soar.



Unemployed youth hang out in Tunisia in 2011. The ILO said nearly 75 million youths or 12.7 percent of people aged 15 to 24 will be out of work this year, up from 12.6 percent in 2011.—INTERNET

The picture is more gloomy if the millions who have put off or given up looking for a job are included: this would put the 2011 figure at 13.6 percent. Youths opting to prolong their education will meanwhile enter the labour market in the coming years, putting continued pressure on the jobless rate.

"By 2016, the youth unemployment rate is projected to remain at the same high level," said the ILO.

In its Global Employ-

ment Trends for Youth report, the body suggests offering tax and other incentives to businesses hiring young people and more entrepreneurship programmes to help youths kick-start a career.

"The youth unemployment crisis can be beaten but only if job creation for young people becomes a key priority in policy-making and private sector investment picks up significantly," said executive director of the ILO's employment sector, Jose Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs. More than a quarter (27.9 percent) of youths were unemployed in North Africa last year following the Arab spring uprisings, an increase of five percentage points on 2010.

FIFA prepares to pick anti-corruption officials

BUDAPEST, 22 May—Tackling corruption in soccer will again top FIFA's agenda when the 208 members meet this week for a congress that will also see the first woman appointed to the governing body's executive committee.

Continuing FIFA's efforts to restore its battered image after a series of corruption scandals, FIFA will announce Tuesday which independent officials will be brought in from outside the "football family" to spearhead new ethics and audit committees that are seen as key vehicles for genuine change.

However, President Sepp Blatter canceled a news conference scheduled for Tuesday after his executive committee wrapped up an expected two-day meeting in a single session Monday. FIFA is set to announce which woman will be appointed to the executive committee. That person will hold the position for one year, when the seat is opened up for election — although only female candidates will be considered.—Internet

The Middle East figure stood at 26.5 percent in the report's regional breakdown.

In central and south-eastern Europe the unemployment rate dropped slightly to 17.6 percent in 2011 and Latin America and the Caribbean also saw a small decrease to 14.3 percent.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, the rate stood at 11.5 percent compared to 13.5 percent in south-east Asia and the Pacific.—Internet

Shenhua seeking new football coach as Anelka simmers

SHANGHAI, 22 May—Shanghai Shenhua say they plan to name a new head coach, just weeks after the big-spending Chinese football club appointed mercurial French striker Nicolas Anelka as player-coach.

There was no immediate comment from Shenhua about British reports that Anelka's former team-mate Didier Drogba, fresh from his Champion's League triumph

with Chelsea, is set to join them.

Former Argentina manager Sergio Daniel Batista has been tipped for the coach's job, and Shenhua's star player Anelka is said to be threatening to quit the club in response, according to reports.

"The club has actively sought a head coach candidate, and is looking for him to take up the post and assume command soon," the Chinese club said in a statement posted on its microblog late Monday.

The coming of a new head coach has sparked a public outburst by the striker, who told local media that he was considering leaving.

Anelka is serving dual roles for Shenhua, although the club also named former DR Congo national manager Jean-Florent Ikwangbe as acting head coach after sacking Frenchman Jean Tigana last month.



Shanghai Shenhua say they plan to name a new head coach, just weeks after the big-spending Chinese football club appointed mercurial French striker Nicolas Anelka, seen here on 16 March, as player-coach.—INTERNET

32nd ASEANAPOL Conference opened

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—The 32nd ASEANAPOL Conference was held at the Grand Ball Room of Thingaha Hotel at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone here this morning with an address by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko.

Also present on the occasion were officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs and Myanmar Police Force (Headquarters), representatives led by police chiefs from ASEANAPOL member countries Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, representatives from dialogue partner countries China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and Australia, representatives from Interpol Secretariat, ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN Police Force Secretary Office and officials.

Chief of MPF Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun extended greetings and Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko made an opening speech.

After opening ceremony, the first plenary session started with addresses by representatives from Interpol Secretariat and ASEAN Secretariat.

Chairman of the 31st ASEANAPOL Conference Chief of Lao Police Force Police Brig-Gen Cesar Bat Malabon presented reports and the meeting chose Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun as chairman of the 32nd ASEANAPOL Conference.

Next, the Chief of Lao Police Force handed over the duties to Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun.

Afterwards, the meeting chose representative of



Opening ceremony of 32nd ASEANAPOL Conference in progress.—MNA

Royal Thai Police Force Police Maj-Gen Posa Patchochron as vice-chairman of the 32nd ASEANAPOL Conference and Police Lt-Col Kyaw Win Thein as secretary.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The conference continues until 24 May, and it covers the finishing of joint declaration bill, discussion of commission groups (A, B and C), and discussion of workgroups.

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Union Foreign Affairs Minister attends High-level Thematic Debate on State of World Economy



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin meets UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon at UN Headquarters in New York.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—At the invitation of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and President of the UN General Assembly, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin attended and

delivered a statement at the High-level Thematic Debate on the State of the World Economy at the United Nations Headquarters in New York at 9 am on 18 May. The Union Minister apprised the meeting on Myanmar's

transition to democracy and current political, economic and social reforms. He also urged to strengthen multilateral approach to tackle the current global economic challenges.

Afterwards, the Union Minister called on Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr. Ban Ki-moon and discussed cooperation between Myanmar and the United Nations, and the development assistance programs for Myanmar to be carried out by UNDP.

Next, the Union Minister attended roundtable discussion on Myanmar organized by a renowned US Think Tank, the Council on Foreign Relations-CFR. The Union Minister explained development of democratic transformation, progress in national reconsolidation and government efforts for the promotion of socio-economic conditions of the people. Then the Union Minister replied to questions raised by participants.

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Pantanaw Township gets one more station hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—The opening ceremony of 16-bedded station hospital in Chaungkalay village in Pantanaw Township in Ayeyawady Region was held on 20 May morning.

Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint, Region Social Affairs Minister U San Maung and donor U Nyein Myaing formally opened the hospital.

The Region Chief Minister unveiled the inscription of the hospital.

Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt and the Region region chief minister addressed the ceremony to hand over the hospital.

Donations of wellwishers including Union Minister U Thein Nyunt and wife Daw Khin Khaing amounted to K 14.9 million.

Region Hluttaw Representative U Nyein Myaing, donor of the hospital, handed over documents related to the hospital to head of Pantanaw Township Health

Department.

The station hospital in the village above 11 miles from Pantanaw was built with the contributions of K 289.921 million by wellwishers. It covers its healthcare to the population of 41307 from 71 villages.

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Thaikchaung villagers get electricity

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—A ceremony to launch self-reliant transformer was held at Thaikchaung village in Nan-aw village-tract in Zeyathiri Township, here this morning.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Aung, Zeyathiri Township Administrator U Myat Thein Tun and Member of Thaikchaung Village Electric Supply Committee U Hla Win formally opened

the ceremony.

Next, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Aung delivered a speech and Village Electric Supply Committee Chairman U Thwin Oo explained power supply tasks.

The self-reliant transformer costs a total of K 44.5 million contributed by villagers and it is of 200 KVA type capable of supplying electricity to 96 houses.

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