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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 and wife Daw Khin Khin Win welcome Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—A ceremony to welcome Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur, who are in Nay Pyi Taw to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, was held on the lawns of Presidential Palace, here, at 9 am today.

Indian goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife left Golden Palace Hotel for the Presidential Palace in a motorcade to attend the welcoming ceremony.

They were accorded a warm welcome by President U Thein Sein and wife there. Afterwards, national anthems of both countries were played while President U Thein Sein and the Indian Prime Minister took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais.

After that, President U Thein Sein and Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Indian Prime Minister introduced his delegation members to

President U Thein Sein. President U Thein Sein also introduced the welcoming party including Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw to the Indian Prime Minister.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win welcome Prime Minister of the Republic of India Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur.

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The aim of government is that all the Myanmar people, including national race armed groups, must be able to live equally within framework of law **President U Thein Sein**
India is willing to cooperate more deeply in various sectors of the two countries **Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh**



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives visiting goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the Republic of India Dr Manmohan Singh at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May —President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received the visiting delegation led by Prime Minister of the Republic of India Dr Manmohan Singh at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 9.20 am today.

Present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation

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PERSPECTIVES

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Ethics

Human civilization has evolved throughout the successive ages based on ethics of different races and different places and also different communities. The world saw the rise of mega empires which had their own moral principles and their fall together with the deterioration of their ethics.

In this context, ethics are the principles that guide, control and protect human races and their societies. Ethics are also an essential part of everyday human life. They are our own ways of making the right course of action. Without them, our actions would be random and aimless. There would be no way to work towards a goal because we are unable to take wise and correct decisions.

So, every community or profession must have its own ethics. There are also different ethics for different industries and institutions. For example, physicians, journalists, writers, military personnel, police have their own ethics which in fact are the tools for their own unity, progress, image and survival.

Ethics can also help us distinguish between what is good and what is evil in our world, between right and wrong human actions, and between virtuous and non-virtuous. Subsequently they can be called a branch of philosophy that deals with morality.

Unfortunately, sometimes ethics are an issue many people or groups of people would be likely to disregard. In many cases, power or money or monetary gains can manipulate people to commit unethical things either in the workplace or in everyday life.

So there must be measures to enforce ethics in every society, profession and institution through awareness campaigns covering talks, round-table meetings and knowledge-sharing workshops and even award-and-punishment programs as any flaw or weakness in our ethics will reduce our ability and chance for our success in every aspect.



Master of Ven Hai Tao, Life Tu Organization Taiwan R.O.C donates cash assistance for Hninzigone Home for the Aged through Joint-Secretary U Maug Maung Gyi of CEC.

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

Finishing touches of Shwechaung Bridge No. 1 in Pakokku Township in full swing



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint at bridge construction site.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on 26 May morning inspected the upgrading of Nay Pyi Taw-Pantin road section by the Special Project Group-1 and the repair of Meiktila-Kyauppadaung-Bagan/NyaungU road section.

The Union minister then proceeded to Shwechaung Bridge No. 1 project and heard reports presented by Superintending Engineer U Han Soe who said that the construction of Shwechaung Bridge No. 1 started on 7-1-2012 by the Special Project Group-3 and as of 26-5-2012 the bridge was completed by 99.2 per cent. The finishing touches are being made so as to open the bridge in time and arrangements are being made to hold a ceremony to open the bridge, added the superintending engineer.

In response to the reports, the Union minister stressed the need for opening of the bridge in a systematic manner as it is to be completed soon meeting the set standard, to make finishing touches smartly, and to exert concerted efforts to complete the task sooner since the earlier the task has completed the more benefit the people could enjoy.

The bridge lies in Pakokku Township, Pakokku District, Magway Region. The 900 feet long bridge is facilitated with 24 feet wide motor way flanked by 3 feet and six inches wide pedestrian lanes on either side. It is of RC bole pier type in lower structure and of RC beam and RC floor in the upper structure, and it can withstand 75 tons of loads.—MNA

Dy Finance and Revenue Minister holds meetings with foreign guests



Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than meets Executive Director Mr. Der Jiun Chia of IMF.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than received a three-

member delegation from International University of Japan (IUJ) at the ministry here this morning.

The three professors of IUJ discussed matters related to human resources development and plans for scholarships.

Similarly, the deputy minister held a meeting with Executive Director Mr. Der Jiun Chia of International Monetary Fund, at the ministry in the afternoon, which concentrated on progress of Myanmar reforms, now-running banking system in cooperation with Asia Development Bank and World Bank and IMF, as well as having bright future potentials.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May —A cash donation ceremony for installation of a 500 million-kyat elevator at the front archway of ancient Kyaikthalan Pagoda in Mawlamyine, Mon State, was held at the platform of the pagoda on 27 and 28 May.

At the donation ceremony, 3,118,000 Kyats were donated and the chairman of the pagoda board of trustees and treasurer accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors. Those wishing to make cash donations for the

Cash donated for elevator installation at ancient Kyaikthalan Pagoda in Mawlamyine

installation of the lift may contact the office of the pagoda board of trustees (Ph:057-21334, Chairman U San Myint (Ph:057-24193) and Treasurer U Khin Maung Win (Ph:09-5322300).

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A family of U Aung Hla and Daw Mya Mya Maw donates K 1 million.

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Vietnam, Myanmar boost cooperation ties

HANOI, 28 May—The cooperation potential between Vietnam and Myanmar is huge and the two sides should further boost the bilateral ties, the Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung made the remark here on Sunday during Myanmar's Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe's visit to Vietnam.

Speaking of the cooperation between the two countries, when Dung received the Yangon Region Chief Minister, he said especially on economic, trade and investment, the two sides should further promote activities to better exploit the advantages of each country, contributing to build a stronger ASEAN community in the future.

Dung welcomed Yangon's cooperation with other regions of Vietnam, particularly in investment, trade and tourism, added that Vietnam will direct ministries, branches and relevant agencies to closely cooperate with Myanmar's authorities to hold investment promotion conference in Yangon next month.

Dung also asked Yangon's authorities to create favourable conditions for Vietnamese businesses to boost investment in the region.

For his part, U Myint Swe said the purpose of his visit to Vietnam this time is to implement agreements which have been signed by leaders of the two countries, particularly the 12 agreements reached during Myanmar's President U Thein Sein recent visit to Vietnam. In 2011, the bilateral trade between Vietnam and Myanmar reached over 167 million US dollars, an increase of 9.8 percent over 2010.—MNA/Xinhua



A workshop at Suntech Power Holdings, the world's largest producer of silicon solar modules. Its products could be subject to a levy of 31 percent, if proposed new tariffs on Chinese-made solar panels are approved.

XINHUA

Iranian foreign ministry regards NPT as basis of nuclear talks

TEHERAN, 28 May—Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said on Sunday that the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is the basis for Iran's nuclear talks with the UN Security Council's five permanent members plus Germany, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"Iran has been a signatory to NPT and signed the treaty in the early stages of its emergence," Mehmanparast was quoted as saying when speaking about Iran's talks with the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China plus Germany, known as P5+1.

The spokesman said that the Islamic republic never wants to militarize its national nuclear programme and regards uranium enrichment for civilian use as its legitimate rights.

"If the Western governments acknowledge the civilian nature of Iranian nuclear programme and ask for halting the 20-percent enrichment, Iran will consider their request," the report quoted him as saying.

However, a senior Iranian cleric said on Friday that the Islamic republic would not give up its right to producing enriched uranium to a purity level of 20 percent. Ayatollah Ahmad Khatami, Teheran's Friday prayer's leader, made the remarks in a sermon at the University of Teheran one day after Iran and the six world powers held a new round of talks in the Iraqi Capital of Baghdad.

The Baghdad talks were concluded on Thursday with a plan to hold another round of talks in Moscow next month.—Xinhua



US Army armored vehicles are seen in this long exposure picture at Combat Operation Outpost (COP) Senjaray in Zahri District of Kandahar Province, southern Afghanistan on 27 May, 2012.

REUTERS

Colombian rebels set date for French journalist's release

BOGOTA, 28 May — Colombia's largest guerrilla group the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) announced on Sunday it will free captive French journalist Romeo Langlois on Wednesday.

The FARC posted a statement on a website saying the correspondent for French news channel France 24 would be released to a humanitarian commission on 30 May, just over a month after he fell into the rebels hands while covering a Colombian army anti-narcotics operation in the northern department of Caqueta.

"The liberation of French journalist Romeo Langlois will take place this Wednesday, 30 May," a division of the FARC known as Front 15 said, without specifying the time or location of the handover.

"The coordination of the site where Mr Langlois will be released will be submitted at an opportune time to the humanitarian mission composed of the ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross), (former Colombian senator and activist) Piedad Cordoba and the French delegate," according to the statement cited by local news media.

The FARC had requested that the French government assign a delegate to the committee set up to receive the 35-year-old journalist seized on 28 April.

The French envoy, selected by newly sworn-in President Francois Hollande and believed to be a Foreign Ministry official, is awaiting the announcement of the date of the release prior to traveling to the South American nation. There is speculation surrounding Langlois' state of health, since he was reportedly shot in the right arm during the clash with rebels, and subsequently shed his helmet and flak jacket to identify himself as a civilian.—Xinhua

Two suspected ETA members arrested in France

MADRID, 28 May — Two presumed members of Basque separatist group of ETA were arrested by police in southeast France on Sunday. One of the pair Oroitiz Gurrachaga is suspected to be the number one of ETA's military wing, while the other, Xabier Aramburu Sagarminaga, is thought to have formed part of ETA's recruitment wing. Gurrachaga and Aramburu were reported to be armed at the moment of their arrest in the small town of Cauna at around 15.30 hours local time (1330 GMT).

The operation means that 15 members of the organization, which wants the independence of the Basque Region of northeast Spain and southwest France, have been arrested since ETA declared a definitive end to all violence on 20 October 2011. ETA had previously announced a ceasefire in January 2011. The group's struggle for Basque independence has claimed 829 lives since it began in the mid 1960's.

Xinhua



A view of the Golden Gate Bridge after a fireworks show during the 75th anniversary celebration of the iconic span in San Francisco, California on 27 May, 2012.—REUTERS

'Putin congratulates Russia's Eurovision top winners

MOSCOW, 28 May — Russian President Vladimir Putin has congratulated the "Buranovo Grannies" for their outstanding performances in the just-ended Eurovision 2012 Song Contest, the Kremlin Press service reported on Sunday. Putin expressed his admiration for the Buranovo Grannies who took second place in the Eurovision competition held in Azerbaijan's capital Baku, and said he was surprised by

the "talent and enthusiasm" of those grass-roots artists, according to the Kremlin.

The songs, including some in the Udmurt language, are "excellent" ways of promoting Russia as a multicultural country, Putin said. He hopes the Russian people would soon get the chance to listen to Buranovo Grannies' concerts.

The president also intended to meet with those grannies in their village during his trip to the central republic

of Udmurtia, according to the press service.

Singers from 26 countries participated in this year's contest. Swedish singer Loreen won the contest with her song "Euphoria", while those village grannies got the second place with their disco song "Party for Everybody" in both English and their local Udmurt language. Serbian singer Zeljko Joksimovic came third. The final contest was broadcasted by Russian television Channel one. Some

23,000 people watched it at the Baku Crystal Hall.

Inaugurated in 1956, the Eurovision Contest has been held annually among member countries of the European Broadcasting Union.

Each member country submits a song to be performed on live television and then casts votes for the other countries' songs to determine the most popular song in the competition. Azerbaijan won the right to host the contest after the victory of an Azeri singing group "Eil & Nikki" at Eurovision 2011 in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Xinhua



Employees work at a production line of low energy consumption (LED) light bulbs at a factory in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province on 18 May, 2012. Armed with nearly 2 billion yuan in cash in total, the bigger LED companies are ramping up capacity, despite a slow market, to better capture a larger share of state-backed LED lighting projects China plans to roll out this year, analysts said.—REUTERS

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Giant radio telescope gets split location

LONDON, 28 May—The world's biggest and most advanced radio telescope, capable of detecting signs of extraterrestrial life in the far reaches of the universe, will be spread across South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

The decision to split the location of the \$2 billion "Square Kilometre Array" followed intense lobbying by the two leading bidders, South Africa on one side and a joint bid from Australia and New

Zealand on the other. Scientists leading the project rejected the suggestion that the decision to split the location meant science had taken a back seat to political expediency.

When completed in 2024 the telescope will be made up of 3,000 dishes, each 15 metres wide, together with many more antennae, that together will give a receiver surface area of a square kilometre.

Scanning the sky 10,000

times faster and with 50 times the sensitivity of any other telescope, it will be used to study the origins of the universe and will be able to detect weak signals that could indicate the presence of extraterrestrial life.

The decision was announced at a meeting of the international consortium controlling the project, at Schiphol Airport in the Netherlands on Friday.

Internet



The Square Kilometre Array (SKA) radio telescope project is seen in his artists impression image made available by the Manchester based SKA Organization, on 25 May, 2012. —REUTERS

Google to help UK computer teaching

LONDON, 28 May — Dozens of computer science teachers will work in British schools thanks to a partnership between Google and the charity Teach First, Google's chairman says.

Without investment in the subject, Britain risked "losing a generation" of scientists, Google's Eric Schmidt said.

Google will provide funds to provide "teaching aids, such as Raspberry Pi's [single-board computers] or Arduino [open-source electronic prototyping platform] starter kits," he said.

"Put simply, technology breakthroughs can't happen without the scientists and engineers to make them," Schmidt said on Wednesday at an appearance at London's Science Museum. "The challenge that society faces is to equip enough people, with the right skills and mindset, and to get them to work on the most important problems."

Google is providing funds to Teach First, a charity that puts "exceptional" graduates on a six-week training programme before deploying them to schools where they teach classes over a two-year period, the BBC reported.

Internet



This is a yellow dyer rain frog from Panama.—INTERNET

New frog colours scientists' hands yellow

FRANKFURT, 28 May—German researchers say they've found a new frog species in Panama that dyes the fingers of researchers handling them a bright yellow.

Reptile and amphibian specialists at the Senckenberg Research Institute in Frankfurt, Germany, discovered it in 2010 in the Serrania de Tabasara mountains of western Panama, a highly understudied part of the Panamanian central mountain range, the institute reported on 22 May.

"When we finally caught the first individuals by hand, we noticed that it dyes ones fingers yellow when it is handled," researcher Andreas Hertz said. "The scientific name (*Diasporas citrinobapeus*) of this new frog refers to this characteristic and means yellow dyer rain frog."

The new frog, less than three-quarters of an inch long, belongs to group of frogs that lack a tadpole stage but develop directly as little frogs inside the egg, researchers said. Considering the possibility that the yellow stain produced by the frogs may be poisonous, the scientists performed an analysis of the skin secretions. "We cannot say whether the dye is any good as a predatory defense, as we could not find any poisonous components," Hertz said.

"Maybe the color is just easily washed out and has no particular function. However, for now, this peculiarity of the new species remains enigmatic."—Internet



SAXONY, 28 May—Chunky, space-stealing speakers could become a thing of the past, thanks to scientists in eastern Germany who have made the world's first printable speaker. Paperthin, they promise to make noise in the tech world and

beyond. A team from the Institute for Print and Media Technology at Chemnitz University of Technology, Saxony, had been working on the project for just two and a half years when they managed to make a successful

Germans open monster telescope on Tenerife

FREIBURG, 28 May—A powerful solar telescope billed as the largest in Europe opened on 21 May, on Spain's Canary Islands which scientists say will allow them to study the sun in unprecedented detail. Its main backer was a German institute.

With a mirror diameter of 1.5 metres (4.9 feet), the Gregor telescope will be able to show structures on the sun on scales as small as 70 kilometres (43.5 miles), the Astrophysical Institute of the Canary Islands said in a statement.

The telescope was built on the island of Tenerife at a cost of €12.85 million (\$16.4 million) by a German consortium led by the Kiepenheuer Institute for Solar Physics in Freiburg which covered the majority of the expense. "Its advanced technology will allow the scientific community — Spanish, German and

international — to study the sun in an unprecedented level of detail," the statement said. In addition to the large diameter of its mirror, the telescope features a retractable roof that prevents air turbulence in its optical path which allows it to deliver "images of a sharpness that up until now no terrestrial solar telescope has ever obtained."

The solar telescope is the largest in Europe and the third largest in the world, the institute said.

"Gregor was built mainly to study physical processes on the surface of the sun," said Oskar von der Luhe, the director of the Kiepenheuer Institute. "In these layers we see how energy from its interior emerges and then is launched into space, and on some occasions, reaches the Earth," he added.

Named after 17th century Scottish mathematician and astronomer James Gregory, the telescope will be used at night to observe stars.

Internet



'Tumbleweed' design could be Mars rover

RALEIGH, 28 May—US scientists say a wind-driven "tumbleweed" Mars rover could be the best design for a scientific vehicle capable of moving across rocky Martian terrain. Researchers at North Carolina State University say their findings could help NASA in its quest for the next generation of such robot

rovers. "There is quite a bit of interest within NASA to pursue the tumbleweed rover design, but one of the questions regarding the concept is how it might perform on the rocky surface of Mars," Andre Mazzoleni, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, said. "We set out

to address that question." Mazzoleni and colleague Alexander Hart developed a computer model to determine how varying the diameter and mass of a tumbleweed rover would affect its speed and ability to avoid getting stuck in rock fields, common on the Red Planet, that average one rock per square yard.



Design for a wind-driven tumbleweed rover.

INTERNET

"We found that, in general, the larger the diameter, and the lower the overall weight, the better the rover performs," Mazzoleni said. A tumbleweed rover would need to have a diameter of at least 20 feet to move through rock fields without getting stuck, the researchers said.

Tumbleweed rovers could cover much larger distances and handle rougher terrain than the rovers already sent to Mars such as Spirit and Opportunity, they said.

"This model is a tool NASA can use to assess the viability of different designs before devoting the time and expense necessary to build prototypes," Mazzoleni said.

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Saxon scientists make 'printable speaker'

prototype. It involves printing layers of polymers and conductive chemicals onto a single piece of paper to create a speaker.

"A cable is used to run music from a computer or MP3 player, which causes the printed layers to vibrate against each other and push the sound out," project member Dr Georg Schmidt, told *The Local*.

He explained that, as polymers are cheap to make in big batches, the printable speaker could not only become a viable, cheaper alternative to normal

speakers. That is as long as you don't mind a slight lack of bass — the speakers cannot yet deliver heavy sounds when turned up to 11.

"As soon as we had them working we used them to listen to the radio all the time in our office," Schmidt said. "They can create sound up to 80 decibels, so more than loud enough to hear inside."

Although he added that because all of the new wafer-thin creations were going on display at a media fair in Düsseldorf, they have had to switch back to regular speakers for the time being.

The team in Chemnitz

have high hopes for the printable speaker, which is highly flexible and even "produces a better sound when it is being bent" Schmidt said, but refrained from going into the complicated physics behind this.

While the speaker could be a great alternative to regular speakers, the team are particularly interested in the idea of developing "intelligent packaging".

The speakers will be on display in Düsseldorf, at the "drupa" — an international print-media expo that takes place between 3 and 6 May.

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Japanese automakers project record sales



TOKYO, 28 May—Four major Japanese automakers expect record-high sales this business year thanks to increased demand in the United States and Asia's emerging markets. Nissan, Honda, Suzuki and Fuji Heavy Industries

project record sales for the year ending in March 2013. Toyota predicts its second largest sales on record.

As a result, sales at 7 major Japanese auto firms are expected to grow 17 percent from a year earlier to 24 million.

Last year, 4 of the 7 companies posted a year-on-year sales decline as the earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan and Thai flooding forced them to cut production.

It remains to be seen whether earnings this year will also increase in the face of a strong yen and renewed concerns over the European debt crisis.

NHK

Health Tip: Avoid cross-contaminating Food

Cross-contamination can occur when different foods are stored or prepared together. For example, germs from raw meat can contaminate ready-to-eat foods that are prepared at the same time.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics suggests how to avoid cross-contamination:

- * In the grocery store, make sure fresh and frozen meat, poultry, fish and eggs are packed separately.
- * On hot days, place groceries in the back seat of your air conditioned car, rather than the trunk.
- * Store all appropriate groceries in the refrigerator or freezer within two hours.
- * Store raw meat, poultry and fish in sealed containers on the bottom shelf of your refrigerator. Keep eggs in their containers on shelf, rather than in the refrigerator door.
- * Wash reusable grocery bags in hot water.
- * Wash hands and use separate cooking utensils and cutting boards when preparing raw meat, poultry, eggs or fish.—*Internet*

Robots an extension of surgeons

DALLAS, 28 May—Robotically assisted surgery procedures, as opposed to traditional open surgeries, allow for small and sometimes miniaturized instruments, a US expert says.

Dr Kemp Kernstine, a pioneer in minimally invasive surgical techniques and chief of thoracic surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, said the first robot-assisted surgery was performed in 1985.

Today's minimally invasive procedures call for

the surgeon, instead of directly moving the instruments, to use either a direct manipulator or a computer control to maneuver the instruments precisely, Kernstine said.

A manipulator allows the surgeon to perform the normal movements associated with the surgery while the robotic arms carry out those movements using "end-effectors" to perform the actual surgery, Kernstine explained.

"Some advantages of robotic surgery are precision,

smaller incisions, less pain, and quicker healing times," Kernstine said in a statement. "The robots we use are not intended to act independently from human surgeons or to replace them.

These machines merely act as extensions guided by the movements or inputs of the surgeon."

Medical machines have been widely used in cardiothoracic cases, in neurosurgery, bariatric, and for prostate and other cancers.

Internet

Citi unit lost \$20 m in Facebook IPO

NEW YORK, 28 May—Citigroup Inc's (CN) Automated Trading Desk had trading losses of about \$20 million from Facebook Inc's (FB O) botched initial public offering on Nasdaq OMX Group Inc's (NDAQ) US exchange, a source with knowledge of the situation said on Friday.

The unit's losses were in addition to claims by market makers Knight Capital Group Inc (KCG N) and Citadel Securities, which each had losses of \$30 million to \$35 million.

UBS AG (UBSN VX) (UBSN), the other large market maker involved in the IPO of the social networking company on 18 May, has not disclosed any losses.

Nasdaq asked firms to detail estimates of losses by

Monday night. After that, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority will evaluate the filings and put out a report on the matter in about four weeks, two sources said.

A technical glitch delayed Facebook's market debut by 30 minutes and many

client orders were delayed, giving some investors and traders significant losses as the stock price dropped.

The exchange operator is facing lawsuits from investors and threats of legal action from brokers.

Reuters



A Citibank sign on a bank branch in midtown Manhattan, New York, on 17 Nov, 2010.—REUTERS

Toyota to boost production in emerging countries

In this file photo, visitors crowd around a Toyota Dear Qin concept car during the Beijing International Automotive Exhibition in Beijing, China. Japan's top automaker said on 25 May, it is looking to emerging markets for growth, targeting 50 percent of its global vehicle sales there by 2015, and rolling out eight compact models over the next few years.—INTERNET



TOKYO, 28 May—Toyota Motor says it will strengthen its strategy for emerging countries where auto sales are forecast to grow.

Toyota will boost the production capacity in those countries to a level equivalent to its domestic production.

The company plans to launch new plants in Brazil and Thailand this year.

Output of vehicles in emerging economies next year will match the 3,100,000 units assembled domestically.

The figure 2 years ago

was 2,380,000.

Toyota also plans to increase the number of compact car models designed for the regions from the current 2 to 8 over the next 3 years.

The number of cars sold in emerging economies accounts for half of global sales and is expected to increase further.

US automaker General Motors will start production in Indonesia next year, while Germany's Volkswagen plans to build a new plant in China.

Toyota's new strategy

is likely to accelerate competition in the automotive industry.—NHK

Qatar robotic surgery has new research

DOHA, 28 May—The award-winning Qatar Robotic Surgery Centre is moving forward with two new research projects on surgical simulation, Qatari health officials said.

AmelInfo Web site said on Saturday the QRSC's researches and technological breakthrough will have direct applications in cancer, brain

surgery and interventional radiology.

"QRSC's research and training activities are aimed at identifying and addressing unmet clinical needs, with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of healthcare in Qatar," said Clinical Director of QRSC Dr Abdulla Al-Ansari.

Ansari added: "QRSC follows a collaborative

approach in research and development. We believe that by collaborating with national and international partners across academia, clinical practice and industry, QRSC will be able to deliver results of the highest quality while also promoting Qatar's work in the field both domestically and internationally."

Internet

groups of approximately 1,845 each—depending on how much vitamin D they had consumed.

The researchers analyzed study participants' medical records through 1999, roughly 34 years after the initial exams, to determine the incidence of stroke.

Strokes occurred in 960 men during the follow up period.

After factoring in age, calorie intake, body-mass index, hypertension, diabetes, cigarette smoking, physical activity, cholesterol levels and alcohol intake, the study found men who consumed the least dietary vitamin D had a 22 percent higher risk of stroke and a 27 percent increase risk of ischemic—blood-clot related—stroke compared to those consuming the highest levels of vitamin D. The findings were published in the journal *Stroke*.

Internet

'Turbulence' ahead for airlines despite oil price drop

HONG KONG, 28 May — Airlines are still in for financial turbulence despite a recent fall in oil prices, with many at risk of posting major losses as the cost of their top input remains historically high. "If fuel prices remain at a reasonably low and stable level, of course it'll be favourable to operations of the company," Wang Jian, board secretary of China Eastern Airlines, told AFP. But "despite the recent reduction in oil price, it remains at historically high levels and a significant challenge to the business," said Cathay Pacific Finance Director Martin Murray. It "relieves the pressure a bit," acknowledged Air France-KLM's Philippe



An airport technician monitors a fuel line at the Oakland International Airport in California, in 2011. INTERNET

Calavia, finance director at Air France-KLM. But he noted the Franco-Dutch group has based its financial plans on oil at an average of \$98 a barrel this year. Oil prices are "still above over budget," he said. The price of oil continued to fall this past week, with Brent North Sea crude for June at \$106.91 a barrel in late London

afternoon trade, way off the \$128.40 it hit on March 1 and the record \$147.50 it set in July 2008.

Airlines in Asia and Europe have been struggling with the high price of fuel, the first or second largest cost in their budgets, which has pushed many deep into the red. Singapore Airlines saw its full-year profit plunge 69

percent year-on-year to \$268 million due to high oil prices and global economic uncertainty. Similarly Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific saw its 2011 net profit slump 61 percent to \$708 million and recently announced a raft of cost-cutting measures in response to high fuel prices.

Australia's biggest airline Qantas, which has raised fares in recent months to partially offset higher fuel costs, said reduced oil prices were not yet helping its bottom line. "Our fuel bill this year is going to be significantly higher than last year, so the outlook is still very challenging as far as we are concerned," a spokesman told AFP.

Internet

Plane crash at southern Utah airport kills four

ST GEORGE, 28 May — A small plane that crashed early Saturday at a municipal airport in southern Utah killed all four people on board, authorities said. The downed single-engine Cessna 172 was found at about 6 am some 400 feet from the runway, said Marc Mortensen, assistant to the St George city manager. It's uncertain whether the crash occurred shortly after takeoff or during a landing attempt, he said.

The plane crashed under "unknown circumstances," Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said. Although the area saw windy conditions on Friday and later Saturday,

there was no severe weather at the airport during the early morning hours on Saturday, National Weather Service meteorologist Monica Traphagan told The Spectrum of St George. The airport has been in operation at its current site for about 1½ years. It does not have a radio tower and pilots use an automated system to communicate with one another when landing or taking off, Mortensen said. The wreckage was found by an airport crew making a routine safety check of the property. The city will likely release the victim's names either late Saturday or Sunday, Mortensen said.

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British classical music expert held in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 28 May — A classical music presenter for the BBC has been arrested and is in custody in Zimbabwe, the broadcaster reported. Petroc Trelawny, who presents several radio programmes for the British public broadcaster, was

arrested on Thursday for taking part in a music festival without a work permit, the BBC said on Saturday. He had been acting as a compere at the Bulawayo Music Festival, taking place from 23-27 May, but was not there in his BBC capacity. Media reports said

he was not being paid for the role.

Rose Benton, coordinator of London-based campaign group Zimbabwe Vigil, said: "He was apparently the only musician without a work permit and that is why they arrested him. "He has been in police custody in Harare: pretty nasty business. "Yesterday there was a public holiday. Normally it would take a day to get him out but he will be in until Monday probably." Trelawny had been posting updates on Twitter about preparations for the music festival, including rehearsals with children's choirs. Britain's Daily Telegraph newspaper reported that he had been led from the stage by immigration officials during a performance and sub-

sequently dislocated his shoulder in a fall in a police cell. A spokeswoman for Britain's foreign ministry said: "We can confirm the detention of a British national on 24 May in Zimbabwe. We are providing consular assistance."

A BBC spokesman said, "We are aware of the situation and hope it will be resolved as quickly as possible."

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A woman presents an African-Colombian hairstyle during the Afro-Hairstyles VIII Competition in Cali on 27 May, 2012. REUTERS



A general view of Harare in 2010. A classical music presenter for the BBC has been arrested and is in custody in Zimbabwe, a London-based campaign group said on Saturday.—INTERNET

Pakistan, India vow joint terror fight

BHURBAN, 28 May — Pakistan and India on Friday pledged to fight terrorism together, calling it "a continuing threat to peace and security" and a block to the full establishment of normal relations. The announcement came after two-day talks between the home and interior secretaries of the two countries at the Pakistani tourist resort of Bhurban. "Both sides agreed that terrorism poses a continuing threat to peace and security and full normalisation of bilateral relations," said a joint statement.

"They reiterated the firm and undiluted commitment of the two countries to fight and eliminate this scourge in all its forms and manifestations and bring those responsible for such crimes to justice," it added.

Relations between India and Pakistan, which have fought three wars since the

subcontinent was partitioned in 1947, have been plagued by border disputes, and accusations of Pakistani militant activity against India. Pakistan "agreed in principle" to host a judicial commission from India to look at the investigation into the 2008 Mumbai attacks, in which 166 people died. India blames Pakistani militants from the Lashkar-e-Taiba group for training, equipping and financing the attack with support from "elements" in the Pakistani military.

The talks were led by the interior secretary of Pakistan, Siddiq Akbar, and the home secretary of India, Raj Kumar Singh, and included security experts from each country. The neighbouring countries agreed to enhance cooperation on terrorism, human trafficking, narcotics, counterfeit currency and cybercrime.

It was the second round of talks between the home secretaries of the two nations after the first held in New Delhi in March 2011.—Internet



Indian Border Security Force pose with confiscated heroin and fake Indian Rupee notes near the India-Pakistan Border on 25 May. The two countries have had many border disputes, however, both pledged to fight terrorism together, calling it "a continuing threat to peace and security" and a block to normal relations. INTERNET

Oregon police find mother of three abandoned kids

PORTLAND, 28 May — The mother of three young children abandoned in a Portland shed was found by police on Friday, a day after

questioning the mother and no other information was expected to be released on Friday. He said a tip from the public led police to the woman

people. When officers investigated, the squatters told them there were three small children there, and they had been abandoned by a woman the night before. Another neighbour, Judy Baxter, 65, said that when police officers and social services workers arrived, they gave stuffed toys to the kids, all of whom appeared to be younger than age 4. The youngest child, a girl Baxter estimated to be about 9 months old, was carried out of the house by an officer.

"They were sure little cuties," Baxter told The Associated Press. "It's just so sad for the kids," she said. "I won't tell you what they need to do to her (the mother)." Baxter is the former owner of the vacant house — the property on which the shed is located — and lives across from it. She sold that house in 2006. Baxter said that on Thursday morning, she saw some young people entering the gates at the unkempt house, so she called the current owner.

The owner also contacted police. "I'm just glad that I'm nosy," Baxter said. The children were in good condition and placed in foster care, said Jodi Sherwood of the Oregon Department of Human Services told the Oregonian.—Internet



This 24 May, 2012, photo released by the Portland Police Bureau shows an unidentified female toddler in Portland, Ore. Portland police are trying to solve the mystery of two young children and an infant who were found abandoned in a shed.—INTERNET

the kids were taken to safety. Authorities did not immediately identify the mother or say why the boy and two girls were left in a shed next to a vacant house in southeast Portland. Lt Robert King, a police spokesman, said investigators were

shortly after noon Friday. She was in Portland.

The whereabouts of the mother had been a mystery since Thursday morning, when a neighbour called authorities to report hearing voices at the vacant house that is popular with homeless

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win host dinner to Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife and party

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win hosted a dinner to the delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 7 pm today.

Also present at the dinner together with President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win were Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, union ministers, deputy ministers, the Myanmar ambassador to the Republic of India and wife and heads of departments.

The Indian Prime Minister and wife were accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and wife and high-ranking

officials.

First, the President and the Prime Minister made speeches.

Before and during the dinner, artistes from the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture presented the entertainment.

Next, the President presented the album on the trip to Myanmar to the Indian Prime Minister.

After the dinner, the delegation led by the Indian Prime Minister and wife enjoyed the entertainment of artistes from the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture.

Later, the President and the Indian Prime Minister presented flower bouquets to the artistes and had a documentary photo taken together with them.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win welcome Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife at dinner.

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President U Thein Sein delivering speech at dinner.—MNA



Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh delivering speech at dinner.—MNA

UMFCCI, Indian entrepreneurs exchange view on economic cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May— The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met with entrepreneurs from the Republic of India at the delegates listening room-2 of the Myanmar International

Convention Centre here at 10am today.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on economic development between the two countries.

Also present on the occasion were President of UMFCCI U Win Aung, Vice-

President U Thaug Tin and officials, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr V.S Seshadri, entrepreneurs from the Republic of India, departmental officials and others.

First, President of UMFCCI U Win Aung made



Meeting between Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Indian entrepreneurs in progress.—MNA



Officials sign three MoUs on mutual cooperation in industrial and energy sectors between Myanmar and India entrepreneurs.—MNA

an opening speech, and Chairman of Indian Delegation CEO of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Mr Sunil Bharti Mittal and Managing Director of FICCI Mr Rajya Vardhan Kanoria extended greetings.

Next, an official from the Ministry of Commerce discussed potentials for trading between the two nations, an official from the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development on investment opportunities

in Myanmar, and an official from UMFCCI on potentials for investment in construction, electricity, communications and agricultural sectors.

Next, President U Win Aung and Director-General of Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration U Aung Naing Oo replied to queries raised by the Indian entrepreneurs over banking, oil and gas sector, mining industry and infrastructures.

After that, CEO of CII Mr

Sunil Bharti Mittal and Managing Director of FICCI Mr Rajya Vardhan Kanoria gave suggestions over the discussions.

Later, the MoU on mutually beneficial cooperation in industrial and energy between Myanmar and Indian entrepreneurs was signed.

In the afternoon, UMFCCI President U Win Aung hosted a luncheon in honour of the Indian delegation.—MNA

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U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw and departmental heads. Together with the Indian Prime Minister were his delegation members, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and high-ranking officials.

Speaking on the occasion, President U Thein Sein said his government and people warmly welcomed the visit of



President U Thein Sein shaking hands with Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.

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the Indian Prime Minister and his delegation, which would further strengthen the existing amicable relations between the two countries. And this is the first ever visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Myanmar in 25 years. Myanmar expressed its deepest thanks to India for rendering assistance in development of border regions of the two countries, transport and infrastructures in those border areas. Multifaceted cooperation will continue for the stability of border regions in the mutual interest of the two countries.

In exercising democracy, Myanmar has yet to develop its democratic experience and practices. So, it is prioritizing State peace and stability and national economic development. Steps are being taken for all political forces to be able to take part in political processes for peace and stability, and to make peace with national ethnic armed groups.

In so doing, the aim of the government is that all the Myanmar people, including national race armed groups, must be able to live equally within the framework of law, added the President. Now, the relations with the existing 10 armed groups for making peace are improving and there have been contacts with the KIA group in northern Myanmar. It is therefore hoped that peace process will meet with complete success soon.

As for economic development, Myanmar is inviting investment from the international community. But for more investments, it is necessary to lift the economic sanctions of Western countries completely, noted the President. He then invited India's investment in Myanmar so as to create job opportunities for the people, manufacture value-added goods, develop the technological sector and improve light and medium industries.

In his speech, the Indian Prime Minister said India and Myanmar have been the friendly nations for a thousand years in terms of their religions and cultural traditions. India is willing to cooperate more deeply in various sectors of the two countries. The Indian Prime Minister said he praised Myanmar for its success in national reconsolidation efforts and would fully support those efforts.

The visiting Indian Prime Minister expressed his wishes to see more cooperation between the two countries in regional and international issues, to further strengthen the relations with ASEAN and to invite President U Thein Sein



President U Thein Sein meets Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.—MNA

to attend ASEAN-India Summit to be hosted in India. He then wished Myanmar success in its new chapter and expectations.

Later, both sides cordially discussed signing of bilateral agreements and MoUs, India's investment in road, water and air transports, industrial and economic sectors and technological development and opportunities for cooperation with the international community in peace, development and national consolidation efforts.—MNA

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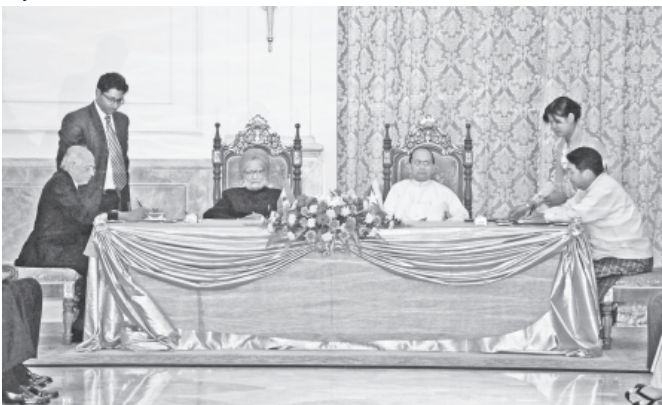
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Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial

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cooperation between Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies and Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses-IDSA in New Delhi, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin and



Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and Foreign Secretary of India Mr Ranjan Mathai sign MoU on establishment of modern educative paddy bio-garden in the presence of President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.—MNA

Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay and Indian External Affairs Minister Mr SM Krishna signed MoU on development of Myanmar-India border region, Union Minister for Transport UNyan

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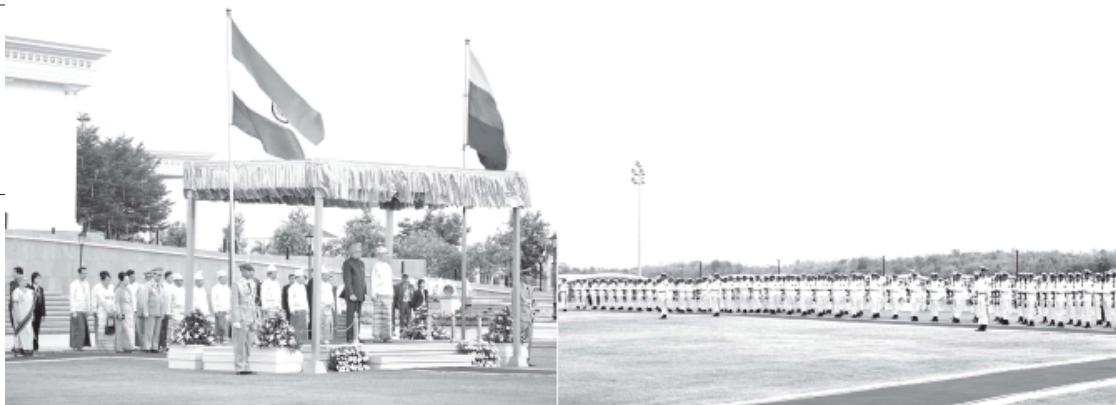
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Myanma Foreign Trade Bank Managing Director U Nyi Phyu Hla and EXIM Bank of India Chairman and Managing Director Mr TCA Ranganathan sign MoU on \$ 500 million loan in the presence of President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.—MNA

President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh take salute of the Guard of Honour.

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President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh inspect the Guard of Honour.

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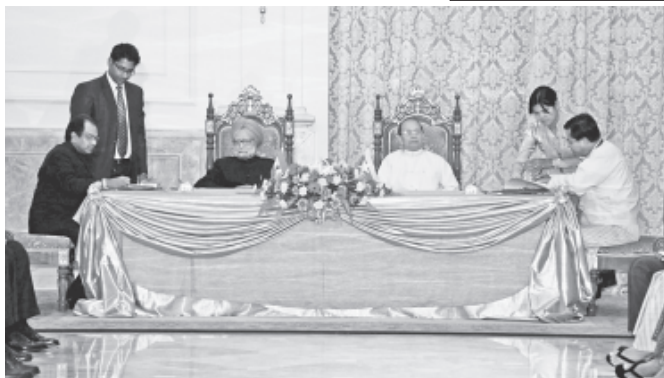
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U Ohn Than and the Indian external affairs secretary on MoU on establishment of advanced agricultural research and education centre and establishment of modern educative paddy bio-park in Nay Pyi Taw Agricultural Research Department, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and the Indian external affairs secretary MoU on establishment of joint commerce and investment forum between Myanmar and India, and opening of border haats at Myanmar-India borders, Secretary of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department Daw Yin Yin Myint and Director-General Mr Sarvajit Chakravarti of The Indian council of World Affairs (ICWA) MoU on cooperation between the MISIS and ICWA, Managing Director U Nyi Phyu Hla of Myanma Foreign Trade Bank and Governor of Exima Bank of India Managing Director Mr TCA Ranganathan MoU on Indian government's low-interest USD 500-million loans to Myanmar, Dagon University Rector Dr Hla Htay and Calcutta University Pro-Rector Professor Suranjan Das MoU on cooperation between the two universities and exchanged the documents.—MNA



President U Thein Sein introduces Union ministers at the welcoming ceremony to Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.—MNA



Rector of Dagon University Dr Hla Htay and Pro-rector of Calcutta University Professor Suranjan Das sign cooperation pact between two universities in the presence of President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.—MNA

Winners in RMGCC 3rd Anniversary Charity Golf Tournery awarded

YANGON, 28 May—Royal Mingalardon Golf & Country Club hosted RMGCC 3rd Anniversary Charity Golf Tournery on 26 May.

RMGCC Director of Golf (PGA Golf Professional Myanmar PGA) U Hsan Tun explained purpose of the tournament at the prize presentation ceremony in the evening.

Tin Tun clinched Nearest to the Pin award, Thein Naing Soe Longest Drive award and Kyaw Htay Straightest Drive award.

Kyaw Htay stood first, followed by the runner-up Thein Naing Soe and the second runner-up Police Col Zaw Win (Retd) in Converse (A), (B), (C) one stick event.

In Division (C) event, Hlaing Myo stood first, Khin

Maung Aung second and Mr Precheun third. Wai Yan Aung emerges champion in Division (B) event in which Kaung Htut Aung and Ye Tun Aung stood second and third. Ye Htet Aung stood first, Tin Tun second and Thein Naing Soe third in Division (A) event. The proceeds of the tournament go to charity for orphan care organizations.—MNA

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since Myanmar's transition towards a more democratic form of Government in March 2011, they committed to further enhancing these exchanges so as to take bilateral cooperation to a higher level. The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the recent successful visits from Myanmar including that of the Foreign Minister of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin in January 2012; the Minister of Construction of Myanmar U Khin Maung Myint in February 2012; and from India including the visit of the Minister for Water Resources and Parliamentary Affairs of India Mr. P.K. Bansal to Myanmar in February 2012. The two sides agreed to continue with the frequent exchanges of visits at the leadership level.

13. Both leaders reaffirmed their shared commitment to fight the scourge of terrorism and insurgent activity in all its forms and manifestations. Both of them emphasized the need for enhanced cooperation between security forces and border guarding agencies for securing peace, security and stability in the border areas, which was crucial for overall development. In this context, the two leaders welcomed the holding of the first meeting of the bilateral Regional Border Committee whose deliberations were useful in promoting such cooperation and understanding for better border management. Both leaders reiterated the assurance that territories of either country would not be allowed to be used for activities inimical to the other, including for training, sanctuary and other operations by terrorist and insurgent organizations and their operatives.
14. Both leaders also alluded to the importance of sound border management as an intrinsic part of maintaining border security. In this context, they directed that the respective Survey Departments should inspect and maintain boundary pillars in a systematic manner. They also directed the respective Heads of Survey Department to finalise dates for an early joint inspection of the sectors jointly identified at the 17th National Level Meeting.

Connectivity

15. The two leaders emphasised the importance of enhancing connectivity between the two countries as a means of promoting commercial, cultural, touristic and other exchanges between the peoples of the two countries. They expressed satisfaction at the steady progress being made on the Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project. They welcomed the finalisation of the site of the Land Customs Station at Zorinpui (Mizoram) following joint inspection by Indian and Myanmar delegations in April 2012. It was noted that the project would enhance, bilateral trade, people-to-people contact and contribute to the development and prosperity of the people living in the 'land locked' North Eastern region of India.
16. The Prime Minister of India announced that India would undertake the task of repair/upgradation of 71 bridges on the Tamu-Kalewa friendship Road. The two leaders decided that India would undertake the upgradation of the Kalewa-Yargyi road segment to highway standard while Myanmar would undertake the upgradation of the Yargyi-Monywa stretch to highway standard by 2016. This project would help in establishing trilateral connectivity from Moreh in India to Mae Sot in Thailand via Myanmar. The two leaders welcomed the revival of the Joint Task Force on the Trilateral Highway between India-Myanmar-Thailand. It was agreed that efforts would be made to establish seamless trilateral connectivity by 2016.
17. Taking into account the importance of enabling people-to-people contacts, the two sides agreed to launch a trans-border bus service from Imphal, India to Mandalay, Myanmar. The two leaders directed the concerned officials from both sides to finalise all modalities to enable its early operationalisation.
18. They also welcomed the signing of the new Air Service

agreement which would enhance direct air connectivity and facilitate easy business interaction, tourism and people-to-people exchanges.

19. The two leaders decided to constitute a Joint Working Group to determine the technical and commercial feasibility of cross-border rail links and the commercial feasibility of direct shipping links between the two countries.
20. The two sides also discussed the possibility of Indian participation in development of key infrastructure projects, like Dawei port in Myanmar.

Development Cooperation

21. The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the growing dimension of development cooperation between the two countries which is being financed under grants and concessional loans amounting to US\$ 1.2 billion till date. Taking stock of ongoing projects in the areas of infrastructure, agriculture, human resource development, industrial development, power, health etc., the two leaders agreed to identify more projects of benefit to the people of Myanmar in future.
22. Both leaders welcomed the signing of the MoU on the US\$ 500 million Line of Credit extended by India to the Government of Myanmar which would pave the way for its early operationalisation. The Line of Credit will be utilized in the infrastructure development projects, including in the fields of Agriculture and Irrigation, Rail Transportation and Electric Power in Myanmar.
23. Identifying the need for special focus on the development and prosperity of the people in bordering areas, the two leaders agreed to cooperate to bring about overall socio-economic development in the border areas by undertaking both infrastructure development and micro-economic projects, including upgradation of roads and construction of schools, health centres, bridges, agriculture and related training activities in the area in accordance with the MoU on India-Myanmar Border Area Development that was signed during the visit. The President of Myanmar also welcomed India's offer of assistance in production of large Cardamom in the Naga Self-Administered Zone.
24. Expressing their commitment to enhance cooperation in science and technology, the two leaders noted with satisfaction that the first meeting of the India-Myanmar Joint Working Group on Science and Technology was held on 3 April 2012. The Joint Working Group has identified some priority areas for future cooperation in the fields of agricultural biotechnology, post harvest technology, medical biotechnology, medical research and renewable energy. The two leaders welcomed these decisions and agreed that Myanmar would prepare specific proposals on some of its priority projects so that they can be taken forward for implementation.
25. Under a MoU signed during the visit, the two leaders decided to set up the Myanmar Institute of Information Technology with financial and technical assistance from India. The Indian Prime Minister announced continued technical and financial support for the India-Myanmar Centre for Enhancement of IT Skills in Yangon for a further five-year period when it will also undergo a technology upgrade. The Indian Prime Minister announced a Fellowship for Myanmar Researchers to work in Indian Universities and Research Institutions, under which 10 slots would be allocated every year. Each Fellowship would be for four-six months duration in the areas of Atmospheric and Earth Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Life Sciences, Medical Sciences, Mathematical and Computational Sciences and Physical Sciences.
26. The Prime Minister of India announced that in keeping with India's commitment to developing human resource capacity in Myanmar, the existing number of training slot for Myanmar, including under the Indian Economic and Technical Cooperation (ITEC) Programme would be doubled from the current 250 to 500. The President of Myanmar welcomed this significant gesture.
27. The Myanmar President thanked the India side for its offer to train Myanmar diplomats in conference management and for the assistance in setting up of language laboratories and conference rooms in Nay

Pyi Taw and Yangon and e-research centre in Nay Pyi Taw for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

28. The two sides also expressed their commitment to enhanced cooperation in the area of Agriculture. The President of Myanmar thanked India for the agricultural machinery that had been gifted to Myanmar under a grant of US\$ 10 million and conveyed that the machinery had been distributed to various locations of Myanmar and is being used for the benefit of Myanmar's farming community. Under the MoU signed during the visit the two leaders decided to establish the Advanced Centre for Agriculture Research and Education as a Centre for Excellence using cutting edge technology along with traditional knowledge and ecological conservation with financial and technical assistance from India. They also agreed to set up a Rice Bio Park within the Department of Agricultural Research, Yezin in Nay Pyi Taw in order to demonstrate available techniques of sustainable rice biomass utilisation. These two institutions together will provide technological and research inputs to the Myanmar farming, academic and business communities. The President of Myanmar also thanked the Prime Minister for India's support to the construction of a modern cyclone-proof rice silo within the Model Integrated Farm at Nay Pyi Taw.
29. The Myanmar side requested for India's assistance in arranging training programmes/fellowships in the areas of dairy development, cattle breeding, vaccine technology and assistance in setting up a milk and milk product factory in Shan State. The Indian side agreed to consider the proposal favorably.

Trade and Investment

30. Alluding to the mutually agreed target of doubling the bilateral trade by 2015, both leaders emphasized that there is considerable untapped potential for greater trade and urged the business community to capitalize on this potential. Investments by India companies in areas like ports, highways, oil & gas, plantation, manufacturing, hospitality and ICT would be specifically encouraged. In this context, the two leaders underscored the importance of the newly created Trade and Investment Forum in enabling timely and accurate exchange of information and ideas.
31. They assured that both Governments would work to identify and remove various impediments to bilateral trade. In this context, they welcomed the establishment of a representative office of the United Bank of India in Yangon as a first step in facilitating business-friendly banking transactions between the two countries. The Myanmar side welcomed the proposals for the training of Myanmar officials in the Banking sector by Indian banks and for cooperation in the Agriculture Banking sector. Considering the vast potential for promoting trade between the two countries, both sides agreed that the Reserve Bank of India would sign an MoU with the Central Bank of Myanmar on currency arrangements between India and Myanmar in the near future. Further, the Reserve Bank of India would also conclude an MoU with the Central Bank of Myanmar to serve as a platform for an exchange of views on issues of mutual interest. The two sides agreed upon sharing of banking experiences and technical know-how from State Bank of India or any other banks as mutually agreed.
32. Both leaders urged the business community to enthusiastically participate in each other's trade fairs and also to share information on the prevailing trade and investment policies through organization of seminars and business related events in specific sectors of mutual interest. In this context, they welcomed the organization of the first Enterprise India Show in Yangon in November 2011 by CII and UMFCCI and the decision taken to make it an annual event.
33. Taking into account the needs of communities residing near the border, the two leaders welcomed the decision to set up border haats along the border and the MoU agreed for this purpose. They also noted that the decision to upgrade banking infrastructure at border

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trade points would also facilitate greater trade between people living in these areas.

34. The two leaders directed that a bilateral Border Trade Committee should be set up to implement the earlier decision that meetings would be held regularly between the border trade officials and businesspersons in Tamu-Moreh and Rhi-Zowkthar.

Power and Energy

35. The two leaders emphasised the need for closer cooperation to further energy security. In this context, they welcomed the signing of the Production Sharing Contract between the Government of Myanmar and the Jubilant Energy of India. They encouraged investment by Indian companies in Myanmar oil and gas sector, including in available blocks that are being offered for investment which have good prospects. They also agreed to encourage investment by Indian companies in downstream projects in the petroleum industry.

36. The Myanmar President expressed his appreciation to India for undertaking the preparation of Detailed Project Reports of the Tamanthi and Shwezay hydro power projects. Both leaders directed their respective officials to study the contents of the DPRs and finalise the future course of action, taking into account technical, commercial and socio-environmental considerations.

Culture and People-to-People Exchanges

37. The two leaders emphasized the centrality of culture in further deepening the close bonds between the peoples of India and Myanmar and expressed satisfaction with the signature of the Cultural Exchange Programme for the period 2012-2015. It was noted that the CEP would also promote cultural exchanges between the North Eastern States of India and the bordering areas of Myanmar.

38. They also welcomed the preparations that have been made towards organizing the international Conference on Buddhist Heritage in Myanmar in December 2012 with the cooperation of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Ministry of Religious Affairs of Myanmar and the Sitagu World Buddhist Association.

39. The Myanmar side thanked India for its decision to gift a 16 feet sand stone replica of the Sarnath Buddha later in the year that will be installed in the precincts of the Shwedagon Pagoda. A smaller replica will be unveiled by the Prime Minister during the visit. The Myanmar side also conveyed its appreciation to India for the facilities and courtesies being extended to Myanmar pilgrims visiting India.

40. The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the ongoing pace of work on the project for conservation and restoration of the Ananda Temple in Bagan, Myanmar by the Archaeological Survey of India which is expected to be completed over the next 2 years.

41. The two leaders also welcomed the formalization of contacts between Indian and Myanmar think tanks and academic institutions and urged scholars to participate actively and exchange views in academic events being held in either country.

42. The President of Myanmar welcomed the

announcement made by the Prime Minister regarding the Government of India's support for setting up of a school with technical assistance from India.

Regional and Multilateral

43. The two leaders discussed a broad range of regional and international issues of mutual interest. They agreed to continue their coordination on issues of common interest on the international agenda.

44. The two leaders emphasized the importance of close coordination towards the cause of regional cooperation. The Prime Minister of India extended his good wishes to Myanmar for a successful term as BIMSTEC Chair, including its proposal to host the next BIMSTEC Summit meeting. The two leaders looked forward to further intensification of ASEAN-India cooperation under Myanmar's chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014. The Prime Minister of India emphasized that Myanmar holds a significant place both in India's Look East Policy and in its collaboration with ASEAN countries under the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI). The two leaders agreed to cooperate closely on activities related to the forthcoming ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit.

45. The Prime Minister of India thanked the President of Myanmar for the warm and gracious hospitality extended to him and the members of his delegation during their stay in Myanmar.

46. The Prime Minister invited the President of Myanmar to visit India on mutually convenient dates which will be decided through diplomatic channels. The President of Myanmar accepted the invitation.

Nay Pyi Taw
May 28, 2012

CBM Governor holds discussion with foreign guests to develop market orientation

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein received Executive Director Mr Chia Der Jium of IMF Mission at his office this morning, and discussed development of Myanmar money market programme cooperated by IMF.

Also the Governor met Professor Dr Myo Aung of International University of Japan (IUJ) and party at the same office this morning and held discussion on provision proficiency assistance to develop in money sector.

Likewise President Mr Takashi Fukai of Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd paid a call on the Governor at the same venue this afternoon. They had a cordial discussion on cooperation of Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd in order to ensure development of capital market in Myanmar.

Also present at the call were the Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar and heads of department.

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Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein receives Executive Director Mr Chia Der Jium of IMF Mission.—MNA



Hotel Hospitality Course No. 5/2012 opens



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan speaking at opening ceremony of Hospitality Course No (5/2012).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—An opening ceremony of Hotel Hospitality course No. 5/2012, supervised by Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and conducted by Hoteliers Association (Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone), was held at Zabuthiri Hotel in

Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan.

In his address, the Union Minister said that the Ministry is conducting hotel courses with the aim of ensuring human resources development and creating more job opportunities. The country sees significant progress in tourism industry due to the recent transparent reforms. This is because the country has tourist attractive conditions such as peace and

stability of tourist destinations, attractive tourist destinations, hospitality, dutifulness, tradition and customs.

Plans are under way to draw mater plan for tourism industry with the help of Government of Norway and Asia Development Banks. For easy arrival of tourists, Steering Committee will deal with out e-visa system, on arrival visa and business visa in cooperation with Ministry of Immigration and Population, as of June this year, he added.

After that, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone U Tha Htay expressed special thanks to those who made efforts for recruiting trainees and course instructors. It was also attended by Deputy Minister U Htay Aung, Directors-General, Managing Directors and officials, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone and members, managers, trainees.

A total of 201 trainees are attending the four-week course.

MNA

Public Notice

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—The Mobile Telecommunications Department of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs announced today that CDMA (450 MHz) Prepaid/Postpaid Subscriber will have cutover installation

to CBS system used for CDMA (800 MHz) Prepaid and CDMA (450 MHz) Prepaid/Postpaid mobile phones in Ahlon exchange in Yangon from 00:00 hours to 00:20 hours on 30 May.

Therefore, during the time, the connection of CDMA 450 MHz and 800 MHz mobile phones will be suspended for about 20 minutes, announced the ministry.—MNA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (638)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (638) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.5.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
LINES**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (447)

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV OEL BLESSING VOY NO (161)

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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An improvised explosive device, discovered by Afghan National Army soldiers, is positioned in a hole before being detonated in the village of Khaleqqad Khan in Afghanistan's Zabul Province on 26 May, 2012.

REUTERS

4.7-magnitude quake hits northern China

BEIJING, 28 May — A 4.7-magnitude earthquake hit northern China on Monday morning, shaking buildings in the capital Beijing, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The earthquake struck at 10:22am (0222 GMT) at a depth of 38.7 kilometres (24 miles), about 47 kilometres east of Tangshan City — site of one of China's worst ever earthquakes, which killed an estimated 242,000 people in 1976.

The Chinese government gauged on Monday's earthquake at a slightly stronger 4.8 magnitude, according to a statement by the China Earthquake Network Centre.

There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties. — *Internet*



This file photo shows a general view of Tangshan City.

INTERNET

Four NATO service members killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 May — Four NATO service members were killed in separate roadside bomb attacks in southern Afghanistan, the alliance said on Sunday. NATO said in a statement that all four deaths occurred on Saturday. It provided no other details on the attacks, including the nationalities of the service members.

One is thought to be a British soldier killed on Saturday in an explosion in the Nahr-e Saraj region of southern Helmand province. The British Ministry of Defence announced late Saturday that the soldier died while traveling in a vehicle. Another NATO service member died Friday in an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan. No details have been given on that death.

Their deaths bring to 33 the number of NATO service members killed so far this month in Afghanistan, for a total of 165 this year. A total of 414 members of British forces have died since operations in Afghanistan began more than 10 years ago. The Afghan Ministry of Interior also announced on Sunday that six insurgents were killed on Saturday in joint operations in four eastern provinces. — *Internet*

Police to arrest bus company chief over fatal tour bus accident

TOKYO, 28 May — Arrest warrant for the president of tour bus operator Rikuentai was approved on Monday over Japan's worst single-vehicle highway accident last month in Gunma Prefecture which killed seven passengers and injured 38 others. Yumihide Hariu, 55, will be arrested on suspicion of allowing driver Kazan Kono to use his company's name to obtain business permits for Kono's four buses in violation of Japan's Road Transportation Law.

Kono, crashed Rikuentai's overnight tour bus into a roadside wall on the Kanetsu Expressway in the early hours of 29 April during Japan's Golden Week holiday period on its way to Tokyo Disneyland, and was prosecuted Tuesday on a charge of negligent driving resulting in death and injury. Hariu admitted the name-lending at a Press conference after the accident, but said he did not take any bribe for it. — *Xinhua*

Man admitted to hospital for kidney stone, discovers he's a woman

DENVER, 28 May — A Colorado man who was admitted to the hospital for a kidney stone received surprising news when the nurse came back with test results revealing he was actually a woman. Denver photographer Steve Crecelius said he's felt a little different all his life. "When I was about 6 years old, I started having these feminine feelings, but that was in the '60s. Wearing my mom's makeup, I thought

I looked pretty," Crecelius told ABC News.

So when he went to the emergency room five years ago, he wasn't too shocked when the nurse told him she found traits of both genders in his ultrasound results. He was intersex, meaning he had both male genitalia and internal female sex organs. "The nurse is reading the ultrasound and says, 'Huh, this says you're a female,' Crecelius said. "It was very

liberating. I had spent so much energy after the age of 13 constantly evaluating how people looked at me and acted towards me." Steve, who now goes by "Stevie," said his wife and their six children accepted his new identity right away.

"We told them individually. Some were in person and some weren't," Crecelius said. "Every one of them said, 'We don't care one way or the other. We love you

for who you are and you're still my dad.'" Crecelius and his wife, Debbie, have been together for 25 years and she's supported him every step of the way, including taking him to buy his first bra.

She told Crecelius, "You know, when I first saw you, I said to myself, 'He runs like a girl.'" "I think we were pretty good when she began to mourn the loss of her husband," Crecelius said. "We worked through what we needed to. The concept of unconditional love is a larger story."

Internet

Rocket kills two at Pakistan market

QUETTA, 28 May — Rockets fired by suspected insurgents on Saturday killed two people and wounded 20 others in

Pakistan's troubled southwestern city of Quetta, police and hospital officials said. One rocket which landed at a busy market killed a 17-year-old boy and wounded 18 others, police said. One of the injured died later in hospital.

"A boy was killed on the spot and one of the wounded, a man, died at hospital," senior police official Mohammad Zubair told AFP. A second rocket landed about a kilometre (mile) away in a Christian neighbourhood and wounded three family members.

Hospital official Rasheed Jamali confirmed the casualties. Zubair said nobody had immediately claimed responsibility for firing the rockets but in the past separatists have carried out similar attacks.

Pakistan's southwestern Baluchistan province of which Quetta is the capital, suffers from Islamist militancy linked to the Taleban, sectarian violence between Sunni and Shiite Muslims and a separatist insurgency. Hundreds of people have been killed since separatist Baluch rebels rose up in 2004, demanding political autonomy and a greater share of profits from oil, gas and mineral resources in the region.

Internet



Pakistani policemen in plain clothes display seized rocket-propelled grenade rounds in January 2012.

INTERNET

Japan train with "rice balls" to sharpen soccer skills

Japan have come up with a novel way of preparing themselves for this year's London Olympic men's soccer tournament — training with odd-bouncing triangular 'rice balls.'

The balls, shaped like the traditional Japanese 'onigiri' rice ball wrapped in seaweed, were fired at goalkeepers during training at the weekend,

local media reported.

"It was good practice," goalkeeper Takuya Masuda told the *Nikkan Sports* newspaper after a dizzying session trying to stop the oversized lunch snacks.

"Hopefully we can apply it in matches."

Goalkeeping coach Hisanori Fujiwara said: "The ball is irregular in shape so it

behaves irregularly through the air too. It sharpens reactions and helps improve concentration."

Japan, who employ various innovative training methods, including playing with volleyballs, face Spain on 26 July in their opening Group D match at the London Olympics before meeting Honduras and Morocco.

World's biggest boxes of pasta on sale in Turkey

Shoppers can buy a half-tonne box of pasta from Thursday at supermarkets in Turkey, but not in the world's spaghetti capital of Italy.

Too heavy and too big for the shopping trolley, delivery is included in the price.

Italy's Barilla, the world's biggest pasta maker, and Turkey's Migros Ticaret

supermarket chain teamed up to produce the mega box of penne pasta, which sells for 999 Turkish lira (\$560), for charity.

Guinness World Records have declared the cardboard box - at 1-and-a-half metres high and well over a metre wide - the biggest pasta box ever produced, Parma-based Barilla said.

The boxes will be sold at supermarkets in Istanbul, Edirne and the resort port city of Bodrum. All revenues from the sales of the massive cartons will go to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Turkey consumes 450,000 metric tons (496,040 tons) of pasta per year, and is the world's No 5 producer.



Sniffer dog nabs smuggler hiding heroin in rectum

A man who tried to smuggle heroin into the United States concealed in his rectum was caught by US officials - with the help of a drug-sniffer dog named Malone - as he walked across the border from Mexico.

Paulo Alfredo Macias, 35, was being held in the El Paso County Jail without

bond after being caught at the Paso Del Norte pedestrian crossing with nearly 5 ounces of heroin, officials said.

"Internal body carriers are not common at land border ports of entry so this is a significant seizure," El Paso Port Director Hector Mancha of Customs and Border Protection said in a statement.

News Album

A package of heroin weighing just under five ounces is seen in this US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) handout photo released on May 16, 2012.

Macias, a Texan, had been selected for screening at the El Paso crossing, and the dog helped officials determine he was carrying drugs, the statement said.

In an interview with officials, Macias admitted he had heroin hidden in his body, and he removed an oval-shaped pellet containing the drugs, it added.

Paris Hilton pole dances on fairground ride in Cannes for photoshoot



Paris Hilton

LONDON, 28 May—Paris Hilton posed on a merry-go-round in Cannes for a classy shoot with photographer Ellen Von Unwerth.

She pole danced on a

merry-go-round horse, posed on the carousel, and finally was picked up by a hot model standing in the sea.

"About to do an iconic photo shoot around Cannes with the amazingly talented Ellen Von Unwerth. Inspired by the one and only Bridget Bardot," the *Mirror* quoted her as tweeting. "Just finished a crazy sexy shoot with Ellen Von Unwerth styled by Sascha Lilić. So many funpics and so many incredible couture gowns! Loves it."

"Before any rumours get started. The guy in my photoshoot with Ellen Von Unwerth today is not a new love interest. Just the model Ellen hired," she added.

Internet

I hate riding horses: Stewart

LOS ANGELES, 28 May—Actress Kristen Stewart says she hated doing the horse riding scenes in her latest movie "Snow White and the Huntsman" in which she plays the Snow White.

Directed by British director Rupert Sanders, "Snow White... also stars Charlize Theron, Chis Hemsworth and Sam Claflin.

"Riding a horse was the worst part of the movie. The dynamic between horse and rider is not for me," the 22-year-old was quoted as saying by contactmusic.com.

But the "Twilight" star enjoys watching horses run.

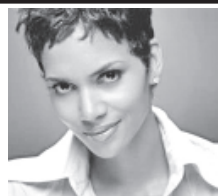
"I'll happily watch a horse run around a pasture, I'll even run with him but I

hate riding horses. But it's cool to watch people genuinely uncomfortable on screen," she said.

Stewart is known for playing Bella Swan in the "Twilight" saga.—Internet



Actress Kristen Stewart



Actress Halle Berry

Halle Berry hardly wears make-up

LOS ANGELES, 28 May—Actress Halle Berry says she hardly wears make-up and prefers to go for a natural look. "I hardly ever wear make-up. I like to give my skin a break — let it breathe," people.com quoted Berry as

saying.

Despite going make-up free on regular occasions, Berry admits to being a big fan of using Spa skincare products and sunscreen.

"It's cleansing your skin, watching what you eat, no

smoking, not too much drinking, no sugar — just simple. And using sunscreen! If you don't have a good base, then it doesn't matter what you put on it — it's not going to look as great as it could."

Internet

Kanye gives style tips to Kim

LONDON, 28 May—Rapper-turned-fashion-designer Kanye West has been giving Kim Kardashian some fashion advice.

"Kanye has been having chats with Kim about her style. He thinks she should be more like him, edgy with her choices. He keeps saying she should evolve as a fashion icon," the sun.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

Kim ran a clothing boutique with her sisters Kourtney and Khloe Kardashian as well as her mother Kris Jenner before finding fame. She has also created a successful apparel line named Kardashian Collection.

However, West thinks Kim needs to be more adventurous with the image.

"Kanye says she plays it safe too much so has been trying to pick outfits for her to wear and encourage her to be more daring," the source said.

The couple spotted at Cannes Film Festival in the South of France this week for the premiere of West's new motion picture title "Cruel Summer".

Internet



Rapper-turned-fashion-designer Kanye West

Emma Stone to be honoured with MTV movie award

LONDON, 28 May—Emma Stone will receive the inaugural Trailblazer award at the MTV Movie Awards, that is to be held on 3 June.

The 23-year-old actress is being given the award for her ability to connect with her fans be it a comedy like 'Easy A' or a drama such as 'The Help', the *Daily Star* reported.

The actress has been nominated in the categories of Best Female Performance for 'Crazy, Stupid, Love', Best Kiss for her steamy lip-lock with co-star Ryan



Emma Stone

Gosling and as part of the Best Cast for her work in the Oscar-nominated movie 'The Help'.—Internet

Robert Pattinson

'top choice for The Hunger Games sequel'

NEW YORK, 28 May—Robert Pattinson has reportedly been pursued to play the character Finnick Odair in 'Catching Fire,' the sequel to 'The Hunger Games'.

According to web site ThinkMcFlyThink, a studio source has said that Pattinson is a top choice for the role after with Lionsgate confirmed Francis Lawrence as the director of the sequel, the *New York Post* reported.



Robert Pattinson

The duo have worked together in the past, in the film 'Water For Elephants.'

In the 'Hunger Games' mythology, Finnick Odair is one of the battle royale's youngest winners, the victor for the 65th annual Hunger Games.

When he appears in the book 'Catching Fire,' he is in his mid-twenties and is noted to be very good looking, which is a perfect fit for Pattinson.

Internet

Injury scare for Man City's Barry



Gareth Barry was substituted in the second half of England's win in Norway.—INTERNET

LONDON, 28 May — Manchester City midfielder Gareth Barry is set to have a scan after suffering a suspected groin injury while playing for England in Norway. National coach Roy Hodgson admitted he was "worried" by the problem, which could threaten Barry's

place in the England squad for the Euro 2012 Championship in Poland and Ukraine.

The 31-year-old had to be replaced by Liverpool's Jordan Henderson in the second half of England's 1-0 win - having himself replaced skipper Steven Gerrard at half-

time. "The situation with Gareth Barry worries me," admitted Hodgson.

And if it's serious that will give me something to think about as we don't have much time left." England's first match of the tournament is against France on Monday 11th June.

Hodgson added: "I spoke to Gareth and he told me: 'I think I need a scan'. Something happened during the course of the game and now we need to see how it is. "I'm not prepared to say it is serious but it is certainly going to dominate our attention and we don't have a lot of time if the scan shows there is something more than minor."

Henderson is currently on England's stand-by list and is a possible replacement should Barry be unable to take part.

Internet

Franchitti wins 3rd Indy 500, gives nod to Wheldon

INDIANAPOLIS, 28 May — Dan Wheldon couldn't win his third Indianapolis 500. Dario Franchitti did it for him. And if it wasn't going to be Franchitti, then it would be Scott Dixon. Maybe even Tony Kanaan. No matter what, one of Wheldon's best buddies was going to Victory Lane. In the end, they celebrated a 1-2-3 sweep that honoured D-Dub, their missing friend.

Franchitti stamped his name in the record books by winning his third Indy 500 on Sunday, a day that started and ended as a tribute to Wheldon, who won the race a year ago but was killed in an October crash in the IndyCar season finale. As his three friends lined up with six laps remaining for the final restart — Kanaan out front, Chip



Dario Franchitti, of Scotland, celebrates in victory circle after winning IndyCar's Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, on 27 May, 2012.

INTERNET

Ganassi teammates Franchitti and Dixon second and third — they couldn't help but wonder if Wheldon was at play.

"Kind of like old times, the three of us back and forwards," Franchitti said. "I thought, 'Dan is laughing at us right now going at it.'" It was an absolutely fitting finish, even if the elation for Franchitti's win was tempered by the heartbreak for two other deserving drivers.

Dixon, a one-time Indy 500 winner, temporarily relocated his family to St Petersburg, Fla, to support Wheldon's wife and two sons, and Kanaan, 0 for 11 now at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, had openly wept following the death of his former teammate.

Internet

Djokovic, Federer open Roland Garros bids

PARIS, 28 May — World number one Novak Djokovic kicks off his bid for an historic Grand Slam on Monday when he tackles Italian claycourter Potito Starace in the French Open first round. The top seed is just seven wins away from becoming only the third man to hold all four majors at the same time. But the Wimbledon, US Open and Australian Open champion has never made a final in Paris, falling at the semi-finals on three occasions.

He also has Roger Federer in his half of the draw where the great Swiss looms as a potential semi-final opponent. Federer, the holder of a record 16 Grand

Slam titles, was the champion at Roland Garros in 2009, and he also starts his campaign on Monday against Germany's Tobias Kamke.

Defending women's champion Li Na of China is second match on Philippe Chatrier Court where she faces Romania's Sorana Cirstea. Top seed and world number one Victoria Azarenka, the Australian Open champion, begins proceedings on the main court against Alberta Brianti of Italy. Former men's world number one Lleyton Hewitt of Australia is also in action against Slovenia's Blaz Kavcic.

The former Wimbledon and US Open champion will



Presentation of the Roland Garros tennis complex, home of the French Open Tournament, with rankings and 2011 winners.—INTERNET

take to Court Seven with two screws and a metal plate now locking permanently into place in the big toe on his left foot after undergoing radical surgery to prolong his career.

Hewitt, now ranked 175, has had only two weeks of practice ahead of his first-round match and if he gets past Kavcic his next opponent could be Djokovic.—Internet

International Sports

Johnson edges Dufner to win at PGA Colonial

FORT WORTH, 28 May — Zach Johnson fired a two-over 72 that included a two-shot penalty at the final hole to win the Crowne Plaza Invitational, denying Jason Dufner a third US PGA victory this season. On a day of dramatic swings in the duel between Johnson and Dufner, Johnson appeared to be home and dry after Dufner's triple-bogey seven at the par-four 15th. That gave Johnson a four-shot lead, and even after a bogey at 16, the 2007 Masters champion arrived at 18 with a three-stroke lead.

He had celebrated what

he thought was a par for a three-shot win but then realized he had moved his ball marker on the 18th green and failed to replace it properly. With the two-shot penalty, Johnson signed for a 72 and a 12-under total of 268 — giving



Zach Johnson poses with the trophy after his one-stroke victory at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial at the Colonial Country Club, on 27 May, in Fort Worth, Texas.—INTERNET

him only a one-shot victory over Dufner. "There's a number of adjectives I'm calling myself right now. And lucky would be the biggest one," said Johnson, who won for the first time since claiming the same title two years ago.

"Blessed would be another one, humbled would be another one. It's an honour to put this jacket on once... I'm in shock I got it twice."

Dufner, who won his first US tour title in his 163rd try on 29 April in New Orleans and won again at the Byron Nelson Classic last week, started the day with a one-shot lead over Johnson. But he faded down the stretch, finishing with a four-over 74 that included a double-bogey and two bogeys.

Internet

Roddick loses in French's 1st round; Williams wins

PARIS, 28 May — Easy to understand why Andy Roddick never enjoyed playing on red clay all that much. First and foremost, the footing is tricky as can be. The soft courts take his booming serves and forehands down a notch, too. Put simply, his game is built for hard or grass courts. As if



Andy Roddick (L) of the United States reacts during the 1st round match of men's singles against Nicolas Mahut of France at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, France, on 27 May, 2012. Roddick lost 1-3.

INTERNET

that weren't enough, he arrived at this French Open having played only 16 matches in a season interrupted by injuries to his right hamstring and right ankle.

If Roddick was tempted to sit out Roland Garros altogether — or tempted to use his health or rust as an excuse for playing poorly — he did not. The 26th-seeded American, once ranked No 1 and once a Grand Slam champion, gave it a shot and came up short Sunday, exiting in a major tournament's opening round for the first time since 2007, and at the same venue.

His 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 loss to 88th-ranked Nicolas Mahut at the French Open dropped Roddick's record to 7-10 this season, 0-4 on clay. Of the seven previous major title winners in action on Day 1 in

Paris, including Venus Williams in her first Grand Slam match since revealing in August she was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease, only Roddick was beaten.

Like Roddick, and for much the same reasons, Williams is not nearly as comfortable on clay as faster surfaces. She's also dealing with the difficult process of learning to live with Sjogren's syndrome, a condition that can cause fatigue and joint pain. But the 31-year-old Williams, a seven-time major champion, overcame a slow start Sunday to beat 19-year-old Paula Ormaechea of Argentina 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. "A lot of it, I have to figure it out. It's physical and emotional and all kinds of different things. Mental," Williams said of her medical condition. "It's a big accomplishment for me to be here right now."—Internet

I will be 100 percent fit for Euro 2012, insists Fabregas

MADRID, 28 May — Cesc Fabregas insists that he will be 100 percent fit for the start of Euro 2012. The Barcelona man suffered a thigh injury shortly after coming on as a substitute in Friday night's Copa del Rey final win over Athletic Bilbao and has been ruled out of action for 10 days. The news has cast some doubt on Fabregas' participation in his country's tournament opener against Italy on 10 June but the former Arsenal star has moved to reassure fans by posting the

following message on his Twitter profile:

"Thank u all for caring abt my injury. Im fine and with no pain. Soon will be 100% ready to start preparing the euros with the national team." Fabregas has struggled for both form and fitness over the second half of the Spanish season but was named in Vicente Del Bosque's squad for Euro 2012 on Sunday. As well as Italy, Spain also has Republic of Ireland and Croatia for company in Group C.—Internet



I will be 100 percent fit for Euro 2012, insists Fabregas. INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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- (29-5-12 09:30 am ~ 30-5-12 09:30 am) MST
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 - * News
 - * Golden Dreams & His Art Academy Diramore
 - * News
 - * Topic on Journal "Trip to Mrauk U Insights and Leisure"
 - * The Ceremony of disbursement of loans for hybrid paddy
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 5. Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:10 am**
6. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:25 am**
7. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 4:10 pm**
8. Musical Programme
- 4:35 pm**
9. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 4:45 pm**
10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Math)
- 5:05 pm**
11. One Village & One Product
- 6:35 pm**
12. Sing A Song
- 7:00 pm**
13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
14. News
 15. TV Drama Series
 16. India Drama Series

British woman held for drugs in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 May—A British woman was arrested for allegedly smuggling cocaine into the Indonesian island of Bali, an official said Monday, and may face the death penalty under stiff anti-drug laws.

Customs officials value of more than 23 billion rupiah (\$2.5 million) and Sandiford, who told officials she is a housewife, faces the death penalty for drug trafficking, Wijaya said.

Indonesia enforces stiff penalties including life



Lindsay June Sandiford (C), 56, of Britain covers her face as customs personnel display evidence of drugs in Denpasar on Bali island on 28 May, 2012.—INTERNET

detained the woman, identified as Lindsay June Sandiford, 56, on 19 May with almost five kilograms (11 pounds) of cocaine after arriving at the airport in Denpasar on a Thai Airways flight from Bangkok.

"We arrested the suspect after we found 4,791 grams of cocaine in her suitcase. She hid it in the lining of her suitcase," Denpasar airport customs chief I Made Wijaya told reporters.

"We conducted an X-ray scan on the luggage, found a suspicious substance in it and then examined it," he said.

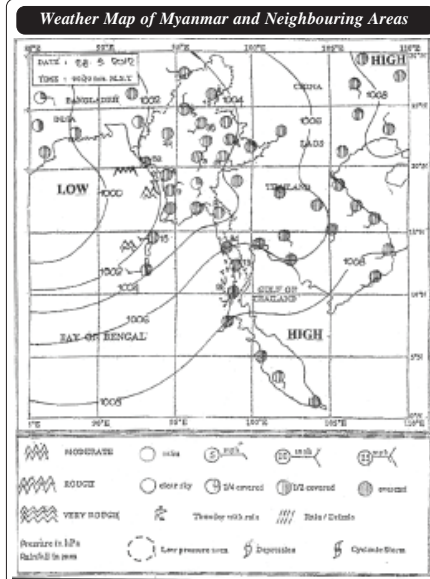
The cocaine has a street

imprisonment and death for drug trafficking.

Two members of an Australian drug smuggling gang known as the "Bali Nine" who were arrested in 2005 are on death row, while seven others face lengthy jail terms.

Another Australian, Schapelle Corby, who was sentenced to 20 years in prison for smuggling 4.1 kilos of marijuana in 2005, recently had her term slashed by five years after a clemency appeal to President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. The 34-year-old is due to be released in September 2017.

Internet



Weather forecast for 29th May, 2012

| Sr. No. | Regions/States | Temperature (°C/F) | | Forecast | |
|---------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|---|---------|
| | | Maximum | Minimum | Forecast | Percent |
| 1 | Kachin | 37/99 | 25/73 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 2 | Kayah | 30/86 | 20/68 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 3 | Kayah | 30/86 | 25/73 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 4 | Chin | 26/79 | 16/59 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 5 | Upper Sgawing | 40/104 | 25/77 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 6 | Lower Sgawing | 41/106 | 26/79 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 7 | Tamuhary | 30/86 | 22/72 | Widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 8 | Bago | 33/91 | 25/77 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 9 | Magway | 40/104 | 25/77 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 10 | Mandalay | 39/102 | 27/81 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 11 | Mon | 32/90 | 25/77 | Widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 12 | Yangon | 31/88 | 25/73 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 13 | Rakhine | 32/90 | 25/73 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 14 | Southern Shan | 25/77 | 17/63 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 15 | Northern Shan | 28/82 | 21/70 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 16 | Eastern Shan | 30/86 | 25/73 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 17 | Ayeyawady | 36/97 | 25/77 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 18 | Neighbouring Nya Pyi Taw | 38/100 | 25/77 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | (60%) |
| 19 | Neighbouring Yangon | 31/88 | 25/73 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 20 | Neighbouring Mandalay | 39/102 | 27/81 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | (60%) |

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthary Region and Chin State, fairly widespread in Upper Sgawing and Yangon Regions, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, scattered in Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kayah and Kayah States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Upper Sgawing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthary Regions. Day temperatures were (1°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Lower Sgawing Region and Chin State, (5°C) to (6°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sgawing Region and Kachin State, (1°C) to (2°C) below May average temperatures in Yangon and Taninthary Regions, Northern Shan and Kayah State and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Kalewa (43°C), Mawlaik, Kaly and Mawya (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Lunglei (1.15) inches, Kalewa and Kyaukpadaung (0.85) inches each, Sitawu (2.05) inches and Palakhu (1.80) inches.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of advance of Southwest monsoon into Deltaic Areas.

Ukraine Olympics boss quits over ticket scandal

LONDON, 28 May—The general secretary of Ukraine's National Olympics Committee (NOC) resigned on Monday following claims by the BBC he sought to sell tickets for the London Games on the black market.

"Volodymyr Gerashchenko has submitted his resignation from the position of general secretary of the NOC," the committee said in a statement, adding he had pledged to cooperate with an independent investigation commission.

The BBC revealed last week that Gerashchenko had been exposed in a sting operation trying to sell some 100 tickets for the London Olympic Games.

In a bid to contain a growing scandal that also threatens to shadow



The Olympic Stadium in Stratford, east London, seen here in March 2011.—INTERNET

Ukraine's co-hosting of the Euro football next month, the Olympics Committee said it has developed "an immediate reaction plan" over the scandal.

It said that the creation of the independent investigation commission has already been approved and it would consist of three top Ukrainian legal experts.

pole vaulting great Sergei Bubka who immediately suspended Gerashchenko after the report emerged last week.

After receiving information that someone from the NOC might be prepared to sell tickets, a BBC reporter posing as an unauthorised ticket dealer from Britain spoke to Gerashchenko, who reportedly confirmed he would be prepared to sell tickets.

The BBC said Gerashchenko, general secretary since 1997, told the reporter: "I understand you're a dealer—that's why for me, you are priority number one, the top, the person, in case we have extra tickets to contact you, we contact you."

Internet

Japan govt bears most blame for Fukushima

TOKYO, 28 May—Japan's prime minister at the time of the Fukushima nuclear crisis apologised on Monday and said the government and its push for nuclear energy bore most of the responsibility for the disaster. "The nuclear accident was caused by a nuclear plant which operated as national policy," Naoto Kan told a parliamentary inquiry into the cause of the worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl in 1986.

"I believe the biggest portion of blame lies with the state," said the former premier, who has come out strongly against nuclear power since the Fukushima disaster in March last year. "As the person who was in charge of the country at the time of the accident, I sincerely apologise for my failure to stop it," said Kan, who stepped down in September after 15 months in office.—Internet

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This view of two stricken reactors at the Fukushima nuclear power plant was taken by an unmanned aerial vehicle in March 2011. INTERNET

Lazio captain arrested in illegal betting probe

ROME, 28 May—Lazio captain Stefano Mauri and several top players were arrested on Monday, while national team defender Domenico Criscito's room was searched at Italy's Euro 2012 training camp, as part of a probe into illegal betting.

Mauri was one of 19 people implicated in the investigation into alleged match-fixing in the domestic game, as police swooped in dawn raids on a number of addresses up and down the country, according to Italy's domestic Ansa news agency.

The players are suspected of having received money to fix matches for betting syndicates, whose head is believed to be based in Singapore.

National team full-back



Lazio captain Stefano Mauri during a Serie A football match in Rome on 7 April.—INTERNET

Domenico Criscito's room was searched at Italy's Euro 2012 camp just outside Florence as part of the probe, while police also searched the home of Antonio Conte, the coach of Serie A champions Juventus.

Of the 19 people involved in the raids, 10 are either current or former players from the top four divisions in Italy.—Internet

President U Thein Sein meets Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein held talks with visiting Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh of the Republic of India at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein holds talks with visiting Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh of the Republic of India and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.—MNA

Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Sports Minister U

Aye Myint Kyu, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw, and departmental heads were present at the call as Indian Ambassador Dr VS Sheshadri accompanied the visiting goodwill delegation and

high-ranking officials.

The two sides frankly discussed matters related to joint projects, commercial and economic cooperation, trade, investment, communications, education,

science and technology, industry, culture, livestock and fisheries, defence, religious affairs, electricity, health, agricultural cooperation, finance and revenue, transport, oil and gas, ASEAN-India relations,

and cooperation in regional and international arena.

President U Thein Sein and visiting Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh attended the agreement and MoU-signing ceremony (See page 8)

Joint Statement on the occasion of the State Visit of Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

- The Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh is paying a State Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from May 27 to 29, 2012 at the invitation of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein. He is accompanied by his wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur.
- The Prime Minister was accorded a ceremonial welcome in Nay Pyi Taw and the President of Myanmar hosted a banquet in his honour.
- The visit of the Prime Minister, the first after 25 years, is a historic milestone in the relations between Myanmar and India.
- The two leaders held a restricted meeting, followed by delegation level talks, on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. The talks were held in a warm, cordial and constructive atmosphere reflecting the close and friendly relations between the two neighbouring countries and peoples.
- During the official talks, the Prime Minister of India was assisted by the External Affairs Minister Shri S.M. Krishna, National Security Adviser Shri S. Menon, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Shri Pulok Chatterji, Foreign Secretary Shri Ranjan Mathai, the Ambassador of India to Myanmar Dr. V.S. Seshadri and other senior officials.
- The President of Myanmar was assisted by U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs and other Union Ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw and Senior Government Officials.
- The Prime Minister of India and the President of Myanmar comprehensively reviewed the multifaceted bilateral relationship and took stock of developments since the very successful State visit of President U Thein Sein to India in October 2011. They expressed satisfaction at the ongoing official exchanges and the growing economic, trade and cultural ties, as well as people-to-people exchanges.
- The two leaders agreed on a vision for the future in the pursuit of the common good - bilaterally, regionally and globally. They agreed to cooperate in the areas such as border area development, transportation, connectivity, agriculture, trade and investment, promotion of friendly exchanges and human resource development. They recognized that peace and stability in the region is necessary for development and well-being of the people of their respective countries. In this context, they emphasized the importance of close cooperation between India and Myanmar and the need to effectively harness their respective resources for the good of the peoples of the two countries.
- The Prime Minister of India congratulated the President of Myanmar on the path breaking reform measures taken by the Government of Myanmar towards greater democratization and national reconciliation. He commended the ongoing efforts at political, economic and social reform, which included negotiation of preliminary peace agreements with several ethnic groups as well as dialogue with various democratic political parties including the National League for Democracy led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. He also expressed appreciation for the free, fair and peaceful conduct of the recent by-elections.
- The Prime Minister of India reiterated India's readiness to extend all necessary assistance in accelerating the country's democratic transition and developing the capacity of democratic institutions such as the Parliament, National Human Rights Commission and the Media. Recalling the very successful visit of a Parliamentary delegation led by Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, to India in December 2011, the Prime Minister conveyed India's readiness to undertake training programmes for Myanmar Parliamentarians and staff.
- The following instruments for enhancing bilateral cooperation were signed during the visit:
 - Memorandum of Understanding regarding US\$ 500 million Line of Credit
 - Air Services Agreement between Myanmar and India
 - Memorandum of Understanding on the Myanmar-India Border Area Development
 - Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Joint Trade and Investment Forum
 - Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of the Advanced Centre for Agricultural Research and Education (ACARE)
 - Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Rice Bio Park at the Department of Agricultural Research in Nay Pyi Taw
 - Memorandum of Understanding towards setting up of Myanmar Institute of Information Technology
 - Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between Dagon University and Calcutta University
 - Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) and the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)
 - Agreement on Cooperation between the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) and the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)
 - The Cultural Exchange Programme (2012-2015)
 - Memorandum of Understanding on establishing Border Haats across the border between Myanmar and India
- The two leaders underscored that bilateral relations between India and Myanmar are rooted in shared history and geography, culture and civilization. Welcoming that the range and frequency of engagement between the two countries had intensified significantly (See page 10)