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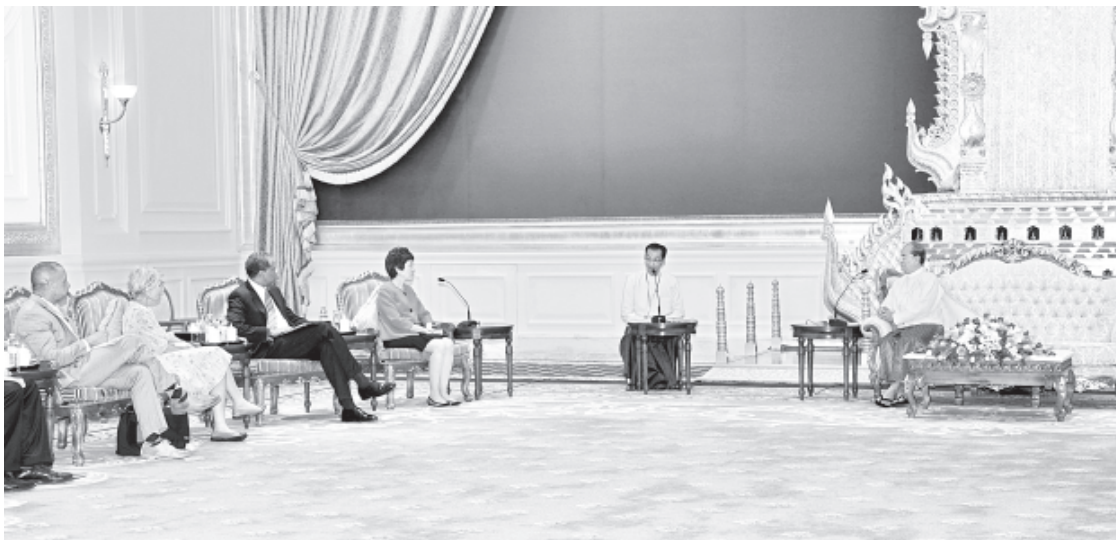
President U Thein Sein receives US Senator Hon Susan M. Collins and party

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a goodwill delegation led by United States Senator Hon Susan M. Collins and party, at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace, here, at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and departmental heads.

The delegation was accompanied by Charge d' Affairs ai Mr Michael E. Thurston from US Embassy.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on strengthening transparent



and amicable relations, progress of internal peace-making process and success of political process and

totally lifting of economic sanctions for more influx of investments.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Vice-President of German Parliament

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham met a delegation led by Vice-President of German Parliament Dr Otto Solms

and party, at the hall of Presidential Palace, here, at 5 pm today.

At the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on socio-economic development, providing

assistances for investment and technologies, anti-corruption, training for emergence of skilled workers, cooperation in the sectors of education, health, culture and language and

promoting cooperation between the parliaments of both countries.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Thant Shin, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Director-General of President Office U Zaw Min and departmental heads. The delegation was accompanied by German Ambassador to Myanmar H.E Christian Ludwig Weber-Lortsch.

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Southwest monsoon sets in

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced today that during the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the Central Bay of Bengal and Deltaic areas.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (29-5-2012)

Launglon	3.66 inches
Yangon (Kaba-Aye)	2.75 inches
Kawthoung	2.12 inches
Cocogyun	1.81 inches
Kyeikkhame	1.77 inches
Dawei	1.73 inches
Monywa	1.50 inches
Hkamti	1.45 inches
NyaungU	1.42 inches

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 30 May, 2012

Namaste!

Thanks to our advancing democratization process, global interest in our country is rising making us busy with endlessly hosting foreign guests coming to us on business trips, diplomatic missions or other purposes that serve mutual interest. We are also welcoming leaders and dignitaries of foreign countries visiting Myanmar with packages of initiatives for fostering business, trade, cultural, people-to-people, and government-to-government relations.

Some countries see us as a resource rich country, while others want to do business with us for its ongoing reforms, abundant labor, nice people and geographical positions that is strategic in the view of many global nations.

Recently, Indian Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh leading a large delegation visited Myanmar on a goodwill mission for further deepening the thousand-year-old cordial relations and enhancing areas of cooperation. During a meeting, President U Thein Sein thanked Dr. Singh for the Indian infrastructural assistance in border areas development as peace and stability of these remote regions running between the two countries is important for both.

As for Myanmar, India is a giant neighbour whose long experience in democracy will be so valuable for its democratization process that needs international cooperation for achieving further acceleration. Besides, India is one of the global emerging markets with its consumption power in multiple sectors growing bigger and bigger every year. Especially, it is an energy hungry giant.

Moreover, this giant can help us create more job opportunities, acquire technology and set up light and medium industries through investments in multiple sectors.

In fact, India needs Myanmar, and Myanmar also needs India, and that is the common ground.

We believe the visit of Indian Prime Minister is a herald of greater cooperation between the two friendly neighbours that may even contribute to regional peace, stability and progress. So we say "Namaste!" to our neighbours.

Attorney-General of the Union meets law officers in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin yesterday held meetings with law officers of NyaungU and Myingyan Districts at the meeting hall of the law officer's office in Kyaukpadaung Township, and those from Region advocate-general's office, Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Kyaukse, Meiktila and Yamethin Districts in Meiktila Township.

He instructed them to polish their skills in line with the rules and regulations, and heard the reports presented by Region Advocate-General U Ye Aung Myint and Region law officer U Khin Maung Maung on work procedures that have to be done step by step at the offices, following the supplementary reports by Director-General at the Office of Attorney-General of the Union U Myint Win.

The Attorney-General, in his trip, paid visits to NyaungU District and NyaungU and Kyaukpadaung Townships law offices.—MNA

Union H&T and Sports Minister meets Thai guest

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan received a delegation led by President Ms Bundarik Kusolvitya of Thailand-based The City Hotel Sriracha at his office yesterday.

The foreign guests asked about investment in Myanmar's hotel industry with great interest and foreign investment laws, rules and regulations to run hotels.

The Union Minister explained the development of tourism industry, steps taken by the ministry to

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan holds bilateral talks with President Ms Bundarik Kusolvitya of Thailand-based The City Hotel Sriracha.—MNA

ensure smooth arrivals of foreign tourists, rules and regulations over foreign investments in hotel industry.—MNA

Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik receives Director Mr Dominic Watters of Trafigura Pte., Ltd.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Committee meets Mon State gov't, state Hluttaw, social organizations

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee met Mon State Government at the state government office in Mawlamyine in Mon State on 27 May. It was attended by State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, Committee Chairman U Hsai Paung Nat, committee members, Speaker of State Hluttaw U Kyin Pe, state ministers and officials.

The Committee Chairman and Committee Secretary U Khat Htain Nan explained objectives, aims and undertakings of the committee.

State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint extended greetings and presented tasks for development of the

state.

The committee met the speaker, deputy speaker and representatives of the state Hluttaw, state national races affairs minister, representatives from political parties and townsenders at 10.30 am and those from Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women's Affairs Organization, War Veterans Organization, Red Cross Society, Fire Brigade, other social and religious organizations, New Mon State Party at 2.15 pm at the State Hluttaw's meeting hall separately.

The committee chairman and the secretary explained study tours of development in the region and the state they had stopped, necessities the

Union Mines Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Director Mr Dominic Watters of Trafigura Pte., Ltd paid a call upon Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik at his office yesterday.

They had a cordial discussion on investment in mines using modern technologies to explore mineral resources, environmental conservations and sooner implementation of work programme.

Likewise, Director Mr Zhang Xianjue of Kunming Baoyi Zhuang Industry & Trade Co., Ltd of Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China also paid a call on the Union Minister at the same venue at 2 pm today and discussed the facts that bear on the proposals to explore mineral resources.

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Dy Health Minister receives Board of Director of Britain-based Relief International

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint received Board of Director Dr Hernando Garzon of Britain-based Relief International and party at his office yesterday.

The Relief International held a discussion with the deputy minister on providing maternal and child welfare health, spreading their project into three townships—Taungtha, Myingyan, Natogyi and exchanging views on provision of health care between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Director-General Dr Saw Lwin (Prevention Disease), Deputy Director-General Dr Thein Htay (Public Health) and responsible persons.

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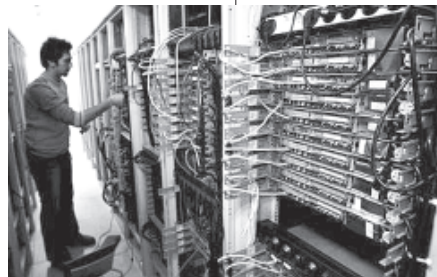
committee chairman the book of brief history and collected articles and papers on Mon nationals and the book of pictorial Mon history.

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Powerful ‘Flame’ cyber weapon found in Iran

BOSTON, 29 May — Security experts said on Monday a highly sophisticated computer virus is infecting computers in Iran and other Middle East countries and may have been deployed at least five years ago to engage in state-sponsored cyber espionage. Evidence suggest that the virus, dubbed Flame, may have been built on behalf of the same nation or nations that commissioned the Stuxnet worm that attacked Iran’s nuclear programme in 2010, according to Kaspersky Lab, the Russian cyber security software maker that took credit for

discovering the infections. Kaspersky researchers said they have yet to determine whether Flame had a specific mission like Stuxnet, and declined to say who they think built it. Iran has accused the United States and Israel of deploying Stuxnet. Cyber security experts said the discovery publicly demonstrates what experts privy to classified information have long known: that nations have been using pieces of malicious computer code as weapons to promote their security interests for several years. “This is one of many, many campaigns that happen



A computer engineer checks equipment at an Internet service provider in Teheran on 15 Feb, 2011.—REUTERS

all the time and never make it into the public domain,” said Alexander Klimburg, a cyber security expert at the Austrian Institute for International Affairs. A cyber security agency in Iran said on its English website that Flame

bore a “close relation” to Stuxnet, the notorious computer worm that attacked that country’s nuclear programme in 2010 and is the first publicly known example of a cyber weapon.

Reuters

Colombia rebels release proof of life for kidnapped Frenchman

BOGOTA, 29 May — Colombian FARC rebels on Monday released a proof of life video in which a kidnapped French journalist appeared relaxed while chatting with the guerrilla fighters that took him hostage a month ago. French reporter Romeo Langlois was seized on 28 April by heavily armed members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia during a clash with troops carrying out an anti-drug raid in Caqueta, a rebel-stronghold in Colombia’s south. The FARC have vowed to free Langlois on Wednesday.

“Go ahead, ask me more

questions if you like. ... It’s weird, I usually ask the questions because I’m the journalist, but it’s ok,” Langlois tells a female FARC member in the video aired by Venezuelan based television network Telesur. Sitting barechested on a bench, the video shows Langlois chatting amicably with his kidnappers.

“The government has never been fond of me,



French journalist Romeo Langlois is seen in this undated file photo distributed to the media by French television station, France 24, in Paris on 29 April, 2012.—REUTERS

because I’ve always gone to both sides, to gather the opinion of everyone,” Langlois said.

After taking Langlois hostage, the group criticized the government for manipulating journalists to turn public opinion against them. The video also shows Langlois receiving medical treatment for a wound in his left arm that he sustained when he was taken hostage.

Reuters

Crowds of people gather along a main street near the scene of an explosion in Kenya’s Capital Nairobi on 28 May, 2012. REUTERS

Blast rocks Kenyan capital, more than 30 hurt

NAIROBI, 29 May — An explosion tore through a shopping complex in Nairobi’s business district during

Monday’s lunch hour, wounding more than 30 people, and police said they were investigating whether it

was a bomb attack. Police spokesman Eric Kiraithe said anti-terrorism police were combing the blast site in the city centre for clues, appearing to row back on an earlier suggestion by the police commissioner that a massive electrical fault might be to blame.

More than ten people have been killed in a string of attacks in Nairobi and the port city of Mombasa since Kenya sent troops into Somalia in October to fight al Qaeda-linked militants. Nairobi has blamed the al Shabaab militants, who merged with Qaeda earlier this year, for the surge in violence and kidnappings that has threatened tourism in east Africa’s biggest economy and wider regional destabilization.

“The investigating team is exploring the possibility that the blast was caused by criminals using an improvised explosive device,” Kiraithe said in a statement.

Two shopkeepers told Reuters independently that they saw a man drop a bag inside the trading centre moments before the blast. “He came into the shop twice, looking at T-shirts. He said he didn’t have money so he left. Then he came back,” said Irene Wachira. “(He was) three shops away from where I was. He left a bag and a few moments later we had an explosion. The roof caved in and debris started falling on us,” Wachira said. Prime Minister Raila Odinga said Kenyans would not be cowed by “terrorists”.—Reuters



Iraq set to auction new oil, gas blocks

BAGHDAD, 29 May — Iraq will auction 12 new oil and gas exploration blocks this week in a fourth energy bidding round, as it seeks the rapid expansion of a sector vital to its economy, but tough contract terms mean Baghdad may struggle to drum up major interest.

The country, a member of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), has the world’s fourth largest oil reserves and can offer some of the last potentially rich unexplored territories after its energy sector was left underdeveloped by decades of war and economic sanctions.

Foreign energy companies are hesitant over Iraq’s offer of service contracts, under which they would be paid a fee for their services. Such deals are seen as less advantageous than production-sharing contracts, through which explorers can claim a share in profits from output.

The auction, now scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, has already been postponed several times by the oil ministry to address complaints by potential bidders about contract terms. In February, Baghdad made concessions to lure participants to the round, notably by dropping a clause that required companies to be partners with a state oil operator.

“Everything is in place to make this a success and as part of that we have eased the contract terms,” Abdul-Mahdy al-Ameedi, director of the oil ministry contracts and licensing directorate, told Reuters. Companies will still have to weigh the limited advantages of service contracts, especially if they are not immediately given access to any crude oil, against risk from Iraq’s political instability and the absence of a formal legal framework for the contracts due to delays in passing a national oil and gas law.—Reuters

Fire kills 19, mostly children, in upscale Qatar mall

DOHA, 29 May — At least 19 foreign nationals, including 13 children, were killed in a fire that ripped through an upscale shopping mall in Qatar on Monday, the country’s interior ministry said.

The children were from New Zealand, Spain, Japan, the Philippines, and Benin, among other countries. A Spanish diplomatic source in Madrid told Reuters that four of the dead children were Spanish. It was not immediately clear what

caused the blaze, which media reports said broke out at a childcare area at the Villaggio Mall in Doha’s west.

Qatar’s interior ministry only confirmed that the fire had started somewhere between Gates 3 and 4 in the mall and that an investigation was under way. “There don’t seem to have been any fire alarms or sprinklers at the mall,” a relative of a two-year-old child who died in the fire told Reuters, speaking by phone from Qatar’s Hamad



Smoke is seen from a fire at the Villaggio Mall, in Doha’s west end, on 28 May, 2012. REUTERS

hospital. A ministry official said that all buildings in Qatar abide by safety regulations “with no exceptions” and that an investigative committee

would be formed to look into safety requirements issues.

Smoke was seen billowing from the mall, which was evacuated.—Reuters

Afghan insurgents target safest province Bamiyan

KABUL, 29 May — Insurgents have stepped up attacks in the area thought to be Afghanistan’s safest, the rugged central province of Bamiyan, moving into the region in a bid to undermine security ahead of the end-2014 exit from the country of most foreign combat troops. Around 20 Taliban fighters from neighbouring Baghlan Province have crossed into Bamiyan and launched attacks in several districts, Bamiyan Police Chief General Juma Guldi Yardem told Reuters on Tuesday.

“They usually plant roadside bombs, lead attacks on security checkpoints and some have even launched suicide attacks on some government offices,” Yardem said. Bamiyan was a focus of world attention in March 2001 when

Afghanistan’s former Taliban government destroyed two colossal sandstone Buddhas carved into cliffs, targeting the 1,700-year-old statues with tank and anti-aircraft guns, as well as dynamite, because they were un-Islamic.

The province, where most people belong to the Hazara ethnic group, opposed to the Pashtun-dominated Taliban, is located in the Hindu Kush mountains around 240 km (150 miles) northwest of Kabul, and had been thought to be one of the country’s safest areas. Though infrequent bombings and sporadic attacks have taken place, the government had been working on making the province a centre for tourism, albeit in limited form, with security provided by Afghan police and a small number of soldiers from New Zealand.—Reuters

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International Space Station Commander Oleg Kononenko, right, and flight engineer Don Pettit signal a successful opening of the SpaceX Dragon commercial cargo craft from inside the new module in this photo from NASA on Saturday.—INTERNET

Dragon supplies delivered to space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, 29 May — Astronauts aboard the International Space Station have boarded the unmanned Dragon spacecraft and began unloading supplies, NASA TV showed.

Hours after the Dragon docked with the space station, the astronauts opened the capsule's hatch and began taking delivery of 1,014 pounds of food, water and clothing, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Private space company SpaceX's Dragon capsule

became the first commercial cargo vessel to visit the Space Station "Like the smell of a brand new car," NASA astronaut Don Pettit said after going into the capsule.

Live coverage of the hatch opening began just after 3 am on Saturday on NASA TV and on the Web site of SpaceX, officially named Space Exploration Technologies Corp, a company based in Hawthorne, Calif.

The delivery of the supplies was to show the space capsule could link up

with the \$100 billion space station's on-board computer, the Times said.

The Dragon on Friday became the first privately built and operated space capsule to dock with the space station.

The Times said SpaceX has received nearly \$400 million in seed money from NASA.

The company has a \$1.6 billion contract with the agency to haul cargo in a dozen flights to the space station.

Internet

Scientists unveil 'self-changing tyres'

LEIPZIG, 29 May—Are you fed up of having to change your summer tyres for winter tyres at the first sign of snow? A group of German researchers have developed a tyre that "changes itself."



German city this week.

"Today's choice of tyres are always a compromise between the ability to brake and petrol consumption," Riemer said. "The car driver has to take into consideration every sort of weather condition and you can't change tyres while you're driving."

But Riemer's "adaptive tyre" is equipped with electronic sensors which recognise different sorts of terrain—whether motorway or dirt roads—and whether it's dry, raining or snowing.

And accordingly, the tyres' profiles are automatically raised or widened, even when the car is in motion. "That means your car is always equipped with the best possible tyre and noise and petrol consumption are automatically optimised, too," Riemer enthused.

"The driver no longer has to think about adapting their tyres. The tyre itself 'thinks' too."

The tyre is still a long way from a finished product and research is still ongoing, notably on the materials that can be used for the moveable parts of the tyre's profiles.

"But we've patented it already, just in case," Riemer said.—Internet

GPS maker describes in-dash solutions

OLATHE, 29 May — Global positioning system-maker Garmin says moving from touchscreens to a console-mounted controller will help drivers navigate with fewer distractions. Known for its portable GPS devices, Garmin has begun moving away from them to focus on permanent in-dash auto installations, the tech Web site Engadget.com reported.

Garmin said it is developing a console-mounted multi-controller that enables adjustments while minimizing distractions.

The system combines a proximity-sensing rotary controller that displays the appropriate interface as your hand approaches, with a touch pad and a variety of selection buttons with functionality that varies depending on the current menu.

Heating, ventilation and air conditioning controls can be tied into the system along with connected services and apps from a smartphone, while existing technology like text-to-



speech, voice command, Bluetooth hands-free calling and traffic services can be integrated to help minimize driver distraction to avoid potentially dangerous situations, Garmin said in a release. The company recently announced its first fully integrated infotainment system, to be available for most 2013 Suzuki vehicles.—Internet

Proposed in-dash GPS and infotainment system.—INTERNET

Evidence of early Jews in Portugal found

SILVES, 29 May — German researchers say the oldest archaeological evidence of a Jewish cultural presence on the Iberian Peninsula has been found at a Portuguese excavation site.

Archaeologists of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena said a 16-by-24-inch marble plate that may have been a tomb slab bears a Hebrew inscription and has been dated to AD 390.

The earliest archaeological evidence of Jewish

inhabitants in the region of modern-day Portugal had been a tomb slab with a Latin inscription and an image of a menorah from 482, a university release said on Friday.

The earliest Hebrew inscriptions from the region known until now date from the sixth or seventh century, researchers said.

"We were actually hoping for a Latin inscription when we turned round the excavated tomb slab,"

researcher Henning Wabersich said.

The archaeologists said they were unsure which language they were looking at, as the inscription was not cut with particular care, but they eventually received help from Spain.

"Jordi Casanovas Miro from the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya in Barcelona—a well-known expert for Hebrew inscriptions on the Iberian Peninsula—is sure that the Jewish name



Archeologists of the Jena University found this marble plate with a Hebrew inscription at an excavation site in the south of Portugal.—INTERNET

'Yehiel' can be read, a name that is already mentioned in the Bible," Wabersich said. Internet

Rescue robot tested at Calif beach

MALIBU, 29 May — Lifeguards in Los Angeles County say they've tested a robot rescue craft that could save struggling swimmers.

Officials of the Los Angeles County Fire Department said the remote-controlled rescue robot can be guided through the surf to reach stranded swimmers who can then hold on to the machine until lifeguards arrive.

Mock rescue tests have been conducted in the surf at Zuma Beach in Malibu, the Los Angeles Times reported on Thursday.



A robot named Emily, which stands for Emergency Integrated Lifesaving Lanyard, are being tested this summer by Los Angeles County, California life-guards as the newest tool to rescue people in water. INTERNET

The prototype robot has been named "Emily" after Emily Rose Shane, 13, who was killed in 2010 after being struck by a car on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu. Emily was a friend of the robot designer's daughter, officials said.

Additional testing will be conducted before the rescue robot is deployed on local beaches, they said.

Internet

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China to encourage private capital in banking industry

BEIJING, 29 May—China will give private capital the same entry standards to the banking industry as other capital, state media said on Sunday, as the government makes its hardest push in a decade to court private investors by welcoming them into a handful of sectors.

Private companies would be allowed to buy into banks through private stock placements, new share subscriptions, equity transfers, and mergers and acquisitions, the official *China Daily* said, citing the China Banking Regulatory Commission.

Private investment would also be permitted in trust, financial leasing and auto-financing companies, the report said.

“The banking regulatory branches at different levels cannot set up separate restrictions or additional conditions for private capital to enter the banking sector. They are obliged to improve transparency of the banking market access constantly,” the newspaper cited the regulator as saying.

In order to encourage lending to the private sector, China should let private capital play a bigger role in financial institutions, and encourage private lending companies to become commercial banks, Wu Xiaoling, a former deputy central bank governor, told the *China Daily*.

“The government has encouraged small lending

companies to turn into rural banks,” she said. “But with a minimum shareholding requirement of the main initiator, private investors lack enthusiasm for such things.”

Separately, the China Securities Regulatory Commission said that it would support private companies to list on the stock market, both domestically and overseas, and to issue bonds.

On Friday, the powerful watchdog of China’s state-owned firms said China would allow private investment in state companies when they restructure or sell shares, but gave few details on how that would happen.

However, analysts are



One-hundred Yuan notes are seen in this picture illustration in Beijing on 22 March, 2011.—INTERNET

sceptical China will follow through on its pledges to cut the role of the state, given that its stranglehold over swathes of the world’s second-largest economy has been unchallenged for years.

Analysts have said deep vested interests often backed by influential politicians are the biggest obstacle dogging privatisation efforts.

That said, government ministries may follow the state-owned Asset Supervision and Administration Commission’s lead and voice public support for privatisation in coming weeks in response to Premier Wen Jiabao’s instructions to detail plans on how to cut the state’s role in the economy.

Internet

Health Tip: Walk at work

There are plenty of ways to squeeze in exercise and some social time at work without sacrificing productivity.

The American Council on Exercise mentions these suggestions:

- * Skip the coffee/smoke break and ask a co-worker to join you for a 15-minute walk.
- * If you have a regular one-to-one meeting with a co-worker, make it a walking meeting.
- * Take the stairs instead of the elevator, and see how many co-workers will join you.
- * Walking group to walk on breaks, during lunch and after work.
- * Visit a bookstore, gallery or museum for a stroll.—Internet

No plan to revise diesel, LPG or kerosene prices



A vendor loads empty Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders onto a truck in Mathura on 29 Jan, 2009.—REUTERS

NEW DELHI, 29 May—The government has no immediate plans to raise the retail prices of diesel, kerosene and cooking gas,

Oil Minister S Jaipal Reddy said on Monday.

“I am not touching (the prices of) diesel, LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) or kerosene,”

Reddy said, adding, no date has yet been fixed for a meeting of a ministerial panel to review the prices of the three subsidised fuel.

State-owned oil fuel retailers announced an 11 percent hike in petrol last week after a six-month freeze on rises, seeking to recover losses from higher global oil prices and a plunging rupee that have deepened the country’s trade deficit.

Reddy said his ministry has recommended raising the factory gate tax on diesel-driven vehicles to curb the growing consumption of the fuel, currently sold at substantially cheaper prices than petrol.—Reuters

Mosquitoes becoming more resistant to malaria control

WASHINGTON, 29 May—Given time and selection pressure, the insects have become resistant to almost all insecticides, according to a new study.

However, a few new chemicals are in development for malaria vector control, ‘as there is little profit to be made by the poorest of the world’s poor — who feel the brunt of the malaria burden’.

According to Laura C Harrington, a mosquito expert and an associate professor of medical entomology at Cornell University, there is a need for

an efficient way to control malaria.

“There is a huge need to identify new ways of controlling malaria vectors that are practical, low cost, and sustainable or even looking at the existing technology with a new perspective toward using them in ways that prolong their efficacy. But, unfortunately, this type of practical research is not viewed as ‘sexy science’ and it is nearly impossible to obtain funding by the large agencies to support it,” said Harrington

“Another critical need

is to sincerely train and provide support for in-country, field-based scientists and technicians to manage resistance development.

Many western scientists pay lip service to this notion, but few really devote effort and resources to make it happen.

Training and enabling in-country scientists will lead to sustainability and independence for countries with high malaria burdens instead of helplessly relying on the ebb and flow of philanthropic dollars,” she added.—Internet

Soy supplement shows no blood pressure benefit

NEW YORK, 29 May—Soy-rich diets have been linked to lower rates of heart disease, but soy supplements alone may not do anything for older women’s blood pressure, according to a US study.

The findings, reported in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, add to the mixed evidence on the health benefits of soy isoflavones — compounds that are thought to have weak estrogen-like effects in some body tissue.

Researchers have long known that Asian populations with soy-rich diets have lower rates of heart disease compared with people who eat “Western” diets, but it has not been clear whether soy isoflavone supplements have cardiovascular benefits, such as cutting blood pressure or

cholesterol levels.

A number of studies have found that intravenous infusions of soy isoflavones may boost the body’s production of nitric oxide and help blood vessels dilate.

“But we don’t take soy by infusion,” said William Wong, a nutrition researcher at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, who led the study.

On top of that, he told *Reuters Health*, those studies looked at short-term effects on blood vessel function, and not whether there are “sustained” benefits for blood pressure.

So for their study, Wong and his colleagues randomly assigned 24 menopausal women to take either soy isoflavones or placebo tablets for six weeks.

The supplement gave a

daily dose of 80 milligrams of isoflavones.

All of the women started the study with moderately elevated blood pressure. After six weeks, Wong’s team found that women on the soy supplement were faring no better than those on the placebo.

On average, systolic blood pressure was 136 mm/Hg in the placebo group, and 137 mm/Hg in the soy group.

Systolic blood pressure is the first number in a blood-pressure reading, and levels of 140 mm/Hg or above are considered high.

As for diastolic blood pressure, the average in both groups landed at about 80 mm/Hg, or the upper threshold of “normal.”

Wong’s team also did special blood tests to see whether the soy supplement

affected the women’s production of nitric oxide, a chemical that dilates blood vessels. They found no effect.

“It was disappointing,” Wong said.

While the study only lasted for six weeks, Wong said that the time period should have been long enough to detect blood pressure benefits if there were any.

“If we didn’t see anything in six weeks, we doubt there would be effects (longer term),” he said.

He said that the health benefits linked to soy in Asian populations may be the result of a lifetime of eating those foods and taking supplements later in life may simply not have enough of an impact.

“I think that if people are looking for a magic bullet against high blood pressure, this is not it,” he added.

Reuters



Stockbrokers trade at a brokerage firm in the eastern Indian City of Kolkata on 6 July, 2009.—INTERNET

BSE Sensex gains, tracks Asian indexes

NEW DELHI, 29 May—The BSE Sensex gains 0.5 percent, while the 50-share NSE index .NSEI is up 0.6 percent. State Bank of India gains 2.1 percent while Tata Motors (TAMO.NS) is flat ahead of earnings due on Tuesday.

Asian shares edge up as opinion polls showing a lead for Greece’s pro-bailout camps help ease risk aversion.

With pressure mounting on the Indian government to consider a partial rollback of a petrol price hike, investors also on hold to see if the government musters the courage to increase diesel and LPG prices. Foreign investors were net sellers of Indian stocks worth 6.24 billion rupees on Friday, provisional exchange data showed, and total net sales of 8.51 billion Indian rupees for the week.—Reuters

Man in crane at Texas college says he's armed

UNIVERSITY PARK, 29 May — Police waited late into the night Monday for a man holed up in a crane cab on the Southern Methodist University campus to surrender and descend to earth. The man spent a sweltering afternoon on the crane that towers over the campus in University Park, a posh north Dallas enclave, after he told officers he was armed and threatened to shoot anyone who approached him. Special tactics officers from the Dallas Police Department were working with SMU campus police to manage the scene and try to talk the man down from the crane. No injuries had been reported.

Dallas police Senior Cpl. Melinda Gutierrez said campus police "did call us about a person who had climbed up into the crane who was possibly armed with a handgun. At this time, we are not confirming that he

does have a handgun." The person on the crane had a radio, Gutierrez said, but she did not know if the person was communicating with police on the ground. She said police were attempting to establish radio contact. Gutierrez declined to say if police knew the man's identity. The situation was first reported about 11:30 am on Monday.

"We were informed that



A man sits in a crane 150 feet above the Southern Methodist University campus in Dallas, threatening to shoot the Dallas Police officers trying to talk him down, on 28 May, 2012.— INTERNET

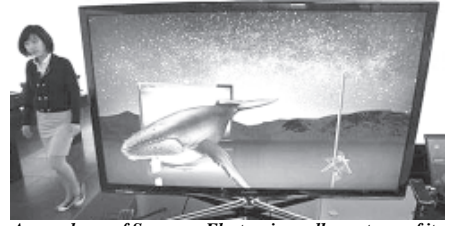
an unidentified man climbed a crane at our residential commons construction site," SMU spokesman Brad Cheves said.

"Fortunately, the campus is closed for the Memorial Day holiday. However, upon being informed that someone had gained access to the construction site, through our SMU police we immediately began to secure and cordon

off the affected area." No students were on campus, Cheves said, noting only "essential personnel and visitors" were on the grounds. He also added that a handful of swimmers in a pool near the crane were told to leave. Kent Best, another SMU spokesman, said earlier that the man in the crane was a suspect fleeing from Dallas police. Gutierrez said she could not confirm that report.

Police blocked off parts of the campus and much of Mockingbird Lane on the south side of the SMU campus, as well as access to a strip mall near the crane. Observers on the ground could see signs of movement in the cab if they looked through binoculars or viewfinders of cameras. The crane cab was fully exposed to the blazing Texas sun and temperatures were in the low 90s. Gutierrez said electricity to the crane had been cut, and she believed the radio in the cab was not affected.

Internet



An employee of Samsung Electronics walks past one of its 3D LED televisions displayed for visitors at the company's headquarters in Seoul on 30 April, 2010.— INTERNET

Rocket debris hits homes

BEIJING, 29 May — The debris of a carrier rocket hit some houses and high voltage wires in central China's Hunan Province on Sunday night, causing a blackout in a village. The debris of the Long March-3B carrier rocket crashed on some houses and hit a 10kw high voltage wire in Wawutang Township and Shuikou Township in Suining County around midnight, local news portal Rednet.cn reported yesterday.

"After hearing a loud boom, a giant structure weighing 30 kilograms crashed on the wire and the whole village was plunged into darkness," according to a staff member of the power supply station of the Wawutang Township.

Some villagers felt electric shocks when they tried to pick up the debris. Local authorities said they will compensate the damages later. The Long March-3B carrier rocket was used to launch a telecommunication satellite "ChinaSat 2A" into orbit on the evening of 26 May. The satellite was successfully launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province.— Xinhua

Va girl is youngest ever in National Spelling Bee

MCLEAN, 29 May — The youngest person ever to qualify for the National Spelling Bee was running around in a stream with a friend, hunting for rocks. Suddenly, she came charging up the bank and headed straight for her mother. "Hold on to that basalt," Lori Anne Madison said in a bossy 6-year-old's voice, "and do not drop it." "Go away," her mother said playfully. Sorina Madison held on the rock nonetheless, and soon was carrying more basalt and a nice hunk of quartz. "I can't carry the entire park," she

eventually told her daughter.

Never mind. By then Lori Anne, wearing a green "Little Miss Sunshine" shirt, had joined up with more friends and had taken on a different quest, searching for snails, slugs, tadpoles, water striders, baby snakes and more as they splashed in the waters on a sunny day at the Scotts Run Nature Preserve in the suburbs of Washington, DC. "Oh my gosh, what is it? A water worm. A water worm! It's alive," said Lori Anne, her shoes soaked from more than an hour of exploring. "I need it in my collection. It's wonderful."

She is blonde and adorable and talks at 100 mph. In the last few weeks, she has won major awards in both swimming and math, but one accomplishment above all has made her an overnight national celebrity: This week, the precocious girl from Lake Ridge, Va, will be onstage with youngsters more than twice her age and twice her size as one of 278 spellers who have qualified for the Scripps National Spelling Bee. "She's like a teenager in a 6-year-old body," Sorina said. "Her brain, she understands things way ahead of her age."—Internet



Lori Anne Madison, 6, of Lake Ridge, Va, looks at a snail she collected while playing with friends in McLean, Va, on 11 May, 2012.— INTERNET

Fake silicon bellies are pregnant with possibility

BEIJING, 29 May — It must have been a very fertile business mind that came up with the idea of selling fake silicon bellies to make the wearers appear pregnant. "We do both exporting and domestic business, but these two groups of clients are buying fake bellies for different reasons," said saleswoman Wang Rui from a manufacturer in Guangdong Province. "Our American customers, for example, are usually in the entertainment industry, like stand-up comedy, and they use it as a prop to increase comic effects, in addition to their use in art performances, while some Chinese buy the bellies to dress themselves up as pregnant women."

Some buyers use artificial bellies during the transition

in surrogacy or adoption situations, sellers said, so that neighbours, co-workers or even family may not know the baby is adopted. According to Wang, who also runs an online shop on taobao.com, the sales of fake bellies made of silica gel have only started to soar. "I'd say Chinese consumers started to know about fake bellies only in recent years and that's when we shifted our production focus from solely producing silicone breasts to both breasts and bellies," said Wang.

"We offer a one-year guarantee and there's a special discount to those who buy three bellies of various sizes," she said. The strap-on bellies range in prices from 400 (\$63) to 3,600 yuan, simulating 2-4 months, 5-7 months and 8-9 months. "On top of it, we have twins-size," said a salesman surnamed Li from Longfeng Silicone Technology in Shenzhen. Li said that the fake belly can also be customized. "We

request a photo of your skin color before making the belly. Other information such as a customer's weight, height and waistline is also needed to make the fake belly look like a real one," he said.

"Many clients request us to keep their names secret while purchasing, and they even tell us to leave the 'item' option blank when filling out the information for delivery," said Wang. Xue Liya from the Social Development Institute of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences told China Daily that stress from infertility shouldn't be the only reason to explain why fake belly is so popular. "There are plenty of reasons to explain such phenomenon," Xue said. For example, some fathers in the United States and Japan wear them so they can grow along with their wives during pregnancy, and experience weight gain, breast enlargement and a kicking baby.

Xinhua

Japan and China to start direct currency trading

TOKYO, 29 May—Japan and China will start direct currency trading this week, Tokyo said on Tuesday, the first time Beijing has let a major unit other than the dollar swap with the yuan.

The move, which will scrap the greenback as an intermediary unit, comes as China introduces measures as part of a long-term goal of internationalising its currency to rival the dollar.

The two-way trade will also be allowed to move in a wider range than the narrow band at which the dollar and yuan change hands, Dow Jones Newswires and the Nikkei business daily reported.

China will set a daily rate based on dealer quotes with trade allowed to move within a 3.0 percent band above or below that rate, the reports said, compared with a 1.0 percent band fixed to yuan-dollar trading.

The Chinese central bank earlier Tuesday introduced a rate of 7.9480 yuan for every 100 yen, Dow Jones said.

However, there will be no fixed rates in Tokyo trade with the currencies trading freely, according to the same media reports which provided no further details.

Internet

Air Canada plane makes emergency landing, no injuries

TORONTO, 29 May—A Japan-bound Air Canada passenger plane made an emergency landing here on Monday afternoon, while no one was injured during the accident, local police said.

The flight carried 318 passengers and was heading to Narita, Japan. It took off from Pearson International Airport around 2:10 pm local time (1810 GMT) and flew back to the airport for the emergency landing at around 4 pm (2000 GMT).

According to local press, witnesses saw smoke coming from the plane shortly after it took off.

Residents in Mississauga, where the airport is located, called police around the time of the accident, saying chunks of metal falling from the sky damaged their cars. Air Canada has not confirmed whether the flying debris originated from the plane."

There have been reports of debris, but I don't have any confirmation at this time," Air Canada spokesperson Peter Fitzpatrick told the National Post.

There will be a full investigation and we'll be able to determine then what happened."— Xinhua



The Humboldt penguin after it was recaptured and taken back to Tokyo Sea Life Park. The penguin, which was recaptured last week after nearly three months at large in the polluted waters of Tokyo Bay, has conjunctivitis, an aquarium official said on Monday.— INTERNET

School enrollment day marked in Pyapon Township



PYAPON, 29 May—A ceremony to observe school enrollment day of Pyapon Township, was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Pyapon Township, Ayeaywady Region, on 25 May.

At the ceremony, district deputy assistant education officer (inspection) U Htay Win delivered a speech, and township education officer Daw Phyu Phyu Win explained the school enrollment day.

Afterwards, school enrollment lists were handed over to chairman of Township education supervisory committee

acting Township administrator U Nay Lin Tun. The chairman of Township education supervisory committee presented 21500 dozens of books donated by the Ayeaywady Region Chief Minister through the township education officer. Education

School enrollment day observed in Nyaungdon Township

NYAUNGDON, 29 May—School enrollment day of Nyaungdon Township was held at No.1 Basic Education High School in Nyaungdon on 26 May.

At the ceremony,

Prizes awarded to winners of “Tug-of-War” or “Rain Call” contest

MEIKTILA, 29 May—A prize-awarding ceremony of “Tug-of-War” or “Rain Call” contest was held at Meiktila yesterday. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Kyaw Swe and committee members presented awards to winning teams. The competition was being held from 26 to 27 May.—Kyemon



NUTRITIOUS FOODS PROVIDED: Chairperson of Yangon West District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Myint Myint Kyi and members, presented cash, nutritious foods and medicine to No.3 Basic Education Department women’s football team and Yangon West District women’s football team, which are in camp training at No.1 Basic Education High School in Lanmadaw Township on 25 May.—TOWNSHIP IPRD

Books donated to self-reliant village libraries in Pyawbwe Township

PYAWBWE, 29 May—A ceremony to donate books and publications to self-reliant village libraries in Pyawbwe Township, was held at Township Information and Public Relations Department on 21 May. At

the ceremony, U Tin Aung Swe and Daw Khin Moe Moe family in Myinbat ward in Pyawbwe Township, donated 236 books and publications through Township IPRD Staff Officer U Phone Naing. Phone Naing

Refresher course for deputy staff officers concludes



YANGON, 29 May—A concluding of capacity building refresher course No. (1/2012) for deputy staff officers of Settlement and Land Records Department, was held at Central Land Records Development training school in Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District on 25 May.

At the ceremony, on

behalf of the director-general, director U Khin Maung Bo of Settlement and Land Records Department made a concluding speech. The 24-day course covers land records, virgin and vacant lands management laws, drawing, collecting data and staff management. Kyemon



Books donated to offspring of FSD’s staff in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 29 May—A ceremony to present books to offspring of Mandalay Region Fire Services Department staff, was held at Region Fire Services Department on 21 May.

At the ceremony, Director U Aung Kyaw Myint delivered a speech. After that, U Tun Tun Min and wife Daw San Yu Mon family (Myodaw Biscuit) donated 500 dozens of books through the staff officer of Region Fire Services Department. These books will be distributed to 110 offspring of FSD’s staff in the Region. Kyemon

MLA official leaves for Indonesia



YANGON, 29 May—Advisor U Cho Aye of (ACA) of Myanmar Library Association (MLA) left here for Bali of Indonesia to attend 15th CONSAL XV on 27 May.

He was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by the MLA Chairman, Rector of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) U Kyaw Oo and officials.—Kyemon

Three Friends Construction Co provides cash assistance for education

YANGON, 29 May—A ceremony to provide monthly assistance and cash assistance for education of staff’s offspring, needy students and social organization, was held at Shwepazun hall in Thakayta Township this afternoon.

At the ceremony, managing director U Myo Naing of Three Friends Construction Co., Ltd explained the purpose of providing assistance.

Afterward, cash assistances were provided. The company is planning to provide assistances on a by-annual basis and sometimes on the committee’s decision. Plans are under way to provide monthly assistance in cooperation with donors. Ohmma



DISTRICT NEWS



CASH DONATED: To mark birthday anniversary of U Han Than, U Han Than and Daw Myint Myint Than family, residing on 15th street, Paunglaung ward-2, Pyinmana Township, donated K0.5 million to Hnizigon Home for the Aged through Chairman of the Board (Retd) Lt-Col Kyaw Shein.—HOME FOR THE AGED

Union Foreign Affairs Minister holds talks with US Senator

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May— Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Senator Susan M Collins of the United States Senate at his office at noon today.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation on matters of mutual interests.

Also present at the meeting were responsible

officials from the Ministry. The US delegation was accompanied by Mr Michael E. Thurston, Charge d' Affairs of the Embassy of the United States of America.

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Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives a delegation led by Senator Susan M Collins of the United States Senate.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Dy Speaker receives Senior Advisor of US International Trade and Economic

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May— Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa received Senior Advisor of International Trade and Economic of the United States of America Mr Gabriel Adler and party, at Pyithu

Hluttaw committee hall-1 in Hluttaw building, this afternoon.

Also present at the meeting together with the deputy speaker were Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla

Myint Oo and member U Than Tun of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission. The meeting focused on legislative matters of Pyithu Hluttaw.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa holds discussion with US Senior International Trade and Economic Advisor Mr Gabriel Adler and party.—MNA

FIFA to cooperate with Myanmar for health and fitness of students

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May— Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe received the FIFA delegation at his office this morning, and had a discussion with the guests on holding educative talks on health and fitness of students with the joint sponsorship of FIFA, Myanmar Football Federation and Ministry of Education and training programmes.

The deputy minister for his part touched upon matters related to nurturing of fit and talent human resources in combination with sports and education.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general and deputy directors-general under the Ministry of Education, the Chairman of MFF and officials.—MNA

Delegation led by Indian PM and wife proceeds to Yangon



A goodwill delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur being seen off by officials at

Nay Pyi Taw Internatioanl Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May— Delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur, who were here on a goodwill visit at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, flew to Yangon this morning.

They were seen off by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung

Lwin and wife, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and wife, Deputy Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw and wife, departmental heads, officials and embassy staff at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

Schoolchildren greeted the delegation led by the visiting Indian Premier and

wife at the entrance of Nay Pyi Taw Airport, waving flags of the two countries.

National races damsels said goodbye to the Indian Premier and wife who also took salute of the Guard of Honour.

The delegation led by the Indian PM and wife was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and wife.

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Union Auditor-General receives World Bank PEFA Mission

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May— Auditor-General of the Union U Lun Maung received

Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) Mission of World

Bank at his office yesterday afternoon.

The meeting focused on the role of the Union Auditor-General's Office in public expenditure and financial

accountability. It was also attended by Deputy Auditor-General U Myo Myint and officials of the Union Auditor-General's Office.

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Dy Information Minister, Dy Education Minister receive delegation of The Mirror Comprehensive Magazine and Myanmar Technology and Education Development Foundation of China

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May— Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win and Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe received Director of The Mirror Comprehensive Magazine and Myanmar

Technology and Education Development Foundation of China Mr Chui Say Hoe and party at the Education Ministry heret his morning.

The meeting focused on printing reports on developments of Myanmar in

The Mirror Comprehensive Magazine distributed globally and cooperation in education sector. The meeting was attended by directors-general, deputy directors-general and officials of the Ministry of Education.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win and Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe receive Director of The Mirror Comprehensive Magazine and Myanmar Technology and Education Development Foundation of China Mr Chui Say Hoe and party.—MNA

UEC Chairman meets Vice-President of German Parliament



Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye receives a delegation led by Vice-President of German Parliament Dr Otto Solms.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye held discussion with a delegation led by Vice-President of German Parliament Dr Otto

Solms of Germany at his office at 3.30 pm today.

They had a cordial discussion on Myanmar's reforms, electoral and political parties affairs.

Also present at the call were UEC members U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, U Thar Oo, U Win Kyi, U Nyunt Tin and Secretary U Win Ko.—MNA

Union Minister, Norwegian Dy Foreign Affairs Minister, KNU officials meet in Kyaukkyi

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Member of Union level Peace-making Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi met Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister of Norway Mr Torgeir Larsen and party at KNU Liaison Office (Kyaukkyi) in Kyaukkyi in Bago Region yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the meeting together with Union Minister U Khin Yi were Bago Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Baby Ohn, Kayin National Races Affairs Minister U Saw Lu Pali San Hla, Secretary of KNU Military Committee Col Saw Tutu Lay and officials, representatives of displaced persons in Kyaukkyi Township, townselders, local and foreign media and together with the visiting Norwegian deputy foreign affairs minister was Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms

Katja Nordgaard. Union Minister U Khin Yi for his part said the government understands bringing conflicts to an end is important for developing democracy and regional and regional development would be realized in cooperation on common ground after ending conflicts. He also thanked organizations which assisted systematic settlement of displaced persons in KNU Regiment No (3) Area in initial plan.

Citizenship scrutiny cards would be issued to Kayin nationals who are citizens by birth under existing laws and also to other nations in Kyaukkyi region. Reunion and issuing CSCs to those who fled to the neighbouring country for various reasons would be carried out in other regions, he said. Such measures are fruitful outcomes of peace process, he pointed out. He concluded his speech with the call for concerted efforts

for eternal peace.

Mr Charles Petrie of Norway gave detailed explanation on the process and the secretary of KNU Military Committee presented successful peace-making process between the government and KNU and programmes that would profit displaced persons in Kyaukkyi region. The Union minister and the Norwegian deputy minister attended to the needs.

A townselder spoke words of thanks and Head of Bago Region Immigration and National Registration Department U Win Lwin presented CSCs to 36 displaced persons in Kyaukkyi region. Union Minister U Khin Yi, Norwegian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Torgeir Larsen and Col Saw Tutu Lay answered queries raised by the local and foreign journalists at the press conference after the meeting.—MNA



Union level Peace-making Committee member Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi makes speech in meeting with Deputy Minister Mr Torgeir Larsen of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway and party at KNU Liaison Office (Kyaukkyi).—MNA

UEC, political parties...

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Also, if a party member is in breach of the provisions included in the Section-6, he or she is no longer entitled to be as a party member. Therefore, the party member shall be expelled from the party in accordance with the Section 12 (a) (6). Even if he is not expelled from the party, it can be detrimental to his right to stand as a party member under the Section 12 (b).

Nowadays, protests are rife over power blackout in some areas and disputes occur between employers and employees at some factories and mills. It is learnt that some political parties were involved in the incidents. This being so, the prevailing situations over the incidents are to be discussed in details by those responsible from the relevant ministries.

The UEC would like to stress the need for political parties to do their utmost in dealing with the incidents to the most possible degree in cooperation with

departments concerned, realizing the prevailing situations.

The hasty handling of what can still be possible could beget adverse effects on both the State and the handlers, even leading to unrest that can harm peace and stability of the State.

There can be shortcomings and disadvantage in the country that is still in the process of transition to democracy. At a time when economic sanctions are being lifted and cooperation of the international community is all the more, it is to be serious about unrest that undermine the national development.

Therefore, in serving the interest of the State and the people, it is necessary to take into account all the factors including provisions of the laws and prevailing situations and coordinate with the government bodies in accordance with the laws.

Next, the Deputy Labour Minister reported on settlements of his ministry over disputes between

employers and employees in accordance with laws, rules and regulations and the Deputy Electric Power No. 2 Minister on power generation and power distribution, shortage of power supply in summer, current power blackout due to the blowing up of national power grid and steps being taken to resume normal power supply.

Afterwards, chairmen and secretaries of political parties participated in the discussions, saying that they are to cooperate with the departments concerned in accordance with the laws to deal with the current incidents as they came to realize the prevailing situations.

In his conclusion, the UEC Chairman called on those from the political parties to do their best in the handling of current protests and disputes in cooperation with the departments concerned putting in the fore the national interest rather than their own for peace and stability and national development.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Dy Speaker receives Senior International Trade and Economic Advisor



Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein holds discussion with Senior International Trade and Economic Advisor Mr Gabriel Adler and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein received Senior International Trade and Economic Advisor Mr Gabriel Adler and party of the United States of America at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex at 3 pm today.

Also present at the call

together with the Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw were Finance and Tax Committee Chairman U San Tun, Women and Child Welfare Committee Chairman Professor Dr Mya Oo, National Planning Committee Chairman U Zaw Myint Pe, Public Complaints and Appeals Committee Chairman U

Aung Nyein, International Relations Chairman Col Maung Maung Htoo and responsible persons from Amyotha Hluttaw Office.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of political prisoners and amnesty affairs, implementation of peace-making and national races armed groups.

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Union Transport Minister meets Thai guests

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received a delegation led by President of Thailand-based Empire Asia Energy Group Co Ltd Mr Tongchat Hongladaromp at the ministry here this evening.

They held

discussions on establishing Deep Sea Port and Special Economic Zone in Patheingyi Township in Ayeyawady Region under Myanmar Super Axis Program and upgrading Patheingyi Airport as International Airport under joint venture.

The Union minister

said the ministry would extend help in establishment of the deep sea port and special economic zone, in-depth discussion would be made for upgrading the airport and joint venture would be established for inland water transport in delta region.—MNA

Union Mines Minister receives Advisor to Integrated Management Co., Ltd.



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik having conversation with Advisor to Integrated Management Co Ltd Mr Akihiko Sato.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Advisor to Integrated Management Co., Ltd. Mr Akihiko Sato at his office,

here this morning.

They discussed matters related to containing illegal trafficking of mineral resources of Myanmar and investment in construction

of a refinery.

The meeting was also attended by directors-general and managing directors under the ministry. *MNA*

Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Chairman meets WB (PEFA) officials

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—A delegation led by Mr Robert Taliercio of Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) of World Bank paid a call on Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning.

Also present at the call were Secretary of Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe and party and members of Legal Affairs and Special Case Assessment Commission.

They had a cordial discussion on undertakings of the Public Accounts Committee in Hluttaw.—*MNA*

Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Chairman receives IMF guests

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw received Deputy Managing Director Mr Naoyuki Shinohara of International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Deputy Head for Asian Pacific Region Mrs Meral Karasulu at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon.

It was also attended by Committee Secretary U Maung Toe and members. The meeting focused expenditure accounts in monetary affairs, and on the government's role in reviewing and reporting.—*MNA*

Automobiles of People Choice-2012 show on 8-12 June



YANGON, 29 May—A press conference on Automobiles of People Choice-2012 exhibition to be held by Myanmar Apex Business Group at City Hall in Pyay, Bago Region from 8 to 12 June, was held at Central Hotel here, yesterday.

At the ceremony, Director U Kyaw Kyaw of Myanmar Apex Business Group extended greetings. Director U Wunna Thein Wai of Shwe Baho automobile Co, managing director Daw Nilar of Shan Traditional Food (Shwe Yi Mon), executive

director U Yan Shin of Yan Myo Naing Co, U Lin Htet Tun of Tech Space Journal and director U Wai Lin of Pothirikyaw Co replied to the queries.

The items to be on show are automobiles and accessories, construction materials, home decoration materials, bath room and kitchen utensils, air-cons, phone and related materials, stationery and medicines. For more information, contact 09-73181780 and 09-448007517. *NLM*

Union Sports Minister receives FIFA Chief Medical Officer

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan received FIFA Chief Medical Officer Chairman of FIFA Medical Assessment Research Centre Mr Jiri Dvorak and party at his office here this morning.

Mr Jiri Dvorak discussed matters related to FIFA Football for Health Project which is widely in action in western countries and which makes ASEAN debut in Myanmar. The minister raised questions regarding the project.

The meeting was

attended by personnel of FIFA Medical Committee, medical officials from Asian Football Federation and Thailand, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and officials of MFF, Sports Ministry and Health Ministry.—*MNA*



Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan receives FIFA Chief Medical Officer Chairman of FIFA Medical Assessment Research Centre Mr Jiri Dvorak and party.—*MNA*

Indian Prime Minister wraps up Myanmar visit

YANGON, 29 May—Delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur, who were here on a goodwill visit at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, arrived in here from Nay Pyi Taw at 10.30 am.

They were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thein Htay and officials, and Indian embassy staff families at Yangon International Airport.

The Indian Premier had an hour long meeting with Chairperson of National League for Democracy Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Sedona Hotel here starting 11.30 am. He also met Myanmar entrepreneurs of Indian origin from 12.55 pm to 1.20 pm.

Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Ministers U Aye Kyu and U Aye Myint Kyu, Yangon Region Electricity and Industry Minister U Nyan Tun Oo, Economic Advisor to the President U Myint, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri, embassy officials, the president and CEC members of

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry attended Ceremony for Mutual Cooperation for Development of India and Myanmar and Regional Development at Sedona Hotel this evening.

UMFCCI President U Win Aung extended greetings and the Indian PM delivered an addressed.

The ceremony came to an end with concluding remarks by the advisor to the President.

The Indian Prime Minister and wife and party visited Shwedagon Pagoda and offered flowers, water and lights. The visiting PM donated replica of Buddha Image to be donated by India to Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung who returned mosaic of Shwedagon Pagoda to the visiting PM.

The visiting Indian PM signed the visitors' book and paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.

The delegation then visited and paid tribute to King Zafur Shah Mausoleum in Dagon Township. The goodwill delegation led by the Indian Prime Minister and wife left Yangon this evening.—*MNA*



Delegation led by Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and wife Shrimati Gursharan Kaur pay tribute to King Zafur Shah Mausoleum in Dagon Township.—*MNA*



CASH DONATED: U Shwe Tun and wife Daw Phyu, family residing on Yanpay-9 road, ward-3, Thakayta Township, Yangon, donated K 0.2 million to U Hla Tun Hospice Cancer Foundation through administrator U Pyone.

KYEMON

Loans disbursed to Shwebo poultry farm zone

SHWEBO, 29 May—A ceremony to disburse loans to Shwebo poultry farm zone, was held at the zone on 23 May. It was attended by Township administrator U Thet Lwin Tun and officials from Township livestock and meat and fish production development committee.

At the ceremony, Zeyapadaytha foundation disbursed a loan of K 92.5 million to 51 poultry farm owners.—Kyemon



Pho-Ya-Zar library opens in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 29 May—A ceremony to open Pho-Ya-Zar library in Meiktila, was held at Ailegyi village in Meiktila, Mandalay Region on 26 May. At the ceremony, Township administrator U

Kyaw Swe, village-tract administrator U Aung Lan and donor U Tin Maung formally opened it. It was built at a cost of K 2.6 million. Kyemon

Hardwood plantation to be set up in Thayawady Township

THAYAWADY, 29 May—A ceremony to make land preparation for setting up village-own hardwood plantation, was held at Ngwekhwaygyi village in Sebin village-tract in Thayawady Township, Bago Region on 20 May. Township Forest Department staff officer U Win Than and staff, village in charge U Than Htay and villagers participated in the activity. Ten acres of hardwood will be grown in Thayawady Township in the coming rainy season. District IPRD



BOOKS DONATED: Assistant director U Tun Aye of No.3 Basic Education Department donated text books and books worth K 21,154,820 through member of all school-going age programme, Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department, at school enrollment Day ceremony held at No. Basic Education High School of Thakayta Township on 26 May.—MYANMA ALIN

Annual meeting of Meiktila Home for the Aged held

MEIKTILA, 29 May—The 32nd Annual meeting of

Meiktila Home for the Aged was held at the Home in Meiktila, Mandalay Region on 27 May, in conjunction with the donation of Dhammonyon stairway.

At the ceremony, the District administrator made a speech. After that, donation of Dhammonyon stairway was held.

Those present paid respects to the aged and donated food and clothes. Myanma Alin



CASH DONATED: On behalf of U Khin Maung residing at No.171, on Maha Bandoola road, Thandwe, Rakhine State, U Than Tin donated K 100,000 to Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association (MANA) (Central) through chairman of MANA fundraising committee U Tha Tun. MANA

Bee Keeping Cooperatives Ltd formed in Magway

MAGWAY, 29 May—A meeting on formation of Bee Keeping Cooperatives Ltd in Magway Region, took place at Beekeeping Department of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, on 13 May.

At the ceremony, assistant director U Chit Oo of Cooperatives Department and staff officer of Magway Township Cooperatives

Department explained the rules and regulations of Cooperatives Ltd.

After that, Bee Breeding Cooperatives Ltd was formed. It was also attended by deputy director Daw Khin Mya Oo of Magway Region Beebreeding Department and the staff officers from Salin, Aunglan and Pwintbyu townships. Kyemon



School enrollment day observed Htantabin Township

HTANTABIN, 29 May—A school enrollment day ceremony was held at Basic Education High School in Htantabin Township on 27 May. Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Yi delivered a speech, and Township education officer Daw Myint Myint Kyi explained all school-going age programme.

After wards, Township administrator U Mya Win also explained facts about school enrollment and donation of books. The Township education officer accepted 800 dozens of books donated by the township administrator and presented certificate of honour.—Myanma Alin

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking commemorative painting, cartoon, poster contests held in Toungoo

TOUNGOO, 29 May—A ceremony to open painting, cartoon, poster, computer painting, and computer poster contest in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June, took place at Khabaung hall in Toungoo on 26 May. At the ceremony, Chairman of Toungoo District for Drug Abuse Control Committee Police Lt-Col Win Sein delivered an address. A total of 79 contestants from six townships in the district competed in the contest.

Likewise, computer painting and computer poster contest was held at Toungoo University of Computer Studies on 27 May.—Myanma Alin

Duty assigned to officials in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 29 May—A duty assignment ceremony of Tachilek District General Administration Department, was held at Tachilek Township General Administration Department on 22 May. At the ceremony, Tachilek District GDA administrator U Thet Lwin delivered a speech, and District Planning Department staff officer U

Than Htay explained the facts about the duty assignment.

Afterwards, the district administrator presented duty assignment letters through township administrator U Ye Htoo. Then, the township administrator assigned duties to ward/village-tract administrators. Myanma Alin



MAINTENANCE OF FIRE ENGINES INSPECTED: Ayeyawady Region Minister for Transportation U Than Tun, Township administrator U Nyi Nyi Lin and District Police Force Police Col Aung Than Lin inspected the maintenance of fire engines at fire brigade camp in Fire Services Department in Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region on 26 May.—WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS

School enrollment day observed in Yesago Township

YESAGO, 29 May—A ceremony to hold township-level school enrollment day of Yesago Township, Magway Region, took place at No.1 Basic Education High School in Yesago on 27 May. Township education officer U Nyunt Maung delivered an address on the occasion. Afterwards, officials handed over cash assistance and stationery to 58 students in the township.—Kyemon



Talks on danger of earthquake and disaster management on 2 June

YANGON, 29 May—A talk on danger of earthquakes and disasters management, jointly organized by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Myanmar Geosciences Society, will be held at UMFCCI headquarter in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, on 2 June.

Patron of Myanmar Geosciences Society Dr U Thein (Retd professor) and Dr Yin Yin Nwe (Retd director) of UNICEF give talks. Myanma Alin

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**Rally car strikes Irish crowd;
 two killed, seven injured**

DUBLIN, 29 May — A race car went out of control on a rural Irish road and crashed into a crowd of about 30 spectators on Sunday, killing two people and seriously injuring seven, authorities said. Witnesses said the car crashed through a fence and into the onlookers before coming to rest on its side beside a home near Bailieborough, 50 miles (80 kilometres) northwest of Dublin.

Police said two people — a 29-year-old woman from Cork, southwest Ireland, and a 50-year-old male photographer from the western city of Galway — were declared dead at the scene.

Seven others, including the car's driver and navigational co-driver, were hospitalized with unspecified injuries.

Sunday's accident highlighted the dangers posed to drivers and viewers alike by Ireland's annual high-speed contests on hedge-lined, narrow country roads.

At least four other people have been killed during races over the past decade as hundreds of miles (kilometres) of unmodified local roads are blocked off for use by souped-up rally cars. Organizers of the Cavan Stages Rally involving about 100 cars in the border county of Cavan canceled the event following the accident. — *Internet*

Calmer winds help New Mexico forest fire crews go on offensive

SANTA FE, 29 May — Diminished winds helped fire crews take the offensive on Sunday against an 11-day-old blaze burning out of control through the rugged high country of New Mexico's Gila National Forest, but nearly 300 homes in the area remained under evacuation.

The so-called Whitewater-Baldy fire, which destroyed a dozen privately owned cabins at the height of its rampage last week, has charred well over 122,000 acres of timber since it was ignited by lightning on 16 May, fire officials said.

The blaze ranked as the biggest by far of several large, uncontained wildfires still burning across four Western States — New Mexico, Arizona, California and Colorado — and in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the National Interagency Fire Centre in Boise, Idaho, reported on Sunday. Those fires have collectively consumed more than 300 square miles (777 square km) of forest, brush and grasslands, the agency said.

Fueled by dense vegetation in the mountainous pine forests west of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, the Whitewater-Baldy fire was stoked for several days by gale-force wind gusts that



Smoke is pictured billowing from the site of wildfires at the Whitewater-Baldy Complex in southwestern New Mexico in the Gila National Forest in this 17 May, 2012 handout photo obtained by Reuters on 27 May, 2012.

REUTERS

drove flames swiftly from treetop to treetop. On Sunday, the winds relented, giving firefighters working with hand tools and bulldozers a chance to go on the attack.

"The fire behaviour is much less extreme than it has been the last couple of days," fire information officer Arlene Perea told Reuters. "We got a little bit of cooperation from the weather." "For the last five days, we've had fire running at our firefighters, and we're finally able to get the opportunity to turn the tables," Perea said.

A slight cooling trend helped, too, as ground crews worked to deprive advancing flames of fresh fuel by clearing

smaller trees and brush that has yet to burn, she said. The calmer winds also allow helicopters and planes equipped to drop water and fire-retardant chemicals to return to action where needed.

Reuters

Eight civilians killed in NATO air strike in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 May — Eight civilians were killed Saturday night in an air strike conducted by the NATO-led coalition forces in the eastern Afghan Province of Paktia, an Afghan provincial official said on Sunday.

The overnight attack happened in Gerdasera district and caused the tragic killing of eight Afghan civilians, spokesman of Paktia provincial government Rohullah Samon told *Xinhua*.

A spokesman from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) told *Xinhua* that "we are aware of the claims (of the civilian casualties) in eastern Afghanistan but ISAF officials are working with Afghan authorities to investigate the incident." The ISAF spokesman said more details will be released in an appropriate time.

Also in Paktia, a total of 20 Taliban militants were killed on Saturday night in an operation by coalition forces and Afghan security forces, according to another Afghan official.

The joint operation was carried out in Sayed Karam district, said Abdul Rahman, the deputy provincial governor of Paktia.

Xinhua

21 Taleban militants killed, 19 arrested in Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 May — A total of 21 Taleban militants have been killed and 19 others arrested during military operations in different provinces in Afghanistan within the past 24 hours, the Afghan interior ministry said on Monday morning.

"Afghan police, army and NATO-led coalition forces launched 15 cleanup operations in Kabul, Kunar, Nangarhar, Kunduz, Faryab, Kandahar, Helmand, Uruzgan, Wardak and Logar provinces, killing 21 armed

Taleban militants and detaining 19 other suspects," the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates. They also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces. Two more insurgents were wounded in the above operations, it said.

However, the Taleban militant group, which announced the launching of a spring offensive from on May 3 against Afghan and

NATO forces, has not make comments yet. Afghan forces and some 130,000 NATO-led coalition troops have intensified cleanup operations against Taleban and other militant groups throughout the country recently as spring and summer, known as "fighting season", draw near. More than 800 insurgents have been killed and more than 1,450 others detained in the country so far this year, according to figures released by the ministry. — *Xinhua*



A police inspects the blast site in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 27 May, 2012. At least three people were killed and seven others including two policemen injured in a blast that targeted a police van in Pakistan's southwest city of Quetta on Sunday afternoon, local media reported.

XINHUA

Five killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 29 May — At least five people were killed and four others were injured in a US drone strike in Pakistan's northwest tribal region of North Waziristan in the wee hours of Monday, local media reported.

According to the report by local Urdu TV channel Dunya, the strike came at about 1:00 am (local time) when a US drone targeted a house and a vehicle in Mir Ali area of North Waziristan, one of the seven semi-

autonomous tribal areas along Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

The US drone fired four missiles. Residents said the death toll may rise further as the injured were in critical condition. Identities of the killed and injured people are not known yet.

Some media reports said five drones are still hovering over the area, creating panic among the residents.

Monday's drone strike is the 16th of its kind (counted

on daily basis) in Pakistan since the beginning of this year.

To date, at least 117 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes in 2012.

Pakistan views the US drone strike on its soil as a serious violation of its sovereignty and a contravention of the international law, but the United States insists that it is an effective way to fight against the terrorists.

Xinhua



A soldier of the Venezuelan Army checks a citizen's identity card in a bar, as part of the Bicentenary Security Operation (Dibise, by its acronym in Spanish), in Guacara City, Venezuela, on 27 May, 2012. Dibise is held in 17 provinces of Venezuela to prevent homicide.

XINHUA

Australia billionaire to launch “unsinkable” Titanic

An Australian billionaire announced plans to build an “unsinkable” version of the Titanic, 100 years after the original sank after hitting an iceberg.

Titanic II is expected to make its maiden voyage from England to North America, the old Titanic route, in late 2016.

“It is going to be designed so it won’t sink,” mining and tourism tycoon Clive Palmer told reporters. “It will be designed as a modern ship with all the technology to ensure that doesn’t happen.”

The original *Titanic*, the largest liner in world when it was launched and dubbed “virtually unsinkable” at the time, sank after hitting an iceberg on 15 April, 1912, killing 1,517 passengers and crew.

Palmer said his new



A general view of the dock in East Belfast where the *Titanic* was built on 17 January, 2012.

shipping company, Blue Star Line Pty Ltd, has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Chinese state-owned company CSC Jinling Shipyard to build *Titanic II*.

The original ship was

operated by the White Star Line.

The design work had started for the new *Titanic*, which will have the same dimension as its old version with 840 rooms and nine decks.

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Lady Gaga cancels Jakarta gig for security

JAKARTA, 29 May — Lady Gaga has canceled her concert in Jakarta amid conservative Islamist threats to intercept the US singer once she lands in Indonesia, a promoter said. The singer’s



Singer Lady Gaga arrives at Narita International Airport in Chiba Prefecture, Japan on 8 May, 2012. —INTERNET

management team called off the 3 June show at Bung Karno Stadium to eliminate risks to

Lady Gaga, the crew and audience members, *The Jakarta Post* reported on Sunday. “Gaga’s camp did not want this show to cause any harm to anybody,” said Minola Sebayang, a lawyer for the company promoting the concert, Big Daddy Entertainment.

Hard-line groups in Indonesia accused Lady Gaga of promoting satanic values, and some Friday prayers asked God to intervene and cause the show to be canceled, the newspaper said. “With this prayer, let’s ask God to strengthen the heart of the police so they will not be tempted with money, so they will not allow the concert,”

preached Fudoli Mohammad Ruham, a teacher at a Muslim school in the city.

Big Daddy executive Michael Rusli promised all 52,000 ticket-holders would be given refunds, beginning on 10 June.

“We will announce detailed procedures on Wednesday because we have to ask the police to issue a permit for us to refund the tickets, since it will involve crowds,” Rusli said.

Internet

‘Castle’ star Katic joins ‘CBGB’ cast

HOLLYWOOD, 29 May — “Castle” star Stana Katic has signed on to join the cast of “CBGB,” a film about the storied New York rock club, *The Hollywood Reporter* said.



Stana Katic attends the 64th annual Directors Guild of America Awards in Los Angeles on 28 Jan, 2012.

INTERNET

“Avatar” actor Joel David Moore and Katic are the latest round of actors to join the large supporting cast portraying real-life rock ‘n’ rollers and music industry players, THR reported on Friday.

Katic is set to portray Genya Ravan, a music producer and former lead singer of 1960s rock band Goldie & the Gingerbreads. Moore will play 1970s punk band The Ramones’ lead vocalist, Joey Ramone.

The two join actors Alan Rickman, Rupert Grint, Malin Akerman and Julian Acosta among others on the production, scheduled to begin shooting 25 June at Meddin Studios in Savannah, Ga. The production, helmed by director Randall Miller, will move to New York City to finish filming, THR reported. —Internet

Temporary luxurious housing, a private pool and



US pop star Madonna, left, and her daughter Lourdes.

Madonna asks for pool at Israel venue

TEL AVIV, 29 May — US pop star Madonna requested producers of her Tel Aviv concert build her children a private pool on the grounds of the concert venue, sources told Haaretz.

Madonna arrived in Israel Friday ahead of the Thursday launch of her world tour, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

Temporary luxurious housing, a private pool and

Couple split over wife’s 550 cats

An Israeli man says he wants to divorce his wife because she refuses to part with her 550 cats.

The man, whose name was not reported, petitioned the Rabbinical Court in Beersheba for divorce from his cat-loving wife this past week, *The Times of Israel*, Jerusalem, reported.

He told the court he was unable to sleep in the couple’s bedroom because his wife’s hundreds of cats were constantly sleeping on the bed.

The man said the cats also blocked his access to the bathroom and did not allow him to cook in the kitchen, the *Hebrew daily Maariv*

reported. When he sat down at the table to eat, the cats would jump up and steal his food, he said in his divorce request.

The couple tried to reconcile as ordered by the rabbinical court; however, the wife was unable to part with her pets and instead decided to part with her husband.

Cows crash party, drink all the beer

Police in Massachusetts attempting to deal with a herd of loose cows said the beer-loving bovines crashed a backyard party and cleared it of brews.

Boxford Police Lt James Riter said he was directing traffic around the herd on Main Street when the cows took off for the back yard of a nearby home, *The Boston Globe* reported.

“I could hear screaming coming from the back of the house. When I ran around back, a group of young adults

were outside enjoying the nice weather and having a few beers,” Riter said.

“The cows chased them away from the table they were sitting at and started drinking their beers. They knocked the beer cans over with their noses started drinking beer right off the table.”

Riter said that of the available beers, the cows seemed to prefer the Bud Light to the Miller Light.

“When they ran out of beers on the table, one of them started to forage in the

recycling to see if he could find any last drops in there,” Riter said.

Riter said a dispatcher was able to contact the owner of the animals, who was able to round up the herd with the help of some friends.

“Myself and another officer blocked traffic; we had one cruiser in front of the cows, and I followed behind them,” Riter said.

“We marched them about three-quarters of a mile up Main Street where they belonged.”



American actor Will Smith attends the World premiere of “Men In Black 3” at The Odeon Leicester Square in London on 16 May, 2012. —INTERNET

‘Men in Black’ leads US box office

LOS ANGELES, 29 May — “Men in Black 3,” starring Will Smith, led the US box office so far this weekend with \$55 million in receipts as of Sunday. The film came in below expectations, despite its healthy box office.

“The Avengers,” starring Robert Downey Jr and an ensemble cast, was second with \$36.98 million.

All studio estimates of gross US box office receipts are via Exhibitor Relations. “Battleship” was third

with \$10.75 million; “The Dictator” fourth with \$9.6 million; “Chernobyl Diaries” fifth with \$8 million; “Dark Shadows” sixth with more than \$7.51 million; “What to Expect When You’re Expecting” seventh with \$7.15 million; “The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” eighth with \$6.35 million; and “The Hunger Games” ninth with \$2.2 million.

“Think Like a Man” was 10th with \$1.4 million.

Internet

Kim Kardashian wants to be skinny for a day



LOS ANGELES, 29 May — Socialite Kim Kardashian says she has accepted her curvy figure, but still wishes to have a supermodel like figure.

“If I could have anyone’s body, I’d love to be a supermodel. I’d love to be skinny for the day,” the

31-year-old said. Kardashian says accepting yourself the way you are is a gradual process. “It’s a process. You have to learn to accept it. You have to learn to like what you see in the mirror, but there are definitely times when I don’t. I’m built a certain way and you just can’t change that,” she said. “In Hollywood, people are used to stick-skinny women, and that’s never going to beme. Growing up, I’d look at those skinny models and feel like I looked different,” she added. She has been in news after breaking up her 72 days marriage with basketball player Kris Humphries. She is currently dating musician Kanye West. —Internet

JLo, Anthony come together, again

LOS ANGELES, 29 May — Singer Jennifer Lopez and her estranged husband Marc Anthony shared the stage together for their show “Q Viva! The Chosen” in Las Vegas.

The former couple, who performed separately, were greeted with loud cheers as they embraced each other on stage, reports people.com.

For the most part of the show, the duo showed

solidarity. “Q Viva! started as a reality series in which they travelled the Latin world searching for talent.” —Internet

Singer Jennifer Lopez and her estranged husband Marc Anthony



Cech signs new Chelsea deal

Blues goalkeeper to continue Stamford Bridge career until 2016



Petr Cech has had a successful Chelsea career since joining the club from Rennes in 2004.—INTERNET

LONDON, 29 May — Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech has signed a new four-year contract which will keep him at Stamford Bridge until 2016. The 30-year-old joined Chelsea from French side Rennes in 2004 and has played an integral part in the club's success over the last eight years. He has won three Barclays Premier League titles, four FA Cups, two Carling Cups and earlier this

month he saved three penalties — two in the shootout — as Chelsea defeated Bayern Munich to win the UEFA Champions League.

"I am really happy to be part of this great club for another four years," Cech told Chelsea's official website. "I hope the next four years will be as successful as the last eight years I have been at the club." Cech has established himself as one of the world's

finest goalkeepers and with 369 appearances under his belt, he has played more matches for Chelsea than any overseas player.

The Czech international has kept 178 clean sheets for Chelsea and won the Premier League Golden Gloves — awarded to the goalkeeper with most clean sheets in a season — in 2004/05 and 2009/10.

"Chelsea fully appreciates the highly significant contribution Petr has made to the most successful period in the club's history," added Chelsea chief executive Ron Gourlay.

"It is very important to our aim of continuing this level of achievement that he has committed himself to the club until 2016." It is clear to anyone who watched the climax to the season just completed that Petr continues to perform as well as any goalkeeper in the world."

INTERNET

Crash put Williams' boxing career 'in jeopardy'

LOS ANGELES, 29 May — Two-time welterweight world champion Paul Williams suffered spinal injuries that could end his boxing career in a motorcycle crash in Atlanta at the weekend, US media reported.

Promoter Dan Goossen told the *Los Angeles Times* that Williams has no feeling below his waist and was scheduled to undergo surgery on Wednesday. Goossen told the newspaper that he had been told that Williams apparently swerved to avoid contact with a vehicle on Sunday and lost control of his motorcycle.

"Riding a motorcycle can be treacherous," Goossen said.

"I'm told Paul is in good spirits considering what has happened," Goossen told *USA Today* that he had been told by Williams' trainer and manager, George Peterson, that the fighter isn't expected

to walk again.

"I don't know the specifics about the spinal cord being severed. I do know that I've been told by George that he will never walk again," Goossen said, adding that he still held out hope that Williams would defy the odds.

Peterson, told WRDWTN in Atlanta that the surgery on Wednesday would be to

stabilize the upper half of the fighter's spine.

The accident comes just a week after it was announced that Williams would challenge World Boxing Council welterweight world champion Saul "Canelo" Alvarez, Mexico's rising star, on 15 September in Las Vegas. The respected Williams owns a career record of 41-2, with 27 knockouts.—INTERNET



Two-time welterweight world champion Paul Williams, seen here in 2006, suffered spinal injuries that could end his boxing career in a motorcycle crash in Atlanta at the weekend, US media reported.—INTERNET



Boxer Johnny Tapia poses during a weigh-in in Las Vegas in this 1 Nov, 2002 file photo.—INTERNET

Troubled boxing champion Johnny Tapia dies at age 45

SANTA FE, 29 May — Five-time world boxing champion Johnny Tapia was found dead in his Albuquerque, New Mexico, home at the age of 45, officials said on Monday. Tapia, who was as renowned for his cocaine use and traumatic childhood as he was for his boxing talent, was found dead late Sunday night, police said. The cause of death was not yet known.

Albuquerque police were called to Tapia's house late Sunday, where they found the boxer unconscious, said Albuquerque Police spokesman Robert Gibbs. He later died. Brandishing a tattoo of his alias — Mi Vida Loca, or "My Crazy Life" — Tapia rose to prominence in the late 80s, and eventually

won five world boxing championships in three weight classes: super flyweight, bantamweight, and featherweight. His final professional boxing record was 59 wins, five losses, and two draws. Thirty of his wins were knock-outs.

In 2007 he planned a comeback bout against Ildo Julio dubbed "The Final Fury." A month later he was found unconscious of a cocaine overdose and was eventually taken into custody for violating his parole stemming from a prior cocaine offense. Tapia was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His father was murdered when his mother was pregnant with him, and his mother was later brutally murdered when he was 8 years old.—INTERNET

Sigurdsson agrees permanent Swansea switch

LONDON, 29 May — Swansea City have confirmed that they have agreed the permanent signing of midfielder Gylfi Sigurdsson, subject to medical. The Swans have finalised terms with the 22-year-old after a £6.8m offer was accepted by Germany side Hoffenheim and Sigurdsson is expected to undergo a medical this week. A statement on the club's official website said: "A club record offer of £6.8m has been accepted by the German club, and the 22-year-old is expected in Swansea later this week to

undergo a medical before the move is confirmed.

"The club are delighted to have agreed terms with both player and club following

Sigurdsson's hugely successful loan spell last season." The Iceland international joined Swansea on loan from Hoffenheim in January and had

an impressive spell at the Liberty Stadium. He scored seven goals in 18 Barclays Premier League appearances and his displays played a key role in helping Swansea secure an impressive 11th-place finish in the table. Sigurdsson also became the first Swansea player to win the Premier League Player of the Month award when he picked up the prize for March.—INTERNET



Gylfi Sigurdsson caught the eye with some fine performances for Swansea since January.—INTERNET

Li Na eases past first round in French Open

PARIS, 29 May — Chinese reigning champion Li Na eased past Romania's



Li Na of China greets the audience after winning the 1st round match of women's singles against Sorana Cirstea of Romania at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, France, on 28 May, 2012. Li won 2-0 to enter the next round. XINHUA

Sorana Cirstea 6-2, 6-1 in the first round of 2012 French Open on Monday. It was the second time for the 30-year-old Li to meet the 43-ranked Cirstea. Li overwhelmed the 22-year-old Romanian 6-2, 6-2 in the third round of French Open last year before she went on to claim the first Grand Slam singles' title ever won by an Asian player.

This time again Li outclassed Cirstea in a lopsided match as she needed only 58 minutes to seal the victory in straight sets. The seventh seed, who is bidding to become the first woman to defend her title at Roland Garros since Justin Henin in 2007, will take on the winner between Barbora Zahlavova Strycova and Stephanie Foretz Gacon of French in the next round.—Xinhua

Fish returns to Wimbledon after heart scare

LOS ANGELES, 29 May — US number one Mardy Fish is eyeing a return to tennis competition at Wimbledon after a procedure to address a frightening heart arrhythmia, *USA Today* reported. "It felt like my heart was going to jump out of my chest," Fish told the newspaper in a telephone interview. It was the first time Fish had spoken about the condition that had kept him off the ATP Tour, and which prompted to withdraw from the French Open, the second Grand Slam of the year now underway at Roland Garros.

Fish told the newspaper he had a procedure called cardiac catheter ablation in Los Angeles on Wednesday to correct faulty wiring in his heart. "It has been so scary," Fish said, explaining the condition caused him to

wake in the night with heart palpitations. "It was super-hard to go to sleep," he said.

Fish said doctors believe the procedure "was very successful, and that it's totally behind me now." He said he expects to resume light training and return in time for Wimbledon or perhaps the pre-Wimbledon grass court tournament at London's Queens Club.—INTERNET



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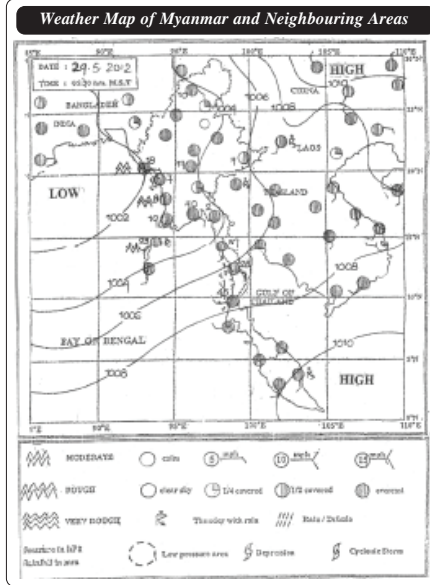
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- 4. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**
- 5. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:45 am**
- 6. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm**
- 7. Dance of National Races
- 4:25 pm**
- 8. Documentary
- 4:50 pm**
- 9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Philosophy)
- 5:15 pm**
- 10. Classical Song
- 5:20 pm**
- 11. Documentary
- 5:45 pm**
- 12. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 6:20 pm**
- 13. Traditional Boxing
- 8:00 pm**
- 14. News
- 15. Korea NG Award
- 16. TV Drama Series



Weather forecast for 30th May, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	31/88	23/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kaym	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	23/73	16/61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sagaing	37/99	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sagaing	39/102	27/81	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Yamthayi	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(80%)
8	Bago	34/93	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	39/102	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	39/102	28/82	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(80%)
12	Yangon	32/90	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	23/77	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	23/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	23/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring New Pyi Taw	38/100	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	22/72	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	39/102	28/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

During the past (24) hours, southwest monsoon had advanced into the Central Bay of Bengal and Deltaic areas. Rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kachin State, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing and Yamthayi Regions. Day temperatures were, (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Yamthayi Region and Eastern Shan States and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chaik (41°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Lamlong (3.66) inches, Yangon (Kaha-Aye) (2.75) inches, Kanyawing (2.12) inches, Cocoyan (1.81) inches, Kyeikkhane (1.77) inches, Dawei (1.73) inches, Mowmya (1.50) inches, Hkanti (1.45) inches and Nyamga (1.42) inches.

Bay Inference: Weather is cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea 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: Thundery activities in the Central Myanmar areas.

Guardian journalist cleared over hacking coverage

LONDON, 29 May—Prosecutors investigating a phone hacking scandal at a Rupert Murdoch tabloid said they had decided not to charge a journalist from the rival Guardian newspaper which broke the story for illegally obtaining information from the police.

The Guardian's Amelia Hill, who helped to break the story about the alleged widespread criminality at Murdoch's News of the World title, had been questioned by the police over whether she received confidential information from a detective.

Alison Levitt, principal legal advisor to the Director of Public Prosecutions, said in a televised statement that a prosecution would not be in the public interest.

Two weeks ago Murdoch confidante Rebekah Brooks, a former News of the World editor and chief executive of News International, was charged with interfering with the police investigation.—Reuters

Pakistan tests nuclear-capable missile

ISLAMABAD, 29 May—Pakistan said on Tuesday it had successfully test fired a short-range nuclear-capable ballistic missile. The Hatf IX has a range of only 60

kilometres (37 miles) and can carry conventional warheads, the military said.

"This quick response system addresses the need to deter evolving threats,



This file photo, released by Pakistan's Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) office, shows a Hatf III, (Ghaznavi) short range ballistic missile, being launched from an undisclosed location in Pakistan, in May.

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specially at shorter ranges," it added in a statement.

It was the third time Pakistan has test fired a ballistic missile since arch-rival India last month launched its new long-range Agni V, capable of hitting targets anywhere in China.

India and Pakistan — which have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947 — have routinely carried out missile tests since both demonstrated nuclear weapons capability in 1998.

Defence analysts say India's strategic priorities are moving away from Pakistan to focus more on China, while Pakistan is still concerned about its eastern neighbour.

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Asia's biggest wine expo opens in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 29 May—The who's who of the wine world was in Hong Kong on Tuesday for Asia's biggest wine and spirits fair, hoping to tap the booming but still relatively young Chinese market.

Organizers of the three-day Vinexpo Asia-Pacific expect demand for imported wine to weather the slowdown in Chinese economic growth, forecast to fall to 7.5 percent this year from 9.2 percent in 2011.

A deep dip in prices of Bordeaux's most prestigious, investment-grade wines last year suggests the Chinese-driven speculative bubble may have burst, but the market for more modest mid-range wines will open up, they said.

"The promise of the Chinese market and the Asian market continues to be very

high. The growth is still there," Vinexpo chief executive Robert Beynat told AFP.

China leapt to fifth place of top wine consuming nations last year, overtaking Britain, and Asia is expected to account for more than half of worldwide growth in consumption over the next three years, organizers said.

China is the world's biggest drinker of spirits, with 995 million cases guzzled in 2010 — almost double the volume consumed in 2006, according to Vinexpo.

But the average mainland Chinese drinker still only consumes 1.3 litres (0.34 US gallons) of wine a year, compared with 2.4 litres in Japan and 50 litres in France.

Wine producers are

looking forward to a "bright future" as the market matures and consumption grows, especially as Chinese drinkers learn that good wine need not cost a fortune, Beynat said.

"It's fashionable (in China) to have very expensive wine and to offer your friends very expensive wine. The challenge for the industry is to show that there is good wine at every price," he said.

Around 1,000 exhibitors attended the expo at Hong Kong's harbourside convention centre, from the great French chateaux to major global distributors and the best of the "new world" such as California and Australia.

French wines account for around 45 percent of Chinese imports in terms of value. The Bordeaux Region alone sold 334 million euros



Asia's biggest wine and spirits fair opened in Hong Kong on Tuesday, giving the world's top producers from France to Argentina a chance to tap the booming but still relatively new Chinese market.

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(\$420 million) worth of wine to China last year, a 91 percent increase over the year before.

"The solid base we have, but we need to look at how we go to the next step," Bordeaux Wine Council president Georges Haushalter said.

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Al-Qaeda No 2 in Afghanistan killed, NATO says



A US Predator drone sets off from its hangar at Bagram air base in Afghanistan in 2009.

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KABUL, 29 May— Al-Qaeda's second in command in Afghanistan has been killed in an air strike near the Pakistani border, NATO said on Tuesday.

The US-led International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan said Saudi-born Sakhr al-Taifi, also known as Musthaq and Nasim, commanded foreign fighters and directed attacks on NATO and Afghan troops.

It described him as al-Qaeda's "second highest leader in Afghanistan", saying he frequently travelled between Afghanistan and Pakistan, "carrying out commands from senior al-Qaeda leadership".

He also supplied weapons and equipment to insurgents, and managed the transport of insurgent fighters into Afghanistan, the military said.

NATO said he was killed in an air strike on Sunday with "one additional al-Qaeda terrorist in Watahpur District, Kunar Province" which borders Pakistan.

The United States announced last year that it would focus military operations in Afghanistan towards the eastern provinces, which border Pakistan's lawless tribal belt where US officials say Taleban and al-Qaeda-linked militants have sanctuary.

NATO forces are in Afghanistan helping the Western-backed government fight a bloody, Taleban-led insurgency following the US-led invasion shortly after the 11 September, 2001 attacks in the United States.—Internet



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives delegation led by US Senator Hon Susan M Collins at meeting hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw in Hluttaw Complex. MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives US Senator and party

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received delegation led by US Senator Hon Susan M Collins at the meeting hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw in Hluttaw Complex here this morning.

Also present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairpersons of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees and commission members.

They frankly exchanged views on political developments in Myanmar, undertakings of Hluttaws, strengthening friendly ties and boosting cooperation between Myanmar Hluttaw and US Congress.

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NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—The Union Election Commission met with chairmen and secretaries of some political parties at its meeting hall here this morning and made it clear to them the prevailing situations over protests against power blackout and disputes between employers and employees and called on them to deal with the situations in cooperation in accordance with the laws.

The meeting was also attended by Chairman of UEC U Tin Aye and commission members, deputy ministers from the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2, officials, chairpersons and secretaries from invited political parties.

In his address, the UEC Chairman said that the aim of the meeting is to explain the prevailing situations over protests against electricity outage and disputes between the employers and

UEC, political parties meet



Chairman of UEC U Tin Aye meeting with Chairpersons and Secretaries from some political parties.—MNA

employees, as some political parties have been involved in the incidents.

In view of the organizational set-up rules, policy and attitudes of political parties, it is found that each and every party is committed to serving the

interest of the State and the people.

In serving the interest of the State and the people, priority should be given to what ought to be or what can be, realizing the prevailing situations. Only then, will pragmatic results be possible.

In this context, priority could not be given to what can be rather than what to be, and instead to what ought to be to the most possible degree.

In doing so, the political parties need to study and adhere to acts, laws, rules and regulations prescribed

by the State.

In the Section 404 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, it is stated that a political party is to be loyal to the State; in the Section 405 (b), it shall respect the Constitution and the existing

laws. Moreover, when applying for registration as a political party, the political party had already pledged to abide by provisions included in the Section-6 of the Political Parties Registration Laws.

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Mexico footballer ‘Chicharito’ named UNICEF envoy

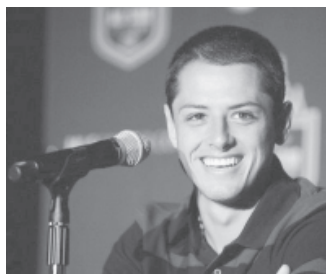
NEW YORK, 29 May—Mexican footballer Javier ‘Chicharito’ Hernandez, who plays for Britain’s Manchester United, was named a UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) ambassador.

“When I heard that UNICEF wished to invite me to become a National Ambassador, immediately I thought: if it’s about doing something for the kids of my country, I am in,” Hernandez said at his designation ceremony.

The 23-year-old Manchester United Striker will join singer and actor Cesar Costa, appointed in 2004, and singer Julieta Venegas, appointed in 2009, in campaigning for children’s rights in Mexico on behalf of the UN body.

UNICEF said his work would particularly focus on child poverty and on children forced to leave school for work.

“Chicharito” is Spanish for “little pea.” Hernandez earned the nickname —



Javier ‘Chicharito’ Hernandez, who plays for Britain’s Manchester United, at a press conference in New York City in July 2011.

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written on his jersey — from his father, Javier Hernandez, a Mexican striker who played in the 1986 World Cup and was known as “Chicharo,” or “pea,” because of his green eyes.—Internet

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