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President U Thein Sein to pay goodwill visit to Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—At the invitation of Her Excellency Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will pay a goodwill visit to the Kingdom of Thailand in the near future.—MNA

Our Three Main National Causes

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

Coord Meeting (2/2012) of Micro-credit Supervisory Committee held

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The coordination meeting No. 2/2012 of Micro-credit Supervisory Committee was held at the hall of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue here on 29 May, with an address by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

In his address, the Union Minister said that necessary steps have been taken for bringing micro-credit into action adopting laws, rules and regulations, adding that those who want to engage in micro-credit activities are to be registered in line with rules and regulations of micro-credit without fail. Only

then, will the advent of micro-credit be possible.

Next, Managing Director of Myanmar Small Loans Supervisory Enterprise U Htein Lin clarified matters on micro-credit, followed by a general round of discussions. Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than touched upon matters presented.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by Union Minister U Hla Tun.—MNA



The coordination meeting No. 2/2012 of Micro-credit Supervisory Committee in progress.—MNA

Libraries open in Kyauktan Township

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—An opening ceremony of Pyin-nya-alinyang library in Ywathitgyi village took place at the library in Ywathitgyi village, Kyauktan township, Yangon South District on 29 May. It was built with the contribution of Myanmar

Library Foundation and local people.

Likewise, Lunge-ar-man library was opened in Wegyi village in Kyauktan township on the same day. It was built at a cost of K2.5 million contributed by Myanmar Library Foundation and wellwishers.—MNA



Six blasts across Baghdad kill at least 17

BAGHDAD, 31 May—Six explosions hit neighborhoods across Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 17 people and wounding dozens more in the most deadly attacks on the Iraqi capital in more than a month.

The attacks - a truck bomb in a market, a car bomb and roadside explosives - broke weeks of relative calm in Baghdad just as Iraq's government, shared among Shi'ite, Sunni and Kurdish blocs, wrangles over a crisis that risks reigniting sectarian tensions.

In the largest blast, a bomber detonated a vegetable delivery truck packed with explosives near a restaurant in a market, killing at least 13 people and wounding 38 in the mainly Shi'ite Shula district, police and witnesses said.

"The pickup truck came into the market and the driver

left it saying he was going to get people to unload vegetables," said Haider Fadhil, one of the wounded. "It was a huge explosion, I was knocked out and woke up in a car on my way to hospital."

A car bomb exploded near the vehicle of one of Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's advisers, killing one civilian and wounding three in western Baghdad, police and hospital officials said. It was not clear whether the adviser was targeted.

Two roadside bombs also exploded in Amiriya district, killing two people and wounding four more, while roadside bombs killed one and injured 15 more people in other mixed neighborhoods in western and southern parts of the capital.

Violence in Iraq has fallen sharply since the height of the sectarian slaughter triggered a few years after the

2003 U.S.-led invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein. Suicide bombings and blasts claimed hundreds of lives daily in 2006-2007.

In the last major attacks, 20 bombs hit cities and towns across the country in mid-April, killing 36 - including 15 people in mainly Shi'ite areas in Baghdad - and raising fears of renewed sectarian strife.

Since the last U.S. troops pulled out in December, Sunni Islamists have often targeted local security forces and government buildings, but have also sought out Shi'ite victims in an attempt to stir sectarian tensions.

Many Iraqi Sunnis say they fear Maliki wants to shore up Shi'ite power by sidelining Sunni leaders from the power-sharing government set up over a year ago after inconclusive 2010 elections.

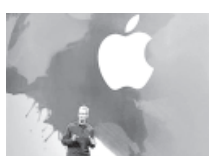
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Drink more water

“We can live without food for seven days, but without water we cannot survive even half a day.” This Myanmar saying shows how our people value water for life. And science says that because of the water in liquid form, our planet Earth, unlike its cousins of the Universe, holds life.

So, water is a vital source for the survival of all living things both plants and animals. Every system in our body depends on water which is its principal chemical component. Our body uses water which makes up about 60 percent of its weight for transporting nutrients and wastes, lubrication, temperature regulation, and providing a moist environment for ear, nose and throat tissues.

In fact we are losing water through our breath, perspiration, urine and bowel movements every day. For our body to function well, we must refill its water supply by consuming beverages and foods that contain water.

Water deprivation results in life-threatening dehydration within a few days. Loss of body water exceeding five percent of body weight leads to decreased endurance, culminating in heat exhaustion. Older people are likely to have a higher risk of developing dehydration than younger adults.

But the simple question here is how much water do we need to consume everyday? But the answer may be hard to find, as it's a complicated matter. In fact, it depends on our age, our occupation, temperatures of the place we live in and many other factors.

Normally, a man may need three liters of water a day. And for a woman it may be 2.2 liters. But that is just a rough average daily consumption for adults. We can drink more than that, as plentiful fluid consumption may be protective against diverse medical conditions, including kidney stones, constipation, colon cancer, and bladder cancer.

In this context, we all need to drink water as much as we can as there is no question that water is vital to the body's overall health.

Knowledge on game management system shared

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May— At the meeting hall of the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports, a presentation of game management system for the 27th SEA Games to be held in Myanmar was made by Strategic Planning/Team Manager Mr. Aaron Sang Min Yoon of Digital Solutions & Services Co Ltd.

The event covers about preparations for the Olympics Game hosted by the Republic of Korea last year, as well as work procedures for marketing, game management, broadcasting and IT, accomplished by SK, Samsung, Hyundai and LG companies of ROK, in the World Cup and Asian Games.

After that, Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik discussed matters on assisting in the game management system.

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FSD chief inspects fire brigades in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Service Department inspected fire brigades in Ottarathiri Township and Pobbathiri Township here on 29 May. He viewed firefighters in action, maintenance of fire engines and readiness of the brigades.—MNA

Union Attorney-General meets UNDP delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received delegation led by Consultant Dr Marcus Brand of Bangkok-based Asian Pacific Democratic Governance of United Nations Development Plan at his office here this morning.

They exchanged views on legal affairs at the call which was also attended by Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Hsan at the Office of the Union Attorney-General and officials.—MNA

Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin holds discussion with a delegation led by Consultant Dr Marcus Brand of Bangkok-based Asian Pacific Democratic Governance of United Nations Development Plan.—MNA



Dy Health Minister inspects healthcare activities in Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin on 26 May addressed meeting for reviewing last year's Myanmar Medical Conference at the office of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar).

The deputy minister

also inspected People's Hospital in Yekyi and Kyonpyaw Townships in Ayeyawady Region, Ahtaung Station Hospital and Hinthada Nursing Training School where she chose designated site for construction of nursing trainees' campus.

On 27 May, the deputy minister met health

staff in Hinthada District People's Hospital, Zalun Township People's Hospital, Zalun Township Traditional Medicines Clinic, Duya Station Hospital, Niban Station Hospital, Sharke Station Hospital and Nyaungdon Township People's Hospital.

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Deputy Health Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin Comforts patients.—MNA

Village administrators meet for socio-economic development of rural region

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The monthly meeting of village administrators of Myeik Township was held at the meeting hall of the Township General Administration Department, Myeik District, Taninthayi Region this afternoon, with

an address by Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo of Myeik District GAD.

Next Assistant Director Daw Ni Ni Cho of the Region Information and Public Relations Department elaborated on development of socio-economic status in

rural region, perpetuation of rural libraries, forwarding report on availability of books and furniture on a monthly basis and Township Administrator U Thein Win discussed matters on village administration.

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Department
1. U Kyaw Hsan General Manager No.1 Mining Enterprise Ministry of Mines	Managing Director No.1 Mining Enterprise Ministry of Mines
2. U Htay Aung Director Geology Survey and Mineral Exploration Department Ministry of Mines	Managing Director No.3 Mining Enterprise Ministry of Mines

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Kayin State Chief Minister addresses School Enrollment Day ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min addressed School Enrollment Day ceremony of the state at No (1) Basic Education High School in Hpa-an on 25 May.

Wellwishers donated cash and stationery and the chief minister and wife, the state Hluttaw speaker, the state chief justice, the state Hluttaw deputy speaker, the state social affairs minister and officials presented learning aids to students.

The chief minister also addressed concluding ceremony of Kayin State disaster risk awareness course at the government office on 26 May and presented completion certificates to the leader of trainees.

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Cash assistance provided to offspring of Myeik Township GAD's staff

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—A ceremony to provide cash assistance to offspring of Myeik Township General Administration Department's staff, was held at the Township GAD this evening.

At the ceremony, Myeik Township Administrator U Thein Win delivered a speech and Deputy Head U Chit Ko Ko Lin explained the purpose on providing assistance. After that, officials presented K 216,000 and books and stationery to 44 students.

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Obama calls Romney amid growing campaign chaos

WASHINGTON, 31 May—US President Barack Obama on Wednesday congratulated Mitt Romney for clinching the Republican presidential nomination, while their campaign teams attack each other in an increasingly relentless manner. The two candidates for the 2012 presidential election “had a very good conversation,” which was “friendly” but “not particularly long,” White House Press Secretary Jay Carney said on a daily briefing. During the telephone talk, Obama told Romney that he looked forward to “an important and healthy debate about America’s future” between the two in the fall, Carney added.

The president also “wished (former Mass-

achusetts) Governor Romney and his family well throughout the upcoming campaign,” he said. A campaign aide to Romney described the phone call as “brief and cordial.” Late Tuesday, Romney won the Texas primary with no surprise and surpassed the 1,144-delegate threshold he needed to claim the Republican nomination at the party’s convention in August. Since second-placed Republican candidate Rick Santorum dropped off in April, Romney has become the presumptive nominee for the Republican party, and the race between him and Obama has geared up.

William Galston, a US politics expert and senior fellow with think tank Brookings, said job creation



US President Barack Obama. XINHUA

and economic recovery will be the master of Obama’s fate on his re-election bid. Both the incumbent’s and the challenger’s campaign teams have been warring over who would best lead the US economy. Romney’s campaign claims the successful private-sector background makes Romney much more suited to improve the

economy than the incumbent president.

Obama’s campaign argues that the Obama administration has improved the job creation and the economy recovery out of an “inherited burden” left behind by the former administration of George W Bush.

Xinhua

Iran cancels \$2 billion dam deal with China

BEIJING, 31 May—Iran has cancelled a \$2 billion contract for a Chinese firm to help build a hydroelectric dam in the country, Chinese state media said on Thursday, a move that risks upsetting Beijing, one of Teheran’s most important economic and political allies. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is due to visit China next week for a security summit, where he is expected to hold talks with his Chinese counterpart, Hu Jintao, on Iran’s disputed nuclear programme.

In March 2011, Iran’s official IRNA news agency said China’s Sinohydro Corp had signed a contract with Iranian hydro firm Farab to build the dam, described as the world’s tallest, in Iran’s western province of Lorestan. It was designed to support a 1,500-megawatt power station. *The Global Times*, a popular tabloid owned by Chinese Communist Party mouthpiece the *People’s Daily*, said the Iranian government had decided to cancel the contract. The report did not cite sources or give a reason for the cancellation. But it quoted Iranian media reports as saying Iran’s central bank was “dissatisfied” with financing options offered by China. Sinohydro was not immediately available for comment.

Guo Xian’gang, vice president of the China Institute of International Studies, a government think tank, said he did not see the cancellation affecting Sino-Iran ties. “Some projects may be cancelled due to some technical reasons, other projects are still going on, it is really normal,” Guo said. “The outside world does not need to exaggerate this.” Guo, who is an expert on the Middle East, added the cancellation would not affect Ahmadinejad’s visit to China. China and Iran have close energy and trade ties, and Beijing has repeatedly resisted US-led demands to impose tougher economic sanctions on Iran to curb its nuclear ambitions.

Reuters



Secret submarine repair plant in Russia. Zvezdochka, formerly known as Ship Repair Plant 893, was commissioned in 1954.—XINHUA



French reporter Romeo Langlois speaks after his release by Colombia’s FARC guerrillas in Caqueta in this still image taken from video on 30 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Colombian rebels free French reporter after month in captivity

BOGOTA, 31 May—Colombia’s FARC guerrillas freed French reporter Romeo Langlois on Wednesday, a month after taking him hostage in a firefight that showed the leftist group is still a menace despite a decade of military blows. Langlois, the rebels’ highest-profile captive since French-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt, was taken hostage in the southern Caqueta Region on 28 April after he was caught in crossfire between a Colombian military unit he was embedded with and heavily armed FARC rebels.

The 35-year-old walked with members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, who were dressed in camouflage, into a crowd of villagers, many of whom took pictures with their cellular phones. “I was never tied up. They treated me rather like a guest. They gave me good food ... they

were always very respectful,” the France 24 freelance journalist told reporters at the scene in a hamlet deep in the jungle. “I can’t complain.” The Red Cross issued a statement saying the reporter was in good health, despite a wound he suffered in his left arm during the initial crossfire.

Langlois berated the rebels for holding him for 33 days and urged the media to pay more attention to Latin America’s longest-running insurgency.—Reuters

US military trainers trickle back into Pakistan

WASHINGTON, 31 May—The United States has sent a handful of military trainers back into Pakistan in a sign the two nations may be able to achieve some low-level cooperation against militants despite a string of confrontations that have left Washington’s relations with Islamabad in crisis. Fewer than 10 US special operations soldiers have been sent to a training site near the border city of Peshawar, where they will instruct trainers from Pakistan’s Frontier Corps in counter-insurgency warfare, a US official said.

But Pakistan denied that any US military personnel had returned. The number of American military instructors in Pakistan dropped to zero after US aircraft killed 24 Pakistani soldiers in late November. NATO labeled the border incident an accident but it enraged Pakistanis and sent already tense ties with the United States into a tailspin. “I wouldn’t call this a watershed moment (but) it’s not insignificant that this is happening,” the US official said on condition of anonymity.

Pakistan’s military denied in a brief statement that US personnel had returned to Pakistan for training programmes. “It is not true. American trainers have not returned to Pakistan,” a senior Pakistani military official told Reuters. The Pakistani official declined to comment when asked why he thought a US official was saying US trainers had returned. In Washington, several American officials said cooperation between US and Pakistani intelligence remained dire as Pakistani officials resisted easing restrictions on issuing visas to US intelligence personnel.—Reuters

295 students tossed their mortar boards in a Guinness World Record attempt for the most people throwing mortar boards simultaneously in London. XINHUA



Azerbaijan cracks terrorist attacks in Baku

BAKU, 31 May—Azerbaijan’s Ministry of National Security detained a military group, which had planned terrorist attacks in the country during the Eurovision song contest, the ministry’s Press centre said in a statement on Wednesday. “A specially trained armed group equipped with different types of weapons, ammunition, explosives and other tools, aimed to commit series of terrorist attacks in some regions of Azerbaijan, to create uncontrolled situation and anarchy in the country, sow confusion and fear among the population, ethnic and religious confrontation, violate stability and damage the international image of the country,” reads the statement.

One of the main goals of the transnational criminal group was to commit terrorist and provocative actions, launch explosions and armed attacks in Baku last week to cause heavy human losses during the Eurovision 2012 song contest, an annual competition held among active member countries of the European Broadcasting Union, according to the statement. The military group led by Vugar Padarov had also planned an attempt to assassinate President Ilham Aliyev during his visit to the northwestern regions of Azerbaijan in April this year.—Xinhua

VIENNA, 31 May—UN nuclear inspectors displayed new satellite imagery on Wednesday indicating that some small buildings had been dismantled and other possible clean-up work undertaken at an Iranian military site they want to visit.

One image from 25 May showed signs that “ground-scraping activities” had taken place at the Parchin facility, as well as the presence of a bulldozer, according to diplomats who attended a closed-door briefing by UN nuclear agency officials. This will likely further strengthen Western suspicions that Iran is “sanitizing” the site of any incriminating evidence before allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) into the complex.

“It is very clear,” one Western envoy said. Iran’s IAEA envoy, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, dismissed such accusations by Western officials, telling reporters after the briefing that “this kind of noise and allegations are baseless”. Wednesday’s disclosure followed inconclusive talks between Iran and six world powers in Baghdad last week to address concerns about the nature of its nuclear activities.

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SpaceX Dragon capsule heading back to Earth

CAPE CANAVERAL, 31 May—Space Exploration Technologies’ *Dragon* spaceship was poised to wrap up a pioneering test flight, the first by a private company to the *International Space Station*, and head back to Earth on Thursday. *Dragon* became the first privately owned vehicle to reach the \$100 billion research complex, a project of 15 countries, on Friday when astronauts used the station’s robot arm to pluck it from orbit and latch it onto a berthing port as the spacecraft sailed about 250 miles above the planet.



The SpaceX Dragon commercial cargo craft is seen docked to the Harmony node of the International Space Station. REUTERS

Technologies, or SpaceX, successfully recovered a *Dragon* capsule from orbit during a previous test flight in December 2010.

“We’ve done it once, but it’s still a very challenging phase of flight,” SpaceX mission director John Couluris told reporters on Wednesday. The United States has been without its own transportation to the station since the space shuttles were retired last year. Rather than build and operate a government-owned replacement, NASA is investing in companies such as SpaceX

with the intention of buying rides for its cargo — and eventually astronauts — on commercial vehicles, a far cheaper alternative.

“The ability to get to (the) space station on our first time, to not only rendezvous but then to berth, transfer cargo and depart safely are major mission objectives. We would call that mission alone a success,” Couluris said.

The successful trial run is expected to clear SpaceX to begin working off its 12-flight, \$1.6 billion NASA contract to fly cargo to the station.

A second commercial

freighter, built by Orbital Sciences Corp is expected to debut this year. “Our plans are to carry out a test launch in the August-September time frame and the demonstration mission — same as what SpaceX impressively just did — in the November-December time frame,” Orbital spokesman Barry Beneski wrote in an email to Reuters.

Orbital has a similar contract to deliver space station cargo, valued at \$1.9 billion. After leaving the space station, SpaceX’s *Dragon* capsule is expected to fire its steering jets to leave orbit and begin its plunge through the atmosphere.

Recovery ships owned by American Marine Corp of Los Angeles, will be standing by to pick up the capsule and bring it back to the Port of Los Angeles, a trip that should take two or three days. From there, *Dragon* will be taken to a SpaceX processing facility in McGregor, Texas, and unloaded and inspected.

Reuters

The bell-shaped capsule, which was partly financed by NASA, was scheduled to be detached from the station at 4:05 am EDT (0805 GMT) on Thursday and released from the station’s crane about 90 minutes later. Splashdown in the Pacific Ocean about 564 miles southwest of Los Angeles is expected at 11:44 am EDT (1544 GMT).

Space Exploration

A customer walks under an Apple logo sign at an Apple shop in Shanghai. People in China are not only making coveted Apple gadgets, they are snapping them up as the booming nation becomes a top market for the trend-setting California company.—INTERNET



RANCHO PALOS VERDES, 31 May—Apple chief Tim Cook on Tuesday vowed that creativity would remain in the company’s “DNA” and

Apple promises innovation in TV and more

hinted that products on the horizon could come in the area of television.

Cook was the star opening guest at a prestigious All Things Digital conference hosted by the Rupert Murdoch-owned technology

Cook said. “I think you are going to love it.”

Cook declined to reveal details of products set for release by the Cupertino, California-based maker of iPads, iPhones, iPods, Macintosh computers, and Apple TV devices.

The first unveiling could take place as soon as 11 June, when Apple kicks off its annual Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco. “Juices are flowing and we have some incredible things coming out,” Cook said. “For years Apple’s been focused on innovation and this will not change.”

While avoiding specifics, Cook said that the Apple TV business is “an area of intense interest for us.” Apple has long referred to its Apple TV as a hobby. The devices are boxes that route content

from the Internet to television screens.

“We’re not a hobby kind of company, as you know,” Cook said. “The company tends to put a lot of wood behind a few arrows. We’ve stuck to this.”

Apple sold 2.8 million Apple TV devices last year and nearly that many in the first few months of this year, according to Cook.

Apple’s nascent iCloud online data storage service and close relationships with film and television studios that sell digital content for viewing on its gadgets could support a new Apple TV offering.

Last month, Jefferies & Company analyst Peter Misek noted that the improved outlook of display-related companies might be due in part to early “iTV” production. Internet

Samsung releases Chrome desktop computer

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 May—Samsung on Tuesday released the first Chrome desktop computer that essentially shifts work into Internet “cloud” using a version of the Google Web browser as its operating system.

Staunch Google partner Samsung unveiled Series 3 Chromebox along with a beefed-up Series 5 Chromebook that is the latest in a line of Chrome-powered laptops introduced last year by Google. “This is the next step in our journey toward an always-new computing experience focused on speed, simplicity and security,” said Google director of product management Caesar Sengupta.

connectivity. “The new Samsung Series 5 Chromebook and Series 3 Chromebox provide the rapid, convenient and ever-improving computing experience that was so well-received in our first Chromebook,” said Samsung marketing vice president Todd Bouman.

The Chromebox was priced at \$330 and available at US and British online shops including Amazon.com, NewEgg.com, and BestBuy.com. It was to roll out in additional countries in coming weeks. The Series 5 Chromebook Wi-Fi model was priced at \$450 and a version with 3G telecom data service capabilities was priced at \$550.



South Korea’s Samsung Electronics.—INTERNET

The Series 5 Chromebook with its 12.1-inch (31 centimetre) screen weighs 3.3 pounds (1.48 kilograms) and measures less than an inch (2.5 centimetres) thick. The Chromebox measures just 7.6 x 7.6 x 1.3 inches (19 x 19 x 3.3 centimetres). Buyers will need to provide their own monitors, keyboards, and mouse devices.

The new Chromebook and the Chromebox feature dual-core Intel processors, 16-gigabyte solid state drives, and built-in wireless internet

Google built its Chrome operating into notebook computers in a challenge to software at the heart of Microsoft’s empire.

The computing model shifts operating software into the Internet letting data centres store data and tend to tough tasks. Shifting operating software to banks of servers on the Internet means that Google tends to matters such as updating programs and fending off hackers and malicious software. Advantages include quick start-ups from disk-drive free machines, long battery life, and essentially being able to dive into one’s desktop data from anywhere on the Internet.

“With a new, app-centric user interface rolling out today and thousands of available web apps, we couldn’t be more excited about this evolution,” Sengupta said.

“This next-generation hardware from Samsung based on Intel processors and hardware-accelerated software delivers nearly three times the performance of the first-generation Chromebooks.”—Internet

Fungus disease found in new bat species

CHATTANOOGA, 31 May—The US Fish and Wildlife Service has confirmed the presence of white-nose syndrome in federally listed endangered gray bats in two counties in Tennessee.

White-nose syndrome — a fungal disease first documented in New York in 2006 and now found in 19 states and four Canadian provinces — has decimated bat populations across eastern North America, with mortality rates reaching up to

100 percent at some sites, officials said. The Tennessee discovery is the first confirmation of WNS in federally listed gray bats, The Chattanooga.com reported on Tuesday.

The discovery is a cause of concern for the species, officials said.

“The news that another federally endangered bat species, the gray bat, has been confirmed with white-nose syndrome is devastating for anyone who cares about bats

and the benefits they provide to people,” Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe said. “Bats provide tremendous value to the US economy as natural pest control for American farms and forests every year. Research and management of this disease remains a priority for the Service, and we will continue to work closely with our partners to understand the spread of this deadly disease and minimize its impacts to affected bat species.”



Photo shows the endangered gray bats.—INTERNET

Infected gray bats were discovered during two separate winter surveillance

trips in Hawkins and Montgomery counties, officials said.—Internet

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UBS cuts Tata Motors target price after earnings

NEW DELHI, 31 May—UBS cut its 12-month price target for Tata Motors (TAMONS) to 270 rupees from 320 rupees, maintaining its “sell” rating after the auto maker’s weaker-than-expected operating earnings. UBS believes volume growth for unit Jaguar Land Rover could “incrementally disappoint.” Bank adds domestic sales growth remains at risk due to India’s weak economic outlook and increasing competition. Shares last down 8.3 percent at 253 rupees. *Reuters*



Jaguar Land Rover Freeland 2 vehicles are displayed on the production line for the media at their plant in Pune, 190km (118 miles) south of Mumbai, on 27 May, 2011.—REUTERS

Sun Pharma expects 18-20 pct FY13 sales growth

MUMBAI, 31 May—Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd expects 18-20 percent sales growth in the current fiscal year that started in April, Managing Director Dilip Shanghvi said in an earnings conference call on Wednesday. On Tuesday, the company reported an 85 percent jump in quarterly profit to 8.20 billion rupees.—*Reuters*

Sanofi, Novo, Lilly shape up for big insulin fight

LONDON, 31 May—Competition is ramping up in the multibillion-dollar market for long-lasting insulins, with Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly lining up new products that could trump Sanofi’s top-seller Lantus.

Worldwide, Lantus has some 80 percent of the market for long-acting, or basal, insulins used to treat diabetes and the product had sales of around \$5 billion last year. Now rivals are closing in.

Denmark’s Novo has a new insulin called Tresiba, or degludec, that is awaiting a US approval decision by 29 July and could also get a green light in Europe in the second half of the year.

And Lilly’s new long-acting insulin LY2605541, though still some years from reaching the market, is already causing a stir after signs in mid-stage Phase II clinical tests it may help patients lose weight.

If confirmed in later trials, that could give it a unique selling point against other therapies for controlling type 2 diabetes, a disease that is closely linked with obesity.

“Even modest—but real—weight loss could be a major commercial advantage over other basal insulins,” Mark Schoenebaum, an industry analyst at ISI Group, said.

At the same time, Lantus faces indirect competition from so-called GLP-1 drugs like Byetta and Bydureon from Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Victoza from Novo and several others still at the development stage.

More details on the changing landscape for diabetes treatments will emerge when scientists and doctors discuss progress at the American Diabetes Association annual meeting from 8 to 12 June.

Lantus Slowdown

Tim Anderson of Bernstein believes Lantus revenues, which grew 20 percent a year over 2007-11, will slow to an annual rate of 6.5 percent from 2012-16 - and from 2015 onwards sales of the drug are likely to go into decline, assuming generic “biosimilars” arrive around then.

Consensus forecasts also predict annual Lantus sales continuing to rise to just under \$7 billion by 2015 before declining thereafter, according to Thomson Reuters Pharma data.

A Type 1 diabetic injects herself with insulin at the JWCH safety-net clinic in the centre of skid row in downtown Los Angeles, on 30 July, 2007. REUTERS



Sanofi is working to defend its business by developing an improved, longer-lasting formulation of Lantus and a Lantus plus GLP-1 combination product.

But Novo Chief Executive Lars Sorensen believes his firm can turn the tables on Sanofi, although he is prepared for a lengthy battle. He told *Reuters* last year it would probably take until 2014 or 2015 before Tresiba was in a position to capture the bulk of new patients going on to basal insulins.

Ending Sanofi’s 10-year dominance would be a major coup for Novo, whose existing long-acting insulin Levemir has failed to seriously dent the French drugmaker’s grip on the market.

Tresiba, however, may have little time in a duopoly with Sanofi’s Lantus before Lilly enters the ring with LY2605541, according to Tim Race of Deutsche Bank. Phase III clinical data for the Lilly drug is expected in 2013, suggesting it will be snapping at Tresiba’s heels.

International drugmakers are competing fiercely in the type 2 diabetes market as the number of people with the disease worldwide continues to grow rapidly.

Diabetics typically start out on oral medicine but often need to move on to insulin injections to regulate their blood-sugar levels.

One side-effect of taking insulin can be hypoglycemia, when sugar levels become dangerously low. A key selling-point for the new products from Novo and Lilly is that they cause fewer such “hypos”.—*Reuters*

Saudi boosts OPEC output despite price drop

LONDON, 31 May—OPEC oil output in May has hit its highest since 2008 as Saudi Arabia kept rates high despite a drop in prices and Iranian shipments did not fall much further ahead of an EU embargo, a *Reuters* survey found on Tuesday.

The increase in supplies by Saudi Arabia has helped to cushion the impact of Western measures against Iran’s nuclear programme. Still, with Iraq unable to sustain an increase in exports and Libyan output falling, analysts say further rises in OPEC supply will be harder to achieve.

“Given sustainability concerns around current levels of Libyan output and infrastructure constraints in Iraq, it is unlikely these two countries will be able to raise production much further in the next couple of months,”

said Harry Tchilinguirian of BNP Paribas. In May, supply from the 12-member Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has averaged 31.80 million barrels per day (bpd), up from 31.75 million bpd in April, the survey of sources at oil companies, OPEC officials and analysts found.

OPEC’s total is the highest since September 2008, shortly before it agreed to a series of supply curbs to combat recession and collapsing demand, based on *Reuters* surveys. Supply is running almost 2 million bpd above OPEC’s 30 million bpd target. The group meets to review output policy on 14 June in Vienna and it remains to be seen if it can contain the political tensions caused by sanctions against Iran. Iran is unhappy about the high level

of OPEC and Saudi production, delegates say.

“We agreed to produce around 30 million bpd at the last meeting. Producing more than that is against our own decision,” said one delegate, who declined to be identified.

Oil prices surged in March to \$128 a barrel, the highest since 2008, because of concern about disruption to global supply from the US and European sanctions aimed at hurting Iran’s crude export revenues. With tension easing between Iran and the West, OPEC output climbing and concerns increasing about the eurozone debt crisis, prices have fallen back. Brent crude was trading just above \$107 on Tuesday.—*Reuters*

Apple CEO wants to make more products in US



CEO Tim Cook speaks during an Apple event in San Francisco, California on 7 March, 2012. REUTERS

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, (California), 31 May—Apple Inc (AAPL) Chief Executive Tim Cook said he would like to see more of the company’s products assembled at home than in China and contain more US components such as semiconductors.

Apple has been criticized for relying on low-cost Asian

manufacturers to assemble its products and for contributing to the decline of the US manufacturing sector.

Cook, who took the helm of the world’s most valuable technology company in August shortly before founder Steve Jobs died, said manufacturing in the United States was difficult because of declining tool-and-die manufacturing expertise, among other things, but he was working on it.

“There are things that can be done in the US, not just for the US market but that can be exported for the world,” Cook told this year’s All Things Digital conference, an annual gathering of A-list technology and media executives in the upscale California coastal resort town of Rancho Palos Verdes.

“On the assembly piece, could that be done in the US?”

“I hope so, again, one day,” he added.

All of Apple’s final assembly is done through Asian contract manufacturers, particularly Taipei’s Foxconn Technology (2354 TW) and its Chinese factories. Cook noted that Apple does some component manufacturing in the United States, including the main microchip that runs the iPhone and iPad.

Apple makes the A5 processor in a 1.6 million square-foot factory in Austin, Texas, owned by Korean electronic giant Samsung Electronics (005930 KS). Cook also said some of the glass for the iPhone and iPad is made in a plant in Kentucky.

The CEO also talked about how the iPad was just in the “first innings,” but declined to say what was in store for it next.

He reiterated his belief that many consumers will use the iPad more than computers as he does.

“I love my Mac, but I find myself spending more and more time on my iPad,” he said.

Apple released the iPad in 2010 and it has quickly defied the tablet computer market, selling more than 67 million units so far.—*Reuters*

Health Tip: Treating Osteoarthritis

Osteoarthritis, often referred to as “wear-and-tear arthritis,” is characterized by the wearing away of the cartilage that covers the ends of bones that form the joints.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons says the pain condition can be treated without surgery. It mentions these potential treatment options:

- * Making lifestyle changes, including losing weight.
- * Taking medication, including nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or corticosteroids.
- * Limiting exercise to low-impact activities, such as biking or swimming.
- * Getting physical therapy.—*Internet*



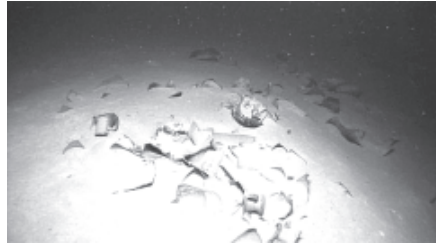
Petrol pump nozzles are pictured at a petrol station in Frankfurt, on 23 Feb, 2011.—REUTERS

Greek experts find Roman wrecks nearly a mile deep

ATHENS, 31 May — Two Roman-era shipwrecks have been found in deep water off a western Greek island, challenging the conventional theory that ancient shipmasters stuck to coastal routes rather than risking the open sea, an official said on Tuesday. Greece's culture ministry said the two third-century wrecks were discovered earlier this month during a survey of an area where a Greek-Italian gas pipeline is to be sunk. They lay between 1.2 and 1.4 kilometers (0.7-0.9 miles) deep in the sea between Corfu and Italy.

That would place them among the deepest known ancient wrecks in the Mediterranean, apart from remains found in 1999 of an older vessel some 3 kilometers (1.8 miles) deep off Cyprus. Angeliki Simossi, head of Greece's underwater antiquities department, said sunken ancient ships are generally found 30-40 metres (100-130 feet) deep. Most scholars believe that ancient traders were unwilling to veer far offshore, unlike warships which were unburdened by ballast and cargo. "There are many Roman shipwrecks, but these are in deep waters. They were not sailing close to the coast," Simossi said.

"The conventional theory was that, as these were small vessels up to 25 metres (80 feet) long, they did not have the capacity to navigate far from the coast, so that if there was a



Broken ancient pottery from the wreck of a 3rd century AD Roman-era ship found 1.2 kilometres deep off the western coast of Greece is seen in this undated photo issued by Greek Culture Ministry on 29 May, 2012.— INTERNET

wreck they would be close enough to the coast to save the crew," she said. US archaeologist Brendan Foley, who was not involved in the project, said a series of ancient wrecks located far from land over the past 15 years has forced experts to reconsider the coast-hugging theory.

"The Ministry of Culture's latest discoveries are crucial hard data showing the actual patterns of ancient seafaring and commerce," said Foley, a deep water archaeology expert at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts.

INTERNET

Dozens of Afghan schoolgirls hospitalized for third time in two weeks; Taliban blamed for 'poison attack'

KABUL, 31 May — Police in northern Afghanistan say 160 schoolgirls were admitted to a local hospital after they were thought to be poisoned by the Taliban. It's the third such poisoning of Afghan schoolgirls in less than two weeks. The girls "complained of headaches, dizziness and vomiting before being taken to the hospital," Hafizullah Safi, director of the Takhar health department, told CNN. Most were discharged within a few hours, Safi said. Officials suspect their classrooms were sprayed with a toxic chemical by militants who oppose education for girls.



A girl peeks out of a classroom window at a school in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on 1 Oct, 2011. INTERNET

Last week, more than 120 girls and three teachers were hospitalized under similar circumstances. The Taliban denied responsibility for the 23 May attack. The day before, 40 girls were hospitalized at a different school. Historically, the Taliban has been opposed to girls attending school, and had previously called for schools to be closed in northern Afghanistan. Conservative government officials have also opposed girls going to school. According to the BBC, some officials have attributed the attacks "to mass hysteria among schoolgirls," noting that few if any "have displayed long-term symptoms of poisoning." Others, though, say the sheer number of students displaying symptoms cannot be entirely attributed to hysteria.

And it's not the first time Afghan schoolgirls have been targeted. In 2009, hundreds of girls were hospitalized in the Kapisa Province in eastern Afghanistan in three attacks over as many weeks. In 2010, more than three dozen schoolgirls were hospitalized in a suspected poison attack at another girls school. Tuesday's apparent attack comes a week after President Barack Obama signed off on a plan for US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan by the end of 2014.— *Internet*

Police to take over Baghdad security

BAGHDAD, 31 May — Iraqi police will take over responsibility for security in Baghdad from the army from July, a statement said on Tuesday, a move that has been delayed several times over concerns over their capabilities. "The security committee of Baghdad provincial council announced that the security file in the capital will be handed over completely to interior ministry

forces in July," a statement on the interior ministry's website said.

Committee head Abdelkarim al-Zirab said in the statement that army forces will be redeployed "outside the city in locations close to the entrances to secure Baghdad's surrounding areas." Both army and police forces are deployed at checkpoints and other positions to provide security

in the Iraqi capital, but soldiers currently provide the main defence for the heavily fortified Green Zone, where the Iraqi government is headquartered.

It was unclear if all soldiers would depart, or if some would remain deployed in the capital. Iraqi authorities have planned a handover of security responsibility to the police several times, most recently mooting an end-2011 deadline, but the plans have been repeatedly delayed because of concerns the police are not yet capable of handling urban security on their own.

Since the US-led invasion of 2003, the new Iraqi security forces, especially the army, have been focused on quelling rampant internal violence, leaving gaps in its ability to face external threats. But with violence having fallen sharply from its peak in 2006 and 2007, Iraq is spending billions to train and equip its military with an eye toward a more traditional external defence role.

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Iraqi students march during their graduation ceremony from the Federal Police in Baghdad on 3 May. Iraqi police will take over responsibility for security in Baghdad from the army from July, a statement said, a move that has been delayed several times over concerns over their capabilities. INTERNET

1,600-year-old mosaic at Israeli synagogue damaged

JERUSALEM, 31 May — Vandals have badly damaged a rare 1,600-year-old mosaic in the northern Israeli City of Tiberias that formed the floor of an ancient synagogue, smashing parts to rubble and scrawling graffiti, antiquity officials say. Experts suspect extremist Jews who object, sometimes violently, to excavations they claim involve ancient gravesites. There was no claim of responsibility. Police are investigating. Guards found the damage on Tuesday morning, said archaeologists involved in the site.

Antiquities Authority suggested they were the perpetrators. Photographs issued by the Antiquities Authority showed parts of the mosaic floor reduced to gray chunks of rubble. Other photographs showed blue spray paint scrawled over the mosaic, covering ancient Hebrew and Greek letters spelled out in blue, red and beige tiles. Graffiti was also scrawled along rock walls beside the mosaic. Perpetrators also punched a hole in the mosaic between two candelabras.— *Internet*



In this handout image taken by Israel's Antiquities Authority on 29 May, 2012, in northern Israeli city of Tiberias, shows a 1,600-year-old badly damaged mosaic. Israel's antiquity authority says vandals have badly damaged a 1,600-year-old mosaic in the northern city of Tiberias.— INTERNET

The mosaic, dating 400 years after the birth of Jesus, was one of the best preserved and beautiful of its period, according to archaeologists. It featured illustrated zodiac signs and the traditional symbolism of a fourth-century synagogue: ritual candelabras and palm fronds. The synagogue's ruins, including its ancient mosaic floor, were in a fenced-off area of a national park in Tiberias, next to the Sea of Galilee. It listed the names of the synagogue's chief patrons in ancient Hebrew, Latin and Greek. Israel Antiquities Authority deputy director Uzi Dahari said a fringe group of ultra-Orthodox Jews were suspected of causing the damage, much of it irreversible.

Dahari said the graffiti scrawled across parts of the archaeological site and previous threats against the



Students of the major of flight attendant of Yunnan Normal University join in a recruitment of flight attendants of the Luckyair company in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 29 May, 2012. The Kunming-based Luckyair held a flight attendant recruitment fair in Kunming on Tuesday, attracting many applicants, most of whom were college students.— XINHUA

Qatar orders arrests after deadly mall fire

DOHA, 31 May — Qatar issued arrest orders for the owner of a fire-ravaged mall and four others as investigations widened on Wednesday into possible safety lapses during a blaze that killed 19 people, including 13 children at a daycare center catering to the Gulf nation's large expatriate community. The official *Qatar News Agency* said Attorney General Alibin Feitaisal-Marri also ordered the detention of the owner of the child care facility where the children and four workers died in Monday's fire at the Gulf nation's biggest mall. The others facing arrest are mall officials, including the director

of security.

Sprinkler systems malfunctioned at the Villaggio complex and rescue crews struggled without blueprints of the vast complex, bringing calls for sweeping safety and licensing reviews in one of the world's fastest-growing countries. Two firefighters also were killed. It was not immediately clear whether charges would be filed. Investigators, meanwhile, are carrying out extensive probes through the fire-damaged sections of the mall, but authorities have not announced the cause of the fire. Findings from the state-ordered inquest are expected within a week.

The tragedy also is likely to push authorities across the Gulf to further examine fire safety rules in a region where the drive to build fast and big has brought concerns about the quality of emergency planning. Rescue crews in Qatar's capital Doha had to hack through the roof of the mammoth Villaggio mall to reach the child care facility, where the victims included 2-year-old New Zealand triplets and three Spanish siblings. "What happened is similar to murder because of the lack of safety measures in such complexes," wrote Saleh al-Kuwari, editor of the *Al Raya* newspaper in Doha.

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GLIMPSES INTO MINI-HISTORY

BY Ba Than

Having chosen a lifelong administrative career in the Civil Service, tours involving district and central administration, socio-economic duties, cultural and ritualized activities and functions had become part and parcel of my assignment inclusive of maintenance of law and order, administration of justice, revenue collection etc, etc during my career span, up to sixty. It had its grassroots in the foremost basic economic unit of the township as a young aspiring officer in the junior years, to headquarters in the seat of central administrative network Yangon Secretariat in the mature years. In the context of active duty, the horizon stretched further beyond national boundaries to international arena.

Now after retirement the forty-year itch to travel still persists though on a different perspective, on voluntary social, humanitarian and literary contributions. It was more enriched by the sense of giving, sharing of years of experience and expertise to the younger generations bridging the gap of time, with my triple mission dedicated to inform, to educate and to entertain.

One such tour to the southern countryside took our literary excursion team to Mawlamyine region around December 2000. It was there that I had come face to face with history so poignant that it had remained indelible in my memory. After ten odd years, I now take this propitious time to share these glimpses with my readers.

The first historic treasure was situated at Mawlamyine, in the old, almost crumbling nondescript monastery at the top of a hillock, nothing enviable at that. A flight of brick stairs looked formidable, but I braved the rigour for a more worthy discovery ahead. Another flight of teak stairs into the monastery took us into the **throne room** of the 19th century Myanmar king, His Majesty King Mindon the Benevolent. We found wonderstruck that here in this nondescript setting, time stood still when it began at the 19th century, cut off from the present, even if momentarily while we were there.

The main Hall, no larger than 40 feet by 60 feet was in effect the centre of Myanmar culture in microcosm. The solid teak pillars were gilded in full regal splendour though it had now faded with age. Perched in the cornices were human and animal figurines depicting episodes from the 550 Jatakas of Bodhisattava in his many existences before attaining Supreme Self-Enlightened Buddhahood. Once inside the main Audience Hall, we could only marvel with awe at the intricately etched woodcraft demonstrating Myanmar's unequalled artistry of the times. The centerpiece was the majestic throne where His Majesty in full regalia assumed to have received audience and commanded the

affairs of his realm.

Palace Chronicles had noted that Queen Seindon was one of the King's lesser Queens but she was the favourite consort of His Majesty. In the year 1240 Myanmar Era(1878AD) when King Mindon was dying, amidst intensified palace intrigues, Queen Seindone secretly left the palace at Mandalay and settled in this little known monastery in Mawlamyine. The rigours of the journey travelled from Mandalay, seat of Myanmar kings to Lower Myanmar under British Occupation in utmost secrecy at great risk of death with such treasures remained a mystery difficult to fathom beyond our wildest imagination.

Once she had sought refuge in this peaceful sanctuary of the venerable monks she undertook the ominous task of reconstructing the intricate woodwork and set the Royal Throne her consort King Mindon sat in regal splendour, in devout memory of her King who was now already dead. Such touching scene was reminiscent of pomp, pageantry, grandeur and magnificence of the reign of Myanmar King of Konbaung Dynasty. I recalled a chance visit the Mandalay Palace around 1939 before the War while I was attending St. Peter's School. Young curious primary schoolers wandered and wondered at the throne room, *Hman Nan Saung* the Mirror Room and the cannons at the entrance.

The mementos, palm scriptures, rare photos of the His Majesty the King and Queen Seindone, and memorabilia close to her heart were carefully preserved by the succession of venerable monks of the monastery which was to be lauded. There was also a small prayer room, with a shrine where replica of the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha was placed. I could visualize that she might have prayed here and meditated many a time invoking the deities for protection and final deliverance.

We visitors, or pilgrims as I would like to call ourselves, humbly paid respects to the Queen as she would have lived here while alive, in secluded sanctuary and at the same time ponder on the little known and poignant episode of Myanmar's history.

The second episode was Thanbyu Zayat. Seventy years ago at the height of World War II and the Japanese Occupation in Burma (Myanmar) the notorious Myanmar-Thailand Japan Death railway line built with forced Myanmar labour called *heho sweat squad* and British/Allied prisoners of War, started from here. An eerie commemorative scene was relived with the statuettes of a Japanese soldier commanding two labourers to lay the first set of rail links at this starting point. There was a board posted in the compound which read: "Myanmar-Thailand Japan Death Railway Line starts here, 1942-43." There was also a

railway engine No.C-0522 placed on the rail track standing in mute testimony to the horrors of history of the time. The lurid episodes of enlisting able-bodied labourers were legendary in its brutality splashing the hushed news grapevines. Many have died with strenuous labour, starvation and malaria, in the journey of no return. This chapter of history gained dubious fame, with Oscar winning movie "The Bridge on the River Kwai," excellent on dramatization with David Niven and William Holden among the famous others. Only now I was able to set foot on this harrowing soil and relived history at its darkest days.

The other solemn memorial to World War II was also situated at this Thanbyu Zayat soil: *Thanbyu Zayat War Cemetery*. The land was the gift of the Myanmar people to provide a perpetual resting place to the prisoners of war who had died labouring for the construction of the Myanmar-Thailand Death railway. The plaque read: "Their names liveth forever more". There were 3771 of them from as far as Netherlands, the UK, Australia, neighbouring India and native Myanmar; all men in the prime of youth who had made the supreme sacrifice. There were also 154 unknown but unforgotten comrades commemorated with honour at the War Memorial. I bowed in deep contemplation diffusing my *metta* to these unfortunate ones for better lives in the many future existences.

It was high noon of December 2000. Set Sai beach was nearby and our understanding hosts drove us there to relieve our somber mood. It was time to relax, with rows of freshly plucked green succulent coconuts sliced on the top with straws already dipped into the fruits ready to enjoy. Beyond, as far as eyes could stretch out to the vast expanse of the sea, white crested waves lapped the sandy shores, and bewitching breeze teased our tousled hair. Presently we were jolted by the karaoke music eerily out of tune with the bewitching nature around us.

Thus in this short pilgrimage, in addition to visiting many exalted pagodas around the region, I had a rare glimpse of history as manifested by the magnificent throne-room and audience hall of King Mindon, the second last reigning king of the Konbaung Dynasty in the end of the 19th century, preserved by her loving queen at the most unexpected place in Mawlamyine. Then I had personally witnessed the tale of two histories of diametric opposites: one, a bizarre record of wanton atrocity and the other a commemorative to noble sacrifice. And in the five memorable days of lightning exciting literary excursions I had toured through two mighty ancient kingdoms: Thaton or "Suvanna Bhumi the Golden Land" and Bago, "Ramanya kingdom of the Mons" and two thousand years of golden history.

MCF holds Random Chess competition

YANGON, 31 May—An opening of Random Chess competition, organized by Myanmar Chess Federation, was held at Gymnasium in Aung San Stadium, here, on 28 May.

President of Computer Chess Committee U Tha Zan donated K 0.1 million through President U Maung Maung Lwin of Myanmar Chess Federation.

After that, the MCF President extended the



CASH ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION PROVIDED:
Police Lt-Col Kyaw Tun of Yangon South District Police Force presents cash assistance for education to an offspring of police force members in Thanlyin on 26 May.

greetings.

The competition will go on till 5 June.

Myanma Alin



Drinking water supplied to wards in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 31 May—Wards in Mandalay face shortage of water due to power shortage and excessive heat. For the supply of water, Mandalay City Development Committee distributed drinking water to wards in Aungmyethazan, Pyigyidagun (b), Mahaangmye, Chanmyathazi and Chanayethazan townships daily with water tankers.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Human skeletons, rifle bullets found in 100-year-old well

MANDALAY, 31 May—Many human skeletons and 971 rifle bullets were found

while people were sining a 100-year-old well near Ponnagon Kitsanna temple, Satkyarnwesin ward between 35thX36th street and 73thX74th street in

Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay, on 16 May.

It is estimated that these are people's skeletons, died during the World War II.—Kyemon



DISTRICT NEWS

Union Construction Minister receives Singaporean guests



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint receives Managing Director Mr William Hl Lau and party of Pacific Prince International Pte Ltd of Singapore.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint received Managing Director Mr William Hl Lau and party of Pacific Prince International Pte Ltd of Singapore at the ministry

here yesterday. The meeting focused on preservation of ancient buildings in Myanmar and making investment in the buildings, technical assistances by Singaporean side, and capacity building

of engineers. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Soe Tint, Director-General of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Min Htein and departmental heads.—MNA

Transport Minister receives Korean delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received a delegation led by Senior Investment Specialist of EDCF Department Mr Chae Sang Jin of the Export-Import Bank of Korea at his office

here this morning. At the meeting, they held a discussion on construction of Hanthawady International Airport, upgrading of Myanmar Airways and Inland Water Transport's Shipyards and

project on secure and smooth transport of commodity of Inland Water Transport. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Win Shein and officials.

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World No Tobacco Day observed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—"Tobacco Industry Interference" is the theme of this year's World No Tobacco Day which is designated by "World Health Organization (WHO). Member countries of International Convention on Tobacco Control including Myanmar are implementing facts included in the Convention step by step. At the same time, attempt of tobacco manufacturers is becoming a deterrent to the governments' implementations across the world. It can be seen that few people follows the Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Products Law in Myanmar. Tobacco manufactures break that law in terms of sale promotion, lucky draw, gift, sponsorship etc. The President stressed the need for strictly prohibiting tobacco consumptions in public areas," said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, at World No Tobacco Day ceremony held at the Ministry, Nay Pyi Taw this morning.



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin and guests viewing booths to mark the 2012 World No Tobacco Day.—MNA

million people die of strokes, cancers, lunges disease and other diseases annually due to tobacco consumption. Among them, more than 0.6 million are passive smokers and over one-fourth, children. Due to continued use of tobacco, death toll will reach over 8 million in 2030, fourth-fifth of whom are from developing countries. Tobacco consumptions in Southeast Asia region

including Myanmar are becoming higher. One-fourth of the world death rate is in this region, he added. After that, WHO Resident representative Dr H.S.B Tennakoon read out the message send by the WHO Southeast Asia Region Director-General. After the ceremony, the Union Minister and guests looked round the booths.

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WHO Resident representative Dr H.S.B Tennakoon.—MNA

Talk on traffic given

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee gave educative talks to trainees at No (1) Tatmadaw Supply and Transport School (Toungoo) on 29 May.

An official of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force gave talks on traffic rules and distributed pamphlets.—MNA

Report warns of risk from nicotine addiction

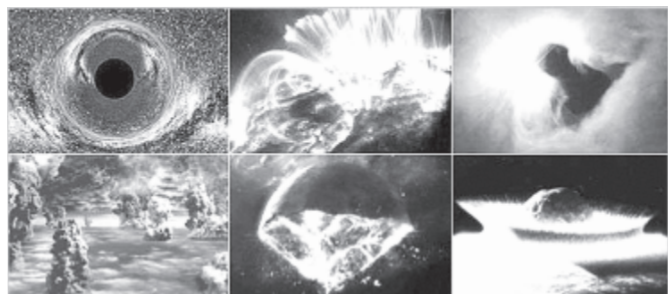
BEIJING, 31 May—Smoking habits have barely changed over the past decade and lack of knowledge about damage caused by nicotine addiction poses huge challenges, a landmark report said. According to Health Hazards of Smoking, issued by the Ministry of Health on Wednesday, China accounts for about 40 percent of global production and consumption, and is the world leader for both.

The report, the first official document issued by the ministry on the dangers of nicotine, shows that the smoking rate among people aged from 15 to 69 had declined by just 0.08 percent from 2002 to 2010. Chen Zhu, the minister of health, listed the challenges facing

those trying to reduce the number of smokers.

"More than half of males aged 15 and over smoke. Obviously, there are a lot of teenagers in that number. As many as 740 million Chinese people are exposed to passive smoking. People are underestimating the harmful effects." The launch of the report supports scientific findings on the harm tobacco can cause, Chen said. Wang Chen, vice-president of Beijing Hospital, who played a leading role in compiling the report, said it should remind people of the dangers of tobacco. "Everybody knows smoking is bad for their health, but they know little about the dangers of smoking.

Xinhua



From the super volcano to solar flares, let's check out those natural disasters could destroy humanity.—XINHUA

Bedouin seize two US tourists in Egypt's Sinai

ISMAILIA, 31 May—Armed Bedouin tribesmen have kidnapped two US tourists in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula to demand the release of tribesman arrested in a drugs case, Egyptian police said on Thursday. The American men, both 31, were seized while driving near the resort of Dahab. "There are negotiations now between the security forces and the armed gunmen to release the tourists," a police source said, adding the Bedouin were seeking the release of one of their tribe who has been jailed in a drugs case. "We can confirm that there were two US citizens kidnapped on 30 May on the Sinai Peninsula and we are working

closely with the Egyptian authorities to resolve the situation," a US embassy official said, without giving further details.

Several other tourists have been held briefly by tribesmen in recent months, but have been released unharmed. Bedouin tribesmen in the Sinai have attacked police stations, blocked access to towns and taken hostages to show their discontent with what they see as poor treatment from Cairo and to press for the release of jailed kinsmen. Two American women were held in a short-lived kidnapping in February until Egyptian authorities negotiated their release a few hours later.—Reuters

Union Minister on field trip in Tatkon Tsp



Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint meets with local villagers of Magyibin and Oakshitkon village-tracts at Magyibin Basic Education Middle School in Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint tipped industry of rural and urban population as an engine for alleviating poverty and called for cooperation of the people whilst the government is rendering assistances for rural development in meeting with local villagers of Magyibin and Oakshitkon village-tracts at Magyibin Basic Education Middle School in Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

The minister said the government is making efforts to form cooperative syndicates and societies for increasing incomes of the rural people in bringing about development of the country and of the region. He highlighted the need to trust each other

and work together for the good of their own society.

The Cooperatives Ministry has funded cooperative societies which would serve as wholesale centres in each village, he said.

The minister also met villagers of Kyathayai village-tract, Naungthinga village, Taemyint village-tract, Thayetbin village and Nyuntlunt village-tract and elaborated on rural development and funding cooperative societies.

While the minister was making field trips in Tatkon Township, teams of the Cooperatives Ministry and the Livestock and Fisheries Ministry are also working in Yamethin Township in Mandalay to form cooperative societies.

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Japan provides cash for water supply project in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Under aids programme for small projects by the Japanese government for water supply project in Mobyee village in Pekhon Township in Shan State, Attaché Mr Hideaki Matsuo and Second Secretary Mr Kiyotomi Tada of Japanese Embassy handed over US\$ 84775 to Shan State Kayan National Race Affairs

Minister U Laurence on 22 May at the ceremony held in the village.

The village that lies on the border between southernmost part of Shan State and Kayah State relies largely on Belu creek for potable water for the population of 10,000. The villagers have to cost much money and efforts to carry water from the creek as they

found eight wells in their village is not enough to provide adequate water.

Their headache would be eased by construction of 0.1-million-gallon tank and four ponds and pipeline system. The move would facilitate regional development and further strengthen Japan-Myanmar friendly ties.

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New operation theatre in Michaung-in station hospital handed over

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Sagaing Region Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Win Thein, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Tin Mya, Second Secretary of Japanese Embassy Mr Masuya Nishikuramori, local officials and people attended ceremony to hand over operation theatre in

Michaung-in Station Hospital in Pinlebu Township in Sagaing Region this morning.

The construction of the facility, funded by the Japanese government, costs US\$ 105,996.

The hospital, 225 miles from Mandalay, was established since 1972 with the aim of providing better

healthcare to rural people in remote areas. As the situations demanded the construction of a well-equipped operation theatre in the hospital, the Japanese government financed the construction with the view to further cementing friendly relations between the two countries.—MNA

Mozambique customs arrest rhino horn smuggler

MAPUTO, 31 May — Mozambican police have arrested a Vietnamese man at the main airport in Maputo as he tried to smuggle rhino horns out of the country, a spokesman said Thursday.

The man was arrested on Wednesday as he was

about to board a Kenya Airways flight to Hanoi via Bangkok.

“Inside the international terminal we apprehended a man with seven rhinoceros horns. They were in his luggage,” the spokesman for Mozambique’s customs

police, Raimundo Mapandzene, told AFP.

The man, identified as Doan Minh, 41, had already made it past airport security screening when he was caught, according to the government-owned O Pais newspaper.—Internet

Union Minister shows up as I&P Ministry interviews potential best staff

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Kyaw Win and officials supervised interviews for selecting Man of the Year of the ministry who would be awarded in the ministry’s

coming anniversary at the ministry yesterday morning.

The minister received shortlisted staff and called for learning constantly for improving their capacity.

The written exam was held at the same venue on 25 May.

The selection of the Man of the Year is aimed at building capacity of staff at each level and equipping them with knowledge on procedures of their own departments and the policy of the government and human resource development.—MNA



Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi supervises interviews for selecting Man of the Year of the ministry.—MNA

Yangon Mayor inspects water purification tasks

YANGON, 31 May—Minister for Yangon Region Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint inspected distribution and purification of water at Water Distribution Tank (2) at No.54 Ward in Dagon Myothit (South)

Township this morning.

Likewise the Mayor looked around sanitation work and drainage of water system at Setyon Street near the junction of Setyon Street and Banyadala Street in Mingalar Taungnyunt

Township, Waizayantar Street near the junction of Waizayantar Street and Thitsar Street in Taung Okkalapa Township and Bohmu Ba Htoo Street in Dagon Myothit (North) Township.—MNA



Minister for Yangon Region Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint inspects construction works.—MNA

Long term project duties assigned in Loikaw

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—A ceremony to assign duties of the 2012-2013 long term project in Kayah State was held at the meeting hall of state government office here yesterday morning, addressed by Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo. Director U Wi Kaw of State Planning Department explained long term project related to 2012-2013 financial year.

Next the region chief minister assigned project duties to the district administrator and region/state departmental personnel sector-wise.—MNA

Essay, painting contests mark International Year of Cooperatives

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Hailing International Year of Cooperatives, Kachin State Cooperatives Department organized basic education high and middle school levels essay and painting contests at No (4) Basic Education High School in Myitkyina yesterday.

Kachin State Planning and Economy Minister Dr Khin Maung Tun and officials of the state Cooperatives Department viewed and encouraged students participating in the contests.—MNA

Royal Adelaide Hospital donates Vitrectomy machine to Eyes Hospital

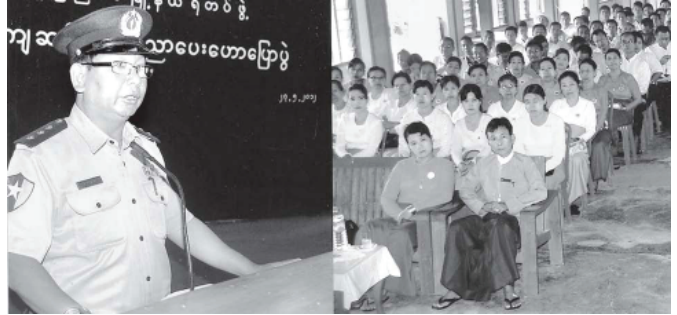


YANGON, 31 May—A ceremony to donate Vitrectomy machine by Royal Adelaide Hospital of Australia to Eye Hospital, was held at the Eye Hospital on Natmauk road in Tamway this morning.

At the ceremony, Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Miss Bronte Moules and eye specialist professor Henery Newland explained the purpose of donation.

Afterwards, medical superintendent Dr Than Lwin of Hospital and professor/dean Dr Tin Win of Eye Disease department spoke words of thanks. Dr Than Lwin accepted Vitrectomy machine handed over by the Ambassador and professor Henery Newland and presented certificate of honour.

Myanma Alin



Educative talks on reducing crimes given in Shwepyitha

YANGON, 31 May—An educative talks on reducing crime, held by Shwepyitha Township Police Force, took place at No. 1 Basic Education High School in

Shwepyith, Yangon North District on 27 May. At the ceremony, Township administrator U Aung Moe Oo delivered a speech. Chief of Township Police Force

Police Captain Aye Maung, Township law officer U San Myint and Police Inspector Myint Soe Aung gave talks on crimes.

Myanma Alin

Cash assistance provided to women's football team

YANGON, 31 May—Chairperson of Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thuang Mya, Yangon North District Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson Daw Sein Sein Soe and WAO chairpersons from eight townships in the district provided two women football teams of Yangon North District with nutritious food, cash and uniforms yesterday.

Two women football teams are under training for Yangon Region Chief Minister's Cup Inter-district Women's Football Tournament to be held in Padaytha sport ground in South Okkapala Township from 8 to 24 May.—*Myanma Alin*



Palethwe hybrid summer paddy model plot harvested in Okpo

OKPO, 31 May—A ceremony to harvest Palethwe hybrid summer paddy model plot in Okpo Township, was held at the summer paddy farm of farmer U Toe Win Aung in Kinmonchone village tract in Okpa Township, Thayawady district on 26 May.

It was attended by head U Htay Win of Thyawady district Agriculture Services, township administrator U



Aung Thu, head of Township Agriculture Services U Myo Tun, village administrators

and farmers. The average yield per acre is 154.6 baskets.—*Township IPRD*

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DAY OBSERVED: Parents enrolled their children at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Mawlamyinegyun on school enrollment day on 25 May.—*MYANMA ALIN*



STATIONERY PROVIDED: District Education Officer U Khin Aung Myint provides stationery to students, at School Enrollment Day ceremony held at No. 1 Basic Education High School, Thanlyin Township, on 26 May. *MYANMA ALIN*

DISTRICT NEWS

SCHOOL OPENED: Township education officer Dr Than Than Aye, school head U Ohn Maung and village administrator open post-primary school in Hsinaiyama village in Gyogon-1 village tract in Minhla Township, Bago Region, on 26 May. *MYANMA ALIN*



Writers association formed in Tamway Township

YANGON, 31 May—A ceremony to hold plenary meeting and form writers association, was held at Township administrator office in Tamway Township on 13 May. At the ceremony,

U Sein Win (Maung Nay La) was elected as chairman; U Nyunt Tin (Nyunt Zeyar) as vice-chairman; U Thet Khaing (Naung-Sethmu) as secretary; U Kyaw Min Han (Kyaw Min Han) as joint secretary; U San Min (U Thant-Letmoeswe) as treasurer; and U Myint Saw (MA) and U Maung Maung (U Win Kyaw) as executive members. U Sein Win (Maung Nay La) and U San Min (U Thant-Letmoeswe) was elected as conference delegates.—*Kyemon*

Cash assistance provided to offspring of Kanyidaunt Township Police Force members

KANGYIDAUNT, 31 May—A ceremony to provide cash assistance to offspring of Kanyidaunt Township Police Force members, was held at the office of Chief of Township Police Force in Kanyidaunt Township, Patheingyi District on 22 May. At the ceremony, Chief of Township Police Force Police Lt-Col Khin Maung Ohn made a speech and provided cash assistance to students. Cash assistance

was provided to a total of 38 students.—*MNA*



School enrollment day holds in Kayan Township

YANGON, 31 May—School enrollment day ceremony was held at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Kayan Township, Yangon South District on 29 May.

At the ceremony, township education officer U Sein Than Aung explained the all school-going age programme. Afterwards, wellwishers donated uniforms, books and stationery.

Kyemon

School enrollment day observed in Pakokku

PAKOKKU, 31 May—A ceremony to donate stationery and hold school enrollment day, took place at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Pakokku Township on 25 May. At the ceremony, district administrator U Khin Maung Yi made a speech. After that, wellwishers donated cash and stationery through district education officer Daw Khin Nyo Myint.—*Myanma Alin*

Facebook shares plumb new depths, valuation questioned

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 May — Facebook Inc shares slid below \$29 to a new low on Tuesday as nervous investors fled the company's shares, concerned about the social network's long-term business prospects and an initial offering price that proved too rich.

Shares of the No 1 social network fell 10 percent to an all-time low of \$28.65, before closing at \$28.84, or down 9.6 percent. Since its market debut at \$38 on 18 May, the eight-year-old company has shed approximately \$25 billion in value — roughly equivalent



to the market capitalization of Morgan Stanley, the lead underwriter of Facebook's IPO.

Wall Street has harboured concerns that Facebook, while boasting nearly a billion users worldwide and dominating Internet social-networking, would have difficulty translating its growing presence on smartphones and other mobile devices into revenue.

Rivals Google Inc and Apple Inc currently dominate the mobile arena. Facebook's quest to monetize mobile is spurring widespread speculation over its next moves.

Technology bankers say the company would benefit from tacking on mobile operating software through an acquisition of Norway's Opera, which has been on the auction block for a while.

The *New York Times* cited sources dredging up a longstanding rumor that Zuckerberg was pondering building a Facebook phone, and that an easy way to acquire the hardware expertise needed was to buy troubled Research in Motion.

The Blackberry maker said late on Tuesday that it hired JP Morgan and RBC Capital Markets to help the company and its board with a "strategic review."

"They are clearly looking at smartphones and are trying to become more vertically integrated with their users," said Ryan Jacob of the Jacob Internet Fund. "They just don't want to be another app on Google's or Apple's platform."

"Speculation that Facebook is dabbling outside their main expertise and possibly planning another large acquisition may be unsettling to some investors," he added. "But I think options trading is behind today's drop in the shares."

Reuters

United Airlines pilots file race bias suit

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 May — Two dozen black pilots alleged in a lawsuit on Tuesday that United Continental Holdings, the parent of United Airlines, passed them over for management promotions because of race. The world's biggest carrier denied the allegations and said it would fight them in court. The veteran aviators alleged a long history of discriminatory behavior across multiple US states. Their suit was filed in the US District Court for the Northern District of

California in San Francisco. "The struggle for inclusion at United Airlines is a long-standing issue that many have tried to address over a long period of time," Captain Leon Miller, a plaintiff, said in a statement. Most of those involved in the suit worked for pre-merger United. The complaint specifically addresses promotion issues dating to 2009.

Additionally, nearly half of the plaintiffs were part of a 2010 federal equal employment racial dis-



A United Airlines plane with the Continental Airlines logo on its tail, sits at a gate at O'Hare International airport in Chicago on 1 Oct, 2010.— REUTERS

crimination case against United, and are claiming the carrier has punished them by withholding promotions and special assignments. United said in a statement that it

does not tolerate harassment or discrimination. "We believe this lawsuit is without merit and will vigorously defend ourselves," the airline said.— Reuters

French government opposes payout for ex-Air France CEO

PARIS, 31 May — France's new Socialist government opposes a 400,000 euros (\$ 499,290) indemnity payment for former chief executive of Air France-KLM Pierre-Henri Gourgeon as it seeks to clamp down on executive pay. Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici said on Tuesday. A representative of the French State, which holds a 15.9 percent stake in the loss-making Franco-Dutch carrier, will not vote in favor of Gourgeon's payout at a shareholders meeting on Thursday, the minister said in a statement.

"The indemnities and bonuses paid to the former chief executive of Air France-KLM, Pierre-Henri Gourgeon,

and approved by the previous government, are not in agreement with the rules of wage moderation and decent behavior announced by the president," the statement said. The minister said the government would announce measures shortly to govern executive pay. France's new Socialist President, Francois Hollande, who took office this month, has pledged to limit the pay of top executives at publicly controlled companies to 20 times the minimum wage.

Air France-KLM shares are down around 12 percent this year after erasing 71 percent last year, giving it a market value of around 1 billion euros (\$1.25 billion). Reuters

Mexican police patrol PepsiCo warehouses after arson fires

MEXICO CITY, 31 May — Mexican police are beefing up patrols around warehouses belonging to PepsiCo's local snack food company Sabritas following a series of arson fires that damaged five of the firm's installations, an official said on Tuesday. Federal and state police are patrolling three of the warehouses damaged in attacks this past weekend in the western state of Michoacan. Julio Hernandez, a spokesman for the state government, said in a telephone interview. Installations in three other cities that were not targeted are also under police surveillance, he said.

Investigators are still probing the motive of the attacks, but authorities in the

central state of Guanajuato on Monday said they have arrested four suspects linked to a drug gang for the fires set at two warehouses in that state. "There were apparently a lot more people involved," Hernandez said. "Prosecutors are following various lines of investigation, one of which is extortion." The attacks appeared to be the first to hit a global brand during Mexico's bloody war on drug cartels. No one was injured in the fires that destroyed trucks and damaged warehouses, authorities said.

Mexico, Latin America's second-biggest economy, has continued to attract foreign investment even as the country's drug war escalated since 2006.— Reuters

A deformed egg is compared with a normal egg in Shuangzhong town, East China's Jiangxi Province, on 27 May, 2012. The bizarre shaped egg, produced laid by a hen with fever, has a 3.5-centimetre tail.

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Russia slashes US report on human rights

MOSCOW, 31 May — The Russian Foreign Ministry on Monday called "non-objective" a human rights report published by the US State Department last Thursday.

The American partners, unfortunately, do not want to notice the massive works being done by the Russian leadership," Konstantin Dolgov, the ministry's representative for human rights, democracy and law, said in a comment.

The statement was in response to the 2011 Country Reports on Human

Rights Practices released by the US State Department last Thursday. Dolgov said the report, like other similar papers, "contains the habitual abuse of the humanitarian and human rights issues, use of double standards, arbitrary assessments in favour of the US political interests." "It is not always clear on what sources the certain questionable conclusions have been based," Dolgov said.

The diplomat also

highlighted "one-sided" description of the human rights situation in the Middle East and North Africa.

"When it comes to Libya, the report focuses on the justification of NATO's violation of international humanitarian laws during its military operation in that country," Dolgov noted. "And it is remarkable the report lacks analysis of the human rights in the US itself," he said.

Xinhua

Asia media summit in Bangkok to discuss progress, ethics

BANGKOK, 31 May — The two-day Asia Media Summit 2012 (AMS) is now being held in Bangkok under the collaboration of Thailand's public TV station Thai PBS and Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD).

The summit, which is scheduled for 29-30 May, aims to examine issues relevant to the media's role in promoting development and serving the ends of development without risking professional and ethical standards.

One of the important topics in the summit is the revision of the 2003 Bangkok Declaration which was issued in the 1st Conference of the Ministers on Information and

Broadcasting in the Asia-Pacific Region, held in Bangkok in May 2003.

With the advancement of technology in the digital age, the AMS 2012 Steering Committee agreed that it was necessary to revise each recommendation in accordance with the present media environment and to various issues influencing the media today and in the future.

Formed in 1977 under the auspices of UNESCO, the AIBD is a unique regional intergovernmental organization servicing countries of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in the field of electronic media development.

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An Afghan policeman examines the remains of a damaged vehicle after a suicide attack in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 29 May, 2012.

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This photo provided by the Owyhee County Sheriff's office shows the site where a small plane crashed in rugged terrain in a remote area in Owyhee County in southwest Idaho on 27 May, 2012.— INTERNET



Boise, 31 May — Idaho National Guard rescuers plucked a California fireman, his wife and their adult daughter from a snow-

covered mountain-side Sunday afternoon, more than 15 hours after the trio survived a nighttime plane crash onto a steep, forested slope in a

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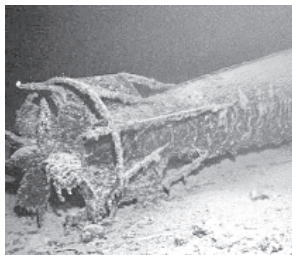


Volunteers of the 9th National Universities Games learn etiquette movements in Tianjin, north China, on 26 May, 2012. The first batch of 50 volunteers learned basic etiquette with flight steward standard on Saturday. XINHUA

Australia to allow diving on Japanese WWII sub

CANBERRA , 31 May — Australia will open up to divers the wreck of a Japanese mini submarine that famously attacked Sydney harbour during World War II, after winning support from Tokyo, according to authorities. To mark the 70th anniversary of the event — which sparked public hysteria in the city — New South Wales Environment Minister Robyn Parker said controlled diving would be allowed. "Diver access will be on a trial basis

reconnaissance flight reported Allied warships were anchored in Sydney harbour. The commanding officer of a flotilla of five large submarines cruising off the city decided to attack with three midget submarines, each with a two-man crew. They avoided the partially constructed Sydney harbour anti-submarine boom net and attempted to sink the warships but were detected and attacked, with two of the crews scuttling their boats



This photo, taken by the Australian Navy, shows the wreck of a World War II M24 Japanese midget submarine at the bottom of Sydney Harbour, pictured in 2007.—INTERNET

and the move is strongly supported by both the Commonwealth and the Japanese governments," she said in a statement. The lethal assault came in 1942 after a Japanese

and committing suicide. The third submarine tried to torpedo the heavy cruiser USS Chicago, but instead sank the converted Australian ferry HMAS Kuttabul, killing 21 sailors.—Internet

Three rescued from plane crash site in remote Idaho

remote part of the state. Authorities said the group was flying in a Cessna 172 from California to Mountain Home, Idaho, when the plane went down at about 9 pm MDT on Saturday.

One of the three used a cellphone just after midnight to report that they had survived the crash but had suffered head and back injuries.

A medical helicopter was the first to spot the wreckage Sunday morning, but white-out conditions didn't allow for an immediate rescue, said Col Tim Marsano of the Idaho National Guard.

Officials said ground rescuers travelling through

6-foot snow drifts and on 60 degree slopes reached the crash site first.

They wrapped the family members in blankets and built a fire until a military helicopter could lift them out with a hoist.

"It was inhospitable for a landing," Marsano said. "The use of the helicopter was indispensable for this type of rescue operation."

The three were flown one at a time to a landing area about a half-mile from War Eagle Mountain in southwest Idaho's Owyhee County.

The first person came out about noon and the last at about 2 pm, and each was transferred to a medical helicopter and flown to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Centre in Boise where they were listed in stable condition.

Internet

Pregnant woman, unborn baby survive being abducted, set on fire, shot

DETROIT, 31 May — A 22-year-old pregnant woman and her unborn baby are alive expected to live after being kidnapped, set on fire and shot in Warren, Mich, police said. The woman, who is nine months pregnant, told police she was dropping her ex-boyfriend at his new girlfriend's home early Saturday morning after seeing a drive-in movie. After they pulled into the garage and got out of the car, the garage door closed

unexpectedly, she told police. "The next thing she knew she was grabbed by the throat and a gun was put to her head," Warren Police Commissioner Jere Green told ABC News affiliate WXYZ-TV in Detroit. "She was ordered to the ground." Duct tape was placed over her mouth and wrapped around her hands and feet, and she was blindfolded, before being put back into her car and driven to an alley in Detroit, Green said. "She

didn't know where she was at the time," Warren police Sgt Dave Geffert told the Detroit Free Press.

The man who kidnapped her indicated that it was because of her pregnancy. "[The suspect] said 'you know why this is happening' and then he asked her about how far along she was," Green said. The woman told police she felt liquid being poured on her, heard a match strike and then was set on fire. "She was able to get out of the car and start rolling on the ground, trying to put the fire out," Green said. "And when that happened, two shots were fired and she was struck once in the back." The woman played dead, and the man left, police said.

"Right after the assailant had shot her, he fled the scene," Geffert told the Free Press. "I'm saying 'he' because she reported a male voice, unknown description." —Internet



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Analysts say stimulus is important measure

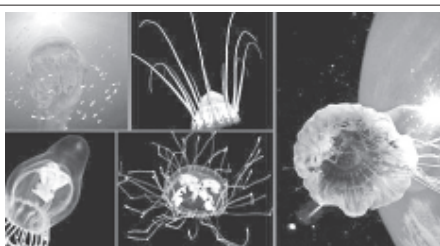
BEIJING, 31 May — Large manufacturers with falling sales seek to boost market share. Large manufacturers, struggling against falling profits and slower growth, are pinning their hopes on government stimulus measures and reform, economic analysts said. Earnings among manufacturers with annual income exceeding 20 million yuan (\$3.2 million) suffered a 1.6 percent drop in the first four months this year compared with the same period last year. Combined incomes of these companies, in that period, reached 1.45 trillion yuan, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Sunday.

Weakening profit growth signaled that the economic slowdown could go beyond the second quarter, analysts said. April saw

corporate net income for these large companies decelerate by 2.2 percent from a year earlier to 407.6 billion yuan. This occurred after a 4.5 percent increase in March, the bureau said. A rebound in profit growth, at least in the short term, depends on government measures, Yuan Zhigang, head of the School of Economics at Fudan

University in Shanghai, said. "The expansion of investment, supported by loosening macroeconomic policies, is likely to increase industrial profits after the second quarter," Yuan said. Recent indicators, covering exports, investment and bank loans, have been worse than expected.

Xinhua



Pictures taken by Norwegian photographer Espen Rekdal show bizarre brightly-coloured jellyfish in stunning detail.— XINHUA

Romney's campaign misspells "America" in new app

Republican Mitt Romney says he is running for president in search of a better America. This week, Romney's campaign could have used a better speller. The campaign released an iPhone app late Tuesday that features slogans supporting his campaign against Democratic President Barack Obama ahead of elections on 6 November.

"We're With Mitt," read one. "American Greatness," declared another. "A Better America," proclaimed a third, a misspelling that almost instantly became the subject of jokes on social media. The unfortunate typographical error—made on behalf of a candidate who has been known to sing "America the Beautiful" on the campaign trail—came on a day in which Romney was joined at a Las Vegas fundraiser by Donald Trump. The real estate and media mogul had spent much of the day casting doubt on Obama's eligibility to be president, questioning whether he had been born in the United States, even after certified copies of his Hawaiian birth certificate were released last year. "Mistakes happen," Romney campaign spokeswoman Andrea Saul told MSNBC about the spelling slip. A corrected version of the app was released by Apple on Wednesday.

A Mitt Romney campaign iPhone app is seen here, with the word "America" misspelled in New York, on 30 May, 2012.



Boy finds dead uncle's pic in sale camera

The family of a 13-year-old Kansas boy who found a picture of a long-dead uncle inside a camera he bought at a garage sale said it may be a sign from beyond.

Addison Logan said he bought an old Polaroid camera for \$1 while he was at a Wichita garage sale with his grandmother, Lois Logan. When they got home he removed the camera's cartridge and opened it up to discover a picture of a man his grandmother identified as her son, Scott, who died 23 years ago in a traffic accident, The Wichita Eagle reported.

Lois Logan said the

picture, which depicted Scott with his high school girlfriend, appears to have been taken in 1978 or 1979.

The family said the man they purchased the camera from told them he goes to a lot of garage sales and couldn't remember where he bought the item. "It's almost like he's reaching out to us, saying he's still with us," said Blake Logan, Addison's father.

Jeff Logan, Blake and Scott's brother, agreed that finding the photo could be a message from beyond the grave.

"When you get something like that, that's almost like a sign telling us, 'Hey, everything's all right, I'm still here,'" Jeff Logan said.

News Album



Divorce Hotel' ends marriages in luxury

A "Divorce Hotel" in the Netherlands is offering unhappy couples the opportunity to end their marriages in luxury accommodations. Jim Halfens, founder of the Divorce Hotel, said couples can check into one of six hotels in the country affiliated with his business and they will be provided during their weekend stay with everything they need to end their marriages, ABC News reported. "They arrive on Friday and we give them everything they need to leave on Sunday with their divorce papers," Halfens said. "Divorces can cost a lot of money and a lot of time. Here, it's done in three days. We have everything they need: lawyers, mediators, psychologists," Halfens said.

"The marriage failed, and that's negative. But it's also a new start, and that's positive. The only thing we can do is offer a better solution than fighting for years," Halfens said he plans to bring his scheme to the United States, where half of marriages end in divorce, and he is looking into the possibility of a reality TV series. "It's time to show people this is possible," he said. "And obviously it would be a great television show."

Appropriate Adult' wins big at Bafta

LONDON, 31 May—Emily Watson and Dominic West took home top acting awards at the British Academy Television Awards for their roles in ITV's drama "Appropriate Adult."

Watson was honoured for her portrayal of, Janet Leach, the appropriate adult the show is named for and West took the prize for his work as a British serial killer, *The Guardian* reported.

Monica Dolan, who played Rose West, Fred West's wife—who was also a serial killer—took home an award for best supporting actress.

The cast said the script, which paid tribute to the Wests' victims, was sensitive and avoided sensationalism.



English actor Dominic West attends the "Argiva British Academy Television Awards" at The Royal Festival Hall in London on 27 May, 2012.

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"Of course [I had doubts], but the script answered a lot of questions about the focus of the film," said Dominic West. "I was sure that this case should be addressed and that human depravity should be addressed. The question was how you do it—and I think we did it right."

Internet

Cameron Diaz likes physically challenging roles

LOS ANGELES, 31 May—Actress Cameron Diaz says she loves roles that require her to prepare physically because it helps her keep in even better shape.



Actress Cameron Diaz

"I love to work out anyway but when you get a

role where you have to train, it's like an added bonus for me," showbizspy.com quoted Diaz as saying.

"I like to look after my body. So to have a job that pays you to do that is one of the biggest perks for me," the 39-year-old said.

Diaz underwent dance training for new movie "What to Expect When You're Expecting".

The actress, who turns 40 on 30 Aug, is looking forward to her milestone birthday.

"I'm so, so excited about turning 40," she said.

"When I was in my 20s, I couldn't wait to get to my 30s, now at the end of my 30s, I'm so looking forward to my 40s. I love getting older," she added. —Internet

Jurassic Turnpike: Dinosaur park opens in New Jersey

SECAUCUS, 31 May—Dinosaurs, a theme park featuring 31 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs, opened to the public during the weekend in Secaucus, NJ.

Set on 20 acres adjacent to Laurel Hill Park and located near the prehistoric Snake Hill rock formation, the exhibition includes a 90-foot Argentinosaurus, which can be seen swishing its tail from the Met Life Stadium and parts of the New Jersey Turnpike, park officials said.

In addition to seeing how dinosaurs may have looked, moved and sounded

in the wild, visitors to the park can also check out shows and demonstrations featuring large realistic-looking dinosaur puppets.

Field Station creator Guy Gsell said in a statement the park is "a wonderful collaboration with paleontologists, educators, entertainers, dinosaur creators and roboticists to create a special kind of entertainment that will thrill anyone—whether they love dinosaurs or love someone who does."

"The Secaucus location at Laurel Hill Park provides



Dinosaurs, a theme park featuring 31 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs, opened to the public on 26 May, 2012 in Secaucus, NJ.—INTERNET

the perfect ecological backdrop while still being easily accessible via the nearby New Jersey Turnpike and the Frank R Lautenberg Secaucus Junction Station," Gsell said.

Internet

Kanye West wants to build amusement park



Rapper-turned-fashion designer Kanye West

LOS ANGELES, 31 May—Rapper-turned-fashion designer Kanye West has set his sights on building an amusement park.

"What I want to do post-Grammys is I want to work on cities, I want to work on amusement parks, I want to change entertainment experiences or life," contactmusic.com quoted West as saying. West has already used his fame and success to open his own restaurant chain and has launched a women's clothing line. He also premiered his first short movie "Cruel Summer" at the 65th Cannes film festival. He plans to

complete the new project in partnership with creatives at his new design firm Donda. He is already looking to tragic fashion icon Alexander McQueen and "Mirror Mirror" filmmaker Tarsem Singh for inspiration. "Something like if McQueen or Tarsem was to meet the entertainment value of a Cirque du Soleil (circus arts company) or a Walt Disney. With the Donda company, this is our first installation," he said.—Internet

Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie and kids enjoy karaoke sessions at UK home

WASHINGTON, 31 May—Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have hired a theatre company to visit their house in Surrey to brush up their family's singing skills. According to Contactmusic, the idea was originally to help their 6 children Pax, Knox, Vivienne, Shiloh, Maddox and Zahara learn to sing - but Pitt and Jolie haven't been shy about picking up the

microphone.

"Brad likes belting out a tune in front of the kids. Angelina thought it would be a fun way for the kids to practise their singing and the theatre group have really helped," the *Sun* quoted a source as saying.

"They've only been round a couple of times but Brad and Ange hope to make it a regular thing during their

stay in the UK," he added.

The kids chose to sing their favourite pop songs while the couple went for older, classic pop tunes.

Internet



Lenny Kravitz turns designer

LOS ANGELES, 31 May—Singer Lenny Kravitz has put his design instincts together to create a range of shoes for footwear brand TOMS.

The "Hunger Games" actor was pushed by his daughter Zoe Kravitz into creating a range for the brand. The company's founder Blake Mycoskie said the singer was a great collaborator because he often sees the bigger picture.



Singer Lenny Kravitz

"The thing a lot of people don't know about Lenny isn't just his amazing personal taste in fashion and style but he also designs wallpaper and furniture. He sees the bigger picture," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Mycoskie as saying.

"They remind of a little of the shows my mother would wear in the 70s," he added.

TOMS is well known for its charity mission, which helps a child in need for every pair sold.

Internet

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

Scholes signs one-year Man Utd contract

Midfielder will stay on at Old Trafford until the end of the 2012/13 season



Manchester United midfielder Paul Scholes came out of retirement in January.— INTERNET

LONDON, 31 May — Manchester United midfielder Paul Scholes has signed a contract extension that will keep him at Old Trafford for another year. The 37-year-old retired at the end of the 2010/11 season after a glittering career at United but came out of retirement in January this year. He impressed during his comeback, making 17 Barclays Premier League appearances and scoring four goals as the club came agonisingly close to winning the title. United manager Sir Alex Ferguson

said earlier this month that Scholes would play on and the new deal confirms that formalities have been finalised.

Scholes has played a crucial part in Manchester United's success over the 20 seasons of the Premier League and has won a total of 10 titles. His contribution to the club has been so influential that he was recently named in both the public and panel Fantasy Teams for the Premier League's 20 Seasons Awards, while team-mate Ryan Giggas has called Scholes the "best

player I have played with".

Manchester United have also announced that goalkeeper Ben Amos has penned a new deal. The 22-year-old has signed a three-year contract which commits him to the club until 2015.

Amos has been with United since 2008 and has had loan spells at Peterborough United, Norwegian club Molde and Oldham Athletic.

He made his Premier League debut in the 2-0 victory over Stoke City in January and also featured in three Carling Cup matches this season.

Internet

Lampard injury scare for England

LONDON, 31 May — Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard has given England a scare ahead of UEFA Euro 2012 after pulling up with a thigh injury. The 33-year-old suffered the injury in training on Wednesday morning and will undergo a scan to discover the severity of the problem on Thursday. Along with his Chelsea colleagues, Lampard was given time off to rest following the club's dramatic penalty shoot-out victory over Bayern Munich in the UEFA Champions League final.

He joined up with the England party on Tuesday, ahead of the friendly against Belgium on Saturday night. England manager Roy

Hodgson has put Liverpool's Jordan Henderson on standby as Lampard is assessed by the squad's medical team. Lampard has been a mainstay of the international team in recent times, winning 90 caps since his debut against Belgium in 1999.

He has played in three major international tournaments, Euro 2004 as well as the World Cup in 2006 and 2010. The injury setback is the latest injury problem to beset England's midfield, with Manchester City's Gareth Barry ruled out of Euro 2012 earlier this week. England's first match of this summer's tournament is against France in Donetsk on 11th June.

Internet



Frank Lampard has won three Barclays Premier League titles during his time at Chelsea.— INTERNET

International Sports

Brazil outclass United States 4-1 in friendly

LANDOVER, 31 May — United States coach Juergen Klinsmann said America's players needed to toughen up and get "nastier" if they wanted to compete against the world's best. Speaking after Wednesday's 4-1 loss in a friendly to Brazil, in which brilliant youngster Neymar scored a goal and had a hand in two others, Klinsmann said it was time the US adopted a more hardline approach.

"I think we've got to get an edge, more nastier," he told a news conference. "Maybe we're still a little bit too naive, maybe we don't want to hurt people, but that's what you've got to do." We've got to step on their toes more and



Herculez Gomez (2nd R) of the US heads the ball to score a goal as Brazil's goalkeeper Rafael (L) and Juan (R) fail to stop him during an international friendly soccer match in Landover, Maryland, on 30 May, 2012.

REUTERS

get them more frustrated, and make a case with the referee as well, for us, not only the opponents." The Americans had won their last five internationals in a row,

including a 5-1 thumping of Scotland last weekend, but were brought back down to earth by a youthful Brazilian team preparing for the London Olympics.— Reuters

Nadal powers into French Open third round

PARIS, 31 May — Holder Rafael Nadal continued his march towards a record-breaking seventh French Open title with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-0 demolition of Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin in the second round on Thursday.

The second-seeded

Spaniard tormented his 43rd-ranked opponent with his mix of power and accuracy to seal victory in less than two hours on Court Suzanne Lenglen.

Nadal, bidding to surpass the mark of six Roland Garros title he jointly holds with Swede Bjorn Borg, prevailed on his first match

point with his 19th forehand winner. Nadal, who has only dropped nine games in his first two matches and lost only one match since his debut on the Paris clay in 2005, will next face German 32nd seed Florian Mayer or Argentine Eduardo Schwank.— Internet



Rafael Nadal of Spain reacts during his match against Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris 31 May, 2012.— INTERNET

Bayern Munich still targeting Edin Dzeko: report

MUNICH, 31 May — Bayern Munich are lining up a bid for Manchester City striker Edin Dzeko in the hope of partnering the Bosnian with their top scorer Mario Gomez, according to a report on Thursday.

Bayern shied away from media speculation linking

them to Dzeko on Wednesday, but a report in the Bild daily insisted the German giants have already been in contact with Dzeko and need only iron out his personal terms.

Gomez recently signed a contract extension with Bayern, the beaten

Champions League finalists, that will keep him at the club until 2016 on an annual salary of nine million euros (£7m, \$11m).

Bild, Germany's biggest-selling newspaper, added that Dzeko was Bayern's favoured choice but that the club had also scouted Frenchman

Olivier Giroud (Montpellier), Dutchman Luuk de Jong (Twente) and Argentinian Matias Suarez (Anderlecht).

Bayern have already acquired a top striker in Peruvian Claudio Pizarro, 33, who signed a one-year deal after his contract with Werder Bremen expired.— Internet

Azarenka eases into 3rd round at French Open

PARIS, 31 May — Top seed Victoria Azarenka put on an inspiring performance to reach the third round of the French Open with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Dinah Pfizenmaier of Germany on Wednesday. The Australian Open champion from Belarus committed only 11 unforced errors and converted five of seven break points to devastate Pfizenmaier.

In the first round, Azarenka struggled early before winning 12 of the final 14 games to advance. She committed 60 unforced errors in that opening match.

The current world number one could not explain why she could play in a way different from last match. "It was a different game, I didn't really know my opponent, and it took me first few games to kind of understand what she does and what kind of game she plays to adjust a little bit," she said.



Victoria Azarenka

"But since after a few games, I started to find my better rhythm. Definitely I played much better today."

"I'm just out there trying to do the best I can.

And I think winning form when you're so much down makes a pretty good statement already," she added. Azarenka reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros last year, matching her best performance at the clay-court Grand Slam.

Xinhua

McIlroy hopes to find form at PGA Tour's Memorial

WENTWORTH, 31 May — Rory McIlroy, suddenly struggling with his US Open title defence looming, will try to get back on track this week at the US PGA Tour's Memorial.

Two straight missed cuts at prestigious events, the US tour's Players Championship and the European Tour's BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth, have seen McIlroy surrender the world number one ranking.

Things got so bad at Wentworth that the 23-year-old's frustration spilled over with a tossed club.

"When you've been on a run when you've hardly finished outside the top five, and then all of a sudden two missed cuts, it's more of a shock than anything else," McIlroy said on Wednesday as he prepared to tee off on Thursday in the \$6.2 million Memorial, hosted by Jack Nicklaus at Muirfield Village. "Just a little bit surprising, and it's something I haven't

really had to deal with in a while, and I just have to knuckle down and figure it out and get back to the way I was at the start of the year."

With the US Open, the second major championship of the year, due to tee off at the Olympic Club in San Francisco on 14 June, the Memorial will give McIlroy a chance to test himself against some of the game's best.

Internet



Two straight missed cuts at prestigious events, the US tour's Players Championship and the European Tour's BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth, have seen Rory McIlroy, seen here on 24 May, surrender the world number one ranking.

INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

- (1-6-12 09:30 am ~ 2-6-12 09:30 am) MST
- * News
 - * Cultural Heritage Preservation (Part -2)
 - * News
 - * Myanmar Video Impact "Expectation"
 - * A Tourist Destination of Shan State
 - * News
 - * Initiative Regional Forum to enhance Collaborative Activities for Establishment of Ancient Cities Networks of ASEAN
 - * News
 - * 12 sign ascendants in June 2012
 - * News
 - * Workshop on Broadcast Media Regulation
 - * News
 - * Aureum Palace Resort
 - * News
 - * NOTOS Quartet
 - * News
 - * Artist who can create colourful images
 - * Myanmar Movie "Never Lie to Your Heart"

MYANMAR TV

- (1-6-2012) (Friday)
- 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
 - 7:25 am 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
 - 7:50 am 3. Nice & Sweet Song
 - 8:00 am 4. Health Programme
 - 8:10 am 5. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
 - 8:10 am 6. Documentary
 - 4:10 pm 7. Musical Programme
 - 4:20 pm 8. Dance of National Races
 - 4:25 pm 9. Songs Of Yester Years
 - 4:50 pm 10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Physics)
 - 5:10 pm 11. Myanmar Language
 - 5:25 pm 12. Documentary
 - 7:00 pm 13. TV Drama Series
 - 8:00 pm 14. News
 15. TV Drama Series



Manchester City fans celebrate after a match in April 2012.—INTERNET

Premier League footballers' wages hit record highs

LONDON, 31 May—English Premier League clubs have been warned to bring their spending under control, after a new review into football finances showed that players' wages were at record levels, outstripping growth in club revenues.

Wages went up by £201 million (251 million euros, \$312 million dollars) in the 2010-11 season to almost £1.6 billion — a 14 percent rise — while overall revenues at clubs rose by 12 percent to £2.27 billion, according to analysts Deloitte.

With the top 20 clubs splashing out on big salaries in an increasingly desperate bid for success, wages now account for a record 70 percent of the revenue generated by Premier League clubs.

Alan Switzer, director in the sports business group at Deloitte, warned big-spending Premier League owners that wage control was now essential, especially

with UEFA's financial fair play (FFP) rules coming into force soon.

"If the wages to revenue ratio is 70 percent or higher it's very difficult to make an operating profit," he said.

"In our view it is too high as a league and the clubs need to be edging back to the low 60s. Every one percent that it drops should increase operating profits by £20 million to £25 million."

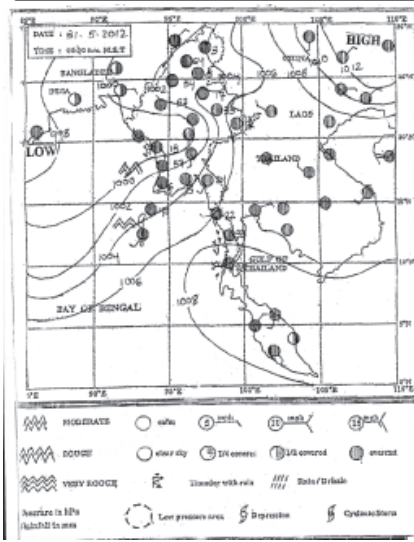
Internet

Indian growth weakest in nine years, rupee slides

NEW DELHI, 31 May—India's annual economic growth slumped in the January-March quarter to a nine-year low of 5.3 percent as the manufacturing sector shrank and a fall in the rupee to a record low suggests the economy remains under pressure in the current quarter.

Thursday's figures mark a dramatic slide in fortunes for a country that was growing in the years before the global

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 1st June, 2012

Sl. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27.81	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(80%)
2	Kayah	28.82	22.72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayun	28.82	21.70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	20.88	16.61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sagaing	30.86	22.72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(80%)
6	Lower Sagaing	36.97	25.77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	28.82	23.73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	32.90	23.73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	35.95	25.77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	37.99	25.77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Moe	32.90	23.73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	31.88	22.72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	33.91	25.77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	24.75	18.64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	27.81	20.68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	29.84	21.70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	32.90	24.75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring My Pyi Taw	35.95	24.75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31.88	22.72	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37.99	25.77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

During the past (24) hours, South-west monsoon has advanced into the North Bay of Bengal and Central Myanmar Areas. Rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Mandalay Region, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with locally heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region. Day temperatures were, (5°C) below May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Northern Shan State, (5°C) to 14°C below May average temperatures in Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions. Kachin, Eastern Shan Kayah States and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Mawlaik (4.44) inches, Hkanti (3.63) inches, Paung (2.44) inches, Thawde (2.41) inches, Kalaywa and Myittha (1.25) inches each.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundery activities in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Liverpool poised to wrap up Rodgers deal

LIVERPOOL, 31 May—Liverpool were poised to wrap up their two-week search for a manager later Thursday by completing the signing of Brendan Rodgers from Swansea.

Rodgers, 39, was offered the Anfield job on Wednesday and his employers at the Welsh club have agreed to release the highly rated coach from his position at the Liberty Stadium.

The last obstacle to the deal is the amount of compensation due to Swansea, who tied Rodgers to a new three-and-a-half year contract in February.

Reports said Liverpool are expected to pay Swansea up to £5 million (6.3 million euro, \$7.8 million) in compensation once terms are agreed later Thursday.

Rodgers, who is expected to sign a three-year

deal at Liverpool, will be formally unveiled on Friday, bringing an end to a saga which has rumbled on since the sacking of Kenny Dalglish earlier this month.

"Following on from discussions with Liverpool's owners, Brendan has informed us that he would like to take up their offer to manage Liverpool," Swansea chairman Huw Jenkins said.

Internet



Liverpool were poised to wrap up their two-week search for a manager later Thursday by completing the signing of Swansea's Brendan Rodgers, seen here on 6 May.—INTERNET

AIDS treatment in S Africa send baby infections plunging

SOWETO, 31 May—One-year-old Katakane laughs and coos in the arms of her HIV-positive mother as a doctor tries to examine her at South Africa's largest public hospital, in Soweto township.

But it is only a routine check-up. The little girl is healthy thanks to a treatment that has saved thousands of babies born to mothers with the virus that causes AIDS.

"My baby, she's fine! She's playing, and she's saying 'mummy, papa'... Yes, she's good, she's fine," said the beaming 32-year-old Nandi (not her real name), recalling her relief when she learned her daughter was HIV-negative.

Two years ago while she was expecting, Nandi took part in a state health programme designed to prevent HIV-positive mothers from infecting their babies with the virus.

The treatment has saved up to 70,000 children every year, according to officials—



One-year-old Katakane is held by her HIV-positive mother, Nandi, at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto.

INTERNET

a massive success story in a country with almost six million people living with HIV and AIDS and a notorious treatment history.

Pregnant women get tested at antenatal clinics, said paediatrician Avi Violari at Soweto's Chris Hani Baragwanath hospital.

Internet

France step up Euro preparations against Serbia

PARIS, 31 May—France play host to Serbia in Reims on Thursday in their second pre-Euro 2012 warm-up match with coach Laurent Blanc looking for an improvement from their showing against Iceland last weekend.

Les Bleus toiled to beat the 131st-ranked Icelanders 3-2 on Sunday, with defensive frailties exposed as they fell 2-0 behind before coming back to win the game thanks to goals from Mathieu Debuchy, substitute Franck Ribery and central defender Adil Rami.

Blanch had always insisted that the first friendly ahead of the European Championship would be about rebuilding fitness and rediscovering rhythm after a short break at the end of the season.

But there will be fewer excuses for a poor performance against Serbia — and in their final friendly game, against Estonia in Le Mans on 5 June — as Les Bleus step up preparations for their opening Euro 2012 match against England in Donetsk, Ukraine on 11 June.—Internet



Workers walk in front of a multi-story commercial building under construction on the outskirts of the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 31 May, 2012.

REUTERS

heavy government spending on subsidies and a fiscal budget deficit that is threatening the country's investment-grade credit rating.

"This is definitely a very important signal for the government - this is a make or break situation for India and the government has to step on the panic button," said Rupa Rege Nitsure, chief economist at Bank of Baroda in Mumbai.—Reuters

On-arrival visa to be issued on 1st June

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—On-arrival visa will be issued at Yangon International Airport starting from 1 June 2012 for the smooth entry of businesses who wish to make investments in Myanmar, those who are from countries without Myanmar embassy and tourists who don't have much time to acquire visa at the Myanmar embassy of their own countries.

The visa processing will be conducted by the on-arrival visa scrutiny board under the supervision of the Immigration and Population Department. And on-arrival visa will be divided into three categories—business visa whose fee is US \$ 50 lasts for 70 days, entry visa whose fee is US \$ 40 lasts for 28 days, and transit visa with a fee of US \$ 20 lasts for 24 hours.

ASEAN countries, China, Indian, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Britain, American totalling 26 countries will be entitled to enjoy the new move. And the new move will be extended.

Further details for on-arrival visa will be put on the website of the ministry www.mip.gov.mm, and will be distributed to airlines and foreign embassies.

The move which ensures the smooth entry of those desirous of making investment in the country and creates job opportunities for economic development, is an act of transparency being welcomed by all the national people.

MNA

Condition of Southwest monsoon advancement

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—During the past 24 hrs, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the North Bay of Bengal and Central Myanmar Areas, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Five Afghan police killed in Kandahar suicide attack

KABUL, 31 May—A suicide bomb attack on a police headquarters in the southern Afghan province of Kandahar has killed at least five policemen, officials say.

A spokesman for the provincial governor told the AFP news agency that the attacker drove an explosives-laden car into a checkpoint at the headquarters.

The attack took place on Thursday in the Arghistan district of Kandahar.

Separately, two militant attacks in the east have killed at least another four policemen, officials say.

A roadside bomb in Kunduz province killed the head of anti-terrorism police in Dashti Archi district as he was travelling by car. At least one colleague travelling with him was also killed.

In Nangarhar province a grenade thrown at a police checkpoint in the provincial capital Jalalabad killed two policemen, police say.

Thursday's bombing in Kandahar province follows a similar incident in February, when at least five policemen were shot dead at a checkpoint in the city of Kandahar.

As well as the five deaths in the latest attack, at least six policemen were wounded, officials say. Kandahar is known to be a centre of Taliban activity, and is one of the areas where the insurgency originated.—Internet



Announcement

1. Money Changer Counters have been opened in places mentioned hereunder in Myanmar as of 1-10-2011 in order to enable Myanmar citizens and foreigners exchange foreign currency freely.

No.	City	Place	Lots
(a)	Nay Pyi Taw	Sibin Bank Headquarters, Inwa Bank (Pyinmana)	2
(b)	Yangon	Airport	2
	"	Theinbyu Road	7
	"	Bogyoke Aung San Market	5
	"	Latha Street	2
	"	Bank HQs (Inwa, CB, Tun Foundation, MOB, Asia Yangon, First Private Bank)	6
	"	Bank branches Yoma (FMI), Kanbawza (Bank St.), CB (Mingala Market, Bayintnaung, Wizaya), Asia Yangon (Mayangon), Myawady (Sule), Myanmar Industrial Development, Myanmar Citizens Bank, Ayeyawady Bank (2), Sibin Bank Branch, L&F Bank	12
	"	Hotels Espace Avenir Hotel, Central Hotel	2
	"	Shopping Malls Myanmar Shopping Mall, Junction Square	2
(c)	Mandalay	Airport	2
	"	Bank branches Kanbawza, CB (1,2,3), Myawady, MIDB, Ayeyawady, United Amara, MOB, Inwa, First Private Bank	11
(d)	Taunggyi	Kanbawza Bank Branch, FPB Branch, CB Branch	3
(e)	Nyaungshwe	Kanbawza Bank Branch, MOB Branch	2
(f)	Heho	Airport	1
(g)	Sittway	Kanbawza Bank Branch	1
(h)	NyaungU	NyaungU Airport	1
(i)	Muse	Myanmar Citizens Bank Branch	1
		Total	62

2. Therefore, those who want to exchange foreign currency are requested to exchange at designated sites as more money changer counters will continue to be opened for their convenience and legal actions will be taken against illegal exchangers effectively.

Central Bank of Myanmar

Pacquiao aims to put on show vs Bradley



Filipino fight king Manny Pacquiao strikes a pose for the media at Wild Card Boxing Club in California on 30 May.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 31 May—Filipino fight king Manny Pacquiao wants to deliver something special against Timothy Bradley on 9 June, to erase the taste of his narrow victory over Juan Manuel Marquez in November. "It's really important because, of course, everybody knows my last fight was very close," Pacquiao said of the need if

not for a knockout, at least for a fan-pleasing show. Pacquiao edged Marquez by majority decision on 12 November, stretching his victory streak to 15 fights but leaving his Mexican foe shouting robbery.

Adding more controversy to an already-heated rivalry, two judges handed Pacquiao the 12-round

victory by margins of 116-112 and 115-113 while the third scored the fight a 114-114 draw. In Marquez, Pacquiao had been taking on a familiar opponent, having beaten the Mexican in 2004 and 2008. In Bradley, Pacquiao says he'll be facing a younger, "hungry" fighter, who has said this high-profile bout for Pacquiao's World Boxing Organization welterweight belt is the start of a new phase in his career.

US boxer Timothy Bradley during a media workout at Fortune Gym in Los Angeles on 29 May. In Bradley, Manny Pacquiao says he'll be facing a younger, "hungry" fighter.—INTERNET



"This is like my first fight all over again," said Bradley, the WBO light welterweight champion who boasts a record of 28-0 with 12 knockouts. "In order to beat the champion you've got to take it to the champion," Bradley said last week. "We are setting out to win this fight and not sit around and look pretty. I am going to take it to Pacquiao." Roach said that could be just what's needed to draw the best from Pacquiao.—Internet

Murray advances despite bad back at French Open

PARIS, 31 May—Grimacing in pain with almost every step, Andy Murray nearly had to call it quits Thursday because of a bad back at the French Open.

Instead, the fourth-seeded Brit rebounded from an awful first set to beat Jarkko Nieminen 1-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 and reach the third round.

Murray could barely walk straight when the match started on Court Philippe Chatrier, gingerly trotting around the red clay with the equivalent of a big target on his back. Nieminen took advantage, at the beginning.

Internet



Andy Murray of Britain grimaces as a doctor tends to his back injury in his second round match against Jarkko Nieminen of Finland at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Thursday May 31, 2012.—Internet